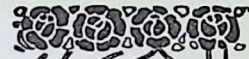




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The Home Missionary Enterprise.

A Talk at the Victorian Home Missionary Demonstration. By Thos. Hagger.

I have just two things to say to-night with regard to the Home Missionary enterprise—

1. It is a big enterprise.

The population of Victoria is 1,412,119. The members of the churches known as Churches of Christ number 9468. Thus we have one in every 149 of the people enlisted. This little handful is confronted with the task of reaching the entire population of this State. Very many of the others already believe in the Christ, but these we have to win for New Testament Christianity that the unity for which Christ prayed may be realised. The others are largely unconcerned—indifferent about the things of the soul, and these we have to reach with the melting message of God's love. This is a big undertaking.

There are 107 places in Victoria, each with over 1000 inhabitants, in which as yet we have not established a church that wears the unsectarian names. There are a host of smaller places waiting for the message that God has entrusted to us. We have no work along the North-Eastern line, such places as Seymour, Violet Town, Benalla, Euroa and Wangaratta being untouched by us. After passing Berwick there are but two Churches of Christ on the main Gippsland line, those at Pakenham and Warragul, but Morwell, Traralgon, Sale and Bairnsdale have no congregations of the apostolic order. In the great Western District there are three churches the other side of Geelong, but no work at Camperdown, Terang, Portland, Hamilton and many other places. On the line to South Australia we pass through Bacchus Marsh, Beaufort, Ararat, Dimboola, Nhill, and find no Church of Christ in these towns. And what more shall I say? The time would fail me to tell of the rising Mallee towns into which we should enter at once; of the Upper Murray District with its rich inviting fields, and many other places. Truly this work of Home Evangelisation is a big undertaking. It is no child's play; it is a man's job and calls for the consecration of all our powers.

2. It is a paying enterprise.

Who can estimate the value of a soul? And souls are being won through our Home

Mission work. During the past year no less than 401 people have been added to the churches by faith and baptism. Such a splendid result has paid for all the expenditure. In one place two of the three ring-leaders of all the larrikinism of the neighborhood were converted. In another a convert declared after the first week of the Christian life that "it has been the happiest week of my life." In still another a local publican declared that he had lost 30/- per week through the mission held there. To God be the glory! If these things happened across the seas we would be enthused, and rightly so too. But such things are occurring at our door, in our midst. Russell Conwell in his lecture "Acres of Diamonds" tells of a man who sold his home acres and went out into the world to search for a great diamond mine of which he had heard hints. After spending his possessions and powers in the search, he returned to what had once been his homestead, to find that the diamonds had been found in his yard. Thank God for the jewels won for the Master in other lands, but let us be no less thankful for those of our own people who are saved from sin, and made holy through the gospel of God's grace. Sacrifice to extend the work abroad, but make no less sacrifice to extend the work at home.

Happy homes, brightened lives, souls converted, churches strengthened—this is the story of our Home work. And such results show that the work pays.

Besides this evidence that the work pays we have the tale told by those places where the cause once weak but now strong, and made such by the help accorded by the H.M. Fund, is constantly and powerfully witnessing for New Testament Christianity. Had we time we could tell the story of Geelong, Colac, Stawell, Maryborough, Boort, and other places. The churches in those towns are what they are to-day largely because the Home Mission Fund was able to extend needed help when such was necessary. Without doubt this enterprise is paying handsome dividends.

With such a big and paying work confronting us, surely "Enlargement" shall be the word of words for this evening. Bid the Committee lay big plans; urge the brethren to whom this work has been entrusted

for the ensuing year to undertake big things. Let work be undertaken to such an extent as will be worthy of the great plea we are urging. Let such plans be made as will be worthy of men who expect to conquer through the Christ. To do this the brethren in all our churches must pray big prayers and make big gifts to this work. Not one penny less than £3000 should be put into this work this year; it had better be £5000. And this meeting should set the pace for Home Missionary giving for the year. Is it too much to ask that this meeting shall clear the debit on the transactions of the month of March—the first month of the new missionary year? Is it too much to ask for £50 in cash and £150 in promises from this meeting? Let each take a part and we can easily exceed that amount. It may mean sacrifice for some—would that it would mean sacrifice for all; for to sacrifice is to be a Christian in the highest and truest sense. If we sacrifice it may mean scars, but they will be recognised by the Master in the great day of his appearing. It is related that in one of the crowded districts of one of the old world cities a family consisting of father, mother and seven children lived in one room—the father was a drunkard—and the poor mother lay down on her poor bed to die. She called her eldest girl to her side, and said, "Mary, I'm going to leave you, and you must be a good girl, and take care of the children, and when father comes home keep the children out of his way, and, daughter, remember that father was not always like he is now, it is the drink that has done it." The little girl of 14 years promised, and faithfully she labored to keep their one room clean and to look after the younger ones, and when the father came home intoxicated the children were put out of the way, and brave little Mary received all the blows. But the hard life told on her and in the summer she sickened and died. A little before her death she sent for one of her little mates across the alley and said to her—"Katie, the doctor tells me that I am going to die; I have tried to do for the children, and I have stayed with them as long as I could, but I am so grieved because I could not go to the preaching and take care of the children too. And when I see the dear Lord Jesus, whatever shall I say?"

"And Katie," the little comforter, said, "I wouldn't say a word; I would just show him your hands, and he will understand." The Lord Jesus understands, and every scar of service and sacrifice will be noticed by him.

And in the great day all such will increase our joy and happiness. Shall we not then make some sacrifices for this big, worthy, and paying enterprise of Home Missions?

to have fewer by-laws and do this than waste any precious time over the lesser things of the law.

There was a nice gathering at Mosman, when the foundation stone of the first building erected with the help of the Chapel Extension Fund was laid by T. E. Rofe. It was a very happy gathering, and I trust it is the forerunner of a great many similar occasions. The Mosman brethren are to be congratulated on the faith that has led them to take this forward step, and I wish for them an abundant success in the Master's work there. It is a pleasing thing to see this movement so well begun that has for its purpose the providing of suitable church homes in which a greater work may be done for the King. No church can do as well in a hired back room, or in a dingy dancing hall, as in a home of their own, and nothing but the best should satisfy us in our service for Jesus Christ.

It was my privilege to meet with the brethren at City Temple on Easter Sunday morning. H. G. Harward has entered optimistically upon the somewhat difficult work there. He has lost none of his power as one of the most consecrated and able preachers in our brotherhood. He will be used mightily for God in Sydney. At night I had the joy of preaching at Enmore. It was an inspiring meeting. A. E. Illingworth is doing a fine work there. His faithful and earnest labors in this large congregation are appreciated by all, and the work is making good progress under his wise leadership. I enjoyed the fellowship of his delightful home, and shall gratefully remember the kindness of his good wife and himself to me.

These visits to other States help to bind us more closely in the common tie that makes us one, and in the great work we are seeking to do together for him.

There is a bright future before the loyal brotherhood of N.S.W., and I pray that they may win great victories this year for our Lord and Saviour. There are difficulties there as in all the States. In Sydney there is especially the love of pleasure and the counteracting influences of places of amusement to contend with. This is the spirit of our times, and is found in all the large centres. The attitude of the church must be to keep on preaching the gospel, that has a greater attraction for men than anything else when once they receive it, and in the name of our King we shall conquer.

Many a failure in the judgment of man has been a royal success in the estimation of the angels.—*F. B. Meyer.*

With truth on my side, justice on my side, love on my side, I should not fear to stand in a minority of one against the whole population of this whole globe of lands; I would bow, and say to them, "I am the stronger; you may glory now, but I shall conquer you at last."—*Theodore Parker.*

A Visit to the N.S.W. Conference.

By J. E. Thomas.

In response to the very kind invitation of the Home Missionary Committee of New South Wales, and through the Christian courtesy and fraternal spirit of the Grote-st. church, I had the privilege of attending the Conference of the churches in the Mother State at Easter time. Many brethren in Melbourne kindly met and welcomed us as we passed through, and I had the opportunity of being present at the splendid session of the Victorian Sisters' Conference for a little while. Bro. Reg. Enniss went with me to Sydney as representative of the College of the Bible, and we received a hearty welcome from many brethren who met us at the station. Our whole visit was one of very happy Christian fellowship, and during our stay we enjoyed the kindly and generous hospitality of the brethren in Sydney.

The Conference gatherings were not so large as in some States, but were well attended by earnest, faithful men and women who sought to further the interest of the kingdom of God. Most of the meetings were held in the historic Tabernacle at Enmore, while the Conference sermon was preached at the City Temple. The various reports showed that good, steady work had been done, and though there was a slight decrease in membership, there was a pleasing advance in numbers in the Bible Schools. Perhaps we are experiencing a change of policy in our States that will be of great help to our churches in coming years. We are concentrating more on our Bible Schools and the teaching of the young, and are not engaged in the more aggressive evangelism of some previous years. The interest in our Bible Schools is seen by increased accommodation, teacher training classes, enlarged school attendance, and the true Bible School vision that is manifest throughout our brotherhood.

