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From Friends of Other Days.

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FRED'K D. POWER.

Vermont Ave. Christian Church,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.,
Jan. 13th, 1903.

THROUGH B. L. Smith, Cor. Sec. of A.C.M. Society, and C. L. Thurgood, I learn it was the desire of our Australian churches to have a representative from the churches of Christ in the United States visit them at the time of their Easter Semi-Centennial. My name was mentioned in connection with this matter, and the correspondence sent me by Bro. Smith. Let me say I most heartily appreciate Bro. Thurgood's suggestion to our Board, and would feel greatly honored and pleased if it were possible for me to act in that capacity. I have long desired to see our churches in your country, and had the cherished thought of locating with you in my early ministry. Nothing to-day would give me greater satisfaction. Circumstances, however, would prevent my coming to your celebrations this year. May they be full of blessing to you, and greatly promote the cause we mutually love. The churches in America are profoundly in sympathy with our dear brethren in your far-away land, and are happy in your prosperity. Your young men have come to us, and some of our fellow-laborers have served you, and the ties that bind us together are of heaven and eternal interests. You have given us an example of faithfulness and devotion, of Scripturalness and loyalty, that we hold in high honor, and we trust that you may steadfastly walk in the same good way to the end. 2 Thess. 13: 17.

We salute you in the Lord. With assurances of my own personal good wishes and prayers for your peace.
Cordially and gratefully yours,

Fred'k D. Power

HENRY S. EARL.

5687 University Avenue,
Indianapolis, Ind., U.S. America,
Feb. 26th, 1903.

To the brethren assembled at the
Jubilee Conference, Melbourne, Aus.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST,—
“Grace be unto you, and peace from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.” It would have afforded me unspeakable pleasure to be with you in your Conference, but circumstances prevent; but although we are separated in body by thousands of miles, yet I am with you in spirit, and rejoice with you in the celebration of your Jubilee. God grant that I may have the pleasure of visiting my dear friends and brethren in Australia before I depart to be with Christ. Many of the grand old pioneers of the cause we love have entered into rest, and but few remain with you to share your joys and triumphs. To these few I send my special greeting and Christian love. Not a few of the sons and daughters of these noble sires are with you, some of whom I have led to Christ, and others that I have taken in my arms and dandled on my knee

in the long years gone by. Many of you I have not seen in the flesh, but you all have a warm place in my affections for Christ's sake. May our God's richest blessing rest upon you all! My mind wanders back in the “day of small things,” when 300 was the estimated total of “Disciples of Christ” in Victoria. But even those days were days of hope and joy. Well do I remember the affectionate greeting I received on my arrival in Melbourne, July 25th, 1864—the “Welcome Tea Meeting” at the Old Temperance Hall; the hearty and loving cooperation of the brethren; the glorious gatherings in the little Carlton chapel to baptise those who had “gladly received the word,” and the signal and abundant blessing of God that crowned our humble and faithful labors for Christ! All these, and many more facts of the past, are full of hallowed memories, and will never, never be forgotten! But I am wandering from my purpose in addressing you. Your Conference necessarily connects the past fifty years with the present, and as a star of hope it makes the future bright with promise. It bids you look back over the past with its longings and aspirations, its hopes and its fears. It tells you of the trials endured, the labors accomplished and the victories gained. Like Israel of old the Lord has given you a goodly heritage, but “there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed” (Josh. 13: 1). “Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book” (Josh. 23: 6)—not the book of Moses, but the *Book of Christ*, our Leader. Fidelity to God and his word, and to Christ and his gospel, is absolutely essential to increased victories.

Every real success has been gained by such agency, but *not by this alone*. The grand work in which we are engaged is not only a "work of faith," but also a "labor of love," love for Christ and love for our fellow-men. "The love of Christ constraineth us," exclaimed the Christ-like Paul in the midst of his arduous and perilous labors and trials. Love is the great motive power that should direct and control all our energies and labors for Christ.

Our plea is grand and sublime—grand in its conception and sublime in its simplicity. In its broad scope it embraces all the children of God in every land and every clime, and would unite them all into one harmonious whole, by the exaltation of Christ to his royal seat of authority as King of kings and Lord of lords—as sole Saviour, and head of his body, the church. Thus bringing those who before were antagonistic to each other in their aims and efforts, by the theories and speculations and commandments of men, into the happy bond of Christian union; guided by divine wisdom, and animated by the spirit of the Lord Jesus, then, yea then would angels rejoice, and our Saviour be glad, in seeing the fulfilment of his heart's desire, and his earnest prayer that "they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17: 21). Our plea removes mountains of obstacles and seas of difficulties from the pathway of anxious souls, who long to know the way of salvation, by pointing them to Christ, as the complete embodiment and exponent of Christianity, and as the only authority recognised by heaven to propound to sinful man the terms of salvation! A plea so lofty and so grand invites, yea, demands the best and noblest talent of the church fully sanctified, qualified and equipped for its service. With this end in view the churches of Christ here have established "Colleges of the Bible," and they have done noble service for Christ and his cause, and I trust, dear brethren, that you may be stimulated, by their good example and results, to lose no time to put your "College of the Bible" upon a permanent and effective basis. In 1869, while in Australia, I was deeply impressed with its importance and necessity for the advancement of the churches of Christ in Australia, and early in 1870, on the occasion of a visit to this country, I enlisted the co-operation of our brethren in Ky., Ills., Ind., and California, and, with the aid of a few brethren in Australia, succeeded in securing a nucleus for this great enterprise. I have looked with longing eyes and throbbing heart to see it increased, and I hope that the combined wisdom and the sanctified commonsense of the Conference will take immediate steps to secure its permanent success. Let the endowment of your College of the Bible be the supreme object before you in your Conference, and in your prayers; never weary, nor be satisfied, till that desirable object is attained, and future generations "shall call you blessed," and the smile of God's approval will rest upon you as a sweet and enduring benediction! And now, dear brethren, "I pray that your love may abound yet more and more, in knowledge, and in all judgment; that you may approve things that are excellent; that you may be sin-

cere and without offense till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the praise and glory of God." Phil. 1: 9-11.

Yours in Christ,

Henry S. Earl

J. F. FLOYD.

412 South East, Eleventh-street,
Washington, Indiana,
U.S. America,
February 26th, 1903.

To the churches of Christ in Victoria,
Australia, Greeting.

DEAR BRETHREN,—It affords me great pleasure to be able to comply with your kind request to furnish you a few lines on the occasion of your Jubilee celebration. I wish to heartily congratulate you on your great success. The plea for the restoration of apostolic Christianity has found in Australia a very fruitful soil in which to grow, and you are becoming a great power for usefulness in the religious world. As I spent three of the most happy years of my ministry in Australia, I will always watch your progress with keen interest and best wishes.

Yours in the one hope,

J. F. Floyd

S. HALSTAFF COLES.

22 Ossington Villas,
Nottingham, England,
Feb. 24th, 1903.

To the Jubilee Conference of Churches
of Christ, Victoria, Australia, to be
held in Melbourne, April, 1903,

BELOVED BRETHREN,—It gave me much joy to hear of your proposed Jubilee Celebration to be held in Melbourne.

Great would be the pleasure it would afford me to be present on such an auspicious and historical occasion, but as that cannot well be, I desire in this way to greet you most heartily across the wide ocean, and to wish you all health and peace. May the Spirit of the living God be with you, and may your assemblies be permeated by his reviving and comforting power! May you not only rejoice and be glad, but may the time be one of refreshing from the presence of the Lord!

'Tis more than thirty years since I left your shores, but I have never ceased to take a deep interest in the Australian churches, and my heart beats true and warm towards you.

I noticed with pleasure on the heading of your letter, and let me thank you very much for your kindness in sending it to me, some old familiar names, which remind me vividly of the distant past. Well do I remember the day of small things when the brotherhood in the Colony was but a handful. Now

you number many thousands, and may you still go on increasing, and may the Lord make you an hundredfold as many as you are, and with the increase may there be a manifest growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose precious blood implicitly trusting, and in whose steps faithfully walking, may you at length, with all the loved ones who have gone before, gather in the mansions of glory.

Accept, beloved brethren, the assurance of my unabated love and esteem.

Very faithfully yours,

S. Halstaff Coles

ARTHUR M. GROWDEN.

Findlay, Ohio,
Feb. 16th, 1903.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Greeting to our associated churches of Christ. In your meditations go back to Jerusalem and then forward to the uttermost parts of the earth. In Shanghai, China, I recently met Miss Tonkin, your representative, and I thank God for your noble workers at home and abroad.

Most sincerely,

Arthur M. Growden

J. J. HALEY.

Cynthiana, Kentucky,
March 6th, 1903.

DEAR BRETHREN,—I can not refrain from throwing you a line of congratulation across the sea on the occasion of the celebration of the Jubilee of the Victorian churches. The uppermost thought in my mind as I write is the desire to be with you to note your growth and progress since I left you so many years ago. I recall with great pleasure and satisfaction the work that some of us tried to do in the days of the past in reorganising the Conference and unifying the churches of the colony. A foundation was laid then, which I understand has been built upon with much efficiency and success. I suppose a man like myself, who labored with you twenty and twenty-five years ago, would hardly know you at the present time. I rejoice, dear brethren, in the development of the work in your hands, and hope that you may prosper increasingly in the work of the Lord in the days to come. The cause of New Testament Christianity is advancing by leaps and bounds in the United States, in numbers, in the erection of elegant and beautiful houses of worship, in missionary enthusiasm and liberality, and in the higher grade of spiritual life among the churches. We have not reached our ideal by any means, but we are reaching forward toward the apprehension of that for which we have been apprehended by Christ Jesus. We are glad to recognise our Australian brethren as faithful and efficient allies in this great

work, and to rejoice in the fact that we have been able in our relations to each other to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.

