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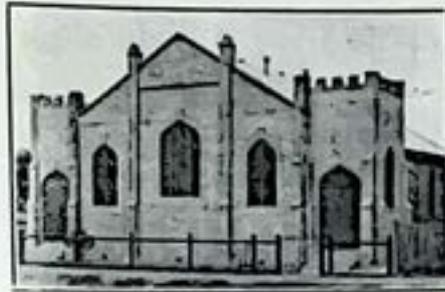
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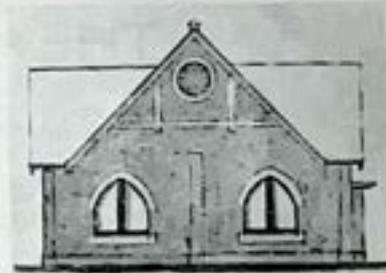
HOME MISSION DAY in Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania and West Australia, **Sunday, Dec. 3.**



Plan of Chapel commenced at Hampton.



Church Home at Ararat.



Plan of Building just started at Shepparton.



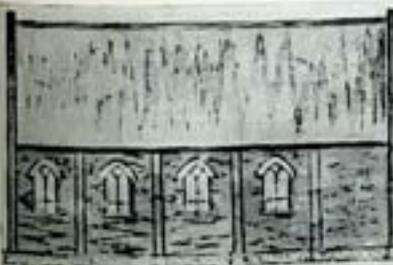
Home for New Cause at Gardenvale.



The Picturesque Chapel at Balwyn.



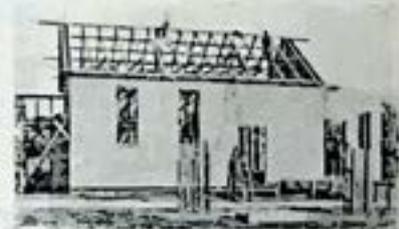
Enlarged Building at St. Kilda.



Plan of Building for Thornbury.



R. Lyall laying Foundation of fine Building at Gardiner.



Seaside Chapel, Parkdale.



Church Home just erected at Croydon.



The Meeting House at Ultima.

Church Building Activity IN VICTORIA. A Record Year.

In all, fourteen buildings will be in course of erection this Conference Year.

N.S.W. **F**IELDS 12.
FORCES 14.
FINANCES £32 WEEKLY.

THE OVERDRAFT IS £850.

OUR RESOURCES ARE THE **P***PROMISES OF GOD.*
PRAYERS AND GIFTS OF A LOYAL BROTHERHOOD.



J. Mercer with Colportage Waggon.
Supported through Peace Fund of New South Wales Churches of Christ.
Now labouring in the mining district of Cessnock.

THE GIVING THAT COUNTS IS THE GIVING THAT COSTS.

A SOVEREIGN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ROYAL GIFTS
TO THE KING OF KINGS.

£1,000 REQUIRED ON DEC. 3.

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VICTORIAN PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Jas. E. Thomas.

EVEN GREATER THINGS

When Jesus welcomed Nathanael as a disciple, and commended his faith, he said that he would do even greater things than those that had so astonished him in the land of Galilee. The wonderful growth of the kingdom was a truth of the promise of Jesus to his new-found follower. What Jesus told Nathanael is being fulfilled in the history of the church throughout all the centuries—there are always greater things to come. The compass of Christ knows no boundary, nor is it limited to any given period. There have been dark days when the church seemed to be threatened with extinction, but she has always risen to greater things. This is a day of materialism, and there are giants in the way. The church is threatened with spiritual atrophy, and men grow weary of their task. There are many things that challenge the life of the young and old. There were never greater difficulties in Christian work than we have to confront to-day. Yet this is a time of tremendous opportunity. Men have seen the inefficiency of everything else that has been set forth to take the place of the gospel of Christ. We have also seen how completely the message of the gospel is adapted to the needs of men.

In our own State we have never had a year of greater encouragement than the one that has passed. In spite of the menace of scepticism and materialistic tendencies, we have gone on with our task. We know no other remedy for the healing of human hearts and the transforming of the lives of men. We have not done all that we could have done, but how good God has been in blessing the efforts put forth in his service. Mrs. Hinrichsen and Brooker, Ira A. Paternoster, and Gilbert E. Chandler have demonstrated in a special way the wonderful power of the gospel in reaching the lives of men. Churches have been strengthened, many have been multiplied, and new causes have been built up. Hundreds have been won for Christ through our united efforts. Maryborough, Bambara-road, Ballarat East, but they have become self-supporting, and left us free to build up other places. A wonderful victory was won at Hampton, and they are erecting a fine building there. Balseyn had meetings for some months in the Home Mission tent, and have now erected a beautiful church home. Many fields are calling for help, and many places wait for us to enter. What God has done he can still do, and more also. The power of Christ is only limited by our insufficiency and lack of faith. If we are only willing to be used, he can do even greater things through us than ever before. It is his will that all men should be saved, and it is for us to unite to let men know of his salvation. Maybe our Lord will soon come; we do not know. What a terrible thing it would be if we failed to help to prepare men for his coming. We are his messengers to call men to the supper. All things are ready, and we must summon men to the feast. Have we gone out into the highways and byways to compel men to come in?

We are asking our brethren to help us make a greater advance this year than ever before. If we believe in our mission, and that the hope of the world is in the gospel of Christ, it will give us joy to contribute, that messengers may be sent to tell men of Jesus. Our offering is two months earlier this year, but it will be regular in the coming years. Do not let the work suffer in this period of readjustment. We are encouraged by the past, and we thank God for what he has done—but if we only believe he will do greater things. The future depends on God, and he depends on us. What a glorious privilege is ours! May we have strong faith, loving hearts, and a generous spirit that will help us bring with our own selves the greatest offering we have ever made to his work.

A Cloud of Witnesses

To Testify to the Need and Value of Home Missions.

Ararat.

R. J. Combridge.

How quickly some men spring into prominence—some with almost meteoric rapidity. But it matters not who he may be, something is responsible for the leap which ushers him into the world of fame. Less than two years ago the previously unheard-of cause at Ararat took such a leap, and the result is known to the churches throughout the Commonwealth. But what was the responsible something? It helped to keep the preacher when the cause was weak; it sent the mission tent and the missionaries; it helped the young cause in her first days of success; valiantly supported the building scheme, and pledged undying interest in the work. What was it? Surely you can guess!

Collingwood.

Jas. E. Wells.

In the year 1916, when the church at Collingwood was in a weak, struggling condition, without a preacher, and meeting in a hired building the Home Missionary Committee encouraged the members by offering to subsidise the work so that a preacher might be engaged. Through the blessing of God the work prospered, and by Conference, 1919, the church became self-supported. During the past six years of happy united service the steady progress has been maintained, and the membership of the church has been practically doubled, the members are happy in having secured the magnificent Tabernacle in Stanton-st., and also at having in hand almost sufficient money to build a new hall. The financial income has increased from £250 in the year 1917 to £890 in the year 1921.

Castlemaine.

H. M. Clipstone.

For years the Home Missionary Committee have appealed to the churches for financial support. Why? So that they might send out messengers with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Was there a need for that? Certainly! Large towns were waiting for the message. Castlemaine was one of them. The messenger came, the gospel was told, and people were added to the church.

Eight years ago the writer came to labor here, a weekly subsidy was being received from the Committee; two years later the church became self-supporting, and to-day we have a strong, prosperous church, with the largest Bible School in the town. This is the result of Home Missions.

Oakleigh.

J. Mortimer.

Home Mission aid (tangible) cannot name the intangible).

August, 1916.—Church set in order by Home Mission Committee (23 members), and monetary help given.

1919.—Brick chapel built to seat 200, cost £1000. Bank advance guaranteed by Church Extension Committee. Membership, 120.

July, 1919.—Building opened and quickly followed by tent mission, assisted by H.M.C. Purchased ground-plots for school and preacher's house.

Sept., 1920.—Church self-supporting. Membership, 140.

Oct. 1, 1922.—Full-time preacher engaged. Membership, 150.

We thank God for the help of the Home Mission Committee, enabling us to record the above-named facts.

Brim Circuit.

W. A. Eagle.

The work in this district was started about 30 years ago. The Home Missionary Committee through the appeal of one earnest brother was constrained to open up the work. Brim was made the centre. Gradually the cause grew under the guidance of capable preachers until the brethren were able to carry their own financial responsibility. We have four churches comprising the circuit, which covers an area of about 600 square miles. The following successful preachers were all won for Christ in this district—Bren. Clapstone, Mudge, Traon, and the two Brens, Howard, of America. A fine constructive work has been accomplished, and the Home Missionary Committee has the satisfaction of knowing that the money invested in the evangelisation of the country has not been in vain.

Horsham Circuit.

A. J. Ingham.

Horsham Circuit stands as a splendid witness to the value of Home Missions. For many years Horsham church was weak, and in times of financial stress the Committee might have felt justified in leaving the work, but they stayed by it in faith. A few years ago a great mission under Bren. Chandler and Clay, and a year later a similar effort, put the church on a firm basis, with a splendid new building. Pimpino and Haven were organised as country churches, and these, together with the solid Polkemmet church, form possibly one of the best circuits in Victoria.

Ringwood.

G. H. Oldfield.

Since the birth of the Ringwood Church of Christ three and a half years ago with 13 members, to the present time (with over 50 members), we have been indebted to the Victorian Home Mission Committee for help, encouragement and organisation. Without this far-sighted committee's support and advice, our evangelistic efforts, growth, and the erection of our fine building, would have been impossible. The possession of our building has facilitated organisation of many auxiliaries, which are all helping to build up a strong church in our important suburb. We heartily thank God for the existence and help of this enterprising committee.

Geelong.

Chas. Schwab.

On October 18, 1857, nine members met in the Mechanics' classroom and established a cause.

Three years later, through removals, the meetings lapsed. The few members remaining for several years met from house to house.

In 1873 meetings were recommenced in the Temperance Hall. Five years later a chapel was erected in Hope-st. With varying fortunes the cause continued, but in 1903 was almost defeated. The magnificent property now owned was leased in 1907. Since then the membership has grown from 25 to 260.

In 1911 the church made a thankoffering of £50 to Home Missions in appreciation of assistance no longer required. Home Missions stood by this struggling cause and piloted it through. Home Mission sympathy and support encouraged the local brethren, and made possible the establishment of this flourishing church, of which the Committee and brotherhood may be justly proud.

A Word from Churches that Have Reached Self-Support This Year.

Bambra Road.

A. L. Haddon.

To establish a fully-equipped, self-supporting church of over 100 members, in a suburb where we had no cause two years before, probably would be quite impossible for an unaided congregation. That this has been done at Caulfield represents a triumph for the united work of the Victorian Brotherhood—the co-operation of three Conference Committees.

The Bible Schools Committee was responsible for the foresight from which the scheme evolved, and the erection by voluntary labor of a model building costing over £500. The Church Extension Committee made the necessary loan. The Home Mission Committee then supported a preacher in the field, at first wholly, then partly, until the church became self-supporting.

The work opened with a school of 30. A month later a church of 37 members banded together. It has grown much. Over 150 souls have been won, and the school membership is now 290. The Young People's Clubs enrol 80, and social needs are well catered for. This would not have been possible but for an exceedingly loyal membership, aided by the advice, encouragement and practical co-operation of the Committee, which also arranged for us the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission, and helped finance the effort.

Maryborough.

Chas. Young.

1913.—The records show that about 1913 Bro. Leng took up the work under the direction of the Home Missionary Committee, and since then the church has made slow but sure progress. Bren Larsen, Combridge, and the writer have served under the direction of the Home Mission Committee. The following minutes would never have been written if there had been no Home Mission Committee to help struggling causes:—

May, 1921.—"Moved and seconded, that this meeting of men pledge themselves to do all in their power to make Maryborough self-supporting by May, 1922. Carried."

April, 1922.—"Moved and seconded, that the secretary write the Home Mission Committee, thanking them for help in the past, and that we will not need assistance any more. Carried." If we stand for progress, then we must support Home Missions. To-day Maryborough has a strong, flourishing church, thanks to Home Mission activities.

Warragul.

E. J. Waters.

The church at Warragul attained her majority at the close of last year. Brought into existence many years ago by the Home Mission Committee, co-operating with the pioneer efforts of Bro. R. W. Judd, she was carefully and faithfully nourished and brought up by the Committee until she was enabled to declare her independence. When Bro. Saunders closed his work about twelve months ago, the writer was invited to fill the vacancy. This was accepted conditionally upon the Home Mission Committee being liberated from further financial responsibility, which was gladly done, and though the step involved the raising of an additional sum locally, it has been accomplished, and more money is now raised for all purposes than ever before in the history of the church.

For the care and help received from the Committee during the long period of her minority, the church is deeply grateful, and her aim now is to manifest appreciation by doing everything possible to help the Committee in its splendid efforts to establish the cause of the Master in other centres.

Ballarat East.