Perhaps to N.S.W. and to all the States it would not be presumptuous of me to give a little word of warning. Let us not overlook the old while thinking more than ever of the young. These things we ought to do, but not to leave the other undone. In addition to our Bible School organisers and organisation, we still need to engage in sane, aggressive and persistent evangelism. Our work is not only for child saving, but soul saving. We are moving toward this further work this year, for in N.S.W., as in nearly all other States, there is a movement to secure an organising secretary to help weaker churches. Could I suggest also an Australia-wide campaign of fervent evangelism in which we work unitedly for a mission in every church. There is nothing

that would bind us closer together or bring us more unitedly in prayerful consecration into the fulfilment of our Saviour's purpose.

While I was pleased with the progress of work among the young, I was struck with the lack of young people and the little place allotted to them at the Conference. There was a very nice display of kindergarten work under Miss Olga Schache, B.A., given by the North Sydney little ones on Saturday afternoon, which was worthy of a crowded gathering, but was attended by comparatively few. There was no Endeavor gathering, or any other Bible School meeting. It is always a great encouragement to the young as well as a help to the churches to have one or two of our prominent meetings especially for the young at Conference.

Sydney is a more difficult place in which to hold meetings than some other capitals may be, but it seemed to me that the meetings would have been better to have been more connected, and greater things planned for. The idea of working up toward a climax in our Conferences is a wise one. There are a great many churches in Sydney and suburbs, and if they "swarmed" to the public meetings it would be a splendid help to the churches and a great testimony as to the earnestness of purpose of the brotherhood in that great State that would have a helpful effect both in and out of the church. Carey was right when he said, "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God."

The brethren had a somewhat long and unprofitable debate on constitutional procedure. One brother in an eloquent metaphor said that if the brethren did as they were proposing, "they might as well throw the constitution overboard and tear it to bits." These debates never edify, and after all only lead us to think that it is lawful to do good and extend the kingdom of God even in spite of an ancient constitution. There used to be a little "constitutional corner" in the Victorian Conference years ago, when I first visited it, but these brethren have entered into the larger vision of things, and points of order and debates on minor things have given place to the consideration of evangelism and future work. Our N.S.W. brethren are evidently of the same mind as the other States, and are going to remodel their constitution on more helpful lines. Constitutions are made for Conference, and not Conferences for constitutions. The greatest constitution we have is to preach the gospel to every creature, and it is better

Auckland, N.Z., Conference, 1914.

With the desire to entertain the visiting brethren, a sacred cantata, "Faith Triumphant," was rendered on Thursday evening, April 9, by the combined choirs led by Bro. Bryden, and was much enjoyed.

The 31st annual Conference was opened on Friday with prayer and praise, Bro. Watt leading. The President, Bro. Dick, began the business as usual. Greetings were sent to the Conferences of the Middle and South Districts of N.Z., and were received from them. The New South Wales brethren sent us their good wishes, and we sent ours to the Bible College. Regret was expressed that infirmity had prevented the attendance of Bro. Wallis, of Papakura, and illness Bro. Oram. The visiting brethren, including the loyal Northern Union contingent, were welcomed to the Conference.

The President's address was pithy and pertinent to the purpose of the Conference—that every individual member should be at work for the Lord; that the inertness which leaves the work of evangelisation entirely to the preacher, the lack of a passion for souls, of pride in our plea, of wise organisation, were all hindrances to success, ending with a request for a close and kindly consideration of the reports and proposals.

Reports from the field, including that of the Northern Union and the five months' engagement of Bro. Drury there, were taken as printed in the year book. Bren. Greenwood and Watt, who were employed by the H.M. Committee, made brief verbal reports. Bro. Urquhart, who conducts a special mission in a poor neighborhood in "Whosoever Hall," reported good attendance and interest, and three additions to the church in Ponsonby-road, and that a Bible School would be started when they had teachers. The sisters reported that monthly meetings were held in three chapels, that they had collected £26/15/10 for Home and Foreign Missions, that good practical work had been done by Dorcas and Temperance effort, by visitation of public and private homes, and that they had given their annual concert to the needy aged at the Home. Sister F. Downey had maintained a correspondence with isolated brethren with good results, some grateful replies, and £10/17/6 sent for Foreign Missions.

COMMITTEES.

The Bible Schools Advisory Committee deals with 23 schools, 1163 scholars, and 102 teachers. Their report states that 27 scholars had been added to the churches that year, that the opening of a new school and other outlay had put them in debt, and that they were trying to open another school. In consideration of their good work, the Conference voted a sum that relieved their finance from debt.

The Temperance Committee reported that Sisters Mason and Macdermott had done good work by house canvassing; that all the Committee had been able to do was to convene a meeting of church representatives and members of Parliament to

consider needed legislation *re* No-License. Only two M.P.s attended, whose statements were reported. The Committee then presented a resolution that pledged the Conference to call upon all its members to vote for No-License and prohibition, and to try to induce Parliament to give the people the bare majority vote. A brother moved an amendment that while individual members could rightly vote for the above, the Church of Christ as a body had no warrant to take part in the world's politics. The Committee's proposals were carried almost unanimously.

The F.M. Committee reported that the work had been made strenuous by the drought, by sickness, by the death of Bro. Mansill, and by the nine months' furlough of Bro. Anderson; that the receipts for the year were £304/2/10, the expenditure £295 3/-; that there had been steady growth of the work; that the Committee had worked in delightful harmony, aided by cheerful collectors of funds, whose practical sympathy with the mission was encouraging.

Bible in Schools.—A sister representing the League to obtain this proposed that the Conference aid the efforts to obtain a Referendum. After hearing her, strong objection was made to sectarian teaching, to State control, and distrust expressed of the claim because of the refusal of the promoters to admit the Bible without denominational entry, and their non use of the power the present Act gives to all of giving Biblical lessons in the schools after the secular teaching. The proposal was shelved by an amendment deferring consideration until the next Conference.

The Home Mission Committee reported that Bro. Greenwood had been employed to aid the church in Dominion-road, and Bro. Watt to aid the church at Richmond; that Bren. Dickson, R. Laing, A. Edwards, and others had held gospel preaching meetings in the new mission in Victoria Avenue, and there had been three additions therefrom; that at Point Chevalier Mission the attendance was encouraging; that an allotment in a good position there had been purchased; that the "Whosoever Mission" under Bro. Urquhart had been successful, but that financial difficulties, and the unrest by the strike, had prevented the proposed big mission effort; that the reduced contribution was discouraging, and calls for the serious consideration of the Conference. The receipts were £217/10/6. All expended save 6d. Liabilities, £32/19/10; assets allotment, £40. Returns from 16 churches show a membership of 971 after striking off by revision of the rolls 80, and 30 by removals. The membership of the previous year was 953. This report stirred the Conference to serious consideration. Many suggestions were made and referred to the incoming Committee. The prevailing desire was for a revival of the old-time individual effort. As one remarked, were the 971 members fervent in prayer day by day, they would soon

be laboring in the Lord's work. There was strong sympathy with the Committee, and a feeling that the Home Mission should have better support.

GENERAL.

Bro. Frank Evans was elected President, and Committees were appointed for the ensuing year's work. A suggested amalgamation of the Auckland and Middle Districts was referred for consideration, as was also a scheme by Bro. Glaister for a church property board, and also a proposal from the N.Z. Baptist Union that the Churches of Christ in New Zealand appoint three delegates to confer with three of their choice, to consider a possible union, and in the meantime prevent the overlapping by which much energy and money are wasted. After the Conference was the annual tea and a Home Mission rally. On Saturday evening over 70 of our Bible School teachers met to confer *re* Bible School work, and to hear E. K. Mulgan, Esq., Chief Inspector of the Government Schools. Unable to attend, he sent in his place Mr. Watkinson, who had attended the Sunday School Conference at Zurich, Switzerland, where thirty million scholars were represented. He gave an interesting and instructive address for over an hour, which was very profitable to the teachers present. On Sunday afternoon in Ponsonby-road chapel and school there was an assembly of 400 scholars and teachers of this school. The parents were present, invited by J. L. Scott, president, and E. A. Perkins, secretary. There was special singing, and addresses by four of the young men attending Bro. Turner's Bible Class. In the evening Bro. Turner preached, and the missions were served by visiting Bren. Latimer and M. Vickery. A picnic on Monday ended a Conference that we hope has stirred the brethren to greater effort in the coming year.