Believe me, as ever,
Most sincerely and truly yours,

J. J. Haley.

J. C. DICKSON.

Grey Street,
Tyler, Texas, U.S.A.
Feb. 13th, '03.

DEAR BRETHREN,—From far - off America we wish to join you in congratulations on this your Jubilee in Victoria. For 32 years of that period, first as a Sunday School scholar, it has been my pleasure to notice the growth of our work in the Colonies. Twenty-five years ago I was baptised in Lygon Street chapel, since which time I have followed with joy the forward movement and growth of numbers in the blessed cause. May the success of the past half-century be but a prophecy of the next 50 years, and that the cause may grow in the United States of Australia as it has in these the United States of America.

May it be the dawning of very great things in the Master's cause, is the wish and prayer of

J. C. Dickson

G. L. SURBER.

Payette, Idaho,
March 9th, 1903.

To the brethren assembled in their Jubilee, Melbourne, Australia.

DEAR BRETHREN,—It is no small pleasure to me to send you these greetings on this occasion

When I set sail from Melbourne in August, 1872, for America, it was with the purpose of returning, in a few years, to take up the work of our blessed Lord in Australia, where my heart was so deeply in the Master's work. I was hindered from returning to that country, and how strange it seems that all these years have flown, nearly a quarter of a century, and you have assembled to celebrate your Jubilee. How I wish I were present to grasp the hand of all I once knew there, that is, of those now living! Hush! while memory calls the roll and counts those who now have gone on to the eternal shores! Hope whispers, "None of them are lost," but happy "over there" with the Saviour. Yes, I would also love to greet every one, young and old, who is toiling for the Master. Many of you may have been in the Sunday School in days of that long past, but now are to the front in the great work of soul-saving. My thoughts are casting around the world, and I

greet you again and again. May kind heaven bless you all. May this Jubilee be the beginning of the greatest planning and working of any religious people in and for the Southern Hemisphere.

Allow me then, dear brethren, to make a few suggestions for your pondering—for my interest in you and the cause of our Lord in Australia has not abated one whit. Therefore, hear a few suggestions from me.

First.—These past fifty years should not only enable you to note the efforts and successes of the past, but you should also ponder well any and all failures and mistakes, and thus be ready for a better, a bolder and grander work than ever.

Amongst the difficulties in the past, I think you all see one thing clearly. That is, that it is imperative for you to have a school there in which your Australian boys may be trained for the work of evangelising your country. You have sent many of your boys to America to our schools, and we are always ready to welcome them. While some of these have returned to you, but not so many as you wished and needed, they doubtless all would be now with you had they been trained there instead of in this country. Those who have remained here in America have demonstrated to us what you have lost and we have gained. We can utilise all the boys you can send us, and will appreciate them too, but you are specially planning to evangelise your own land first and then to the uttermost parts of the earth. Hence you see the necessity of using all the tact and talent you can command. Therefore, let me urge you to plan well and wisely for training the forces for your home fields there in Australia. Then *only can you reap the greatest results.*

Secondly.—The second great need of the cause there, and not only there, but everywhere, is the necessity of getting each and every member as he or she enters the church to see and to feel the greatness of being a Christian—what it means!—what are its duties and obligations. Could each member embrace these great things in their fulness what a mighty move for the Master would result for his glory and for the uplifting of our race! Let me repeat it, let me say it again and again, that each child of God on earth should, at once, and for the remainder of life here on earth, bring all his or her powers to bear to save souls now in sin as well as to aid in helping those who have enlisted in the cause of the Master. Many a soul that is now making little or no progress in the divine life, if fully enlisted in soul-saving, would at once become not only interested in local church work but reach out after things and souls "beyond."

Let the teachers ponder this second item I am mentioning, and in all their efforts to teach privately and publicly strive to bring all to this unity of action in earnestness of soul-saving. May the Lord help us all to be wise and consecrated fully to this great work.

Remember:—If our entire membership could thus be enlisted, whether in this country, or there with you, a thousand and one questions now troubling not a few would vanish for ever. Those now troubled about scientific criticism, higher criticism, etc., etc.,

would "face about" and joyfully enlist in soul-saving.

Missions, dear brethren, missions are the burden each soul should feel, and feel so deeply that no time or talent is left for other things. Who now living FEELS the fulness of that *Go into all the world and preach to every creature*—given by the Master just before he left the earth? Who, I repeat it, feels the forcefulness of this command? Therefore, let us strive to reach the measure of our full duty to him and to lost souls.

But I must pause here. I cannot impose upon you to note the many things for your pondering I have in my mind and heart. Farewell, dear brethren! May God lead you and bless you in your great work, in your plans and efforts for his glory, and at last, when he calls you and me from our work here and there, may we all be ready for the summons. And again, farewell.

Yours Christianly,

G. L. Surber

J. W. WEBB.

Fresno, California, U.S.A.
March 9th, 1903.

BRETHREN BELOVED IN THE LORD,—How much it would rejoice me to be with you in your great gathering you may imagine, but I cannot fully say.

Looking back on the years I spent among some of you and the churches of Christ in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales, before I left for America in 1868, and the way I have been led in this country, I feel like saying—

"Here I'll raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I've come,
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home."

The dear wife that I found in the Prabran church, forty years and more ago, is still with me. We are both in fair health; each over sixty years old. The two little girls we started to this land with are both members of the church, and it was my deep pleasure to immerse the thirteen-year old son of the younger, on a profession of his faith in Jesus Christ, not long since. I preached on the ship as we came over, and I have done so continuously till now. In my country home district I have organised a church of about forty members, "upon Jesus Christ as the chief corner stone," and with no creed but the Word of God. The Lord is blessing my labors.

As in Australia, I labor largely in the beneficent work of temperance and prohibition, fighting the drinking customs and the drink traffic as among the mightiest foes of the church and humanity at large.

I still cherish the hope of re-visiting the land where I was converted to Christ, and where I was permitted first to labor in the gospel. To one and all of you, and to any who would but cannot assemble with you on the grand occasion, I send my heartiest congratulations, in which my wife joins, and we pray the heavenly Father to make this

but one of many milestones along the prosperous path of progress in the attempt to restore primitive Christianity and to unite the children of God, with but one name, in one body—with "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism."

Your loving brother and
humble fellow-worker,

J. W. Webb,

A. McLEAN.

Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.,
Feb. 24th, 1903.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Permit me to extend my most cordial greetings to the churches in Australia. I rejoice with you in your Jubilee celebration. I praise God for your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope. For fifty years you have stood as witnesses for truth and righteousness. You have given out no uncertain sound. You have sought to preach Christ; admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that you might present every man perfect in Christ. Because of your existence, souls have been called out of darkness into the marvellous and glorious light of the gospel. Not only so, but the famished have been fed with the Bread of Life; the weak have been strengthened; the wandering have been brought back to the Bishop and Shepherd of their souls; the afflicted and sorrowing have been comforted; the dying have been cheered and charmed with bright visions of immortality. In that time many have passed on to their reward. They now walk with Christ, for they are worthy of that honor.

In addition to what you have done at home, you have sent out missionaries into the regions beyond and have sustained them. Your representatives are in India and Japan and China, as well as among the Kanakas and among the aborigines of Australia. You have received strangers from Europe and America as brethren in the Lord. You have comforted their hearts and sent them on their way rejoicing. For myself, I shall carry many sunny memories of my visit to Australia with me through life and into the better life beyond, if I shall be so fortunate as to be the Lord's when he comes to make up his jewels.

"And now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen."

With great respect and best wishes,
I remain,
Yours most fraternally,

A. McLean,

CECIL J. ARMSTRONG.

Winchester, Ky., U.S.A.,
Jan. 26, 1903.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—From a distant land I send my congratulations to the Australian church of Christ upon the occasion of her Jubilee. Who can write the history of the Australian church during these eventful years? They have been filled with earnest effort, noble sacrifice, and devoted service. Much of the success that has attended your efforts can be attributed to the strong faith and true lives of men and women to whom the cause of Christ was dearer than life.

Personally, I thank God for the Australian church, and for the dear old congregation at Lygon-st. in particular. It was there that I was influenced to confess Jesus. It was there that I determined to devote my life to the ministry.

Let true thanksgiving arise to God on the glad Jubilee. With a broad sympathy, a tender love, a passion for soul-winning, continue to proclaim the grand old gospel. Let the Jubilee be a trumpet blast that shall call each one to a greater heroism and a nobler sacrifice. Thus shall the gospel be commended to all men; thus shall immortal souls be won to Christ; thus shall the church make true and permanent progress.

"Be ye also enlarged" is a good motto for the occasion. Face the future with faith and courage. God has always blessed those in whom are these virtues. Remember, "we are called, we are chosen, not to die and be saved, but to live and save others."

"Never a word is said,
But it trembles in the air,
And the truant voice has sped,
To vibrate everywhere;
And perhaps, far off in eternal years,
The echo may ring upon the ears

"Never are kind acts done
To wipe the weeping eyes,
But, like the flashes of the sun,
They signal to the skies;
And up above the angels read
How we have helped the sorer need.

"Never a day is given,
But it tones the after years,
And it carries up to heaven
Its sunshine or its tears;
While the to-morrows stand and wait—
The silent mutes by the outer gate.

"There is no end to the sky,
And the stars are everywhere,
And time is eternity,
And the here is over there;
For the common deeds of the common day
Are ringing bells in the far away."