J. R. Combridge.

At the invitation of the Church at Dawson-st., Ballarat, the writer commenced week-end work at Peel-st., Ballarat East. With the assistance of the Home Missionary Committee this work was continued till August 13th, when Bren Hinrichsen and Brooker came along with the Home Mission tent and held the most successful mission ever held by these brethren, resulting in another strong self-supporting church being established in this fine city. This new church has started a mission fund with the object of opening up some other suburb and inviting these missionaries back during 1923, which will undoubtedly result in another self-supporting church in this city. Enough said to convince every reasonable disciple that our Home Mission Committee should receive more than it is asking for to enable it to do greater things in the coming year.

EVERY MEMBER of EVERY CHURCH

throughout the State of Victoria should have a share in the great soul-saving business of HOME MISSIONS.

It is the organised work of the brotherhood.

By your gift you can help plant the cause in every town.

Hampton.

R. T. Pittman, B.A.

For some years the cause at Hampton was in the struggling period, but courageous workers labored in faith. About five years ago, the writer volunteered his services as honorary preacher. The best prospects for the cause were in the Bible School. After some time, several from the school were welcomed into the church, and others came by letter. Recently a block of land was secured in the best position in Hampton, and it was proposed that a mission be held, to be followed by the erection of a church home and the engagement of a full-time preacher. Thanks to the Home Missionary Committee, the services of Bren Hinrichsen and Brooker were granted to the church, and a very successful mission was held, with the result that the membership was more than doubled. The building, a fine brick structure, is in course of erection, and Bro. Wakeley is the preacher.

North Williamstown.

Lionel Johnston.

The writer took up the work as resident preacher in June, 1921, the Home Mission Committee agreeing to subsidise the work. For twelve months there was little to show for the seed sown. The anxiety led to heart searching, and more prayer. God's blessing came. Within two months, 21 persons confessed Christ as Saviour.

A three weeks' successful mission, conducted by Bro. A. E. Hurren, followed, so that since the beginning of June, 1922, the membership has increased by 34. The church has improved in every way, so that, having been tided over the difficult period, members now feel they can proceed without financial assistance, being grateful to the brotherhood for the help accorded in the time of need.

Three Important Home Mission Centres Look for Development Shortly.

Colac.

F. Cornelius.

Recent special tent mission revivals have been the cause for great rejoicing, especially by the churches having experienced them. The magnificent victories in Victoria during the past few months have proved an incentive to other churches to launch a special campaign. Colac prizes her privileges, and is hopeful of great achievements. Realising that special preparation is essential to success, the church has met her financial obligations, and is aiming at being spiritually prepared for the mission. Sunday morning prayer meetings and week-night cottage meetings have been arranged. Rejoicing in our privilege, we are planning to specially prepare for a special effort, believing that the blessing will be sufficiently great to bring about a new era in the church's history.

Warrnambool.

F. E. Alcorn.

Warrnambool is the largest centre between Geelong and Port Fairy, being a city of some 5,000 population. Here we have a small, struggling, but promising cause. Warrnambool in the past has been the scene of many triumphs for the Lord. It was here that Bro. Harward first labored in the gospel, and from here he went to America. Other prominent brethren have been associated with this work. But what of the present? We have a fine church home that will seat comfortably 250 persons, a membership of some 30 resident in Warrnambool, who are anxious for the work's progress. Our aim is to become self-supporting by the beginning of the year. To do this we are planning and praying for a big tent mission in January, with Bren Hinrichsen and Brooker as missionaries. The Home Mission Committee has stood by this work for years, for which we are grateful. After January, we hope to relieve them of this responsibility and "walk alone."

Shepparton.

C. L. Lang.

Shepparton is the largest and most important town in the rich Goulburn Valley. Four years ago the Committee met the members of the church in this town to discuss the extension of the work in this important centre. The church asked for a resident preacher, and this was granted. The brethren received a new vision, and started to work that the plea of the church might have more prominence. They were of the opinion that if the work was to grow, the present meeting place must be vacated. A corner block of land was purchased for £300, and paid for in two years. Plans were then drawn up for a new chapel. The contract has now been let for a church building in brick, and the builders are busy on the work. When we are in our new church home a great tent mission is to be held, when we hope to make the work here self-supporting.

The Bible principle is not only give, but bring—"Bring an offering"—"Bring all the tithes." Do this on Dec. 3, that the *Home Mission Treasury* may be filled.

What Will the Future Be?

Strengthening and Advancing.

J. McG. Abercrombie,
Vice-President, Conference.

Strengthening the Bases.

The present fields must be retained. The bases must be firmly held so that there may be a definite advance. Churches are like individuals. Each has a character of its own. There are years of strength and times of depression, periods of growth and days of weakness. Our work is to help at the right time, so that no cause shall be lost—no church disbanded. No victory is possible where the bases are not strong and well fortified.

Advancing—All Along the Line.

Strong churches, like strong men, must be active. There is ample scope for activity in Victoria to-day. The message of the gospel is needed in this great city. New and growing suburbs must have the cause planted there. The million people outside the metropolis offer scope—may we use it to us aloud "His Advance." We hear the call. We must advance. New fields must be opened if men are to learn of the Christ, if Victoria is to bear the plea for union. December 3rd will largely determine our attacking strength. Behind the Committee are the brotherhood. Be sure to help. Be certain to be represented in our advance this year.

The Call of the Country.

A. W. Connor.

The city, especially in Australia, with our overgrown capitals, is recruited from the country, and what is done religiously for the country to-day is done for the city and nation to-morrow. The Home Mission response to the country's call must be generous.

Consider what has been done. Run over our large country towns—Castlemaine, Maryborough, Harstam, Colac, etc. The churches there were largely built up by Home Mission efforts. This is true also of such circuits as Kanira, Brian, and Swan Hill. Such work may be repeated in scores of places if money and men were available.

Consider what remains to be attempted. Look along the Gippsland lines, north and south. Trains from Melbourne to Albury, and the branch lines. We are practically unrepresented. Consider the great new settlements, both dry and irrigated, on the big run up to Mildura—Red Cliff, Onyon, Donald and Birchip. If the need is the call, the call is loud. We are doing little or nothing to follow the "pathfinders" with the gospel of Christ and the influence of the church. There are no immediate returns in £ s. d. in this work, but in Christlike service it is a great opportunity.

Other work, such as in our city, has an alternative source of help in the service of brethren who can give their time to preaching. The country very largely must depend on our organised work. Let us make it possible for much work of this kind to be done by an annual offering that will be the "best yet" in every church. Those of us who have given the best years of our life to this work feel how urgent is the call, and how rich the opportunity.

The Demands of Our Suburbs.

A. L. Gibson.

Suburbia is extending more and more every year. The metropolis is reaching out its tentacles and laying hold of the vacant spaces to cover them with villas, bungalows, and places of business. Whether we travel north, south, east or west from the city, hammer and trowel are busy in the creation of new areas of settlement: new shops follow, then new schools and new halls, and in the rearward (why always in the rearward?) is the church! These new settlements are our golden opportunity. Some excuse there may be for tardiness in erecting a new place of worship

in a suburb already over-supplied, in the estimation of the man in the street. But in new areas, where no provision is made for the preaching of the gospel, there surely is the place where those who claim to be following primitive examples should be found first in the field. "The first with the latest" is the slogan of one of our great daily newspapers. If the gospel we preach be the best gospel that can be preached (and if not what reason remains for our separate existence?) then our slogan might happily be, "The first with the best." With primitive zeal we might then plant our standard in these new fields, and claim them for our glorious Christ! Where there's a way, let there be a will!

A Committee Alive to its Opportunities.

A. E. Hingworth.

I have been asked by our enthusiastic Organising Secretary to write a few words on this topic. I do so gladly. We, as a committee, must not lose sight of our splendid privileges in these days.

We are, I think, fully alive to our opportunities, and are behind Bro. Bagley to a man! Yes, one in heart, mind and soul and purpose. We want to see the flag of evangelism carried into new districts. New causes, churches, chapels, schools, all

VICTORIA'S Aim is £1,500 on December 3rd.

Past Success and an aggressive plan for future work justify the aim.

We must evangelise the Home-land. Let us do it.

commend themselves to us at every meeting. Two things we need—

(a) *Men*, with the heroic spirit of pioneers, who will follow the settlers into new settlements.

(b) *Money* in thousands. Yes, a great stream of pennies, shillings, pounds, running into hundreds and thousands, made up of small weekly contributions, generous occasional gifts, systematic big promises, reliable guarantees plus a liberal response at the Annual Offering! Give faster and we will work faster. We will

"Arise to triumphs yet unwon,
To bolder tasks that God has willed."

The Future Can Be What We Wish to Make It.

T. H. Scambler, B.A.

What strange wizardry is this that we possess? We control the future! We determine destiny! We answer our own prayers—the answer is Yes or No, as we determine.

We wish to see Victoria evangelised. How deep is that wish? We desire to see every considerable town in the State of Victoria the seat of a live church, which radiates the gospel into all the regions round about. How dominant is that desire? We long to see the cause we love exerting its gracious power over the whole country. What is the measure of our desire?

Every worthy thing costs. The price is strangely in our own hands to use—a price in love, or prayer, or service, or money, or perhaps in all together. Certainly it is so here. How sincerely and earnestly we pray for those we love! How readily we send our service where our love has gone! How generously we give if the heart loves!

We wish, let us suppose, in our heart of hearts we really wish that this coming year of service in the State of Victoria will be twice as effective for God as the year soon to close. No mere passing whim this. We are thinking of a deep-seated heart-felt wish, akin to the desires of God. God wished to redeem a world. We wish to evangelise a State. God gave a Saviour adequate to the need. We—?

December 3 will determine two things

1. The depth and sincerity of our wish;
2. The measure of the progress the cause of Christ will make next year.

A Record of Achievement.

Horace Kingsbury.

The record of our Victorian Home Mission Committee is one of achievement. To God be the glory! The work we love has been furthered, and churches have been established here and yonder. Returns have varied for a variety of reasons, but souls have been saved and Christians have been built up in the faith. It has been abundantly demonstrated that the plea we make will win when faithfully proclaimed. Christ is with those who imbricate his spirit and go out to do his will. God can and does use consecrated men and consecrated means, and there is little doubt that both will be forthcoming. If ever there was a time to attempt great things for God, and to expect great things from him—this is the time. The need of the present hour is for a practical expression of a venturesome faith. God wants ours to be a continuous record of achievement, and he will not fail us if we do not fail him.

Ringling Appeal from the Treasurer.

W. C. Craigie.

Have we developed an adequate Christian conscience in the matter of giving of our means for the furtherance of our Lord's work? It is exceedingly doubtful. Acting under legal necessity the Jews subscribed one-tenth of their income toward the support of God's work. Our Lord placed us under no such law, but trusted the financing of his cause to the free and generous spirit of his followers. His followers as a whole are not keeping this trust. Christians as a whole are not subscribing anything like one-tenth of their income to distinctively religious work. Be it said to our shame that the Jew under law eclipsed the Christian under grace in the matter of giving. *We must realise that to do anything less than our best in the duty of financing the Kingdom of God is to seriously disappoint the confidence our Master has placed in us, and to prove unworthy of the redemptive blessings we enjoy.*

Our progress and our prospects ought to inspire liberal giving on the day of our next Home Mission offering. The figures published in a recent issue of "The Argus" show a 35 per cent. gain in membership during the last decade. Of late years in Victoria our evangelistic work has been pushed with increasing vigor and with very encouraging results, many new church buildings have been erected, work among the young people in our Bible Schools has advanced under improved methods of organisation, and thousands have confessed Christ. But each year brings with it new opportunities and new obligations. Old fields must be maintained, while new fields must be opened to the gospel. Brethren must realise that the needs of our work are not only continuous, but are also enlarging. The needs of to-day are greater than those of yesterday. Such is the law of growth; such is the price we must pay for progress. Our Home Mission Committee is asking our churches to give at least £1500 on December 3rd next—the day of our Annual Offering for Home Missions. This amount will be needed to meet our obligations up to next Conference. Let it be subscribed. Let it be over-subscribed. If we make the offering a real act of worship, if we put into it the spirit of our Lord who, although rich, for our sake became poor, the amount will certainly be over-subscribed, and the hearts of all our workers will be greatly cheered.

N.S.W. Home Mission Appeal

£1000 Required on December 3.

IN YOUR HANDS, MY BROTHERS.

C. R. Hall.

When Captain Cook sailed into Botany Bay in April, 1770, he found the blacks "resolved to dispute his landing to the utmost." A few years later Captain Phillip found the new land only to be had for conquest—savages on the one hand and vast untamed hills and valleys on the other. One hundred and thirty-four years have passed since then, and little more than a strip of sea-board has been won. The land has not yet been made to yield its utmost. *There is still a challenge to conquer.*

It is a glorious land—this New South Wales. A land of a big free people; a land whose soil has not been stained with the bloodshed of war. God's own country—a land for the Master. And it is our heritage. Handed down to us with all its achievements, and with its vast undeveloped riches; with its unlimited possibilities for Christian service; with its challenge to the pioneer and the holder of spiritual things. A land to test the quality of our Christianity, and the stuff we are made of.