The soul, in its highest sense, is a vast capacity for God. It is like a curious chamber added on to being, and somehow involving being, a chamber with elastic and contractile walls, which can be expanded, with God as its guest, illimitably, but which without God shrinks and shrivels until every vestige of the Divine is gone.—*Henry Drummond.*

Go on in all simplicity; do not be so anxious to win a quiet mind, and it will be all the quieter. Do not examine so closely into the progress of your own soul. Do not crave so much to be perfect, but let your spiritual life be formed by your duties and by the actions which are called forth by circumstances.—*Francis de Sales.*

If trivial acts are unimportant, what signifies the life of man? For ninety-nine and a-half per cent. of every man's life is made up of these light nothings; and unless there is potential greatness in them, and they are of importance, then life is all "a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." Small things make life; and if they are small, then it is, too.—*Alexander Maclaren.*

South Island, N.Z., Conference, 1914.

The twenty-ninth annual Conference of Associated Churches of Christ in the South Island district commenced its sittings in the Moorhouse Avenue, Christchurch, chapel on Friday morning, April 10. 42 delegates were present, representing the following churches: Ashburton, Christchurch, Dunedin, Dunedin South, Gore, Greymouth, Invercargill, Kaitangata, Mataura, Mornington, N.E. Valley, Oamaru and Timaru.

The opening devotional meeting was led by T. J. Bull, of Invercargill. R. Gebbie, Moorhouse Avenue Church, extended a cordial welcome to the visitors on behalf of the church.

The Executive reported the sending of greetings to similar Conferences at Auckland, Wellington, and Australia, and to the New Zealand Christian Women's Board of Missions, which held its Conference in Christchurch.

Herbert Langford, Christchurch, the President, delivered an address.

The Foreign Missions report was presented by J. Inglis Wright. During the year 134 acres of land at Intini (six miles from Bulawayo) were purchased. A church building had been erected, and the place was well adapted to the needs of a mission station. Since removing to Intini Bro. and Sister Hadfield had greatly benefited in health. Bro. and Sister T. Anderson, missionaries at Bulawayo, are at present in Scotland on furlough, and Bro. Hadfield is assisting in the work at Bulawayo in the meantime. Besides the workers named, there are engaged in the South African mission work three native assistants at Bulawayo, two at Belingwe and six at Intini. The day school at Bulawayo at December 31 had 49 children on the roll, and about 40 children receive instruction at Intini. Since the work was taken up at Intini, five have decided for Christ. At Bulawayo last year 16 were received into fellowship with the church. Others were being instructed more fully about the way of life. An appeal for help to meet the terrible conditions created at Ingome and Bulawayo by the drought was generously responded to, the sum contributed being £366/1/6. Total receipts for year for N.Z., including for the drought fund, were £1187/18/7. Reference was made to the death of W. W. Mansill at Ingome, and thanks were expressed for the help and kindness of Bro. and Sister J. Sherriff, at Forest Vale, when the missionaries returned from Ingome. A motion appreciative of the noble and heroic service rendered by Bro. Mansill, in the mission field, was passed. Bro. Mansill died shortly after last year's Conference.

At the Foreign Mission rally held in the evening a sum of over £22 was raised towards providing a suitable dwelling house for Bro. and Sister Hadfield, who are at present putting up with great personal inconvenience in order to push on the work they have so much at heart.

The report was adopted, and the Committee for the ensuing year was elected as follows:—Chairman, J. I. Wright; Secretary, J. L. S. Wright; Treasurer, T. J. Melville; members, H. Holmes, C. Miller, K. H. Kippenberger and Mrs. Powell.

T. J. Bull (Invercargill) was appointed delegate to carry out the request in a resolution from the Baptist Union, regarding the amalgamation of the two churches.

The invitation of J. Bowley to hold the next Conference in Invercargill was accepted.

At Saturday's sittings of the Conference the report of the Home Mission Committee was adopted.

The Home Mission Committee reported:

In gratitude to the Giver of all good for guidance and provision we have much pleasure in submitting our report for the year, trusting that in spite of the difficulties of finding men and financial assistance, which have been so great, you will see that your Committee has been enabled, by the grace of God, to accomplish something really worth while in our Redeemer's cause.

Your Committee is by no means satisfied with the year's work, but although we have worked for almost the whole year with an overdraft, the churches have stood by us, and we are glad that at the close of the financial year, even with the increased liability of supporting one more evangelist, receipts have been in excess of expenditure, notwithstanding that we still show a debit balance.

The three brethren who had generously acted for a considerable time as guarantors at the bank were not present at the last Conference, and could not, therefore, be re-elected. The Conference made no provision to meet the difficulty, and the responsibility of finding guarantee therefore lay with the Committee. One of our number came to our assistance by becoming guarantor, and we have thus been enabled to promptly meet all our obligations.

ADDITIONS.

There have been over forty confessions and baptisms during the year in churches regularly assisted by your Committee or in Missions conducted in other churches. We thank God for these signs of progress and divine favor, and hope for even better things to come in the near future.

CHURCHES ASSISTED.

Gore is assisted to the extent of £1 per week, the subsidy having been increased this year on account of the devastating flood just after last Conference. Bro. J. R. Clarke advised the Committee at last Conference that on account of his health he would like to be relieved of the work at Gore as soon as a successor could be found. Bro. L. M. Dorreen, who had returned from America, was engaged by the Committee and began work in this field in August. After a long search for a suitable worker, your Committee secured the services of Bro. Bell, and he began work in this field by assisting Bro. Dorreen in a seventeen days' mission, which resulted in nine decisions for Christ. Eleven decided for Christ during Bro. Dorreen's ministry here. Bro. Bell is engaged until Conference time, and he and his good wife have taken up the work with earnestness and efficiency, so that your Committee recommend that his services be retained for this field during the ensuing year.

Ashburton, where Bro. J. M. Innes has continued to preach, has received a subsidy of £1/10/- per week. The evangelist reports a harmonious church, good cottage prayer meetings, a gradual increase in attendances at gospel meetings, and two confessions. For several years this church has been receiving a substantial subsidy, and it is hoped that some decided forward movement will

soon be made to justify or diminish the present expenditure in this field.

South Dunedin.—Bro. L. M. Dorreen preached one Lord's day in October at South Dunedin after leaving Gore. He then ministered for three Lord's days in the Tabernacle during the absence of Bro. P. D. McCallum on his holidays. His salary during this period was wholly paid by the Tabernacle. After this a very successful mission was conducted at South Dunedin, resulting in a splendid revival of the church and sixteen additions.

Burnside.—Bren. J. L. Stewart Wright and C. O. Miller have nobly preached the Word at Burnside during the year. Your Committee was glad to assist in this field by arranging for a brief mission to be held in this field in December. The result was thirteen additions. The chapel has been enlarged at a cost of about £100, and your Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the devoted zeal of those two young men and joy at the success of their work. The total number of additions in this field since last Conference has been twenty-six.

Timaru.—After a rest of about three weeks in the Christmas holidays, Bro. Dorreen proceeded to Timaru and commenced work there. Nearly forty disciples live in and around this city. The Committee believed that the prospects were much brighter than when the field was first entered, but it is with great regret that we have received the resignation of Bro. L. M. Dorreen, who was especially engaged with a view to re-opening this field. The Committee is anxious to engage another worker to succeed Bro. Dorreen in this important field.

The Elborn Trust.—The Trustees of the above fund have kindly placed at the disposal of the Committee during the year funds sufficient to pay the salary of Bro. Dorreen while engaged in the missions at South Dunedin and Burnside.

The *Evangelical Messenger*.—Our sincerest thanks are due to Bro. T. J. Bull for the efficient manner in which he has edited the *Messenger* for the year, and we congratulate him on the high standard which the paper has maintained. We also thank Bro. Palmer for his services in the difficult position of business manager.

Isolated Brethren.—At last Conference Sister H. Langford took up the duties of correspondent. We thank her heartily for her service to the cause in this department.

Recommendations.—Your Committee has pleasure in commending to the consideration of Conference the merits of the system adopted by the church at Invercargill for raising funds by systematic, regular giving. Ten per cent. being devoted to Home Missions, ten per cent. to Foreign Missions, and the balance for local expenses. Your Committee would appreciate the steady income to be secured if this system were adopted by all the churches.

Receipts for year were £312/6/6; expenditure, £276/4/-. Receipts included £76 15/- from the Elborn Trust.

Statistics were presented showing:—Church membership at December 31, 1913, 1540; Bible School scholars, 1150 (including Bible Class members, 301), with 112 teachers; additions to church membership from the schools, 59.

A committee consisting of H. Langford, R. Gebbie, W. J. Mason, and Rhind, was appointed to confer with M. Glaister, Auckland, regarding the question of a Board of Trustees for the whole of the church properties.

The Conference passed a resolution recommending the churches to adopt the envelope system of contributing to church funds under which certain percentages are weekly set aside for Home and Foreign Missions and local expenses. It was also decided that each church appoint its own correspondent to isolated members.