Yours for a glad Jubilee,

Cecil J. Armstrong

PERCIVAL A. DAVEY.

Tokio, Japan,
Jan. 24th, 1903.

DEAR BRETHREN,—To the brethren assembled in the Jubilee Conference and the faithful in Christ Jesus, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Your

missionary in the Land of the Rising Sun desires to lift his voice with yours as you ring in the year of Jubilee. O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvellous things. His right hand and his holy arm has gotten us the victory. During the past fifty years the Lord Jesus Christ has used the Australian churches of Christ to bless the world. In various parts of the earth here are trees of righteousness, of the Lord's planting, sturdy, of vigorous growth, fruitful, who though away from their native soil are yet strong in the Lord, largely because of the excellent spiritual training they received in the land of the Sunny South.

If the 11,000 persons baptised in the period could gather in the Convention, what wonderful experiences could be related of how Christ has saved this one from an awful evil habit, how he guarded this life from sin and inspired that one to nobler living. Could they but tell what wonderful things God had done for them, the whole Jubilee Convention would rise and say with one glad mighty voice—"Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and glory, and blessing. And unto him that sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb be the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion for ever and ever." But the past is gone and is of value now chiefly as experience. A new era has dawned. Originally, the people rejoiced on the day of Jubilee, not on account of the past, but because a day of better things had begun. Jubilee means the blast of a trumpet. It means to the Australian churches that the Christianity of Christ shall be preached and practically demonstrated with more power than ever before. Jubilee is music, but not the music of self-congratulation. It is the music of the march. The march has now begun in earnest.

"Over land and sea, wherever man may dwell,
Make the glorious tidings known:

Marching on, on, on, Marching on, on, on,
For Christ count everything but loss:
Aud to crown him King, we'll TOIL and sing
'Neath the banner of the Cross.

Yours in Christian love,

Percival A. Davey

G. M. ANDERSON.

601 W. 11th-st.,
Indianapolis, Ind.,
March 9th, 1903.

Jubilee Conference,
Churches of Christ,
Melbourne, Australia.

DEAR sunny South Land! There was I born; there became a Christian; there preached my first stumbling sermons. At this very meeting, perhaps, may be found my dear father and mother, who dedicated me from infancy to the ministry of the gospel. For full fifteen years, from my little corner here, have I been watching you, listening to your discussions, noting your growth in

grace, feeling your warm heart-beat, and loving you sincerely. In all your work let love rule; love is the greatest gift in the church; before it, knowledge, oratory, miracles, money, all must take second place. God bless and guide you to his glory.

G. M. Anderson

B. W. HUNTSMAN.

Adrian, Michigan, U.S.A.,
Feb. 16, 1903.

To the associated churches of Christ,
Victoria, Australia, meeting in Jubilee
Conference. Greeting.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—It is with great pleasure that I send my hearty congratulations to the brethren of my native land on this happy Jubilee occasion. I rejoice that you are able to celebrate such an event in the history of our glorious movement. My only regret is that I cannot be with you and enjoy these inspiring services. I pray that this Jubilee gathering may mean a great step forward in the work of bringing to the people of the Australian Commonwealth the Christianity of Christ and his apostles, and that it may hasten the time when all who love the name of Christ may be banded together for the redemption of the world, and when all men shall acknowledge Jesus as Christ and Lord. May the Spirit of God preside over your gatherings and fill the hearts of all present with a deeper love and enthusiasm for the exaltation of Jesus Christ in the hearts and lives of men everywhere, is my earnest prayer.

Yours in the Faith, Hope and Love
of the Gospel,

B. W. Huntsman

HENRY and ISABEL GOODACRE.

Flora, Indiana,
Feb. 23, 1903.

Jubilee Conference of churches of Christ,
Melbourne, Australia.

BELoved BRETHREN,—We were glad to receive your note of Nov. 24, 1902, which was forwarded to us here. Many are the sweet memories of happy days spent in sunny Australia, and of the faithful zeal and earnest love of the brethren.

While with the increasing years there seems a lessening hope that our desire to return might be fulfilled, there is the ever-brightening prospect of meeting on the other side, where we shall be able to talk of all his wondrous love.

With such a delightful climate, and all it means in nation building, with such a free and noble people, there are untold possibilities for the U.S. of Australia if but the main impulse of regenerating power be abundantly present. That impulse is the pure, simple gospel of the Son of God. Its proclamation is in your hands. You have done

well. Continue to walk by the same rule. Condescend to men of low estate.

We greet you in the name of our God, and rejoice with you in your spiritual prosperity.

The years have flown, and others come,
Why doth he let us live?
How few will prove the fulness of these years,
A life "in Christ"!
How many die! Some in their sins;
Others will live. Yet "harder set in ways of sin"
Will be their record.

How much to do! To rouse men to a sense of guilt:
And pluck, as brands already burning, from the flames.

How much to do! To keep our own souls pure,
When Satan o'er us broods, to tempt
In thousand ways of little sins,

Thus entrance find for larger crime.
Awake ye now, children of God
And on your watch-tower stand
Like soldiers

With helmet, shield and shoes in place,
And sword girt on,
These years to fight for King Immanuel.

Sincerely as ever,

Henry and Isabel Goodacre

M. GUNN.

Mt. Vernon, O., U.S. America,
Jan. 9th, 1903.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN VICTORIA,—Though absent in body, yet present with you in spirit, I rejoice with you in your Jubilee celebrations emphasising the fiftieth year of your spiritual life. My heart's desire and prayer to God is that you may always abound in the work of the Lord; that you may not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of your mind; that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. "Now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

Yours in the Master's service,

M. Gunn

W. S. HOUCHINS.

Cheneyville, Louisiana,
March 7th, 1903.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—Your kind favor officially informing me of the Jubilee Celebrations to be held this year in connection with the Victorian Conference was duly received. I gladly avail myself of the opportunity thus afforded of sending Christian greetings to the brotherhood of Victoria. I should greatly rejoice to be with you to enjoy once more the sweet fellowship of my Australian brethren. But it would be a time of sadness as well as rejoicing, for I should greatly miss

some who have been called to their reward, especially the deeply lamented Bro. Davies, whose familiar form and genial face, and hearty, brotherly clasp and hopeful words are vivid and cherished memories with me still. I have watched, and shall watch with absorbing interest the progress of the cause of primitive Christianity in Australasia.

I congratulate you on the great success that has attended your recent evangelistic efforts in Victoria and other States of the Commonwealth, and rejoice with you in the grand results.

With Christian love and greetings, and with prayers for still larger measures of success in your work of bringing those out of the way to a knowledge and acknowledgment of the truth as it is in Jesus, in all of which Mrs. Houchins heartily joins.

I am,
Dear brethren,
Yours in the grand work,

W. S. Houchins

HUGH McLELLAN.

Richmond, Kentucky,
Feb. 5th, 1903.

To the church of Christ in Victoria, in
Jubilee Conference assembled, Greeting.

As a "Melbourne boy" I want to send across the water a message of congratulation and encouragement and love for brethren and friends in my home-land.

I congratulate you not only on your Jubilee but also on your having just cause for jubilation. The work in the State of Victoria is on a firm basis. The foundations were well laid in the beginning and have stood the test of time. There have been built up on that foundation hundreds of congregations, each one a missionary centre and an evangelising power. The past is a record of good work.

I send encouragement for your present zeal in evangelisation. You have the best message that Australia ever heard. Let your aggression be worthy of your plea. Push the tent meeting and the protracted meeting and you will reap bountifully. Plan great things, sacrifice for great things, and the Lord will pour into your bosoms such a blessing that you will not be able to contain it.

I send, finally, my love to all the friends that "I have loved long since and lost awhile." Sweeter than the fragrance of the yellow wattle blossom are the memories of Melbourne. The old days and the old faces come back again, though

"Seas between us broad ha'e roared
Since Auld Lang Syne."

May the Lord bless us every one until we meet again.

Faithfully yours,

Hugh McLellan

THOS. H. BATES.

Wyresdale Road, Lancaster, England,
Feb. 20th, 1903.To the Associated churches of Christ in
Victoria, Australia.

BRETHREN IN CHRIST,—With very great pleasure I respond to the request of your Jubilee celebration secretaries to write you a few lines of greeting in congratulation on your attaining the fiftieth year of existence in Victoria. I well remember the day of small things, when disciples were few and the churches far between, for it is just fifty years ago since my father and his family landed in Adelaide, where six years afterward I united with the church in Grote-st. Who then could have dared to hope that within so short a time it would become a comparatively easy thing for a thousand disciples, all resident in Melbourne, to meet together at any hour mutually agreed upon? Yet such you know is now the case.

I most heartily congratulate you on your growth, in numbers, in power, and in usefulness, and although I can hardly hope to labor again amongst you, the memory of bright days of Christian experience amongst the brethren of the churches at Collingwood, Dunedin, Christchurch, Doncaster, Hindmarsh and Perth, besides many other places, will ever be to me a source of joy and comfort.

To all that shall assemble on this auspicious occasion of your Jubilee, and especially to those who knew me and assisted me to plant the church in Western Australia, I send my heartiest greeting and warmest Christian love. I hope to learn that the "forward movement" you are contemplating may prove very successful, and that when your *Centenary* comes round not only one but *ten* thousand disciples may be able to meet together in the great city of Melbourne.

May God, our Father, continue to bless you. May he cause his face to shine upon you, and give you peace. With the united love of all my family,

I am,
Yours in the faith of the Lord,

Thos. H. Bates

M. W. GREEN.

Dunedin, N.Z.,
March 14th, 1903.

The brotherhood in Victoria.