It was in 1852 that the cause was first established in New South Wales, and after seventy years we have 2000 members—less than sixty new members added each year. We are pretty well established on the coastlands immediately north and south of Sydney, but on much of the north coast and on all the south coast and in the great interior, our footprints have long since disappeared—wherever there were any.

This heritage we have received, this heritage we must pass on. Another generation will take up the work where we lay it down. Will we hand the work over bigger and better than it was when passed on to us? Does it now show any marks of improvement because it has been in our hands? You, and you, my brother, all of you—every one of us are handling this task—in what state will it be when we pass it on? The present state of our work, especially in the country, is but the shadow of the substance it ought to be. And during the last few years that shadow has suffered a lamentable shrinkage. List why should any of us hesitate to improve the trust committed to us? Where is the faith we boast of? Where is the plea we love? Is God dead? . . . Who shrinks?

Most of us have read Sirzickiewicz' "Quo Vadis" and probably remember best the incident that gives the book its title. It is Peter's vision, when fleeing from Rome, of the returning Lord to succour the helpless. Putting aside the question as to whether Peter was ever in Rome or no, I suggest the incident portrays just the sort of thing we would expect the Master to do. If his servants are failing to honor their promise, what is it but that the Good Shepherd himself "must go to the mountain to find his sheep"? And I also suggest that such a vision is widely and eminently appropriate.

Let me put the matter a little stronger, and, I hope, in a way to touch our hearts.

In the hour of his deepest sorrow the Master took with him into the garden his three beloved disciples, and asked them to watch with him. He went a little further and prayed, and came again and found them sleeping. Three times he prayed, and three times he found them sleeping. . . . The garden is drenched in sadness, and the Man of Sorrows prays. . . alone! Not long since Peter had boasted that he would die with the Master, if need be. . . and he sleeps. James and John were once sure they could drink of the cup that was at the Master's lips. . . and they sleep!

My brother, do we forget that He has spoken to us, and has asked us to watch—to preach? Look over the land, and, seeing what we have done, and what we might have done—so little, so much—say is it sleeping or watching we are!

My brother, do we sleep?

COUNTRY CONDITIONS.

H. G. Payne.

Country work is city work, with some problems modified and some magnified by circumstances.

Its hindering influences are in principle the same. Sunday is made the occasion of calls and picnics which produce in professed Christians irregular church attendance, a refusal to accept any Christian service which would bind to regular engagements. To illustrate—the State could be dotted with little Sunday Schools if Christians would place service before selfishness.

When attendance at church is at all regular as a rule one service per week is regarded as sufficient even by dwellers in the towns, while a black cloud overhead, or a muddy road underfoot (which would not affect any other undertaking) are commonly accepted as justification for absence from the Lord's house and work. To keep a vehicle free of mud is of greater importance than to keep sin stains off the soul. It is well that there is to be no sea in heaven, for sea would imply rain, and many Christians never unite rain and religion.

On farms the doing of much necessary work tends to undermine the regard for the day's sacred institutions. From the necessary to the un-

WANTED—DECEMBER 3.

25 Gifts of £10	£250
50 Gifts of £5	250
100 Gifts of £2	200
200 Gifts of £1	200
200 Gifts of 10/-	100
375 Members giving	£1000

And how much from the remaining 3000 members?

necessary, but convenient, is a short step, but long enough to direct thought and effort from spiritual things.

The above is illustrative of the lack of spirituality common to cities and country.

Overlapping through church disunion is a most serious matter. Each town of any size is oversupplied with churches and preachers. Smaller centres are not neglected, but within a twenty-mile radius of any of these places where no services are ever held, preachers rarely visit, and Sunday Schools are unknown. When the Psalmist stated that a horse is a vain thing for safety, there were no motor cars. Cars are good on good roads in good weather. Most ministers have cars (Church of Christ excepted), hence an increasing tendency to confine services to the more accessible centres to the increase of overlapping and the neglect of the back blocks.

Bible Van. In the distant back blocks the Bible van is the only method which can even slightly meet the need. This work among the neglected isolated of the big scopes of country will not swell Conference statistics, especially the Treasurer's report; it cannot be tabulated, but it will make opportunity of personal conversation with those who otherwise would not have it, provide occasional church services where such are unknown, and quietly sow seed for eternity's harvest.

Neglect of Children. Outside the centres of population Sunday Schools are so little known that if it were not for the public schools scattered freely over the sparsely settled country, many children would grow up absolutely without moral and religious teaching. Where the public school

teacher is a believer, there is a fine opening for Christian influence.

The problem of the religious instruction of isolated bush children is being tackled by the Presbyterian Welfare of Youth Department in a scheme which links up such in a form of correspondence school. Some Christian parents are indifferent to their children's religious education, while others do not know how to impart it. Such a scheme should stimulate the former and aid the latter. There is work here for our own little Schools Committee.

The Church of Christ. It may be asked—Why should the Church of Christ augment the overlapping? The answer is that our distinctive plea, with its fidelity to the Word, the evangelistic note in our preaching, and the spiritual tone of our message are so sadly lacking and so urgently needed generally, as to justify overlapping excepting with the Baptists, with whom we have so many points of identity.

What we most earnestly need is a revival of the declining custom of establishing the Lord's table in isolated families, a discarding of denominational ideas which defer working until an evangelist is available, a deepening of spiritual life, and a renewal of evangelistic zeal that those who are called by His name may not regard the church as a spiritual life insurance society, but as a co-operation based on the Great Commission.

THE HOME MISSION TREASURER'S APPEAL.

W. H. Hall.

The function of the Home Mission Committee is to raise a fund for the purpose of assisting financially, existing churches needing such, and the establishment of new churches in the State of New South Wales.

At present the expenditure in this way, including the expenditure in connection with the Book Depot, which is a distinct advantage to the work, amounts to about £32 weekly, assistance being granted to churches throughout the suburbs of Sydney and in the country.

The current Conference year will close on the 28th February, 1923, and to enable the Committee to meet the above expenditure, and close the year free of debt, it will be necessary for the churches throughout the State to contribute at least £100 by means of the Annual Offering on the first and following Sundays during the month of December.

The Committee therefore makes a personal appeal to every church member to do his or her part, so that at least that sum may be made available. If every member realised the seriousness and the importance of the matter, the amount would be forthcoming. The money is needed, brethren, let us therefore count it a privilege to give and do as unto the Lord.

In the past the Committee, with few exceptions, has assisted in some way or other every church in the State. As a result many have become self-supporting, and others are expected to do so soon. Some are finding it difficult to carry on, and the Committee wishes to stand by these until the difficulty disappears. The work in the country is a problem. If we are to succeed in the State we must give more attention to the country. The desire of the Committee is to place the work in the State on a solid footing, and with that in view, will do its utmost to assist existing churches until they become self-supporting, and open up new work as the money becomes available, and where considered advisable.

Brethren, the Committee can do little without your support. The Committee covets your interest, your sympathy, and your prayers, also all the financial assistance that lies in your power. God gave his Son for us. His love cost him a great deal. May we show our love in return by a life of service, and the giving of the money we trust to us, so that the Committee will be able to assist churches needing such help, and open up new work for the extension of his kingdom.

N.S.W. Needs £1000 on Dec. 3.

SHALL WE? WHICH?

P. E. Thomas.

Last Sunday morning whilst on my way to church service, I found myself being jostled by a crowd of people who were making for the sea-side. Some were carrying swimming outfits, some fishing tackle, some cricket bats, and others various sporting requisites for the day's enjoyment.

Two nights later I happened upon a brilliantly lighted hall, in which to the rhythm of the jazz men and women were moving about the floor. Through the open door-way I saw many young men sitting on the benches, eagerly drinking in the poisonous food of that ballroom.

In the great war a friend of mine had the misfortune to lose both of his legs. The people in the little country town in which he lived, thinking of his great sacrifice and irreparable loss, presented him with a motor car. Very pleased with his gift, he brought it to Sydney. One day a small tannery on the bonnet broke, and the lad took it to the garage to have it repaired. The job took a minute to do, and the cost to the legless soldier was two shillings and sixpence.

In a prosperous town on the North Coast of N.S.W. a widow who had just lost her husband, was in distress financially. For relief she found her way to the office of a business man who had his name on the roll of a certain church. She told her story, and asked for the loan of £10. Yes, under the circumstances, he would be pleased to lend the money, the rate of interest to be 15 per cent.

Jesus and his disciples found themselves one day surrounded by a selfish, but needy multitude. The easy thing to do was that suggested by the disciples, "Send the multitude away," but Jesus had compassion. Instead of commanding what their unworthiness seemed to demand, he said to his disciples, "Give ye them to eat." The disciples were staggered. They thought they did not have sufficient. Fearfully they told him of the five barley loaves and two small fishes belonging to the little boy. "Bring them unto me," and that which meant to the lad just a dinner, and to the disciples practically nothing at all, became to Jesus the means of blessing that great throng.

To-day in the home land the disciples of Christ had themselves surrounded by a selfish, but needy multitude. This jostling crowd, with no higher thought than sport and pleasure—these young men and boys, eager to know and experience life, aware so often of its many dangers—these selfish business men without gratitude, and callous to suffering—all need the spirit, the life, the ideals of the Christ. They need to be fed with a spiritual food, that they might have life. This is the mission of the church—the task to be undertaken and consummated. Too many are tempted to do the easy thing, "Send the multitude away," but the words of Jesus speak in terms of humanity as well as Christianity, "Give ye them to eat."

We may have only five rushed minutes and two small pennies, but if that is all, and we bring it willingly, it will mean to the Lord a means of blessing a vast throng of needy souls.

Shall we on December 3 "send the multitude away," or shall we hearken to the voice of Jesus, "Give ye them to eat?" Which?

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY.

Stuart Stevens.

In briefly tracing the progress of the campaign against disease in a lecture before members of the Health Society of N.S.W., Dr. Harvey Sutton, Chief Medical Officer of the Education Department, referred to its lack of interest in the matter of health. He said that, although Great Britain was steeped in a tremendous war debt, it had increased its health vote sixfold, while the Australian Government still allotted practically the same amount as before the war. The basic prin-

ciples upon which the health authorities must work were education, co-operation, and real economy. Obviously, the position is similar with the churches in this State. Little more is given to-day for Home Mission enterprises than was given before the war. The problem is: How can this matter be remedied? By means of education, co-operation, and economy. The community must hear the "good news" concerning Christ, and this represents the task of our brotherhood, co-operation is the method, and money the material means.

Our message—Christ.
Our method—Co-operation.
Our means—Cash.

Lord Bryce in his book, "Modern Democracy," says these words: "Christianity, a far more powerful force than any political ideas or political institutions, since it works on the inward hearts of men, has produced nearly all the modern progress that has been achieved since it first appeared, and can in individual man transmute lead into gold. Yet it has not done this for peoples, for nations, because checked or perverted by the worst propensities of human nature. It has never been applied in practice to the Government of nations." The gospel is sufficient if applied. It is ours to bring Christ to the world, and the world to Christ. This can never be accomplished by any one class of men. It is a corporate task; one sufficient to challenge the best we can do. The work is the responsibility of all. Certainly we have elected representatives to execute the details associated with the general work of the State, but it is our task to give the whole gospel to the whole of the people. Oh! God, make us sacrificial, earnest, zealous!

"We can all do more than we have done.
And not be a whit the worse.
It were as loving that emptied the heart,
Or giving that emptied the purse."

THE ORGANISER'S MESSAGE.

WE ARE AMBITIOUS.

H. G. Harward.

That is the N.S.W. Home Mission Committee. Its members are not a small, happy band of contented men, who are satisfied with what has been accomplished in the enterprise of State evangelisation. They are eager for the strengthening of the churches, keen for the enlargement of the work. Being human, they have erred in judgment, made mistakes, done that which they ought not to have done, and left undone things which they should have done. But they have never lacked a lively interest in the progress of our Home Mission work. The operations directed by the Committee have only been limited by the means supplied, and by the men available. Members of the Committee are the most generous givers to the work. They put not only their interest, but also their capital into it. And they are ambitious.

1. To deserve and enjoy the confidence of the brethren. The Committee has no ecclesiastical powers. It does not want them. It cannot settle troubles, prevent disputes or interfere in any way with the working of the churches. Yet members refuse to give to Home Missions, and churches do not take the offering, sometimes because they do not like the Committee, or because the Committee has failed to assume a power it does not possess. This attitude is most unjust to the Committee, and unfair to the needs of the work. Find fault with the Committee, if you will, but not at the expense of the work, which is not theirs, but the Lord's.