A conference of Bible School workers was held on Saturday afternoon, C. F. McDonald presiding. It was decided that the Bible School Union should take up the matter of conducting examinations and awarding prizes.

P. D. McCallum was elected President; T. J. Melville, Vice-President; W. E. Powell, Secretary; W. H. Palmer, Treasurer, and Mesdames Melville, McCallum and Miss E. Kirkby, a committee for the coming year.

An address upon the "Infant Department" and a sand table demonstration were given by Mrs. H. Langford, and an essay upon "The Bible School: An Evangelising Agency," was read by T. H. Mathieson. A discussion followed, and the speakers were heartily thanked for their addresses.

P. D. McCallum presided over a Home Mission rally on Saturday evening. An address on "The Reason Why Christians Should be Loyal in the Home Field" was given by C. F. McDonald, T. H. Mathieson spoke upon "Loyalty in the Twofold Aspect of Our Plea, Our Duty to the Church and the World," and N. G. Noble (Kaitangata) delivered an address upon "Loyalty in the Support of Home Missions." Several musical items were included in the programme.

At the Lord's day morning service of worship, P. D. McCallum spoke on the subject, "Unrealised Power." Miss D. Bull (Christchurch) conducted the Mission Band at 10 a.m., and in the afternoon a Bible School rally was held. The Conference sermon in the evening was preached by T. H. Mathieson (Oamaru), whose subject was "The Power of His Resurrection."

The Conference was continued on Monday morning.

P. D. McCallum was elected chairman of the Home Mission Committee, J. M. Routledge treasurer, L. C. J. Schulenburg secretary, A. Roy, T. J. Melville, J. W. Stokes and W. E. Powell, committee.

Appreciation was expressed for the past services of C. Fleming McDonald, and regret at his early departure for Melbourne.

It was resolved that after the first period of engagement between the Committee and its evangelist, the engagement may be terminated by three months' notice on either side. Next year the churches to receive assistance will be Gore, Ashburton, and Timaru, and the Committee was instructed to give consideration also to the claims of South Dunedin.

A. Roy and Captain C. F. Sundstrum were appointed guarantors for the Home Mission Committee.

A gift of £300 to the funds of the Home Mission Committee was set aside as a Scott Memorial Fund, the interest alone to be devoted to general Home Mission needs.

T. J. Bull was appointed editor of the monthly *Evangelistic Messenger*, which was placed under the general oversight of the Home Mission Committee, with W. H. Palmer as business manager.

A hearty vote of appreciation was passed to Bro. and Sister C. Fleming McDonald,

for their able assistance in various forms of church work.

The churches of the Association were recommended to subsidise their Bible Schools to the extent of one pound per month.

A resolution was passed urging the

church members to support the Temperance Reform Movement.

The delegates passed a vote of thanks to the Moorhouse Avenue church, and to the lady members for the excellent hospitality and entertainment provided for the visitors.

Queensland Conference, 1914.

For some time past the churches were looking forward to Conference. The spirit of evangelism had seized the brethren, and in consequence the concentration of so many delegates was looked forward to as being a very important event in the history of the church. A splendid feeling of "up and doing" ruled throughout, and we are persuaded that the ensuing year, under the guidance of our heavenly Father, will be one of progress throughout the State. This year the Conference was held in the Ann-st. Temple, Brisbane.

TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION.

On Thursday evening a grand Temperance Demonstration was held. W. H. Nightingale presided. The building was well filled. Addresses were given by Bro. Taylor, Organiser of the I.O.G.T., and W. F. Finlayson, M.H.R.

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

The session was preceded by a devotional service led by F. T. Stubbin. At 10 o'clock the President, W. Suchting, took the chair. There are now 23 churches in the Association, and at roll call delegates from 17 answered their names. The following evangelists were present: W. H. Nightingale, Brisbane; H. U. Rodger, Albion; W. Hayes, Burnett District; W. Morton, Zillmere; C. Pratt, West Moreton; T. Mason, N.S.W., and W. J. Way, State Organiser. A number of visitors were also present.

H. C. Stitt was appointed press reporter.

The church recently formed at Annerley was granted membership.

The President extended a hearty welcome to delegates, evangelists, and visitors.

Greetings were received from the sister State Conferences, Queensland Women's Conference, Brisbane City and Suburban Conference, and others.

The Secretary, F. A. Bignill, read the statistical report, which showed a gain of 62 in membership. The total State membership was 1211. It is recognised that most of the rolls need cleaning, but as a set off no isolated members' record is kept.

L. Gole, Treasurer, presented the financial report, and balance sheet. During the year £112 was received on account of the general fund, and £103 towards the Federal Griffith mission fund. The year's operations showed a deficit, but owing to the kindness of a brother in giving the Home Mission Committee a loan, free of interest, all liabilities were met.

CHURCH REPORTS.

These showed satisfactory workings in

the various departments; Albion, Maryborough, Wooroolin, and Annerley had purchased land, and were making efforts towards building chapels. Roma, Toowoomba and West Moreton were open to engage evangelists.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President, W. Suchting; Vice-President, W. Wendorf; Secretary, F. A. Bignill; Asst. Sec., S. Trudgian; Treasurer, H. C. Stitt; Committee, W. H. Nightingale; F. T. Stubbin; C. Stabe; A. Reicke; F. Enchelmaier; H. Berlin; A. J. Green.

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDING FUND.

The Secretary, H. C. Stitt, reported that being the first year the efforts were chiefly directed to propaganda. Advice had been sought in all the other States. The idea met with general approval, but unfortunately the offering was crowded out by the Federal Mission following on the Foreign Mission. Several amounts came to hand after the report went to print. The total receipts are £12/8/10½. The retiring officers were re-elected. Secretary, H. C. Stitt; Treasurer, J. B. Ash; Committee, L. Gole, F. T. Stubbin, H. Berlin, C. Stabe.

STATE ORGANISER'S REPORT.

W. J. Way reported having visited all the churches, and a number of scattered brethren. He spoke confidently of the opportunities of the church, and instanced several places where the church could be established now, owing to removals to those places. He made an earnest appeal to Conference to "launch out into the deep." The re-engagement of Bro. Way for another year was carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS.

By W. J. Way: That it be a recommendation from the Conference to the incoming Committee, to assess each church in the State for a sum of money for Home Mission work. Carried.

By H. C. Stitt: 1. That no church be granted a promise of subsidy for a longer period than six months, any further renewals to be for a duration of three months. 2. All subsidies should be subject to an understanding that the assistance bear a quarterly automatic reduction, unless good reason be shown to the contrary. Carried.

HOME MISSION RALLY.

In the evening there was a large attendance. The President occupied the chair. Addresses were given by W. Hayes, "Sup-

reme Need"; A. Barnard, "Supreme Motive"; W. H. Nightingale, "Supreme Purpose."

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

L. Gole presented the report and balance sheet of the *Christian Plea*, which showed that the paper came through its first year satisfactorily. W. H. Nightingale gave a splendid address on "The Press' Place in Education." He made a strong appeal to Conference for better support to the "Australian Christian," and to the local church papers.

A vote of appreciation was passed to W. H. Nightingale and H. U. Rodger for their literary work during the year.

SISTERS' UNION RECOGNISED.

Mrs. W. H. Nightingale, President, appeared as a delegate from the above, and asked that Conference recognise their Union as an auxiliary. She pointed out that the women were now properly organised, and desired to co-operate in the work, each would manage their own departments, and each be the stronger for the other's assistance. Request granted.

FORWARD MOVEMENT.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the ensuing year's work, it being the general desire to push forward, and do more progressive and aggressive work. Wherever the door opens missions are to be held, new churches planted, weak causes helped, and extra evangelists placed. An effort is to be made to raise £300 by church offering.

Moved by H. C. Stitt, "That Conference endorse the principle of a "quarterly silver offering" for H.M. purposes, and that the Committee provide the machinery for giving this effect. That May 3 be set apart for the first offering, and the Committee be directed to fix future dates at suitable periods approximating three months." Carried.

Proposed by W. J. Way, "That Conference requests churches to realise their preachers for three weeks each year in order to do missionary work where necessary under the direction of the H.M.C." Carried.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report was submitted by the Secretary, L. Gole. £185/3/1 was contributed to the F.M. Work, being slightly in advance of last year's figures. Organised rallies had been held for the first time in the State. Officers elected: Secretary, L. Gole; Asst. Sec., H. U. Rodger; Treasurer, H. W. Hermann; Committee, W. H. Nightingale, F. T. Stubbin, J. B. Ash, F. Enchelmaier, C. Stabe, G. Olesen, H. Berlin. The F.M. address was given by F. T. Stubbin.

BIBLE SCHOOL UNION.