BELOVED BRETHREN,—Your letter, through Brethren McLellan and Thurgood, asking me to write to the Victorian Conference during its sessions in this Jubilee year, and say an encouraging word, came duly, and I gladly respond to your request.

The ideas associated with a Jubilee are necessarily pleasant. It was the time when all burdens among God's ancient people were removed, and they became free from

servitude, and were enabled to return to their homes, their landed possessions became again their own, and a new era of prosperity dawned upon them.

In our case as a people, it is a Jubilee record of work, of thankfulness at what God has wrought through our instrumentality, of hardships and toil in many cases, of misconstruction and misrepresentation of our plea and purpose in some cases, but on the whole, of preserving and ultimately triumphant effort, upon the present culmination of which we can now look with pleasure and Christian pride.

I do trust, dear brethren, you may have a happy and truly grand Conference, that the labors of this year may be a fitting sequel to such a Jubilee of successful work, and that God may so bless the brotherhood that should Christ not come again before the period ends, the next fifty years may see us mighty in numbers, but above all in spirituality.

May God keep and bless you all to his own glorious appearing, is my prayer for you all.

M. W. Green

W. T. and M. CLAPHAM.

Box 87, Wanganui, N.Z.,
March 25, 1903.

To the Jubilee Conference, Victoria.

Dear Bro. President and Brethren in
Conference assembled.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—Although so many miles of water is between us, our memories float back, reminding us of the many happy years of fellowship and united effort in the Master's work in which it was our pleasure to assist in. Although distance prevents our active and personal efforts with you, nevertheless we rejoice with you in the success of the work, of which we read from time to time.

When I think of the time when we met in the back room of Bro. Smith's printing office, Fitzroy, as a Missionary Committee, and also of the Conference at which from 50 to 60 were present, and then of the Conference now, I feel that we can heartily say, "Let us thank God and take courage."

May I be permitted to say that after nearly 17 years as a member of the Home Missionary Committee, and for two years occupying the Presidential chair, I look back upon them as the pleasantest years of my life, and their associations will be ever dear to me.

I should like much to have been with you in your Jubilee Celebrations, but circumstances do not permit of that, but both Sister Clapham and I convey to you our heartiest congratulations and best wishes, with earnest prayers that coming years may prove even more successful than the past.

I cannot conclude without saying I feel sure that much of the success of the Conference is due to the energetic efforts and self-denying zeal and devotion of our esteemed

Bro. McLellan, who has proved himself an able organiser and devoted worker.

May the great Master bless you in all your arrangements for this Conference, and may the Holy Spirit guide you in all your deliberations, and may love to Christ and each other intensify your devotion to the great and glorious work in which you are engaged.

In the bonds of Christian love,
We are yours in the One Hope,

W. T. and M. Clapham

CHARLES WATT.

Auckland, N.Z.

To the brethren and sisters in Christ,
assembled in Jubilee Conference.

WARMEST Christian greetings and hearty congratulations. Many and great have been your victories for the Master; more and greater victories are, by his rich blessing, yet in store for you. In the name of the all-conquering Saviour lift high the sacred banner of the cross, for "there is much land yet to be possessed." Let the paradox of missions be your motto: "While Christ alone can save the world, Christ cannot save the world alone"; and then shall the successes already achieved prove but the droppings before the shower of heavenly blessing. May you all, with ever-increasing energy, zeal and devotion, "go forward," and may your united efforts, inspired and sustained by the perfect assurance of divine favor, eventuate, in the glorious coming time, in a mighty upbuilding and strengthening of the churches, and a great harvest of souls for the everlasting garner of our Lord.

Your fellow-worker for Christ,

Charles Watt

The Querist.

Avoid foolish questions . . . for they are unprofitable and vain.—Titus 3: 9.

G.B.M.

QUERY.—In Acts 1: 15 we read of 120 disciples, whereas in 1 Cor. 15: 6 we read of 500. How is this discrepancy to be reconciled?

REPLY.—There is no discrepancy. The passage in Acts 1 refers to the number of disciples in *Jerusalem* present on a certain occasion, and does not state or imply that these were the whole of the disciples. As a fact, Galilee was the sphere of Christ's principal labors, and there the most of his disciples were made, and it was probably there he met the 500 brethren at once.

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The Leader.

Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old
 paths.—Jeremiah 6 : 16.

Criticism—Secular and Sacred.

It may not be generally known that there
 are still some people in existence who are
 very much concerned about the authorship
 of Shakespeare's plays. The number of
 people thus concerned may not be very large,
 but it is large enough to be represented by a
 magazine devoted to the interests of this
 special fad. In their view, Shakespeare did
 not write Shakespeare. Having reached
 this conclusion, the onus of finding the gen-
 uine author seems to have been assumed by
 them, with the result that they have fixed
 upon Lord Bacon as the individual entitled
 to bear the honor of being the author of the
 finest piece of secular literature in the Eng-
 lish language. We were under the impres-
 sion till quite recently that this particular

cult had perished some time ago for lack of
 sufficient nutriment to keep it alive, but in
 thus thinking it appears we were mistaken.
 It has undergone a resurrection. The new
 life has found expression in a new magazine
 called *Baconiana*, the second number of which
 has fallen under the lash of Marie Corelli,
 the well-known authoress. It appears that,
 having been asked to subscribe to this new
 magazine, she replied in the following terms :
 "I would as soon subscribe to a magazine
 written by lunatics, and published at Colney
 Hatch, as your *Baconiana*, which is produced
 evidently merely to gratify the intermeddling
 pedantry of small meddling scribblers, who,
 in their utter inability to do anything notable
 themselves, take up the scandalous business
 of robbing the world's greatest genius of his
 name and reputation. The people of this
 town — Stratford-on-Avon — have sufficient
 records of the living and grand personality of
 Shakespeare (apart from the written testi-
 mony of his friends and compeers) to enable
 them to smile at the ridiculous attempts
 made by the ignorant and envious to dis-
 prove his fame."

This controversy has no interest for us
 except in so far as it serves to illustrate the
 fact that there are "higher critics" in secular
 as well as in sacred literature, and that the
 follies of the one are repeated by the other.
 It is just as easy to prove that Shakespeare
 was not the author of the plays bearing his
 name as it is to prove that Moses was not
 the author of the Pentateuch. The methods
 adopted are precisely the same and the con-
 clusions reached are of about the same value.
 And when it is remembered that an author
 who flourished so recently as the times of
 Queen Elizabeth and lived in our own
 country and spoke our own tongue can thus
 be repudiated by what is called critical
 analysis, it should not be difficult for experts
 in these things to do anything they pleased
 with the authorship of a document dating
 back more than three thousand years. We
 remember very well how successful the
 critic was with that ancient poet, the great
 Homer. For a time, critics of the *Baconiana*
 class seemed to have it all their own way.
 They proved conclusively that Homer did not
 write "Homer," and that the Troy—the city
 that the alleged Homer wrote about—never ex-
 isted. Poor old Homer seemed to have no
 friends in the world, and the critics prepared to
 bury him beyond the possibility of resurrection.
 It was the crying out of the stones from the
 recently discovered ruins of the ancient
 Troy that stopped the critics for daring to lay
 and rebuked the critics for daring to lay
 ruthless hands upon the memory and fame
 of a great poet. Unfortunately, there are no
 ruins to dig up for Shakespeare, but if there

were it is quite possible that the critics
 would ignore them, as their reputation, in
 their view, is of more consequence than that
 of the great men of the past. It may seem
 strange to many that such things are
 possible, and that it ought to be very diffi-
 cult to rob the dead of their reputation. It
 is, however, very possible, and the task is
 very easy. How it is done is very cleverly
 shown in a recent number of the *Expositor*.
 The article is called "A Modern Seance."
 A mighty medium is conjured up and made
 to take a glance into the future. It will
 please our N.S.W. friends to learn that their
 great city is made the place where the future
 is made known. The medium says:—"We
 are in Sydney; it is a vast city, a city of
 palaces and parks; it is the new and beauti-
 ful metropolis of the world; and this is the
 year of the Lord Four Thousand." Here
 we are introduced to a "vast and stately
 building over which a golden dome is gleam-
 ing; it is the greatest university in the
 world," and we are called up to listen to a
 lecture from a "higher critic" of the year
 4,000.