2. To secure a more definite and regular income for Home Mission work. The expenditure is now £2, each week. For the greater part of the year there is no regular income. The Treas-

urer alone knows how we worry through. A big overdraft is the ever-present tragedy of the work. Big gifts from a few big-hearted brethren alone have made it possible for us to "carry on." And yet the problem of financing the work is not a difficult one—if all shared regularly in its support. 3d. weekly from 3000 members would give us an income of £37/10/- 32 times a year. The Committee has offered to supply duplex envelopes at half their cost—in order to give members the facility for weekly offerings. Only a few have accepted the proposal. Some have rejected it, while most of the secretaries have forgotten to reply to our twice-written appeal. Regular systematic giving to our Home Mission work is urgently needed. Our membership averages less than one penny per member per week for the spread of the gospel in New South Wales. It is surely the responsibility of officers and preachers to get behind some method by which members can, and will, give regularly.

3. To enlarge the work by entering new fields. There are limitless opportunities for this in the great State of New South Wales. Comparatively few know anything about our movement, or have leared the plea we make. Present day conditions call for our evangelistic message, and our plea for the unity of God's people. Given the men and the means, the Committee will not be slow in attacking the populous centres of the State.

4. To raise *One Thousand Pounds* on Dec. 3. That is the minimum of our requirements. Anything less will mean the curtailment of the work and the crippling of any forward movement. It is not too big a task for 4000 disciples of Christ animated by his spirit, inspired by his example, and impelled by a great love for Christ and perishing souls.

First pray, next plan, then pay a glad, generous gift for Home Missions on December 3.

A PLEA FOR HOME MISSIONS.

W. J. Crossman.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." As we rejoice in all that God's greatest gift has meant to us, let us not forget in the midst of our gratitude our responsibility. This is the only generation we can reach. As we obey our Lord's command to lift up our eyes, and look on this greatest State of the Commonwealth, what do we see? A land that is well-nigh destitute, I mean so far as our plea is concerned, that plea which stands for the restoration of the New Testament Christianity.

In this land we are a feeble folk; we are scarcely known, our strength is confined mainly to the city and suburbs and a few towns. In the North we are hardly ever heard of. In the South and West the question might well be raised, "Who are these people?" In all these vast areas there are great towns that are more or less inviting, and all are urgent in their appeals for help.

We do well not to forget that among those who have been attracted thither are hundreds of our own brethren, and that, unless they are looked after, and helped, the big majority will be lost to us as a brotherhood—they will be swallowed up in other communities. We should have faithful preachers and teachers in all these fields—men who have been tried, and who earnestly contend for the faith once and for all delivered unto the saints.

Brethren, the voice is heard in the land, the call is clear and loud. The biggest conception of Christianity is love. It has been said that the religious world is "marching on towards the larger things in the kingdom of God." Can that be truly said of us? Shall we keep in step with the march, or shall we drop out on the route, humiliated and condemned? Our vision has saved us in the days gone by.

The first Lord's day in December should be a red letter day in the history of our churches, a time when we shall catch a glimpse of the possibilities of this State under the influence and power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The plans for a great forward move depend on our offering to the Lord and his work.

Western Australia.

25th Year of Organised Home Missionary Work. Aim: £400 on December 3.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO AND NOW.

D. M. Wilson.

On April 7, 1898, a meeting was held in the Lake-st. chapel to consider the advisability of assembling annually in Conference. The meeting was convened by the Lake-st. deacons, but the suggestion originated with the Fremantle brethren. The opening service was devotional, of an impressive nature, and was conducted by Bro. A. E. Illingworth. The subsequent meeting decided that the time had arrived for the churches in West Australia to unite for the purpose of evangelistic work. Bro. A. Shaw was elected first President, Bro. A. E. Illingworth secretary, and a committee was appointed. Of the original committee only five are alive to-day, and the writer alone has remained on the committee ever since. The statistics showed that there were only three of our churches meeting in their own buildings, viz., Perth, Fremantle, and Coolgardie. The average attendances were in the morning 176 and evening 350. The total membership in the State was 318. Such was the beginning of our organised work. Much interest was manifested in these early days, and during the year churches were formed at Kalgoorlie, Kanowna, Boulder, Harvey, Southern Cross, and Subiaco, all of these being admitted at the following Conference. During the first year the churches increased to ten, and the membership to 417. The total receipts were £241/17/3, and the expenditure £210/15/11. The following year the membership rose to 549. Such was the condition of our work 25 years ago. Had we maintained the same rate of progress as in the first two years, our membership would now have been over 65,000. But what is the actual position? At last Conference we reported a total membership of 1852, with total receipts £1010 17/11. An analysis of our history will show that during the first five or six years, our progress was more rapid by reason of the fact that we were more evangelistic. It was then that we had a State evangelist, and individually and collectively we were more concerned about the gospel service and the winning of men for Jesus Christ. Comparing the present with the past, we cannot but think what might have been, had we been more faithful in our stewardship. Had we prayed more, worked more, and sacrificed more, we would have been able to rejoice to-day in seeing many more churches and a much larger membership. The past is gone, and the future is before us. Let us face it with prayerful earnestness. Shall we not make this 25th Conference year one of great consecration, and loving service? Shall we not regain our evangelistic fervor, lacking by that giving of our means that will enable the Home Mission Committee to respond to the calls that come to it?

GETTING INTO NEW FIELDS.

W. R. Hibbert, Organising Secretary.

The strengthening of our present base with a view to operating in new fields is the present objective of the West Australian Home Mission Committee. It must be more than a committee movement; it must be a brotherhood movement. The task is so big that it demands our united strength.

Expanding suburban areas urge us to go in and occupy the field, Victoria Park, Inglewood, South Perth, are only a few of the names which suggest opportunity.

Country towns and areas urge us. We must be alive to the fact that for some time the State has been passing through a transition stage. The State has been transferring its interests and its people from the Goldfields to the agricultural districts. We have brethren now scattered through-

out these districts. We should be in a position to render them assistance. Already a small company of our brethren are meeting at Kendenup. There is no other State with an opportunity which equals ours in the South-West, and along the Great Southern Railway Line. All the territory northwards towards Geraldton is untouched by us.

Our proposed immigration urges us to act at once. Plans have been finalised to spend six millions in an extensive immigration scheme. Do we realise that this will bring thousands of people to our land? The Premier assures us that it will increase our flocks and herds, and double our wheat output, and create from 15 to 20 country townships.

Are we ready? Are we ready for big giving on December 3rd, to enable the Committee to attack this big task?

W.A. HOME MISSIONARY FACTS.

1. Almost every church in West Australia has received help from the Home Missionary Fund at some time in her history.
 2. During the past five years the Home Missions have been the means of adding 338 people to the churches by faith and baptism.
 3. Bassendean (late West Guildford) church has become self-supporting since last Conference. A worth-while work has been done there by Home Missions.
 4. The subsidies being granted to the churches at North Perth, Maylands, West Subiaco, and Northam are reduced every three months. Gradually these churches will go off the Fund, and assume the whole financial responsibility.
 5. In addition to the fields subsidised, four evangelists are under engagement to the Home Missionary Committee. These are W. S. Leese at Claremont and Cottesloe, H. G. Henderson at Kalgoorlie, W. Wakefield at Inebury and Harvey, and W. R. Hibbert.
 6. £26 per week are needed to pay salaries and subsidies.
 7. The Home Missionary Fund is now £215 in arrears.
 8. The Committee has under consideration the matter of entering a very promising new field in the metropolitan area.
- Because of the foregoing facts, your Committee ask for a liberal offering from every member in the State on December 3rd.*

WHAT ASSISTED CHURCHES SAY.

Bunbury—The W.A. H.M. Committee sent Dr. R. Sterling to assist the struggling church at Bunbury for four weeks in June, and ten days in October. Result—Nineteen added to the Lord. Now brethren, invest in Home Missions.—D. Fielden.

Cottesloe—What a challenge is presented in Western Australia! What an audience is waiting to see the effect of that challenge! Brethren, let us show to that audience that we are worthy, by taking up that challenge, on Dec. 3.—H. A. Vernon.

Maylands—The lighthouse is a beacon warning of danger, and pointing out the safe path to a harbor of refuge. Do not our Home Missions aries perform a like office in directing souls out of darkness into a haven of rest? What are you doing to help them?—T. Peacock.

Bassendean—In 1915 the H.M.C. decided to help the little church at West Guildford (as then called), and sent Bro. Fitzgerald as evangelist, and for seven years, with three intervals, they continued their support, until at last Conference, with 134 members, we expressed our appreciation of the work done, and decided to be self-supporting. Words fail to express the value of the work done in this district through the H.M.C. Eternity alone will reveal the results.

North Perth—Home Missions to be effective must have our earnest prayers and financial support. In our local church work, we should not forget that we owe a duty to Home Missions, and respond with a thankoffering on Dec. 3.—S. Matthews.

Claremont—The prospects of the church at Claremont are enhanced by the assistance rendered. It is to help this church and others like it that the money is needed. Is it worth while?—A. Livcraft.

BECOMING SELF-SUPPORTING.

R. W. Ewers.

A man has never reached his true method who has not felt the exhilaration of knowing that he is supporting himself. Likewise, a church has not reached the equivalent of manhood until it is able to conduct its work without financial assistance from the Home Missionary Committee.

It is a pleasure to note that the church at Bassendean (West Guildford) has stepped out into that independence which is so necessary for progress, and it is to be hoped, for the sake of the cause in the State, that other churches which have for many years been depending on H.M. subsidies to aid them in supporting their evangelists, will soon follow this good example. We gladly note that the churches at North Perth, Maylands and Northam, have been gradually working towards this end, and are now within sight of the goal. If any or all of these churches are able to report



The Chapel at Bunbury, W.A.,

with a group of brethren in front, taken on the day of Bro. W. Wakefield's welcome as evangelist in that district.

by next Conference that they no longer need a subsidy from the Committee funds, it will give Conference opportunity to "launch out" into new fields. This must be done if we are to keep in line with others in the march of progress.

It is of primary importance, therefore, that isolated churches shall give earnest consideration to this matter.

A WORD FROM KENDENUP, A GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY.

R. G. Cameron.

Seventy-five thousand immigrants are expected to arrive in this State within the next five years. They are to be placed on the land. Under private enterprise thousands of others will be settled at Kendenup. What a glorious opportunity for the Churches of Christ to plan, organize, and give, that the gospel of Jesus Christ may be preached to these people.

WHAT THE EVANGELISTS SAY.

ARE HOME MISSIONS WORTH WHILE?

Yes, because many souls have been led to Christ and many a dying cause has been revived through this channel. A few faithful brethren sent an appeal. The Home Missionary Committee responded, and so did God, and in less than three months there have been 19 confessions. This is worth while.—D. R. Stirling.

RESPONSIBILITY.

Christians should consider themselves responsible for the spiritual condition of men about them. Paul's view was: "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." "How shall they hear without a preacher?" "So then faith cometh by hearing." These are the steps to conversion.—S. H. Mudge.

A WRONG SPIRIT.

Let us remember on December 3rd that Jesus has no use for the "dog-in-the-manger" follower. The spirit that prompts anyone to adopt the attitude of "thank God, I'm saved," and allows him or her to be serenely indifferent to the spiritual welfare of others, is foreign to the spirit of Christ.—L. G. Clay.

UNSELFISHNESS IN GIVING.

Mark 12: 41-44; Luke 12: 1-4.

Not all giving has rich reward. In many cases the keeping hides the giving, in the sight of God. Christ tells us how he estimates many gifts—not by what we give, but by what we keep; not by the amount of our contributions, but by their cost in self-denial.—A. Cameron.

IN HIS STEPS.

Our Home Missionary enterprise is essentially a giving one. It's are Home Missions. Without our gifts Home Missions must die. Many of us give merely to live. Let us learn the greater lesson of living to give, and follow "in his steps."—C. P. Hughes.

A CHALLENGE.

"Attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God." This is a challenge to the Lord's people. A liberal offering to Home Missions would make possible a further extension of the kingdom of Christ.—W. Wakefield.

OUR RESPONSE.

Did the Apostle Paul say, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice?"

Did the Christ say, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white already to harvest?"

Do we say, "Oh, God, my body a living sacrifice is mine?" "The gleaming of that wasting harvest is my task?"—W. S. Leese.

THINK.

We give, as we "go."
And "go," as we give:
We live, as we die,
And die, as we live.
What is it to be on December 3rd?
—Will H. Clay.

BIG THINGS.

Western Australia—Big State; big problems; big difficulties; big deficit. Therefore must have big vision; big faith; big givers; big offering on December 3rd.—F. E. Buckingham.

WEST AUSTRALIA'S NEED.

West Australia's supreme need is a positive evangelistic protest against her progressive paganism. Sunday sport, and week-day selfish pleasure, are menacing the source of spiritual life.

May our faith in the apostolic message enable our Home Missions to answer the challenge of pagan unbelief.—F. G. Henderson.

THE NEED FOR, AND THE NEED OF, THE H.M. COMMITTEE.

A. Lucraft

1. The Home Mission Committee is not a supplanter. It does not usurp the functions of the local church. It does not enact laws for churches. It is not a hierarchy. It does not demand unquestioning obedience; it claims no authority. It is a connecting link between the individual churches of the association. It facilitates united action regarding a common objective. It is an organ by which all the members in all the churches may be united and made articulate.