The various reports showed great progress, especially Ann-st., which had opened two suburban schools. A very interesting and instructive paper was read by W. Munro on "Bible School Work." An address was given by H. U. Rodger on "Bible School Evangelism." The officers are: President, W. H. Nightingale; Vice-President, G. Cane; Secretary, W. Munro;

Treasurer, Miss Hoffman; Committee, Miss A. McCosh, Miss May Helsdon and Mr. Morton.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.

Bro. Morton, late student and now evangelist at Zillmere, gave an interesting address on the work being done at Glen Iris.

SATURDAY EVENING.

L. Gole presided, and addresses bearing on F.M. work were delivered by W. J. Way and W. Hayes. During the evening several musical selections were rendered.

DEVOTIONAL MEETINGS.

During Conference devotional services were conducted by Bren. Stubbin, Trudgian, Olesen, and Smith. These meetings were a helpful spiritual preparation for the work of Conference.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

W. J. Way preached the Conference sermon on Sunday afternoon, taking for his subject, "Church Unity: Its Office, and First State." The address was convincing, and showed that the preacher was master of the subject.

EASTER MONDAY.

A picnic was arranged and held at Kalinga Park, a large number being present from the three Brisbane churches, besides some of the visiting country delegates.

W.A. Sisters' Conference, 1914.

The annual Sisters' Conference was held in the Lake-st. chapel on April 8.

MORNING SESSION.

The Conference opened with a devotional led by Mrs. H. J. Banks. After a season of prayer for blessing and guidance, and Mrs. Eaton reading Psalms 95 and 96, the President, Mrs. Blakemore, took the chair for the business of the morning. 37 delegates responded to the roll call, representing the following churches: Perth, Fremantle, Subiaco, North Perth, Maylands, West Guildford, Claremont, Bunbury, Brookton, Collie, Kalgoorlie, Northam, East Pingelly, Boulder, Harvey, Kelmscot, Balbarup.

The President reviewed the work of the past year, and welcomed a number of visitors, among whom were Mrs. D. A. Ewers, President of the South Australian Sisters' Conference; Miss R. Tilley, missionary from the Australian Station, Baramati, India; Mrs. Hunter, and Mrs. J. Hunter, from Victoria.

Greetings were received from the Sisters' Executives of the Sisters' Conferences of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia; also from Mrs. Burchill, Mrs. Franzen, Mrs. Silvester, and Mrs. H. P. Manning. After the minutes of previous Conference were read, the Conference adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After a short devotional, led by Mrs. Warren, the President again took the chair. Mrs. Elliott welcomed the visiting delegates, and remarked that the sisters were especially pleased to have with them Sister Mrs. D. A. Ewers, the founder of our Conference. Mrs. Ewers expressed her

pleasure to be with the sisters, and also responded on behalf of the delegates.

The annual reports of the various departments were read and adopted. For Home Missions the sum of £75 had been collected. It was suggested that the sum of £100 should be raised for 1914. In foreign work a sum of £36/0/8 was raised.

On the subject of hospital visitation, 169 visits had been made by seven sisters, to the Perth Public Hospital, Fremantle Hospital, Victoria Hospital, Home of Peace and Old Women's Home, and over 1500 tracts, magazines and books had been distributed, besides home comforts.

A long report on Temperance, which was adopted, stated that the sisters had fallen in with the recommendation of the last Conference, that they should work in conjunction with the Temperance Committee of the General Conference, and good work had been accomplished. The second recommendation, that the sisterhood should avoid the licensed grocer and fruiterer, had been generally observed.

Dorcas work had provided 100 garments for the Victoria Park Aborigines' Orphanage. The mission bands had done good work among the young.

The following members were elected to office: President, Mrs. W. B. Blakemore; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. H. J. Banks, Mrs. T. H. Scambler; Secretary, Miss J. B. Klose; Asst. Sec., Mrs. Elliott; Treas., Mrs. D. M. Wilson. The superintendents of the various departments are: Home Mission, Mrs. H. J. Banks; Foreign Mission, Mrs. E. E. Nelson; Hospital, Mrs. Morris; Prayer, Mrs. Robinson, senr.; Dorcas, Mrs. McGregor; Temperance, Mrs. Cecil; Isolated, Mrs. Payne; Native Helper, Mrs. J. L. Campbell; Mission Bands, Mrs. Greedy.

Thanks were accorded the sisters for the good work they had done during the year.

EVENING SESSION.

In the evening Mrs. Blakemore presided over the social session, which was preceded by a short devotional meeting led by Mrs. T. H. Scambler. There was another large gathering. The President delivered an address, which was much enjoyed. Mrs. D. A. Ewers, of Adelaide, spoke of "The Value of Service." Miss Taylor read an essay on "Prayer," written by Mrs. Fitzgerald, of Bunbury. Miss King, of Goalunda Mission, India, spoke on "Darkness and Light in India," and painted in vivid colors a picture of the people's condition.

During the evening musical items were rendered by Misses Cook and B. Little, and Mrs. Eaton.

The measure of manhood is the degree of skill attained in the art of carrying one's self so as to pour forth upon men all the inspirations of love and hope, and to evoke good even from the meanest and wickedest of mankind.—*W. D. Hillis.*

Like Alpine climbers, our only safety is in steadfastly fixing our gaze upon him our Guide, and following step by step the path he trod, that he might know all the dangers and difficulties that beset our way. And we may be sure he will never lead us further or faster than we can safely follow.—*Rose Porter.*

In the Realm of the Bible School

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS.

Sunday School Lesson for May 17,

Luke 16: 14, 15, 19-31.

A. R. Main, M.A.

The parable of the unjust steward inculcated the lesson of faithfulness in the unrighteous mammon, and of so using wealth that there would be future benefit. In our present study we have a picture of one who had wealth in abundance, but who did not regard himself as a steward of God, who selfishly enjoyed the best things while the needy poor were neglected. The story—it is not called a parable, though it well may be one—of the rich man and Lazarus would have special point for the Pharisees who sneered at our Lord's previous teaching. They were lovers of money, and looked upon material prosperity as an evidence of God's favor (vv. 14, 15). To them and such as they, the Lord gave a terrible lesson. He showed two pictures of men—one the earthly scene, the other revealing the reversal of human judgment in the life beyond. A rich man, one such as the Pharisees would have honored—and possibly one such as many Christians would fawn upon when they came to solicit a big subscription, solicit possibly not in vain, especially if the advertisement were also proportionally large—a rich man is graphically described in the midst of his luxury. At his gate a needy beggar lay, carried there by friends. He was sick with hunger, distressed with sores which covered his body, and constantly aggravated by the mangy dogs of the street who came and licked him. It may be, as some suggest, that the dogs were kinder than Dives; but the contact of an Eastern pariah dog with an open sore would hardly alleviate the sufferer's distress! The sight of the luxury so near was an added irritant.

The second picture showed the situations to be reversed. Lazarus died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom (another name for Paradise). The rich man died: he, too, went to Hades, only to the other division of it, where he was tormented in flame. With extraordinary vividness the misery of the man is described. He now saw Lazarus enjoying the good he missed, as before Lazarus had seen the comfort and luxury which were out of his reach.

The sin of Dives.

Some speak as if the Lord taught that the rich man was condemned because he was rich, and Lazarus was rewarded because he had been poor. This makes nonsense of the passage, and is quite unwarranted. Abraham had been rich, and yet "Abraham's bosom" was the very name for Paradise itself. As John McNeill says also, "The poor can be as godless as the rich." Farrar finds the chief sin of the rich man in his "callous selfishness." He forgot the responsibility of money. The Lord did not condemn the possession of wealth or suggest that all rich men were as Dives; but he knew the danger of money (cf. 1 Tim. 6: 10). We must not drag into the text the notion that the rich man had dishonestly acquired his wealth. The silence regarding any overt sin on

the part of Dives is remarkable. One writer dwells on this:—

"Nothing whatsoever is said of the vice, or sin, of the rich man which brought him to such fearful punishment, just as nothing is said of the virtue, or faith, or even patience of Lazarus which caused him to be so rewarded. Before the death of each nothing is said respecting the one, except what describes his prosperity, just as nothing is said of the other except what brings out the depths of his misery. And this reticence is wonderfully emphasised by the want of reference, in the words of Abraham, to the moral character of either the one or the other. Abraham says not, 'Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime was selfish, and hard hearted,' but simply 'thou receivedst thy good things,' just as he says not, 'Lazarus was poor in spirit, and patient, and believing,' but 'Lazarus received evil things.' That the rich man by his want of faith or charity, by his 'doing' or his 'leaving undone' deserved his punishment, we naturally infer with the utmost certainty, from what we believe of the perfect justice of God; but nothing is said of the guilt of the rich man, or of the faith of Lazarus. And this reticence is so marked, indeed, compared with the great tenor of our Lord's teaching, so extraordinary that it seems to me to be the key of the parable. The teaching of the parable may be summed up in one word—Contrast. The contrast which may be, and in cases of which God only knows the number, actually is, between the state of any man before and after his death. The depth of misery—of what the world esteems misery—and the height of happiness. This height of happiness—of what the world esteems happiness—and the depth of misery. So that the parable is the most graphic illustration conceivable of what is implied in the Lord's question, 'What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?'"