The supposed lecturer begins as follows :
 "Gentlemen, we resume our study of the
 ancient and extraordinary legends of the
 British Islands. I cited last week the sig-
 nificant fact that, not so long at all after the
 death of Napoleon—that centre of myths—
 his very existence was questioned by an
 acute and distinguished writer named
 Whateley, who is said to have been an
 archbishop, but is also described as a suc-
 cessful writer upon logic, two assertions
 apparently irreconcilable. . . . But first I
 must devote the bulk of this lecture to an
 indispensable preliminary task, the task of
 showing you that the literature said to be of
 the Victorian Age belongs in reality to various
 periods, and was spread over a very consid-
 erable space of time; and further, that it has
 been more or less seriously tampered with."
 The first work of the Victorian Era chosen
 for criticism is Macaulay's History of Eng-
 land, which the lecturer proves, on the lines
 adopted by the higher criticism, was not
 written altogether by Macaulay, but by a
 variety of persons. "Chapter," the lecturer is
 made to say, "differs utterly from chapter in
 the subject matter, the authorities drawn
 upon, the heroes magnified, and in that
 which concerns us most of all, the vocabu-
 lary. Dozens and scores of words occur
 dozens and scores of times in one set of
 chapters, and not once in the other set."
 And so on. It is proved eventually that two
 Macaulays had a hand in the production,
 but with them are curiously entangled frag-
 ments of other writers. Next, Wordsworth
 is taken in hand, and it is shown that his

poems have been touched by a deliberately unfriendly hand. "It is incredible," says the lecturer, "that he should in one poem describe the lark as 'type of the wise who soar and never roam' and also as a 'pilgrim of the sky.' What is a pilgrim who never roams? Gentlemen, the greatness of his genius forbids us to believe that these, its waters, have not been befouled." Again, it is proved that though tradition made Tennyson and Browning contemporaneous, they really were not. "The smooth and polished style of Tennyson, and the disjected ruggedness of Browning, belong to different stages in the development of the English language." The same line of argument is also applied to Ruskin and Carlyle; the conclusion being that Ruskin and Tennyson belong to one stage in the history of language, Carlyle and Browning to another. This difference in the style of language is one of the main lines of argument relied upon by the "higher critic," and, though it might be conclusive enough two thousand years hence, it is a line of argument that only provokes a smile when applied now-a-days to the authors of whom we have been speaking. The next work reviewed is the History of the Peninsular War. This is declared to be purely mythical, on various grounds, one being that any two of Napoleon's marshals could quite easily have crushed Lord Wellesley. Another proof is offered in "the curious fact that, next to Vittoria, the finest victory said to be won during the whole war, namely that of Salamanca, is really a *transference* into Spain of Frederick's great victory of Rossbach, which it follows alike in the emergency, the blunder of the foe, the successful impromptu movement and the result." Further, in support of the mythical theory, it is shown that the Marquis of Wellesley, the conqueror in this allegorical struggle, was in reality the Duke of Wellington—that his office was that of Prime Minister of England, and not that of a great general in the army.

The foregoing is given as a sample of what may be done by "scientific criticism" in secular literature. It clearly demonstrates that in a later age, when a knowledge of all the facts is not obtainable, it is easy to prove almost any theory that one may choose to adopt about any given book. What we have seen in an imaginary event of the year 4000 is in reality what is taking place now in regard to the various documents of the Bible. Anyone taking up samples of the new criticism can easily see that many of the conclusions are drawn from insufficient data;

*The two battles were similar in design, execution, and effect.

that, for instance, the dual authorship of Isaiah rests on no more substantial basis than does an imaginary assumption of a dual authorship of Macaulay's History of England or an assertion that the "Merchant of Venice" was written by Lord Bacon and not by William Shakespeare. And, if a Marie Corelli can be justly indignant at the attempt to rob Shakespeare of his position and fame in the world of letters, how much more may a Christian be indignant at the attempt to rob the heroes of the Bible of their fame and reputation as true teachers of the living God! Sound critical analysis we do not object to, but the learned nonsense that to a large measure passes for it taxes our patience to the very utmost. It is dishonoring to the Bible and a satire upon commonsense.

Victorian Missions.

M. McLELLAN.

Since the late Jubilee Conference, the H. M. Committee have made the following appointments:—

- H. G. Harward, State Evangelist.
 - E. W. Pittman, Singing Evangelist.
 - R. G. Cameron, Wedderburn Circuit.
 - H. Leng and W. G. Oram, Kaniva Circuit.
 - A. W. Conner, Barker's Creek and Castlemaine,
 - J. Clydesdale, Mallee Circuit.
 - A. M. Ludbrook, Echuca Circuit.
 - G. H. Browne, Geelong and Meredith District (for three months).
 - W. Burgess has returned to the Horsham Circuit for a month, but so far no successor has been appointed.
- In addition to the above, subsidies have been promised to the churches at Newmarket, Footscray and Croydon.

The amount required to meet the expenses (exclusive of Horsham) is
£140 PER MONTH.

The credit balance at Conference has therefore been used to meet the April expenses.

WAYS AND MEANS.

If the Home Mission Committee is to be enabled to continue the work thus mapped out they will have to be supplied with the necessary means to do so. The responses to the appeals made last year were such as to encourage the new Committee to keep the preaching staff up to its present number.

They now appeal to the brotherhood to show that they endorse the policy of the Committee by contributing generously and promptly to the H.M. funds.

EVANGELISTS' REPORTS.

The following is a very brief synopsis of

the work since Conference reports were submitted:—

H. G. HARWARD AND E. W. PITTMAN.—Echuca, 26 additions by faith and baptism. Prahran, 57 confessions, crowded meetings, and great interest manifested.

T. H. SCAMBLER was only able to spend one week in the Echuca District (prior to leaving for W.A.). He reports one addition at Ballendella.

A. W. CONNOR.—Ten additions by faith and baptism (four at Castlemaine and six at Barker's Creek). Bro. Marrows, of Bendigo, has rendered good service at Barker's Creek.

R. G. CAMERON had commenced holding gospel meetings at Middle Bridge on alternate Lord's day afternoons. One addition at Wedderburn, a young man who had been previously baptised.

W. G. ORAM and H. LENG report good meetings; nine confessions—three at South Lillimur, three at Kaniva, and three at Bill's Gully.

G. H. BROWNE reports four additions by faith and baptism in the Geelong and Meredith District.

West Australian Letter.

D. A. EWERS.

Little by little we, away in the far west, are learning about the great Jubilee Conference in Melbourne. What a splendid time those fortunate enough to be there must have had. We read with intense interest the excellent reports published in our paper, but these of course fail to convey the inspiration those present enjoyed. But our representatives are returning; the first will be here this week, and we ought to have some "echo meetings" for the benefit of those whom the call of duty, or the perhaps still louder call of impecuniosity, detained at home. Private letters almost make one's mouth water at the thought of the good things he has missed. One prominent brother who had a good deal to do with the Conference enthusiastically writes: "We simply had a good time, far and beyond my wildest dreams; a great and glorious time." It is possible that some of us will have more leisure and be richer when the next Jubilee is celebrated, but it is a long time to wait.

I was greatly interested in reading the reports presented. They were all so cheering. The fact that, in a season of such severe financial depression, the Victorian brethren, in addition to the amount required for local church work, raised about £2000 for Home and Foreign Missions, is a gratifying indication of the growth of the missionary spirit. Still more pleasing is the report of a net increase of 774 church members (nearly 14 per cent.) and 1019 S. S. scholars (nearly 20 per cent.). In fact all the reports were good, and there is evidently a bright future before our Victorian, and indeed all our Australasian churches if we remain faithful to our plea.

Your correspondent is having a Jubilee of his own, having reached the 50th milestone of life to-day. It is nearly 36 years ago since he was baptised by H. S. Earl in Grote-

street chapel, and over 32 years since he preached his first sermon. I remember when I thought 50 was quite old, but I was young then, and a man's ideas change as he grows wiser.

Three Japanese war vessels have been visiting Fremantle, and about 600 of the men marched through the streets of Perth. For days past the Japs have been in evidence, but though roaming about in large numbers, I have not heard of a single case of drunkenness or misconduct. I am not sure that I should be able to say as much if the crews of three British war vessels were let loose in our city. One of the prominent officers, interviewed by a newspaper correspondent, said the Japanese regarded Christianity as "a religion to be admired but not to be copied," and he did not think it was making much progress in Japan. However, facts are against him, and we know from the published statistics that Christianity is rapidly gaining ground among this intelligent and enterprising people.

"Bethany," Palmerston-st., Perth, Apr. 28.

From The Field.

The field is the world.—Matt. 13 : 38.

Victoria.

NORTH FITZROY.—Full house this evening and a splendid address by Bro. Thurgood. Seven came out and decided to follow Christ. Farewell sermon next Lord's day evening.

May 17. T.H.C.

BAYSWATER.—One young man was received into fellowship on Lord's day, May 17th.

May 18. T.C.

BERWICK.—Good meetings. One confession and baptism on May 10th. One confession and baptism at the same hour last Sunday evening. We are earnestly preparing for our Jubilee Mission in June under evangelists Harward and Pittman.

May 18. A.J.S.

CROYDON.—The Sunday School celebrated its anniversary last Lord's day and the following Tuesday. The chapel was most artistically decorated. On the Lord's day Bro. Parslow gave addresses to the little ones and also to the parents. On Tuesday there was a most successful tea and public meeting. The latter was presided over by Bro. Tully, of Doncaster, who also distributed the prizes. Addresses were given by Bren. Tully and Parslow, and the annual report was read by A. Clements, the superintendent. Singing and recitations by the scholars added to the evening's enjoyment.

May 18. L. GRAHAM.

SWANSTON-ST.—The Railway Strike has greatly interfered with our attendances at Lord's day services, many of our members not being able to get into town. Otherwise the meetings have been good. Last Lord's day morning two were received into fellowship—one by letter, the other being Sister McAllister, lately arrived from Falkirk, Scotland, with her husband, the latter being in membership in the Old Country. Sister McAllister was immersed the previous Sunday evening. Bro. Meldrum's subject for last Lord's day evening was "Christ our Physician," which was attentively listened to.

R. L.

FITZROY.—On Sunday 10th and Monday 11th inst. was celebrated the third anniversary of the Y.P.S.C.E. in connection with the Fitzroy church, meeting in the Fitzroy Tabernacle. J. Johnston addressed the young people on Sunday morning, and gave them some splendid advice. The gospel service in the evening was conducted by the Endeavorers in a very interesting manner, the topic being "The Greatest Invitation in the World."

The rally on Monday evening was well attended, in spite of the boisterous weather. There was a splendid representation of local and union societies. Those present enjoyed a treat. The practical advice of Mr. Storrs, President of the C.E.U., will long be remembered. He spoke on "The Social Aspect of our Work," and we believe his words will bear fruit in the increase of the devotional spirit in our social intercourse and enjoyments. Mr. Meldrum's address on "Why I belong to the Y.P.S.C.E." came with power and will surely bear fruit in increased zeal in the work amongst the societies.