The H.M.C. is therefore an important and integral element in our corporal existence.

There is no command in the Word for its establishment; we cannot find there an approved example of the appointment of a H.M.C., but it is easy to develop a necessary inference. In the church, all things are to be done decently and in order. The primary and essential work of the church is that of evangelisation. This should be performed in an orderly manner. The H.M.C. affords us the opportunity to combine our resources for missionary enterprise, and while in this way we have fellowship with all the members in all the churches, the cause we love is best helped by the co-ordination of our individual church liberality for the extension of the gospel.

2. The need of the Committee is money. It is called for *ago*. I remember a story told by a visitor a few years ago. A preacher received a call to another church at a greatly advanced salary. He sought advice from a wise brother, who said: "That isn't a call; it's a yell!" This is the case with our Committee; the drawback is, it's a different kind of "yell"—not one for preachers, but for money to pay them.

This Conference year completes the 25th year of our association. For 25 years our committees have struggled with problems of preachers and problems of finance. How glad this Committee would be if it could report to Conference "Overdraft cleaned up and funds in hand."

Let us give consideration to our giving, and in our giving consider not only our ability, but also the Committee's need. Let us give so generously that when the financial clause is discussed at Conference, we shall feel warm and comfortable. Let us make it possible for each of us to meet our Home Mission evangelists there without blushing. Let us be able to look any member of the Home Mission Committee in the eye without blinking. Lastly, let us give to the Lord for the Lord's work in the Lord's way. "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ." May this grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. Amen.

WHAT ISOLATED MEMBERS SAY.

The farming districts of West Australia are abounding in opportunities for Home Mission work. In many districts no religious service of any kind is held. The need is great. Who can resist the call to give of our best?—W. E. Vintcombe, East Pingelly.

If all professing Christians were living examples of the Christianity of Christ, they would all be missionaries to the unconverted, and much good would result. But, alas! there are those who eagerly seek worldly things who thus encourage the unsaved in their ways, and so the work of the preaching is made harder. Let us set the right example, and the help we are able to give to

Home Missions will go farther than it otherwise would.—S. Cosh, Kellalerrin.

"They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8: 4). Are we who are in isolation following this example of the early Christians? or, are we complaining of centralisation? "Expansion" is the cry of the isolated member—"Consolidation" the cry of the existing churches. The broad vision of the Home Mission Committee includes both, and we can only expect to be reached when our turn comes, and that turn depends on our support financially. Brethren in isolation, rally around the Home Mission Committee.—H. J. Yelland, Bruce Rock.

A FINAL WORD.

Let every church ask every member to contribute something to Home Missions on Dec. 3rd.

Let church treasurers send in the offering promptly.

Let isolated members send to the churches in which they hold membership (if in West Australia), or direct to the Secretary for Home Missions—W. R. Hubbard, 140 Barrack-st., Perth.

Northern District (S.A.) Sisters' Conference Executive.

Meeting held at Moonta on Oct. 26, 32 sisters present. Devotional exercises were led by Sister Oram of Moonta; this consisted of prayer, hymns, Scripture reading (found in Job), after which Bro. Oram gave a short exhortation. Sister Rootes presided over the business session. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Sister Bready of Wallaroo, was appointed to act as treasurer pro tem. Next meeting will be held at Kadina, Jan. 27, 1923.

Reports.—Home Mission reported Kadina having collected 3/6 through the penny-per-week Foreign Missions.—Moonta reports keen interest Bible School gave about £3 to Sister Coventry's work. Kadina reports busy sewing for box for foreign fields. Obituary.—Mrs. Cockrane reported two deaths at Wallaroo. Wallaroo also reported sick visitation to hospital, and flowers. Other reports were: Prayer meetings, Bible School, Young People, Social, Isolated, Dorcas.

During the afternoon, Sister Rootes welcomed Sister Warren. We believe Sister Warren is going to be a great help in our Executive meetings. She suitably responded. Collection, 11½. See account, 3/6. A very successful meeting was brought to a close with afternoon tea kindly provided by Moonta sisters.

The "New Day Crusade."

The annual meeting of the Y.P. Prohibition Council and Band of Hope Union will be held in the City Temple, Campbell-st. (near Elizabeth-st.), Sydney, on Monday, Nov. 20, at 7.30 p.m.

The special features of this Young People's rally will be—Community singing, children's items, the annual report and election of officers, and a lantern lecture entitled "Prohibition at Work." In addition to this, the "New Day Crusade" will be launched. This crusade is an organized, educational effort for abstinence, prohibition, and citizenship, centring around the three-fold pledge and appeal, as follows:—(1) I will oppose the liquor traffic all my life. (2) I ask Parliament to enact prohibition for the protection of young Australians. (3) I promise to uphold the law and to encourage good citizenship. It is proposed to secure 10,000 signatures to this from young people aged 8 to 18, and the launching of this movement will take place at the rally on Nov. 20.

The Texas Federation of Labor, at its annual Conference recently held, resolved by vote of three to one in favor of Prohibition.

Be not disturbed by infidelity. Religion cannot pass away. The smoke of a little straw may hide the stars, but the stars are there and will reappear.—Carlyle.

Tasmania.

The Aim for the Annual Offering on December 3 is £250.

A New Emphasis.

W. H. Nightingale Conference President.

Tasmania does not need a new Bible so much as it needs a new emphasis of the one that God gave to mankind. The old Book has sufficient power to turn the world right by transforming humanity from sin to grace. Try it again in Tasmania. Tasmania does not need a new church so much as it needs the church of the New Testament. The people are sick to death of churchianity now. God is calling his people to live great lives, do mighty deeds, and render tremendous sacrifices in order that this divine institution might receive a new emphasis of life, power and glory in every city, town and district in this State. Tasmania does not need a new gospel so much as it needs a new emphasis of the one which the Lord gave to his apostles in Galilee and Jerusalem 1900 years ago, with its mighty facts that burn their way into the soul, with its tremendous commands that subordinate the human life to the divine, and its glorious promises of pardon, peace and power. Tasmania does not need a new plea so much as it needs the plea for the unity of God's people on the divine foundation in order that the world might believe. Party names, creeds, plans, institutions, infidelity, scepticism and heathenism must fall before it. Then preach it, live it, and give toward it as never before, with a new emphasis. Every member must be a living epistle of Christ. If you cannot go and preach the gospel it is highly probable that you can give money to help support the splendid men whom we have in the State work. Men who are putting their all on the altar for the sake of Christ and perishing humanity. We need a new emphasis upon giving to the Lord these days. He gave us everything which we possess. Is our giving worthy of his great love? Some of our members are rich. They could and should give large sums—£100, £50, £25, £10, others £5, and almost every member should give something for the evangelisation of Tasmania this year. The Home Mission Committee requires the consecrated offerings of the whole brotherhood for this mighty task. New churches are being organised; others are being strengthened, precious souls won to Christ. New fields are inviting, great missions are being planned. Now for a worthy offering on December 3.

Tasmania's Prescription.

Money! Missions! Men!
(Urgent—Prepare immediately.)
W. J. Campbell.

Brethren, our little island State is ill, and unless the above prescription is prepared we may have to watch our cause sink into a decline.

Read the symptoms, and see if the remedy fits.

(a) The treasury has been almost empty for some time, while the noble band comprising the Home Mission Committee have been bravely struggling on. The signals of distress have been sent up almost in vain. (Brethren, why have you forsaken those whom you pledged to support?)

(b) All along the north coast large towns exist, where the primitive gospel is never preached. Other parts alike are ready for the simple gospel. Is this proof of a sick church, or a healthy one? Activity walks by the side of health; but sickness has languor for its partner. The feeble arm of a sick church helps little, but the strong arm of a healthy church will be constantly thrusting open gates, into fields never before entered. Brethren, strengthen the cause.)

Tasmania is more ready for missions now, than perhaps ever before, but unless the brethren of our State rise to their responsibilities, the faithful few will cry, "Missions! Missions!" in vain, and hundreds of souls will starve.

(c) Hungry hearts, starving souls, decaying

churches! Where is the man with the message? (We need men—men! True, courageous, self-sacrificing men. Men prepared to stand for the truth at all costs, with the love of God and a passion for souls burning in their hearts. We need men with a vision!)

Brethren, help your State in its critical hour. The crisis, as far as you are concerned, takes place the first Lord's day in December. Much depends on you. Let us all unite to make up the needed prescription, and strengthen the cause.

A Question For All.

A. E. Heard.

Are we satisfied with our position in Tasmania as it is to-day, or do we desire that the gospel shall be spread throughout the length and breadth of our island? We will be called upon to answer this vital question on December 3rd. Let us each shoulder our responsibility, each having a part in the work which is worth while. £250 needed, and unless the money is raised, it will mean curtailing the good work already begun. Let us each ask, "What does the Lord expect of me?" and then let us each give as the Lord directs.

If we do this, we feel sure that enough money will be raised to wipe off our debt, and the treasury will have funds to spare to extend the work. A thousand members at 5/- each. *Will we do it?*

Our Quota.

J. Methven.

"Sometimes the attitude of professing Christians would lead one to think that the salvation of the sinner is of no account. The weary, sick one must at times feel that "no man cares for my soul."

That church is a dying church which limits its horizon to the four walls of the particular building in which it meets, and has no vision of the fields beyond, already white unto harvest.

We can deepen our interest, widen our outlook, and enter into full partnership with our Home Mission Committee by contributing our quota.

Sufficient Funds.

H. Woolley, Treasurer.

It is of paramount importance that the Home Mission Committee have sufficient funds, if they are to successfully carry on the great work entrusted to them. The demands of this work are steadily increasing, and the Committee, who have in the past been greatly handicapped by the lack of financial support, anxiously hope the churches will do their duty by them in this respect.

A Worthy Objective.

D. Stewart.

The objective of Home Missions is, I take it, "Our Home Land for Christ." This is, undoubtedly, "a worthy objective." Does it not breathe the spirit of the apostles, and the early church? Should it not, also, be the spirit of each disciple of Christ in Tasmania? Are we worthy to be classed "after the New Testament order" unless a like spirit and a like objective is ours? To attain that objective, apart from local effort, the churches have appointed a Home Missionary Committee. We look to them to scan the fields; to plan the course of action, and to concentrate the forces where deemed necessary. They, in turn, look to each disciple to be a contributing source, from whence reinforcements and supplies must come. Each should pray that the objective be attained. "Ye have not because ye ask not." Each should be a worker where you are: "Each one win one" prepare to fill the biggest place you can for God. Thus, at length, you may go forth to preach for him. Each, in small or large

degree, should contribute towards the necessary provision for the laborers in the home land fields. Here is the objective, a worthy one, indeed. Here are the resources. God has given into your hands and mine ample resources to evangelise our home land. Shall we, in love and passion for souls, like our Lord, consecrate our resources to attain this "worthy objective"? Pray, prepare, provide.

Facts.

A brief survey is sufficient to justify the claim of Home Missions in Tasmania. Commercially and industrially, this State is progressing. There is a population of approximately 200,000. Large towns have never been touched by Church of Christ preachers. Christ's command to preach the gospel is a duty involving every Christian. What shall we do? Raise a few shilling concerts that the need may be met, and the command obeyed? God forbid! How shall we who meet at our Lord's table offer such service? If Christ's command and death make no greater appeal, we neither love the Lord nor our brother.

Tasmania's Needs.

J. Warren.

There are God-given features which, as Churches of Christ, we claim to possess, and these can be stated under two headings: firstly, the great promise of divine aid; secondly, the great message of salvation. We need make no comment on the first; in the latter we meet some who would have us live as the monks of old, hence are not in sympathy with Home Missions, whilst on the other hand are found those whom we can hardly distinguish from the denominations; but it is gratifying to know that the desire of the great majority is to stand foursquare upon the Word.

Whilst in possession of these essential features we are confronted with other needs in order that the above might materialise and become manifested. These needs are three.

We need a vision.

The fields of this island, which are untouched by us, are many, from which souls may be gathered. May we "lift up our eyes, and look on the fields," and hear the Master's words, "Go ye."

We need men.

We have fields within our grasp, but work is retarded through lack of men. "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

We need money.

"How shall they preach except they be sent?" Home Missions is the best investment possible.

A big offering will mean that we can see our needs; that these needs be supplied. We have the message, but we need a vision, men, and money.

The Origin of Missions.

J. Byard.

Missions have their origin in the heart of God: in the life, service and sacrifice of Christ for the lost. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. The purpose of Christ's mission is to seek and save the lost. He bids us follow the example set by all having a part in this glorious task. Do your part faithfully on December 3 in the interests of Christ's work in Tasmania.

Just a word to encourage the establishing of new churches in our growing suburbs. Two years ago no church existed in West Hobart. Now we have a church of 45 members, who are building at a cost of about £1200. This church is developing its own speakers, including several young men from Collins-st. All are very promising, and a great help to both churches. These speakers would probably have never started only West Hobart was dependent on them. This cause has also been able to contribute about £43 to Home Missions. Other suburbs take example.