Christ teaches that "heartless wallowing in luxury, with naked, starving beggars at the gate, is sin which brings bitter retribution. The fact that the rich man does nothing is his condemnation. He was not damned because he had a purple robe and fine linen undergarments, nor because he had lived in abundance, and every meal had been a festival, but because, while so living, he utterly ignored Lazarus, and used his wealth only for his own gratification. Nothing more needs to be said about his character; the facts sufficiently show it."

Sufficient opportunity forbids excuse.

Space forbids treatment in detail. But we must notice the dialogue between Abraham and Dives.

The apparent solicitude of Dives for his brethren (v. 27) has received very diverse treatment. Some declare that it indicates a striking improvement in the character of Dives, and that it illustrates the designed effect of purgatorial fires. Some others are so anxious to avoid purgatory that they exhaust their ingenuity to attribute the request to an utterly selfish motive. Assuredly we can neither get purgatory nor a "larger hope" in Luke 16. A. B. Bruce seems to me to get the true meaning of the dialogue in vv. 27-31. He

does not close his eyes to any good impulse of the rich man, either on earth or in Hades. But he says truly that the solicitude of v. 27 does not amount to much. "The humanity of Dives in Hades is not charity, but only such love as even publicans and harlots practise; natural affection for an extended self, indicative therefore of continuity of character rather than of radical change. And we question whether in the intention of the speaker it be even this much; whether love for the extended self be not at bottom love for the unextended self." Again: "The speaker's real point is to tell the living that they are without excuse if they so live as to forfeit bliss.... The secret thought of Dives is: 'Had I been warned it might have been otherwise.'" "The repetition of the demand (v. 30) is meant merely to supply a motive for the utterance of the sentiment, that those who are not moved to piety by the means actually available, would not be moved by any means, however extraordinary. Doubtless the law of probability requires that this should be done in a natural way, but this remark cuts two ways. It may imply that Dives was particularly anxious for the welfare of his brethren; but it may also imply that he was very desirous to justify himself by some such reflection as this: Had only some one come from the dead, with the calm, clear light of eternity shining in his eyes, to inform me that the life beyond is no fable, that Paradise is a place or state of unspeakable bliss, and Gehenna a place or state of unspeakable woe, had I not then renounced my voluptuous, selfish ways, and entered on the path of piety and charity? If one had come to me from the dead, I had surely repented, and so would not have come to the place of torment."

In the answer which Christ puts into Abraham's mouth, we have one of the greatest lessons of our study. God does not need to perform miracles in the sight of men; he has given them without this, sufficient evidence for faith. Moreover, the man who rejects the evidence of the word will not be likely to believe because of a mighty supernatural work." He who rejected Moses' word would not be convinced by the return of one from Hades. If this at first seem extraordinary to us, let us reflect what men did in the case of the New Testament miracles. When another Lazarus was raised from the dead, the Pharisees were not thereby made disciples: they plotted the death of him who raised Lazarus (John 11: 46-53). When Jesus rose triumphant from the grave, the people were not as a whole convinced. Those who are rejecting the light they have, who are not walking in the light of God's Word, will not be led to do the divine will by a display of miraculous power. As Bengel's oft-quoted phrase puts it, "We are saved by faithfully hearing, not by apparitions." Faith comes by hearing the word of God, Paul says (Rom. 10: 17). The desire to do the will of God, Jesus declared, would let men know that his doctrine was divine (John 7: 17). A wonder by itself will not suffice. A voice from heaven spake: to some it seemed as an angel message; others declared "it thundered" (John 12: 29).

A warning.

No teacher should use this story as a means of settling obscure eschatological questions concerning the intermediate state and future life. I do not mean that the study does not give much teaching concerning the life beyond; only we shall not get certainty as to the details. The reality of a future life; the difference of destiny of good and evil in that state; the insuperable and eternal barrier between sin and happiness, the intimate connection of the present with the future, the essence of character as lying in the inmost heart rather than in overt act (the rich man is charged with no crime)—these are, in the view of one of our best writers, the abiding lessons of the study.



Items for this page will be very welcome. Send to J. I. Mudford, 76 Munro-st., Ascot Vale, Vic. Phone, Ascot 767.

Our First "Living-Link" Churches.

Two of our largest churches in Australia—Grote-st., Adelaide, and Enmore, Sydney—are now recognised by the Federal F.M. Committee as "living-link" churches, both bodies providing sufficient financial support to maintain a missionary on the foreign field. While Grote-st. has the distinction of being the first to be granted such recognition, yet to Enmore belongs the honor of having been for some years past entitled to it. Both churches are examples to sister congregations in their respective States.

It may be of interest to our readers to learn that in our American brotherhood there are no fewer than 152 "living-link" churches, or groups of churches each contributing not less than 600 dollars (£125) per year. Besides these there are 14 individual "living-links." Any brother or sister desiring the honor of being the first individual "living-link" in Australia may secure all particulars from the Federal F.M. Executive Committee. Who will be the first to apply?

Word from Miss Thompson.

I have been having so much trouble with my eyes lately that it was considered wise for me to go to Calcutta to see Col. Maynard, who is the best eye doctor in India: He thinks that there is nothing particularly wrong with my eyes, but that I have had unsuitable glasses, and that I need to keep up my general health. He wrote a prescription for glasses, and I hope to have them this week. I have written to the Hills, trying to find a suitable boarding place.

I stayed over nearly a week in Jubbulpore on my return from Calcutta, as Dr. and Mrs. Brown thought it would be wise for me to have a rest there. I hope to do better work when I get my new glasses.—Yours in the work,—Mary Thompson., Harda, C.P., India, March 9.

Convention of Disciples in India.

Another's year's work in India has passed. The annual Convention of the India Mission of the Disciples of Christ has just closed, and we the workers in this needy field have returned to our separate places, inspired by our Convention, and determined that more shall have been done in the year before us than was done in the one just passed.

First of all we mention the unique fellowship and comradeship which the Convention afforded. This is put first, because it was felt and noted even before our Convention was organised, and real business begun. Just what fellowship is possible to the missionaries at times like this can, no doubt, hardly be realised by most of those who

read this. It must be remembered that during the greater part of the year the most of those who come to the Convention are in stations where there are few or no English speaking people, and so, aside from that possible between the few workers in the station, they are robbed of that social intercourse which we have and which means so much to all of us in the Homeland. So it was no wonder that a new spirit took hold of us as we gathered some fifty strong, and no wonder that as we entered our duties day by day we were filled with a joyful spirit. We had much to do while there, but still there was time for visiting. Each afternoon some found time for recreation in games of tennis or badminton. One evening of the Convention was given over to social intercourse and fun. At each meal we all gathered in the dining hall, and as we ate our food enjoyed the passing joke, or the telling of a funny experience from the past year. These are the things that caused us to forget for a time the heritage which had been ours in the homeland, and helped to make up for the loss felt by those working in the lonely places.

Again it was the encouraging reports that stirred us all. There were more converts during the last year than in any previous year of our work here. It is true there were not so many as we would like to have seen, but still, to the missionary who has patiently sown the seed and is yearningly looking forward to the harvest, it was enough to give him hope. We are beginning to see that there are forces at work in India breaking down the stubborn resistance to Christianity, that there are forces at work creating in the mind of the Indian a desire for Western education, and it all points to a new day in India. When we study our own field in the light of others' longer worked, we are led to hope expectantly for greater things—things of which the reports of this year are but the beginning promise. The great movements to Christianity which we see in other places nowadays, we may look forward to in our own field in the near future, and so a new hope possesses us. It has inspired us to go back to our work, with more zeal sowing and preparing for that day.—H. W. Scott.

The Latest from Pentecost.

26/3/1914. Bro. Chappell has now been down here for over a month.

The students are all away at present for their quarterly holiday. They have a week's vacation at the end of every quarter. This vacation, by being advanced a little, allowed Bro. Chappell and me to run down to Paama to meet the "Malaita" on its upward trip, in the hope of getting the "Sunbeam."

On the way down we called at Dip Point, and had a walk over the new land. The chief eruption of December 7, as shown by the (extinct) craters, opened up, I think, about a chain in front

of the hospital, and stretched down to the sea. This is now filled with water, is surrounded by high ash hills, and has a passage to the sea. Mr. Frater and others attempted to take soundings, but at ten fathoms their leads melted off the ropes. In front of the hospital site there is an area of probably thirty acres of new land. This is the place we circuted on December 7, as it had a suspicious appearance.