The special singing by the Endeavorers was a pleasant feature of all these meetings, and the building was nicely decorated.

G.W.M.

Queensland.

MARBURG.—Three were received by letter, March 29, one being restored. Preaching services are being held every Sunday night. On Lord's day evening, May 3rd, two made the good confession.

A. FEENEY.

ROMA.—Continued progress here. Our meetings are all well attended, with many strangers present. Some few months ago a man and wife heard apostolic preaching for the first time, confessed Christ, and were baptised by P. D. McCallum before a large audience. A special appeal was made to others to accept Christ.

May 8. L. A. HOSKINS.

ZILLMERE.—Bro. Main has been conducting special gospel meetings for the church here. The meetings from the first have been very encouraging, and five young people have been added to the church. We intend to continue these meetings for some time, on Tuesdays and Fridays. Much regret is expressed here that Bro. Main is leaving the State so soon.

May 12. CARL M. FISCHER.

ZILLMERE.—The Band of Hope celebrated its 21st anniversary on Saturday, May 9, by a tea and public meeting. Both meetings were a success, and much good is being done by the existence of the Band of Hope at this place.

May 12. LOTTIE C. FISCHER.

South Africa.

CAPETOWN.—A. W. Brown, from Bolton, England, and Bro. Swan, from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, have arrived. Since coming here they have been of good service to us, and are always ready to do whatever they can for the welfare of the church. A very enjoyable social evening was spent at the house of Bro. and Sister Young, arranged by the sisters. The occasion was used chiefly in expressing warm Christian love and esteem felt by the church for Bro. and Sister Young, on their leaving the Colony for the Home Land in April, intending to spend some considerable time in Scotland. Bro. Brodie occupied the chair, and he, along with other speakers, expressed the regret of the church at their leaving us, and wished them God-speed. We sincerely hope that their stay in the Old Country may be to the profit and spiritual good of the church or churches they may

visit and to their own comfort and profit. Arrangements are being made to give Bro. Francis, who is coming here to do evangelistic work, when he arrives, a fitting reception.

PERCY G. SAXBY,
c/o G. HARVEY,
Jordan Street, Capetown.

West Australia.

SUBIACO.—More than 100 have decided for Christ since the mission started not two months ago. Bro. Hagger has been helping us very much since the mission closed by coming up from Fremantle every Tuesday and Saturday evening, and he has been the means of bringing many more to Christ and has kept up the interest in all the meetings. We hope to have our building enlarged shortly. Bro. Banks will be here to-morrow, and we will give him a social next Thursday, the 14th May, so that he will get to know all the members here.

A.W.M.

South Australia.

MILANG.—On Sunday, April 26th, one young sister was received, having been immersed the previous Wednesday evening by Bro. Warren. After an absence of ten weeks we have been pleased to have Bro. Thomas with us again. He has just concluded a nine days' mission in the chapel. The meetings have been very successful. Earnest and helpful addresses have been given. The members have been encouraged and strengthened, and some precious sheaves have been garnered in. At the close of an excellent address, Sunday evening, on "What the Disciples of Christ Believe," two made the good confession, and on Wednesday evening one of these, with two others from the Sunday school, obeyed Christ in baptism. S.H.G.

YORK.—The work here is progressing very favorably. All branches are doing valuable service for the Master. Splendid meetings at all services; the members' attendance at the Lord's table is very satisfactory, this assembling of ourselves together being a time and means of rich blessing to all. Gospel services are on the upgrade, new faces being noticeable on every occasion. The C.E. Society is doing grand work, and the outlook altogether is most encouraging. We were pleased to have with us last Lord's day morning Bro. and Sister H. H. Stratton, from Poonah, India, our brother giving the church a very interesting address. Bro. Horsell preached the gospel to an attentive audience at night, the chapel being just about full.

May 11. H.J.H.

BALAKLAVA.—May 3rd, conducted service at Alma, 49 present; considered a good meeting for there. We made our first effort in Hamley Bridge in the afternoon. I preached in the Institute to 66 persons, 59 of whom were outsiders. This completes my first year's work in the district, during which time there have been 32 additions to the churches with whom I have labored; 31 by confession and baptism, and 1 formerly immersed.

May 11. B. J. CLOW.

QUEENSTOWN.—In spite of the rain which came on at meeting time last night, we had a good number of strangers. At the close of a comment on Acts 10 : 2, the young man who confessed last week, and a young thoughtful married woman who has been attending the meetings for a length of time, became obedient to the faith. A respectable family, who have been attending the gospel meetings for several weeks, invited us to tea and spend this evening with them. We have lent them Bro. Surber's splendid little pam-

phlet on "The Relation of Baptism to the Blood of Christ." This little book and "On the Rock," have done good service for the Lord in this district. We have also had an addition last week from the Woodville gospel meeting—an immersed Wesleyan lady, who has now learned the way of the Lord more perfectly. She leaves this week to join her husband (who is also an immersed believer) at Fremantle. She intends to join the church of Christ there, and we are giving her a letter of commendation.

May 11.

W. MOFFIT.

NORWOOD.—During our absence from Norwood one young woman confessed Christ, on the Lord's day evening A. T. Magarey preached. She has since been baptised. Last Sunday week, May 3rd, a crowded Tabernacle greeted us in the evening, and one confessed the Saviour. On Monday evening the Junior Endeavor Society held their annual meeting. The children, under the guidance of our Sisters L. Hughes, C. Schmoock and A. Lawrie, did remarkably well in their selections. About four hundred people were present in the lecture hall. G. Mauzer said in his report there were over 100 juniors in the Society. Bro. Ball presented some prizes to those children who brought most juniors to the Society. Yesterday we had good meetings. Bro. and Sister Strutton spoke last night to a crowded audience.

May 11.

A. C. RANKINE.

WILLUNGA.—A tent mission was started here on April 15th, and continued every night till May 7th, conducted by F. Pittman. The attendance, considering the small number of members, was indeed satisfactory, and on certain occasions we had as many as 300 strangers present. The subjects were of such a character that all should receive much good, dealing with the sinner's need of a Saviour, how to come to him, and how to be kept in him even unto the end; giving also much encouragement to the brethren to press onward in this good work. The plea with which we are identified was most ably presented to the people, and we feel that much good has been accomplished in this direction. The singing was confined principally to the Hundred Hymns, Bros. Thomas and Crosby rendering valuable help. Great credit is due to the brethren, who, though few, worked well and hard throughout the mission, coming many miles and missing but few of the meetings.

On Thursday, May 7th, our last day, a public tea was held in the afternoon, and was well attended. A thanksgiving service was conducted in the evening, the speakers being J. Wheaton, F. Pittman and J. Weeks, the whole being brought to a satisfactory close with a supper.

For the success which has attended our effort we thank God, and also that this church is strengthened by the addition of 12 as the result of mission work, and one who was restored. We thank our Hindmarsh friends, who so kindly lent us the valuable services of their evangelist.

May 9.

E. E. JACOBS.

GROTE-ST.—The anniversary services of the Sunday School were held on May 3rd. T. J. Gore addressed the scholars and friends in the morning. A flower service was held in the afternoon. Jno. Verco gave an address on "Lessons from the Flowers." W. J. Grinstead preached in the evening, taking as his subject "Jesus and the Children." There was a large attendance at each service. Special singing was rendered by the scholars. The bunches of flowers with texts attached were taken by the children to the Adelaide and Children's Hospital and the Destitute Asylum.

A successful tea was held on Wednesday, 6th inst. There was a large attendance of children and friends. This was followed by limelight views of England and

America. A recitation was given by K. Campbell, and the Grote-st. Quartet Company rendered an item. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

May 9.

E.R.M.

New South Wales.

PETERSHAM.—The church anniversary was celebrated on the afternoon and evening of Lord's day, May 3rd, and on the following Tuesday evening by a tea and public meeting. Bro. Illingworth took charge of the Lord's day services. In the afternoon he addressed a very fair meeting, which would undoubtedly have been larger but for wet weather, on "The Ark of Safety." In the evening, though the weather conditions were worse, the attendance was by no means poor; subject, "The Sure Foundation." There were two decisions. The attendance at both the tea and public meeting was admirable. The former went off very pleasantly, and the public meeting following, presided over by Jno. Kingsbury, and contributed to by speeches from that brother and evangelists of the Petersham and sister churches, interspersed with well rendered anthems by the choir and solos, left nothing to be desired. Bro. Charlick, of Unley, S.A., conveyed greetings. The secretary's report disclosed the fact that there were 59 additions during the year, and a nett gain of 45 after allowing for losses; present membership, 193. Great praise is due to all the workers for the successful result.

May 8.

C.J.L.

New Zealand.

AUCKLAND.—Am glad to be able to report that this church is doing good work for the Master and is growing in numbers, in usefulness, and in influence as the days go by. Chas. Watt, by his addresses in Western Park against "Theosophy," against "Unitarianism," on "Science and the Bible," and on "The Inspiration of the Bible," has broken new ground and has done a lot of good, of which we have had already ample evidence, and these addresses will be continued as long as the weather permits. Hardly a week goes by without additions to our number, and the various departments of church work are being carried on in such a way as to show that we are alive to our privileges and responsibilities.

We are having a visit from G. Manifold, who has lately taken unto himself a wife, and is having a little tour in celebration of that event (of course Mrs. Manifold is with him). He was present at our meetings yesterday, and delivered very acceptable addresses both morning and evening, which were greatly enjoyed by the large audiences assembled. The address against Unitarianism, referred to above, has been printed as a tract and is being circulated freely in the district, and we hope will do much good.