J. C. Woolley, Secretary, West Hobart.

Here and There.

Bro. W. R. Hibburt spent Lord's day, Nov. 5, at the church at Kalgoorlie, W.A.

Miss Mary Thompson left Melbourne for Adelaide en route for India on Tuesday afternoon. The address of the church secretary at Gawler, S.A., now is E. J. Killmer, Water-st., Gawler 522 P.O.

The churches at Chatswood and Rockdale, N.S.W., are proceeding with the erection of new church buildings.

Our missionary, Sister E. Caldwell, returns to her home in South Australia on Friday, 24th inst., by the Adelaide express.

Up to Nov. 7 there had been thirteen confessions in the Northam (W.A.) tent mission, and there were then four nights to go.

Bro. Harward, N.S.W. State Organiser, will begin a tent mission at Cessnock, near Newcastle, next Lord's day, Nov. 19. Bro. J. Clydesdale will assist in the singing.

The annual offering for Home Mission work in N.S.W. will be taken on Dec. 3. £1000 is needed to maintain the work. Bro. Harward is working hard for this objective.

A number of churches have yet to send in the Annual Bible College Offering. Early attention to this matter will be much appreciated. Send to Rev. Fennis, Glen Iris, Victoria.

A big Home Missionary tea and public meeting, planned by the Women's Auxiliary Conference, was to be held at Lake-st., Perth, on Tuesday, Nov. 14. We trust it proved to be a great success.

Bro. A. T. Eaton, of Sydney, N.S.W., is on a brief visit to West Australia. He is expected to preach at Northam one Lord's day during his stay. He did a fine work there some years back.

Brothers throughout New Zealand are again reminded of the Annual Offering for the College of the Bible, to be taken on the first Sunday in December. An offering is hoped for from every member of every church.

The Victorian Bible School and Young People's Department will hold the annual demonstration and distribution of prizes in Lygon-st. chapel on Monday, November 27, at 7.45 p.m. Fifteen city and suburban schools will provide an interesting programme.

During this Conference year about fourteen new buildings will be in course of erection in Victoria. The pictures of eleven on the front page show some in course of erection; others are taken from plans. We are indebted to W. C. Christie, R. Pitman and Mr. Leach for photographs.

It is earnestly hoped that during the next two weeks Home Mission work will be brought prominently before the churches. Victoria needs an offering of £1500 to meet next Conference free of debt. To evangelise this State is a big task, and we must be prepared to make a liberal response to the appeal. Isolated members are asked to send their offering direct to the Secretary, T. Bagley, 14 Queen-st., Melbourne.

On Thursday evening, Nov. 2, a farewell was tendered at Lake-st., Perth, W.A., to Bro. G. O. Birchill, who has since left to take up his residence in Melbourne, Victoria. Bro. Birchill has been identified with the churches in West Australia for many years, and filled the office of deacon at Lake-st. during the past few years. West Australian brethren are sorry to lose him, but trust he will prove a decided acquisition to one of the Melbourne churches.

The church at Prahran is experiencing a time of blessing. For the last three Sunday evenings there has each time been a response to the invitation of the gospel, seven souls in all confessing Christ. Two of these were received into fellowship last Sunday morning. The church feels that its souls are to be won the work must be strengthened by prayer, and so every Saturday evening a cottage prayer meeting is held in various homes. A splendid spirit prevails at these meetings. The Sunday School progresses. The picnic was held at Wattle Park on Nov. 7, and was counted a success by all.

Bro. A. E. Forbes has tendered his resignation as evangelist with the church in Auburn, N.S.W., and completes his ministry there on the last Lord's day in January.

A. H. Eaton, Treasurer of the Dominion Conference, is now on a visit to Melbourne. Friends, or brethren desirous of information regarding New Zealand, may get in touch with him at Toorak-road, Toorak (Phone, Windsor 2028).

The monthly meeting of the Victorian C.E. Council will be held at Lygon-st. chapel on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. Delegates will give "Echoes from Brisbane Convention," and important business will be discussed. Societies are invited to be represented.

Bro. and Sister J. J. Franklyn arrived in Melbourne on Saturday last, after an extended tour in America and England. In these lands our brother enjoyed the fellowship of the churches, and helped them much by his evangelistic work. Next Lord's day Bro. Franklyn is planned to speak at Lygon-st. both morning and evening.

There are a number of important and growing towns in West Australia into which the Churches of Christ should enter quickly. Isolated members will help this to be done by contributing liberally to the West Australian Home Mission Fund, of which Bro. H. Wright, National Mutual Building, St. George's Terrace, Perth, is Treasurer.

This Home Mission number deals with the work in the four States—New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and West Australia—whose annual offering will this year be taken up on Dec. 3. The other two States—South Australia and Queensland—will take their offering on the first Lord's day in February. Later, we hope, all the States will have a common day and share together in the production of a Home Mission number representative of the Commonwealth.

The opening day of the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission at Colac, Vic. (Nov. 12), was favored by weather conditions. At the morning meeting, in the chapel, Bro. and Sister L. R. Smith were received into membership by transfer from Stawell. Special mention was made of the passing away at Ballarat of Bro. John Williamson, a former secretary of the church. A good start was made with the evening service in the tent, there being a good attendance inside, and a number listening from the street outside to Bro. Hinrichsen's message.

Mr. J. Whelan, of Sydney, Secretary of the Federal Conference of the Churches of Christ, preached at Lygon-st. Church of Christ on Sunday evening (22nd Monday's "Argus"). He said that it was freely stated in many quarters to-day that the church had lost, and that her message failed to grip men's hearts. There was no need for pessimism, however, although the most optimistic recognised a strong challenge in the present situation. One source of weakness in some preaching to-day was the substitution of philosophical speculations and moral theorising for the preaching of Jesus Christ and him crucified. The great fundamental need of men was deliverance from the power and penalty of sin. Sin was not an unreality. Its awful ravages in human experience were too painfully manifest. No programme which dealt with mere externals would meet this dire need. Satisfaction could only be obtained through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. The preaching of the Cross was God's dynamic by which many of the hardest hearts were broken, emotions stirred, and wills surrendered to the highest ends. Thus the preacher who, like Paul, gloried in the Cross of Christ, was moving in the line of conquest, not of defeat. Christ said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." History revealed that the mightiest conquests of the church had centred in the preaching of the Cross. In these days of change and unrest love still had a supreme appeal. The Cross revealed the majesty of divine love. It showed us God in Christ reconciling the world unto himself. The Cross brought us into relationship with Christ, the Divine Son, the Father-

hood of God, and the only true Brotherhood of man. It would unite all men in one bond of loving service, and thus provided a solution for every social, industrial, and personal problem. Surrender to its appeal would transfigure and ennoble every department of life and activity.

An Interesting Year's Work.

At the annual business meeting at Swanston-st. on Nov. 1, Bro. Kingsbury presided, and after devotional exercises, reports were submitted by preacher, secretary, treasurer, Bible School, Dorcas Society, Young People's Society, Women's Mission Band, and choir, all summarising the year's work, and in the main satisfactory and optimistic. The treasurer's statement showed receipts from weekly offerings for current expenses, £706/12/3; special objects through duplex envelopes, £60/16/6; special offerings, £57/8/7; and sundry receipts, £28/13/9, totalling £1353/11/1. Out of this amount the church was able to give for objects outside of local work as follows:—Home Missions, £227; Foreign Missions, £203; Bible School Department, £61; College of the Bible, £73; Preachers' Provident Fund, £30; Hospitals, £27; Mission to Lepers, £5; Starving Children of Europe, £9. The debit balance of £54 of previous year was made up. A credit balance of £13 was shown. A special resolution was presented, expressing warm appreciation of Bro. Kingsbury's work both for the church and outside efforts, including religious teaching weekly to about 100 State School and High School boys and girls. A very hearty spirit of co-operation and sympathy prevailed, and the fifty-eighth year of church work was entered upon with faith and hope. Officers were re-appointed for a term of three years as under:—Deacons, B. J. F. A., and E. A. Kemp, R. and A. R. Lyall, P. B. McMaster, T. Mitchell, A. Wilson, W. Wettenhall, J. T. Whitelaw; treasurer, P. B. McMaster; secretary, R. Lyall; assistant secretary, A. R. Lyall. Some long terms of service were noted. B. J. Kemp's appointment as deacon went back 22 years, F. A. Kemp as deacon 35 years, and R. Lyall's as secretary 35 years. Others had been in office for long periods.

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—A. & W. Bolduan.

WILLIAMSON—A tribute to the memory of Bro. John Williamson, who passed away at Ballarat on Nov. 9, 1922. An esteemed member in this church for a number of years.

—Inserted by the officers and members of the Church of Christ, Colac.

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December onwards, good plain cook, experienced woman, for seaside guest-house, minute beach, other help given, cool district. Also bright, companionable girl, house-waitress. References exchanged. Good money suitable women.—Mrs. Chapman, Danbury, Dromana, Victoria.

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So transcendently different is Christ's kingdom from those of this world that its choicest blessings may be obtained by the least of its subjects. A casual glance around is sufficient to convince us that the world's best prizes, as a rule, are not for the ignorant and poor, who engage in a life-long but well-nigh hopeless struggle to obtain honors or positions which appear to be the natural heritage of the wealthy and wise. But look at Christ's kingdom, and note the contrast. Here, the chief good, eternal salvation, and the greatest virtue, love, are both attainable by all. There is therefore no excuse for either degradation or inefficiency. The lowest may be highest, the least may be greatest. If a man will but love God with all his heart, and his neighbor as himself, he will fulfil the law of God, attain his highest ideals, and obtain, in this life and the next, the choicest blessings that grace can bestow, for undoubtedly, in the realm of religion, the greatest blessings are not reserved for a few favored souls, but for all, and the best is even for the least.

NOVEMBER 20.

Saved by Hope.

For in (or by) hope were we saved.—Romans 8: 24.

"Be Thou the rainbow to the storms of life,
The evening beam that smiles the clouds away,
And tints to-morrow with prophetic ray."

Bible Reading.—Romans 8: 18, 23.

NOVEMBER 21.

"All Things Work Together for Good."

And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose.—Romans 8: 28.

"Carlyle wrote to his aged mother after the departure of her son Alick for New York:—

"You have had much to suffer, dear mother, and are grown old in this Valley of Tears; but you say always, as all of us should say, 'Have we not many mercies, too?' Is there not above all, and in all, a Father watching over us; through whom all sorrows shall yet work together for good? Yes, it is even so. Let us try to hold by that as an anchor both sure and steadfast."

Bible Reading.—Romans 8: 26, 30.

NOVEMBER 22.

"Grafted In."

And they also, if they continue not in their unbelief, shall be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again.—Romans 11: 23.

"It was a good reply that was given to Frederick the Great by one of his godly generals, when the monarch asked for an argument in a single word to prove his Bible true, and the veteran answered, 'The Jews, Sir.'"

Bible Reading.—Romans 11: 23, 24.

NOVEMBER 23.

"Think Soberly."

For I say, through the grace that was given me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but so to think as to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to each man a measure of faith.—Romans 12: 3.

Charlotte Bronte wrote:—"There is nothing like taking all you do at a moderate estimate; it keeps mind and body tranquil; whereas grandiloquent notions are apt to hurry both into fever."

Ralph Duncan said: "Let us 'not think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think.' But

God does not require of us a false humility. We are not to think less highly of ourselves than we ought to think. We are to think soberly. We are to find out the truth about ourselves, and think that. Then there will be no danger of our thinking too highly."

Bible Reading.—Romans 12: 1, 3.

NOVEMBER 24.

Discern Spiritually.

Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot know them, for they are spiritually judged.—1 Cor. 2: 14.

J. D. Jones wrote:—"I remember when in Venice seeing an old gentleman, sitting in a room which contained Titian's glorious 'Annunciation,' listlessly turning over the leaves of his catalogue, and looking the very picture of weariness and boredom. And I overheard his wife say to him: 'Come along, John, to room so-and-so; there's something besides saints there.' John found absolutely no delight in the glowing canvasses by which he was surrounded. The truth is, you need more than a clear eye to appreciate a picture; you need a little of the artist's soul."

Bible Reading.—1 Cor. 2: 11-16.

NOVEMBER 25.

A Very Small Matter.

But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment.—1 Cor. 4: 3.

In his journal dated October, 1826, Hurrell Froude wrote: "I sometimes try to assume a dignified face as I meet men, and am never content to be treated as a shilly-shally fellow. I must not care the least, or even indulge a thought, about the impression I make on others; but make myself be what I would, and let the *seeming* take its course; or rather, be glad of slights, as from the Lord. This will be a hard struggle. O Lord, give me strength to go through with it."

Bible Reading.—1 Cor. 4: 1-5.

NOVEMBER 26.

"Fools for Christ's Sake."

We are fools for Christ's sake.—1 Cor. 4: 10.

"What are commonly the world's received fools but such whereof the world is not worthy."—Charles Lamb.

Bible Reading.—1 Cor. 4: 9-13.

PRAYER.