While I write this I hear a rumbling like thunder, and see a cloud above the island [of Ambrim] reaching to the heavens, so would not be surprised if there is more activity.

31/3/1914. I returned yesterday, after visiting the people of Narua, Kumriang, Norkonbutcher, Torlie, Ronglil, Lolandova, and Ranwady. All the way along we had better meetings than usual.

At Lolandova an old grey-headed chieftain came along to the meeting. He has been attending for some time, and Silas (teacher) informs me that he and all his house intend being baptised as soon as they understand the step a little better. At Norkonbutcher, Samuel brought along eleven who had confessed Christ recently, and will be baptised soon. While at Ranwady we hurried with Christ in baptism one man and five women.

A rather severe epidemic of dysentery has recently carried off twelve in the Torlie district.

A. B. Chappell, who is now a thorough engineer and captain, went on to Maewo and Oba after leaving me at Batnapni last week. He intended to land five stray Obans at Nduindui, and after spending Sunday there, to run along to Maewo, pull the "Endeavour" ashore, visit his people, and then return to meet the next steamer. I hope he meets with no mishap, for the season is still very risky.—F. G. Filmer, Pentecost, New Hebrides.

[Later: Word from Bro. Chappell tells of his safe return to Pentecost.]

Two New Out-Stations.

The material (stone, etc.) has been arriving slowly at Shirsuphal, but we hope to get at the work in time to have it through by the end of the hot season.

Wadgaon will probably be opened about the time of your receiving this. It is to be a locally-supported centre. All of the Christians here have agreed to a titling of their earnings, and the result is that they have decided to employ a preacher themselves, as their own representative. We are in communication with a preacher whose station has just been closed up by his mission, owing to lack of funds to run it. He is a trained dispenser, and will be able to run a village medical work, as well as preach, and in Wadgaon this would be a good adjunct to a new work. Will give you further particulars as soon as things take definite shape, but you can reckon the opening of the place as an offshoot of the Baramati work to be a certainty. I have got a suitable house near the Irrigation Bungalow, on a nominal rental. I think the rent as well as the preacher's wages will be provided amongst us. This will also be in the centre of the present Bhampta community there. They occupy four or five villages around Wadgaon.

All are keeping well. With Christian regards to all,—Yours very sincerely,—H. H. Strutton, Baramati, Poona Dist.

The Family Altar

Conducted by M. M. Davis,
From the "Christian Standard."

A LITTLE HEROINE.

The lighthouse-keeper went ashore for supplies, and left his little ten-year-old girl in charge of the tower. As he was returning, wreckers seized him, hoping that, as they supposed, there would be no light that night, and some ship would be lost and they would get the cargo. But to their great surprise, as the twilight came they saw the usual light flash forth from the tower. The little heroine had climbed to the top of a table, and, setting a chair on it, and a stool on the chair, and the Bible on the stool, and standing on the Bible, she could reach the lamps which sent out their bright beams across the dangerous waves of the sea. This week each of us must let the light of heaven shine through us so that those struggling on the sea of life may be warned of the dangers about them.

SUNDAY, MAY 3.

Gems of Thought.—"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exod. 20: 8).

Welcome delightful morn,
Thou day of sacred rest!
I hail thy kind return;
Lord, make the moments blest.
From the slow train of mortal toys,
I soar to reach immortal joys.

—Hayward.

A gentleman who was passing some mines in Pennsylvania asked a little boy why the field was so full of mules. "These mules are worked in the mines through the week," replied the boy, "and they are brought up into the light on Sunday to keep them from going blind." The application is apparent.—Mrs. M. Watts.

Bible Reading.—Exod. 20: 3-11: God's ordination of a day of rest.

MONDAY, MAY 4.

Gems of Thought.—"Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth" (Rom. 14: 4).

What are another's faults to me?
I am not a vulture's bill
To pick at every flaw I see
And make it wider still.
It is enough for me to know
I've follies of my own,
And on my heart the care bestow
And let my friends alone.

—Jonathan Swift.

Condemn the fault, but not the actor.—Shakespeare.

Bible Reading.—Rom. 14: 1-4: A dangerous habit.

TUESDAY, MAY 5.

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Bible Reading.—2 Cor. 8: 1-9: The grace of giving.

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There is an old fable about how the devil once offered his tools for sale, intending to give up his business. One of them was laid apart, marked with a higher price than the others. When the devil was asked why this was, he said, "Because that is my most useful tool; it is called depression; with that I can do anything with people."—Mrs. C. B. Currie.

Bible Reading.—Psalm 42: 1-11: God's people should not be discouraged.

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Are you sowing the seed of the kingdom, brother,
In the Master's field, so fair?
Are you casting it forth with a full hand, brother,
In the strength of faith and prayer?

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Bible Reading.—1 Cor. 3: 1-9: In partnership with God.

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Gems of Thought.—"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12: 2).

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Bible Reading.—Rom. 12: 1-3: Transformation by the gospel.

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INVERELL.—Last Lord's day Bro. Waters conducted meetings at The Wattles and Delungra, there being good attendances at both places. Bro. Cust exhorted the church here in the morning, and gave the message of life at night. Gospel meetings here being well attended. Sunday Schools still in a healthy condition.—W.B., April 21.

BELMORE.—At the worship meeting yesterday F. T. Saunders gave an excellent exhortation. Thos. Morton, who presided, expressed the sympathy of the church with Sister Gallard and family in their recent sad bereavement. The Bible School grows apace, and makes the problem of accommodation more acute. The church, however, is alive to the needs, and a new building worthy of our plea will soon be an accomplished fact. The gospel service was a time of blessing, "The Love of God" the theme, Bro. Forbes presenting the truth in all its fullness. The building was well filled.—John Rodger, April 27.

HAMILTON.—The quarterly business meeting, which was presided over by Bro. Jinks, was held on April 25, and was well attended. After paying the rent of hall, rates, and for advertising, there was a balance of £1/3/1. The balance from the Sisters' Sewing Class was more than £8. It was resolved that in future all money over at the end of each quarter be devoted to the building fund. We expect to wipe off another land instalment in a month's time, and then there will be only £10 to raise for us to become possessors of the land. In this suburb of thousands of people we need a suitable building. With the help of the brotherhood and the Church Extension Fund, we hope to erect a building in about 18 months' time, and Bro. Jinks, who does all the preaching, has practically promised to stand by us in gospel and Sunday School work until then.

LILYVILLE.—April 27, meetings good. In the morning Bro. Forbes, from Belmore, exhorted, helping us to get nearer to the Master. The Bible School had a record attendance. At night Bro. Saunders preached on "Christ and the Twentieth Century." Bro. Saunders has labored with the church 12 months to-day.—E.B.

CHATSWOOD.—Good meetings last Lord's day. R. Morris, of Brighton, Vic., was present, and delivered a helpful message in the morning. Cottage meetings well attended. Final arrangements are being made for the erection of our building. Plans have been prepared by A. Graham and a building committee formed, consisting of Bren. Graham, Bills, Schache senr., H. Schache, F. Webber, and T. Bagley. Upon raising £40 more a loan can be effected, and a start made. We confidently appeal to the brethren of N.S.W. to help raise this amount, and thus place the new cause here on a good basis. Kindly forward an offering now to T. Bagley, "Allan-brae," Nelson-st., Chatswood, Sydney.

HORNSBY (Albert-st.).—L. J. Thompson presided over a fair gathering. Bro. Allan exhorted on "Friendship." Gospel service, J. Crawford, of Petersham, gave a splendid address on "Blind Bartimæus." A fair number of strangers were present. The words of Bro. Crawford uplifted us immensely.—Thos. E. Rofe.

MARRICKVILLE.—Three fine services yesterday. Bro. Garden very ably exhorted the church on the subject of "Prayer." Large attendance at Bible School. Our orchestra is a very valuable asset. In the evening we had a "Young People's Service." The evangelist spoke on "The

Trophies of Youth the Safeguard of Manhood." A splendid attendance and interest. Bro. Jefferys contributed a solo, and the choir rendered an anthem very acceptably. Our work is in a very prosperous condition in all departments.—C.C.S.R., April 27.

CANLEY VALE.—The brother who was baptised last Sunday night was received in to-day. To-night four confessed Christ as their Saviour, Bro. Walden preaching. These include two young men, and a mother and daughter.—A. O. Wooster, April 26.

ENMORE.—G. H. Browne spoke this morning, our visitors being Bro. and Sister T. B. Verco and daughter, from Adelaide, and Sister Miss Tewkesbury, from Blackheath. The meeting at night was good, Bro. Illingworth's subject being "Why we ask converts for a public confession of faith."