May 11.

H.N.B.

INVERCARGILL.—We are holding our special mission from May 18th to the 31st. Bro. Smith, from Maitland, and Bro. Green, from Dunedin, are going to assist us. We tender our thanks to those churches, and ask for the prayers of the brotherhood.

May 5.

W. G. ALCORN.

WELLINGTON, DIXON-ST.—On the first Lord's day morning in April we were pleased to receive into our fellowship Sister Easterbrook, also Bro. and Sister Buckley from the church at Footscray. We had quite a number of brethren meeting with us belonging to different churches in Australia, amongst them being Bren. Walker (Perth), Martin (Petersham), Thomas (Unley). We were sorry to part with three young sisters, all good workers—Miss A. Metzenthin, who left for Hobart, Misses Bidmead and Partridge,

who left for other parts of New Zealand. But we were gladdened by the return of Sister Thompson, a good helper in the S.S. and in the singing.

Our Sunday Schools, both at Clyde Quay and here, are making headway. The teachers are earnestly interested in the work, and receive mutual help by a preparation class held weekly, which is conducted by Bro. Bull.

On Lord's day morning, April 10th, a junior C.E. Society was started, led by G. Day and W. Lang. Last Thursday evening we had the pleasure of listening to M. W. Green, who gave us a splendid address based on Rom. 8: 28, 29. Bro. Green was the church of Christ delegate at a Conference held in Wellington representing all the principal Protestant churches, to consider the important question of Scriptural instruction in our day schools. T. J. Bull, our evangelist, is now in full swing. His labors are appreciated, and, we pray, will be blessed by God. Our meetings are improving. A woman confessed Christ and was baptised last Lord's day evening.

May 7.

C.K.

MATAURA.—A. H. Smith is doing a good work in this place. We are losing three of our members in the persons of Bro. and Sister McGillivray and Sister Miss McGillivray, who are removing to Oamaru district after a sojourn of some 14 years amongst us. They were tendered a farewell social on Friday evening, April 24th, when a goodly number of brethren and sisters turned out to bid them farewell. This morning Bro. Smith conducted a meeting in the rising town of Gore, when seven brothers and sisters met at the house of Bro. and Sister Cubbin to commemorate the death and resurrection of their Lord and Master by breaking the memorial loaf together. May these few remain faithful, and from this small beginning may a prosperous church be the result in that town, is, we are sure, the prayer of all the brotherhood.

May 4.

TOM PRYDE.

Here and There.

Here a little and there a little.—Isaiah 28: 10.

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One confession at Gilles-street Mission on May 10. Geo. Colvin, Rosewood, Queensland, 20/- towards the help of Mrs. Fleming.

We have received from "Wheatsheaf" 13/3 towards the Seed Wheat Fund.

Large meeting and two young men made the good confession at Paddington, on May 10th.

The report of the opening of the new chapel at Long Plains, S.A., will appear next week.

Good meeting and one confession at Surrey Hills last Lord's day; G. S. Bennett preaching.

C. L. Thurgood will deliver his farewell sermon at North Fitzroy next Lord's day evening, May 24th.

R. J. Clow preached to a good meeting at Balaklava (S.A.) last Sunday night. One baptised and two confessions.

We are glad to learn that Bro. Wm. Winter of Moree, N.S.W., has largely recovered from his recent accident.

T. Ryan, being on a visit to Port Pirie, S.A., exhorted the church in the morning and preached in the evening of Lord's day, May 3.

Six confessions at North Fitzroy last Sunday evening; C. L. Thurgood preaching. In the morning three were received into the church by faith and baptism.

At the close of A. E. Illingworth's address at Petersham, N.S.W., on Sunday night, seven made the good confession.

Wren J. Grinstead has been laid aside by sickness, but is now recovering, and expects to be able to open the Tent Mission.

Bro. and Sister Lucraft and Bro. and Sister Thomson of Fremantle church, W.A., have reached home from Jubilee Conference.

One confession and baptism prior to the meeting for worship at Fremantle, W.A., on Lord's day, May 3rd. Night meetings filling the chapel.

Every brother and sister in West Australia who possibly can manage it should attend the great Conference in the Perth Town Hall on the 8th prox.

In order to make very sure of catching the West Australian mail next week our formes will be closed on Tuesday evening, so that all matter intended for that issue should be in early.

One of our Australian students in the College of the Bible, Lexington, says:—"The Almanac which you sent me early in the year occupies a place of honor in my room, and is an object of interest to all who enter."

Will secretaries of Sunday Schools and those interested please note that the address of the secretary of the Sunday School Union of the churches of Christ in Victoria is Leonard Gole, 19 Bennett-street, North Fitzroy.

Thos. Hagger, of Fremantle, W.A., now boasts in the proud name of father, a daughter having arrived on May 7. We extend congratulations. We expect we should scarcely know him now with his proud look.

Will all Endeavor Societies and Mission Bands hold missionary meetings this and next month to prepare for the July Collection. Talk about our missionaries in India, China and Japan. Let us arouse our personal interest in this important question.

TEMPERANCE COMPETITIONS — Sixty-six entries have been sent in by schools comprised in Group 1 and Ballarat for recitation competitions to be held at the Lygon-street chapel on Tuesday, May 20. The address competition has fallen through, as there was only one entry.

Continued success attends the mission being held at Prahran. The decisions to date total 63. A large majority of the converts are adults, and should make useful members. All departments of the church work are being benefited by the special effort. Probably this mission will close next week.

Most of the CHRISTIAN next week will be given up to West Australia. All their Conference Committee reports will appear in full. We had intended these reports to appear this week, but the copy did not reach us till 4 o'clock on Monday. But next week West Australia will have the right of way.

Brethren often ask us the best way of using tracts. There is a best way, but we are inclined to think it is not the same in all places. A good way is for a preacher to select as his theme the title of one of our tracts, discussing it thoroughly, referring to it in his address, and then distributing it at the close of the meeting. Try this and see how it works.

Much of our time for many months past has been so occupied that we have been unable to give much thought to the conducting of the CHRISTIAN. Now that many of these things are off our mind, we hope to give more attention to the improving of our paper. We ask the readers to watch it grow, and in the meantime to do what they can to extend its circulation. Every new subscriber means an increase in our power to make the paper better.

C. M. Gordon, of Lexington College of the Bible, says that he reads the CHRISTIAN himself and then passes it on to his friends at Tolesboro and Sand Hill. If all our Australasian readers would do that our subscription list would soon be doubled. Just cast around in your mind, now, and see if there is not someone you know who does not take the CHRISTIAN. If so, take this copy around after you have finished, and ask your friend to look at it and subscribe right away.

On and after this date all carriage or postage must be added to price of Jubilee History. We have sent all bulk orders to all the States and N.Z., paying the carriage or postage as the case may be, but on the few remaining copies we cannot do this. The postage outside of Victoria, in Australasia, is 3/8, in Victoria, 2/9. Great Britain, 4/-. America, 5/1. We will send books by train or steamer at direction, but at cost of purchaser. We have still a few copies at 15/- and 20/-.

The W.A. Annual Conference of associated churches of Christ is this year to be held on June 8th, having been postponed from Easter to enable brethren to visit the Victorian Jubilee Conference. In Perth, Fremantle and suburbs there are now over 800 members, and, in order to comfortably accommodate the numbers expected to attend, the decidedly forward step has been taken of securing the Perth Town Hall for the Conference during the day and the public meeting at night. The motto for the year suggested by the Conference Committee is, "Five hundred souls for Christ and £1000 for Home Missions." These aspirations may seem difficult of attainment, signifying as they do twice the number of conversions and double the amount of cash raised last year. But with a present membership of over 1000, if they mean business, the idea is not impracticable. The West Australian brethren evidently have faith in the future of their cause and country.

We venture to say that nine-tenths of our readers, especially in Victoria, are watching with intense interest the results of the great meeting now being conducted in Prahran by H. G. Harward and E. W. Pittman. We visited this meeting on Sunday afternoon and evening last. The tent, seating 500, was comfortably filled at 3 o'clock, when Bro. Harward preached a wonderfully clear sermon. At 7 o'clock there was a baptismal service in the chapel, when J. Pittman immersed four penitent believers into Christ. It was worth going a long way just to see Mrs. Pittman lead the lady candidates to the water's edge. The brother who looked after the other side of the house did not do his work so nicely, yet the service was deeply solemn and impressive. At 7.30 the service in the tent commenced, and before that time the fragile structure was literally crammed, and standing-room was at a premium on the outside. It was a great meeting and a great sermon; no excitement, but a deep and reverent interest and attention. But what we really started out to say was to call the attention of the Victorian brotherhood to the fact that all this is costing the Victorian Home Mission Committee directly £7/15/- per week, and to ask them to help in the great work. The Committee requires £140 every month to pay its agents in the field. Let everybody THINK!!

We notice in some of the reports of New Zealand Conferences that some brethren seem to want to have a paper published in New Zealand. In some respects this would be desirable; in others, it would be disastrous. They could only have a very small monthly paper, or a smaller weekly, and it would do the CHRISTIAN a great deal of harm. When it takes over 16,000 members to support a paper the size of the

CHRISTIAN, we can readily see what kind of a paper 2,500 would support. We are doing all in our power to meet the wants of not only New Zealand but all the Australian churches, and we trust that the brethren everywhere will discourage the starting of another paper. We recognise the perfect right of any brother or set of brethren to start a paper, but on the broad lines of the greatest good to the greatest number we do not think another paper ought to be started. We are aware that brethren say that the starting of a paper such as referred to would not injure the circulation of the CHRISTIAN, but we know from a long observation that it does; even these small local church papers very materially interfere with our circulation, as many Christians are satisfied with just about that much church news. We hope soon to enlarge the CHRISTIAN, but this cannot be done if its circulation is interfered with. The CHRISTIAN IS PAYING ITS WAY, and, while we run it, must be made to do so. It is paying its way because the brotherhood have had the common-sense to be content with one paper.