Loving Father, purge me from every unworthy desire and unholy aim. May I seek first thy kingdom, and rejoice in its wondrous privileges and blessings. May I remember that thou wilt give thy choicest blessings even to me, if only I am ready to receive them. Help me to love thee more, and serve thee better. May I also love my fellow-men, and be kind, courteous, forgiving, humble-minded. For Jesu's sake. Amen.

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Conference directed the incoming Executive to continue the work of Federal Evangelisation, and that special attention be given to that growing State, West Australia. The matter of a Federal Home Mission was also referred to the same Executive.

I am appealing to my brethren throughout Australia to supply funds to carry on the good work of Federal Evangelism, but not to leave the burden of finance to the brethren in New South Wales—a State which has only some 3587 members—while Victoria has some 10,503 members, and South Australia has a membership of 7,200. If New South Wales subscribed £100, then Victoria should raise certainly as much, or according to numbers, three times what New South Wales did, and South Australia twice that amount. I appeal to my brethren in Victoria to give me £150, and South Australia £250. You can do it, brethren, and Queensland should give me £75, and West Australia and Tasmania the same.

Brothers, the needs are great. Wake up, and let us conquer the Commonwealth of Australia for Christ. Plan great things for Christ, and God will bless you in the planning. Give! Give! Give to the Lord, and God will give, give, give abundantly to you.

Your prayers and gifts are asked for His work. Yours in His service.

Thos. E. Rofe.

Federal Treasurer.

South Australian Sisters' Executive.

Meeting held in Grote-st. on Nov. 2. Mrs. E. J. Paternoster had charge of the devotional session when Miss Nila Snook contributed an able paper on "Temptation." The President, Miss Foskin, presided over business session, and welcomed the Secretary, just returned from her visit to England. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Bond read Treasurer's report. Received in October, for Home Missions, 6/-; in hand, £4 13/25; total, £4 19/25. Received for Foreign Missions, 19/9; in hand, £1/0/4; total, £5/0/1. Collection, 18/1. In hand, £20/3/7; total, £21/1/8. Expenditure, F.M. Committee, 10/-; H.M. Committee, 10/-; Hospital Committee, £3; Prayer Meeting Committee, 5/-; "Australian Christian," donation, £1; Temperance Alliance, £3/13/3; Armenian Relief Fund, £5; Obituary Superintendent, 5/-; Total, £16/3/3. Balance, £4/18/5.

26 delegates responded to roll-call.
Sunday School Additions.—Grote-st., 1; Mile End, 7; Semaphore, 2; Walkerville, 3.

Collection totalled £1/4/4½. A large number of gifts of garments, etc., were brought in for the relief of the destitute Armenians, and the Treasurer received the sum of £2/15/6 for the same object.

Obituary.—Mrs. Blight reported Sister Mrs. Roberts, of the Norwood church, had received the home-call.

Home Missions.—Mrs. Garland reported she and her committee had entered enthusiastically into the work, and hoped by the penny-per-week system and mite boxes, to swell the finances of the Home Mission. The following sums have been received:—From Mile End, 5/-; Dulwich, 17/-; Unley, 16/5; small sums, 1/-; mite boxes from Pt. Pirie, £1/10/-; Mrs. Redman, 7/6.

Foreign Missions.—Mrs. Messert reported having paid one visit to Cottonville, and having received the following sums:—Collection at Cottonville, 9/8; Unley, 13/11; Point Sturt, £1/9/6; Croydon, £1/7/6.

Prayer Meeting.—Mrs. Moseley reported she and her committee had visited the church at Hen-

ley Beach, when a profitable time was spent in prayer and praise. Mrs. Morphett read a paper on "Reunion," and Miss Tonkin spoke on "Prayer."

Hospital Report.—Mrs. Young and her committee have paid 91 visits to the various institutions, and have distributed sick comforts. The Semaphore Church of Christ have also paid 37

visits to the sick, and have cheered many by gifts of flowers and letters.

At the December meetings gifts for the sick will be contributed by the sisters.

Leader for next devotional session, Miss V. B. Thompson.

—V. B. Thompson, Secretary, 12 Kintore-st., Mile End.

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News of the Churches.

Tasmania.

At Hobart recently Bro. H. M. Cooper delivered a very interesting lecture on his travels in Egypt, illustrated by a number of good lantern slides. He gave the proceeds to the Bible School. A few members now meet to remember the Lord in home of Bro. Welsby, at Cascades, S. Hobart.

The work at Geeveston is going on smoothly under the leadership of Bro. Warren. Improved attendance at the mid-week prayer meeting, with studies in the Acts of Apostles. A Junior Endeavor has been started on Sunday mornings with satisfactory results. At the meeting for worship Bro. Warren is giving a series of addresses on "The Church." On Oct. 29, he journeyed to Dover and Southport. Bro. Woolley exhorted, and Bro. Byard spoke at the gospel service.

West Australia.

At Maylands on Oct. 30, Sister Mrs. Stirling gave a very nice social. The singing and other items were most enjoyable. The whole function was given in honor of Mr. Stirling's birthday, which falls on the above date. All gifts were to be devoted to the church at Mrs. Stirling's request. On Nov. 5, Bro. A. Miller, from Subiaco, gave an inspiring morning address. At night Bro. Stirling preached on "Why we observe the Lord's Supper." The meeting was well attended.

On Oct. 29, at Bassendean, Bro. R. Ewers gave a splendid exhortation. Bro. Miller, of Subiaco, preached at night. On Nov. 5 Bro. Stirling gave a stirring address. Sister Gale, from England, was present. After the meeting the officers presented Bro. Stirling with a framed photo of the brethren who were in office during Bro. Stirling's term of labor. Bro. Cameron was welcomed back; Northam and Brookton were helped by his visit. The Bible Schools have engaged a hall near by for the use of senior classes. The school is growing under the able leadership of Bro. J. Ewers.

At Fremantle on Nov. 1 a social was tendered to Bro. and Sister Gracie and family, and Sister Ferguson, mother of Mrs. Gracie, on the eve of their departure for Northcote, Vic. For many years Bro. Gracie has been church and school treasurer, assistant organist, and filled many other positions, and Sister Gracie has been one of the foremost workers in the Dorcas. Tokens of appreciation and esteem were made from the church and the various auxiliaries. On Nov. 4 Bro. and Sister Mudge concluded their first year of ministry with the church, and a social was arranged. During the year 42 have been brought into the church, and a large increase made in Sunday School enrolment. All departments were represented by speeches, and in addition Mrs. Fox Angelo—a distinguished citizen of Fremantle—bore testimony to the spiritual good derived from her recent association with the Church of Christ. The sisters presented Mrs. Mudge with a bouquet.

Queensland.

Ma Ma Creek annual picnic was held on Oct. 28. A concert was held at night in the public hall, and the building was crowded. Both functions were a success financially. The Sunday School anniversary was held on Oct. 29, and a good programme was rendered. The church has been called upon to part with an old and faithful member, Sister Mrs. P. Larsen, senior. An in memoriam service was held on Nov. 5. The large attendance bore testimony to the love and affection in which the deceased was held during her 45 years' residence in the district. Bro. H. C. Stitt, of the South End church, Toowoomba, who conducted the service, feelingly referred to Mrs. Larsen's saintly and practical Christian life. Thirty-six years as a nurse in the days gone by when doctors were not available, and an active pioneer of Ma Ma Creek church, presented opportunities for which the services rendered can only be repaid in the higher life. After the memoriam service Bro. Stitt exhorted on "a closer walk with God."

At South End, Toowoomba, Bro. H. A. Coleman exhorted. One was received into fellowship, making 36 on roll. More additions to Bible School numbers. Bro. Adcock at the gospel meeting spoke on "Prison Doors Burst Open." The Laymen's Mission, postponed because of the Forward Move Mission in the Strand picture theatre, will commence early in the new year. Bro. A. Coleman spoke in the open air meeting. On Nov. 5, many members were absent from the city. Bro. A. Day gave a good spiritual address on "The Love of Jesus." At night Bro. A. Coleman spoke on "The Heart of the Gospel."

Brisbane church was pleased to have Bro. A. C. Rankine back again after an absence, extending over two Sundays, at the Federal Conference. At the morning meeting, Nov. 5, the members were greatly interested in Bro. Rankine's account of the proceedings at the Conference. At the evening service the State Superintendent, Mr. A. Toombs, of the Prohibition League, delivered an address to a large audience. On Monday evening, Oct. 30, the Y.P. Society tendered a farewell social to their vice-president, Bro. J. M. Graydon, who has been transferred to Wellington, N.Z. Bro. Graydon is a splendid young man, a good worker, and will be greatly missed. He was the recipient of presentations from S.S. and Y.P. Society.

Good attendance at Toowoomba on morning of Oct. 29. Gospel meeting was well attended. Bro. Burns' subject being "An Interrupted Procession." Mid-week prayer meetings continue fervent in spirit. Bro. W. Skermer visited Merigandian on Oct. 31. The church regrets the illness of Sister MacIntyre, of Mt. Tyson, who is now in private hospital in Toowoomba. On Nov. 5, Sister L. Peters and Bro. V. Winters, who have been away in the country, were welcomed. Bro. Scott, Chinchilla, on his way through to Victoria, was present in the evening. In the afternoon a number of the members met at the home of Bro. and Sister Keelle, senior, to break bread. At the gospel service Bro. Vanham preached to a good gathering. The forward move mission at Harlaxton, conducted during the past week, was rewarded by to confessions of faith in Christ.

South Australia.

The meeting at Hillside on Sunday was well represented both by members and friends, the house being crowded. It being Bro. Warhurst's farewell address, occasion was taken to present Bro. and Sister Warhurst and the boys with a small token of esteem and appreciation for services rendered. Regret was freely and sincerely expressed at their departure.

Murray Bridge reports that services on Sunday were fairly well attended. Bro. Warhurst gave an instructive and inspiring address in the evening. One young lady and one young man made the good confession. At the communion service one young lady, baptised the previous Sunday, was welcomed into fellowship. Bro. Albert Lloyd is making good progress after serious operation.

The Mile End holiday party visited Ungarra recently. Anniversary meetings were conducted on Oct. 22 and 23, and everything went off splendidly. Bro. George Clarke gave chalk talks, and Bro. Manning preached the gospel messages. Three young men, a wife of one of the members, and a young lady confessed Christ. Every home in Ungarra was visited, and literature left. Special meetings were again held last week-end: one girl confessed Christ, and a mother decided to be baptised. Five were baptised in the creek last Sunday afternoon. The interest is very keen.

Last Wednesday night a special church business meeting was held at Wallaroo. There are now seven officers and eight deaconesses. Some good reconstruction work was done in this meeting. During the last few weeks the offerings have doubled. The members have a new vision of what can be done. The Bible School had their picnic on the beach last Saturday. The scholars had a delightful time. A very nice Senior C.E.

meeting was held last Wednesday; Bro. Warren gave the address. All the committees were increased. At the J.C.E. on Sunday morning the evangelist gave an illustrative talk on "The Idol." At 11 a.m. he continued his address on "Growing in Grace." In the afternoon he delivered an address on Temperance. At night a splendid address he preached on "The Cross of Christ." Miss I. Smelt sang solos very sweetly.

On Lord's day, Nov. 5, at Gawler, the third church anniversary was held, and meetings were very successful. A choir, under the direction of Bro. Bushbridge, rendered special items. In the afternoon items were given by the scholars, and a suitable address by Bro. Raymond. The annual church business meeting was held on Tuesday evening. Reports from all departments showed good progress, and gave much encouragement. Bro. Raymond and Killmer were elected as elders; Bro. Bushbridge, Smith, and Atyeo were re-elected as deacons; Sisters Pickering, Killmer, Atyeo and Humphries were appointed as deaconesses; Bro. Bushbridge treasurer, and Bro. Killmer secretary.

Good meetings at Kadina on Sunday were conducted by Bro. Routes. Community song service prior to gospel service is an attraction. Sister Nankerville sang a solo, and the choir rendered an anthem. Bible School reports steady increase. A good gathering of Endeavorers met over to Mootna on Tuesday of the previous week and spent a profitable time with the Endeavorers of that town. The recently opened tennis court has proved a success. The brethren are preparing another court. A successful social was held in the kindergarten room last month. Senior Endeavorers and Girls' Club had charge. The death of Mrs. Jack Thomas, of Newtown, is regretted with regret.

New South Wales.

At Petersham Bro. Arnott, B.A., spoke on Sunday morning on "Federal Conference Reflections." One new scholar in the school. A good meeting at night, when the subject was "Fleeting Opportunities."

Marrickville had good attendances at all services on Nov. 12. Bro. Sivyer addressed at the morning meeting. The gospel service was conducted by Bro. P. E. Thomas, in the absence of Bro. Crisp, who preached at Chatswood. The Bible School is preparing for its anniversary.