Coming Events.

Observe the time of their coming.—Jeremiah 8:7.

MAY 24 & 25.—First Anniversary of Church at Preston in Bradford Hall, High Street. Sunday at 3. H. G. Harward will deliver an Address. Senator J. G. Barrett will preach at 7. Monday Evening at 8. Special Addresses by Leading Speakers, Solos, Quartettes, Choruses, &c. A Hearty Welcome to All.

MAY 26.—Chinese Mission, City Temple, Sydney. On Tuesday evening, May 26th (p.v.), a Complimentary Tea and Entertainment will be tendered by the Scholars to the teachers and friends. Tea at 6 p.m.; Entertainment at 8 p.m. Admittance to tea by complimentary ticket. Entertainment open to all.

MAY 27.—A Public Meeting to bid farewell to Bro. and Sister C. L. Thurgood, will (p.v.) be held in the Christian Chapel, St. George's Road, North Fitzroy, on Wednesday evening, May 27th, at 8 o'clock. Several well-known brethren will speak. Singing by the choir. Solos by Sisters Roy Thompson and E. Tinkler.

MAY 31 & JUNE 2.—Ascot Vale Sunday School Anniversary Services, Sunday Afternoon and Evening, May 31st. Andrew Meldrum at 3. Children's Demonstration and Distribution of Prizes, Tuesday Evening, June 2nd. Admission, Tuesday Evening only, Silver Coin. Gross proceeds to be handed to the Essendon Ladies' Benevolent Society.

MAY 31 & JUNE 3.—FOOTSCRAY SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY on Sunday, May 31st. Afternoon at 3, F. M. Ludbrook, and on Wednesday Evening, June 3rd. Singing, Recitation and Dialogue by the Scholars.

JULY 5 & 7.—North Melbourne Sunday School anniversary will be held on Sunday and Tuesday, July 5th and 7th, being postponed from usual date on account of mission, etc.

BIRTH.

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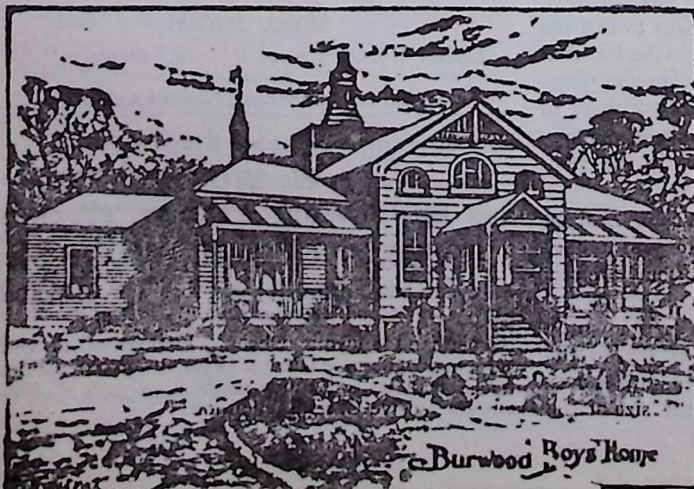
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Obituary.

To live is Christ: and to die is gain.—Phil. 1: 21.

PICKERING.—In much sorrow we write the obituary notice of our late beloved Brother John Pickering, who has been taken from amongst us so unexpectedly. He was in his accustomed health a few days before his death, but by accidentally piercing his left thumb with a fish-bone, blood poisoning intervened, and death followed. He passed away on Tuesday, 28th April, aged 60 years. It has come with a heavy blow to us all. He was one of our useful men. The church can ill afford to lose such, yet our heavenly Father knows best. Our brother became a member of the church when quite a young man, having been immersed by H. S. Earl. He has rendered good service to the church of Christ, Robert Street, as a member, deacon, trustee and singer. He was ever liberal in his offerings to the Lord's work, an upright, consistent child of God, with an untarnished name. He was a loving, faithful husband and father. Oh, how they will miss him. We pray our dear, loving heavenly Father will himself fill the gap both in the church and family. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." And so our beloved brother is in his precious keeping, until the resurrection morn, when those that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

Hindmarsh, S.A. A.G.

KEYE.—Sister Keye, who many years ago was immersed by the late Henry Warren, passed away on 21st April. She had for a long time been suffering, and seldom left her own home. She passed a very retired life, but was always pleased to converse on matters pertaining to the things eternal. She leaves a widowed husband and children, who are well advanced in years, to mourn. We sympathise with the bereaved in their affliction. Many sympathising friends followed the remains to the Hindmarsh cemetery. J. Colbourne was present and conducted the burial service. And so one after another our loved ones are entering their eternal home to go no more out for ever.

Hindmarsh, S.A. A.G.

JONES.—On the 18th March, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Annie Newton, Korumburra, Charles Edwin Jones, ex-M.L.A., passed peacefully away after a short illness. He was in his 78th year. His life was long and varied in its experiences. It was only in recent years that he took a decided stand for Christ and then became united with the church in West Australia. A little over one year ago he was transferred to Lygon-street, where he shewed a genuine willingness to be of service to the church and for his Master. He lived in childlike faith and died according to his faith. We mourn the loss, but believe he is better off in that land where youth is ever young and old-age is never old. May God the Father comfort the dear relatives that remain, and by-and-bye receive them all to himself. Our prayers and sympathies are for them.

ROBINSON.—Our Sister Paulina Robinson, beloved wife of Bro. L. H. Robinson, has fallen asleep in Christ. She had experienced indifferent health for some time, but it was not thought the end was so near. About three weeks ago our sister took to her bed, gradually sank, and passed peacefully away on Wednesday, April 8th. Sister Robinson was a charter member of the church at Bungawalbyn, New South Wales. She was one of the first to obey Christ under the teaching of Bro. Newby, and continued a faithful member of the Body of Christ to the time of

her death. Our sister was a Christian neighbor. Her sympathy and help extended beyond her own door, and many will have cause to remember her good deeds and kind words. Sister Robinson's life was not a blank, but a witness and power for good, and the district is better for our sister having lived in it. Our sister has left behind a sorrowing husband and eight grown children; four of the latter are in the church. A large number of sorrowing friends and relatives followed the remains to the Coraki Cemetery, where they were interred. The writer conducted the service at the grave. Our sister "rests from her labors, and her works do follow her."

"Until the Easter glory lights the skies,
Until the dead in Jesus shall arise,
And he shall come, but not in lowly guise,
Good night."

Lismore, N.S.W. W. J. WAY

ROBERTS.—On April 3rd Bro. Thomas Roberts passed to his home above. In his case it was a most happy release. He had for about two years suffered much pain and intense weakness, and latterly was so helpless as to be obliged to be wheeled in an invalid's chair. Bro. Roberts used for a long time the very useful legacy left to the Robert-st. church by our late Sister Ann Warren. He was often wheeled in her chair to the services of God's house. Bro. Roberts was a member of the church about 23 years, having been baptised by Bro. Smith in 1880. He was a man of great activity; consequently his sickness was a severe trial to him. He was a trustee of our church property, and rendered valuable help in this and other matters. We shall assuredly miss him. His widow and children will miss him. What a vacancy death makes! Yet, to those who are in Christ Jesus, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, and so "comfort ye one another with these words." We commend all who mourn to him who comforteth as a mother comforteth her children.

Hindmarsh, S.A. A.G.

BULL.—We have to record the death of our aged Brother George Bull, who departed this life on May 1st, 1903, aged 74 years. This venerable disciple of Christ passed through a chequered experience in New Zealand and Australia, working hard at his trade as a blacksmith and afterwards as a sheep farmer in the Wimmera district of Victoria. Eventually he became a land proprietor in this State, and was able to retire from active life. This cessation of activity was enforced by infirmities brought on by hard work and exposure. Heart disease was the immediate cause of his death. Bro. Bull had been a member of the Fitzroy church for about five years, the latter part of which he resided with his oldest surviving daughter and her husband, Mrs. and Mr John Wilson, of Kerr-st., Fitzroy.

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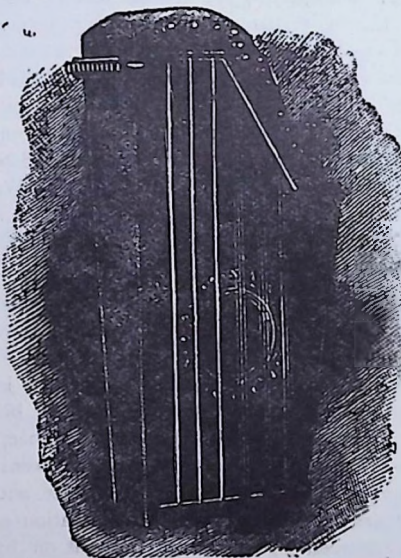
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
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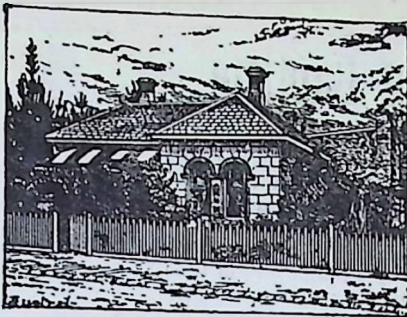
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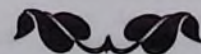
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