During Bro. Eaton's absence, Bro. C. R. Hall is filling the appointments at the City Temple. The church thanks him for his earnest addresses, which are greatly appreciated; also the Young Men's Training Class, for taking the Wednesday night prayer meetings. The esteemed Sister Miss Emma Tyler, who was an earnest worker in the Bible School some years previously, passed away a few weeks ago. Loving sympathy is extended to her sister, Mrs. Bertelson, at her loss.

At Lismore on Nov. 5, Bro. Allan Brown spoke at the morning meeting. At night Bro. P. J. Ford preached to a good audience on "A Father's Influence." Sister Mrs. Kimpton is leaving Lismore to reside at Mullumbimby, 20 miles distant. Bro. E. Taber has been appointed Bible School secretary in place of Bro. Ray Ford, who is now teaching. Bro. Edgar Snow, of Bangalow, is now residing at Cawongla, in the Kyogle district. Bro. C. J. Snow preached acceptably at Bungawalbin, morning and evening.

Hurstville Bible School anniversary was held on Nov. 5. Fine attendances and splendid singing by the scholars under leadership of Bro. Lat. Bro. Forbes delighted all by his talk in the afternoon. At night Bro. Crossman preached on "The Call of the Bible School." The public meeting was held on Monday, 6th, in the Mavonic Hall. Excellent programme rendered to a large audience, and presentation of prizes to successful scholars. On Nov. 12 Bro. Crossman made a special appeal for Home Missions, and at night spoke on "The Unity of God's People." One of the Bible School scholars was baptised. Deep sympathy is felt for Sister Brown in the loss of her husband, and for Bro. Weeks, whose youngest daughter passed away on Nov. 5.

Good services continue at Belmore. One young girl received into fellowship. A man was baptised at night (Nov. 5). Celebrated Father's Day. A dozen of the junior girl members sang "I know my Heavenly Father knows," each wearing a red rose in honor of father. Bro. Noel Cheate and Sister Mabel Foulstone were united in marriage recently. Bro. Hutson officiating.

Enmore reports fairly good meetings during the past few weeks. On Nov. 12 two young ladies were received into fellowship. During the past week the first meeting of a Girls' Club, connected with the Senior Department of the Bible School, was held. It is with deep regret that we report the sudden death on Nov. 12 of one of the esteemed deacons, Bro. James Evans. He was one of the oldest members in New South Wales, and at one time a deacon and prominent worker at Paddington. Sympathy is expressed for the many friends and the family.

Victoria.

On Lord's day at Emerald Bro. Reg. Bolduan addressed the church. In the evening Miss Caldwell gave a talk on the work in India.

At Cheltenham on Sunday meetings were large and enthusiastic. In the evening Mr. Baker preached a splendid sermon, the first of a series on the second coming of Christ.

At Echuca meetings are progressing under Bro. Turner's preaching. After a splendid address on "A Bad Bargain," a young girl made the good confession, and two lads were baptised.

At Hawthorn on Sunday H. Kingsbury addressed the church in the morning, and T. H. Scambler preached at night. Eleven new Bible School scholars were enrolled, the aeroplane competition making fine headway.

Hampton S.S. tea and social on Nov. 2 were enjoyable. Speakers on Sunday, 5th, were J.C.F. Pittman and D. Wakeley. On the 6th G. P. Pittman gave an appreciated lecture on India. Last Sunday Bro. Wakeley addressed both meetings.

At Geelong the attendance at both meetings was much improved last Lord's day. A number of visitors were present in the morning. Bro. Schwab's messages were very helpful. The various departments of work are bright with promise.

At Moreland Nov. 12 was "home-coming day," when the church celebrated its eleventh anniversary. Enthusiastic services were held. In the morning a record attendance of 223 members met. Bro. Gale delivered a most uplifting address. At the gospel service Bro. T. Bagley preached.

Last Lord's day morning Swanston-st. had a bright and enjoyable meeting, to which some visitors contributed. Bro. J. Whelan, of Chatswood, N.S.W., delivered a very interesting address. Bro. Kingsbury paid a visit to Hawthorn church. Good address at evening service by Bro. Kingsbury.

Despite the most wintry conditions prevailing, the attendances at Ballarat East are most gratifying; in some cases members coming long distances in heavy rain. The family spirit is growing, and those who until recently were strangers find a reality in the brotherhood. There was one confession at the meeting on Nov. 5.

North Melbourne is still holding on; attendances keeping up well, and Bible School healthy. The sisters are actively preparing for their sale of work, and the Endeavor Society is maintaining interest. On Sunday week Bro. Emiss gave a splendid exhortation, and last Sunday Bro. Smith, of Mildura, presided at the Lord's table.

Kaniva held its annual S.S. picnic on Nov. 4 at Bro. Roy Goldsworthy's, when all had an enjoyable time. Good meeting on morning of Nov. 5, with earnest address from Bro. Wheaton. Bro. Bena is almost restored to health again, after being laid aside by sickness for several weeks. He preached at the S.S. anniversary services at Lillipmer on Sunday afternoon, and spoke at Kaniva in the evening. At the close of the service, on behalf of the church, he presented Bro. S. Moar, two church hymn-books, previous to his going to live in Melbourne, where Sister Moar has for some time undergoing medical treatment. The prayers and best wishes of the church go with them.

Good meetings at Middle Park last Lord's day. One young man was received into fellowship in the morning, who the previous Lord's day was baptised. In the afternoon Bible School anniversary celebration was held. Bro. Clarke spoke to the scholars on "Ringing True," and in the evening Bro. Allen delighted them with "The Ladder of Success."

Carnegie Bible School demonstration in the local Memorial Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 8, was a great success, despite continued inclement weather. On Sunday last Bro. Saunders conducted an impressive memorial service for the late Bro. W. H. Bardwell. A number of friends from Hawthorn and Kew were present, including the officers from I.O.R., who took part in the service.

Castlemaine church had a treat last Wednesday, when Dr. and Mrs. Cook, of Golden Square, Bendigo, came in a charabanc with 38 S.S. scholars, and provided an excellent programme of songs, concerted pieces, and dialogues. Good meetings on Sunday. One of the most regular attendants, Bro. Taylor, was congratulated on his 87th birthday. Bro. Clipstone gave a stirring address in the evening on "The Prodigal Son."

Ballarat (Dawson-st.) reports a very fine interest in all meetings. The meetings for breaking of bread are especially large. Sunday School is growing. The church was saddened by the death of Bro. Williamson, late of Colac church. Bro. Connor went to Daylesford to conduct his funeral. Among many visitors was Bro. G. Stimson, from N.S.W. Visiting speakers of recent weeks were J. I. Mudford and General Weir, from Norwood.

The work at Brims moves on steadily. The meetings each Lord's day have been bright. During last week the quarterly business meeting was held, with a fair attendance, and matters were decided satisfactorily. The letters from the sisters at the Bible College were much appreciated by the members of the Mission Band. Y.P. Society closed the meetings in connection with that branch on Thursday last, owing to the harvest work.

Amongst visitors at Surrey Hills on Sunday were Bro. and Sister W. Saxby, from Chatswood, Sydney, N.S.W., the former giving a highly appreciated morning address. The previous Sunday evening's gospel address was delivered by Bro. J. Whelan, the preacher, also from Chatswood, with whom and Mrs. Whelan the church was glad to renew fellowship. The usual annual sale of work under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild was held Saturday week last, and proved financially successful.

Lygon-st. had good meetings on Sunday. A. R. Mann gave a helpful address in the morning. Visitors included Bro. and Sister G. P. Pittman, J. J. Franklyn, recently returned home; Mrs. and Miss Chaplin, from S.A., and G. A. C. Payne, from Fremantle, W.A. Joseph Whelan, from Chatswood, N.S.W., gave a splendid sermon at night. One young lady confessed Christ. S.S. picnic on Nov. 7 was a delightful event. The Girls' and Boys' Clubs gave a magnificent display in St. Martin's Hall on Monday night. Home-coming is planned for December 10.

At Northcote on Oct. 29 Bro. Hinrichsen commenced his third year of ministry. The platform was tastefully decorated by the P.B.P. girls. A poor attendance owing to inclement weather. On Tuesday night the K.S.P. held a successful concert, at which the chaplain, Bro. Marriott, presented Bro. Hinrichsen with a gold-mounted fountain-pen, on behalf of the K.S.P. The mid-week prayer meetings are well attended. Sunday morning, Nov. 5, splendid attendance, when Bro. Swain, of Thornbury, exhorted. At the gospel service at night Bro. Hinrichsen's message was "Conversion." Sister Mrs. Garnett rendered a very sweet solo.

Meetings at St. Arnaud have increased in attendance and interest. On Oct. 15, at the close of an address on "The Reality of the Cross," a young married couple made the good confession. Anniversary services on Nov. 5 were highly successful, visits from Wedderburn and Maryborough being much enjoyed. Bro. Youens, from Rochester, conducted the services, while the schol-

are sang sweetly under Bro. Searle. At the close of Bro. Youens' address two Bible School scholars made the good confession.

On Sunday Burnley conducted anniversary services. The chapel was beautifully decorated. Morning services, best attended in the church's history. Bro. Coward, from Brisbane, gave an address that will long be remembered. In the afternoon Bro. Reg. Clark spoke on "The Greatest Story in the World." The children rendered musical items. Bro. Coward acted as chairman. In the evening Bro. Stephenson spoke on "A little child shall lead them." The scholars and the teachers rendered musical items. Three scholars made the good confession.

At South Yarra since last report there have been one confession and one restoration, and two additions by letter. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Bro. Coward, of Roma, Q.; E. Lewis, Colac; A. H. Eaton, Auckland, N.Z.; and Gordon Lewis, Norwood, S.A. Delightful and helpful messages received from Bro. Ferd. Pittman, A. L. Gibson, F. Stubbings, E. Allan, and R. Payne, Bro. Payne preaching at night. Senior and Junior Cricket Clubs are active. Ladies' Guild is doing a very fine work. The J.C.E. had an egg day last Sunday, and the Alfred Hospital has the benefit of the effort. Bro. Payne will probably close his ministry with the church at the end of January.

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NOVEMBER 26 & 29.—St. Kilda Bible School Anniversary. Speakers, 11 a.m., Bro. J. E. Webb; 3 p.m., Bro. W. B. Blakemore; 7 p.m., Bro. T. R. Morris. Special singing by the scholars; conductor, Bro. Carl Hall. Wednesday, 29th, Annual Demonstration and Distribution of Prizes. Admission, 6d.

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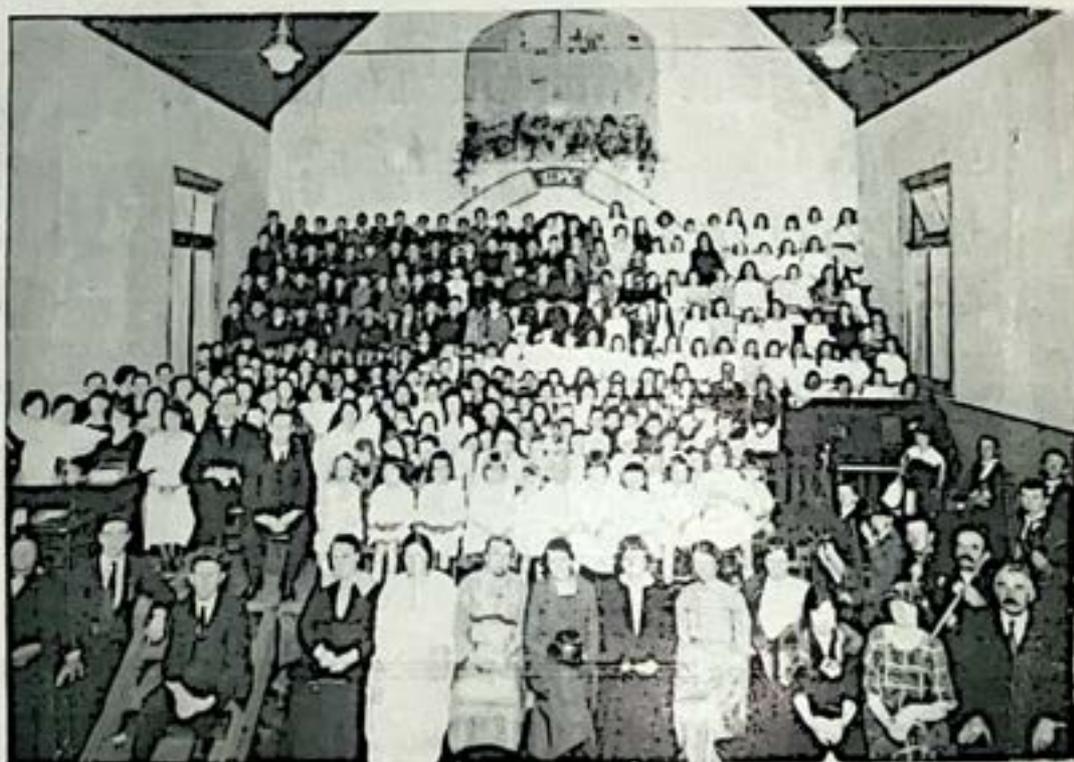
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