MOSMAN.—Good meetings this morning. Alan Price gave a splendid exhortation on "The Church of Christ." Geo. T. Walden has accepted a call to labor with the church here, and we are looking forward with confidence to the prospects at Mosman with the assistance in the Lord's work of Bro. and Sister Walden and family when we get into our new building, which is progressing well. W. Lang is conducting the gospel services ably and earnestly until Bro. Walden commences his ministry at the beginning of June next. We are losing some of our best helpers this week by removal from the district. Bro. and Sister Alan Price and family are going to Gordon, and Sister Bull and family, and Miss Holderness, are moving to Beecroft. Bro. Price is an elder of the church, Leo Price secretary, and Lily Price a primary teacher in the Bible School. Our loss will mean a great gain to Chatswood and Hornsby churches.—S.G., April 26.

NORTH SYDNEY.—A good congregation assembled at the morning service, over which Bro. Gale presided. F. Webber, from Chatswood, gave an uplifting address. An intimation of the early departure of Bro. Gale was announced, owing to the decision arrived at by the Home Missions and Bible Schools Committees at the recent Conference. The Sunday School was well attended. Bro. Gale preached to a large congregation in the evening, his subject being "Divine Re-approachment." A duet was ably rendered by Sister Schache and Bro. Tingate, assisted by the choir.—Fred. J. Reeson.

HURSTVILLE.—Lord's day, April 26, we were pleased to have Bro. Rush, from Marrickville, who gave a splendid exhortation. The Lord's day School was visited by Bro. Gale, Bible School organiser, who addressed the children, and made several suggestions with regard to the method of conducting classes, and strongly advised the establishment of a primary department. A League of Young Worshipers was formed to operate from the first Lord's day in May. It is hoped by this to secure a hold on the young people, and link the church and Lord's day School together, securing the attendance of the members at least at one church service each Lord's day. The gospel service was well attended, Bro. Garden giving a good address. Our building fund is still open for donations from any of the brotherhood. There is a large field of labor waiting to be opened up, and a building of our own is what is needed. Any donations forwarded to the secretary will be heartily appreciated and acknowledged by the church.—Eleanor J. Winks, April 26.

BROKEN HILL (Wolfram-st.).—J. Reynolds has left us to have a tour through the old world. He will be especially missed in our Bible School as teacher, and in the C.E., of which he was an enthusiastic worker. A farewell social was tendered to him by our Society, and the president and secretary of the District Union spoke most highly of his district work as superintendent of the J.C.E. Last Lord's day the Lord called to himself our Sister Mrs. Evelyn Maud Stone. Our sister came out on the Lord's side at the opening mission of the chapel, and has been an earnest, sincere, and successful worker in the church ever since. She will be much missed in C.E., church and social work. Only ten months

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N.S.W. Sisters' Conference, 1914.

The twentieth annual Conference of the sisters of New South Wales was held in the Enmore Tabernacle on Tuesday, April 7. There was a large attendance of delegates, and considerable enthusiasm prevailed throughout the day, as a result of which the Sisters' Conference looks forward to steady progress for this year.

Sister Mrs. J. Fox, President, presided over the sessions, though there were few difficulties for her to solve, the sisters doing their business with a thoroughness and despatch that needed only guidance, and no checking.

The opening devotional meeting was conducted by Miss Marshman, after which the minutes of last year's meeting were read and confirmed. Greetings were read from the Sisters' Conferences of the other States, and from the General Conference of New South Wales.

Considerable pleasure was expressed at the presence of different interstate visitors, among others present being Sister Mrs. Clapham, from Brisbane, "the mother of our Conference," Sisters Mrs. Spotswood and Miss Whitfield, of S.A., Sister Mrs. Burchall, of West Australia. Country churches represented were Taree, Lismore and Tyalgum.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—

President, Mrs. J. Fox; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. F. Collins, Mrs. A. E. Illingworth, and Mrs. Jones. Secretary, Mrs. T. J. Andrews; Minute Secretary, Mrs. E. Morris; Treasurer, Mrs. N. Morrison. Superintendents: Home Missions, Mrs. H. G. Harward; Foreign Missions, Mrs. J. Hindle; Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Batt; Hospital, Mrs. W. Potter; Obituary, Mrs. S. Farr; Temperance, Miss Hall; Dorcas, Mrs. G. Corbett; Isolated Members, Miss Marshman; Social, Mrs. G. Logan; Press Correspondent, Mrs. F. T. Saunders.

An adjournment was made for lunch at this juncture, and on resuming for the afternoon, Sister Mrs. G. Corbett led a devotional meeting. Sister Mrs. Fox delivered her presidential address on "Maternal Influence," which was much appreciated by the sisters.

Reports were presented by Mrs. Andrews, Secretary, and Mrs. Morrison, Treasurer, showing a satisfactory state of affairs, and that good progress was being made.

Mrs. C. S. Rush read an essay dealing with woman's work and the spheres of her influence.

Departmental reports were presented by the various superintendents:—

Prayer Meeting (Mrs. Batt).—Regular prayer meetings had been held throughout the year, which had been fairly well attended. The power of prayer was emphasised.

Home Missions (Mrs. H. G. Harward).—Work had been quiet and plodding this year. Three drawing room meetings had been held. The offerings at these meetings totalled £4/10/-. Home Mission rallies were held at Mosman and North Sydney. Statistics showed that 241 had been baptised during the year, of whom 70 were in churches supported from Home Mission funds. The work of the State evangelist had resulted in 72 being added to the faith. Almost one-fifth of the income of the Home Mission Committee had come from the donors, and though this is not officially recognised as part of the sisters' work, yet the sisters do most of this work.

Hospital Visitation (Mrs. W. Potter).—During the year 87 visits had been paid to Sydney Hospital, 76 to Prince Alfred Hospital, 17 to Coast Hospital, 7 to Newington Asylum. Average attendance on visits to Newington, 12. During the

year 4941 texts, books, etc., had been distributed, 66 lbs. tea, 185 lbs. sugar, 33 lbs. biscuits, 50 lbs. lollies, 13 lbs. cake, 10 doz. fruit, besides sundry other fruits, etc. Cash received, £7/5/3; expended, £6/10/4; balance, 14/11.

Foreign Missions (Mrs. J. Hindle).—Sisters co-operate with the General Conference, and therefore have little to report as a separate work. Three drawing-room meetings had been held, the offerings at which were used to support a Bible Student at Shanghai with Sister Miss R. L. Tonkin, Ung Foo, £6/10/6 having been received for this purpose. In addition the sisters had presented a set of flags for use on the new launch "Sunbeam" for the Islands. In this department the remarks *re* collectors on the Home Mission work also apply, a great proportion of the £128/14/3 received by the Committee being the result of the work of sisters.

Obituary (Miss M. Oldfield).—There had been a large number called from this life during the year, to the relatives of whom a letter of sympathy had been sent in the name of the Conference.

Temperance (Mrs. Campbell).—In this department also, the sisters co-operate with the General Conference Temperance Committee. The No-License campaign had fully occupied the time of workers. Bands of Hope were working satisfactorily in some of the churches, notably at Erskineville.

Dorcas (Mrs. W. J. Williams).—In most of the churches Dorcas Societies are at work, and good reports have been received of their work. Attention was directed to the Protestant Orphanage at Auburn, as an avenue through which the Dorcas Societies might work.

During the day solos were rendered by Mrs. Hedger, Mrs. Mitchelhill, and Mrs. Neilley.

A change was made in the form of the evening session, and this was purely a social occasion, when a musical and elocutionary programme was carried out by Mrs. E. Lewis, Miss Odell, Miss Birdie Follett, Marrickville orchestra, Enmore and Marrickville choirs. Special notice must be given to the very excellent selections given by the Enmore choir, under the direction of Bro. Mansfield. A paper on "The Kingdom of Woman" was read by Mrs. H. G. Harward, earning the appreciation of all.

The newly-elected officers were introduced to the meeting by Mrs. Jones.

There was a much larger attendance at the evening session, and all present were not only brightened but inspired by the meeting.

Obituary.

McDONALD.—Sister Mrs. McDonald passed into rest on April 8. Our sister accepted the Restoration plea under the ministry of Bro. Hammil, near Ballarat, in 1871. In the years that have passed she has suffered much physical weakness, but her faith has not once wavered. Members now enjoying the fellowship of the Church of Christ regard that privilege as due to her influence. For several years Mrs. McDonald had been more or less of an invalid, so that she was represented at the Lord's table by her faithful children, one son and four daughters. They now are left to mourn their loss and to rejoice in her entrance into rest. In her weakness she long had wished to hear the Master's call, and now has her heart's desire. We laid her body in the Melbourne Cemetery, the writer officiating.—S.G.G., Carlton, Vic.

FERRIS.—Another of the old pioneers has passed away from our fellowship into the eternal in the person of Mrs. J. Ferris, senr. She and her late husband were identified with the church here almost from its inception. Baptised by Mr. Bryant, senr., at George-st. Baptist Church in early life, and fellowshiping with the Baptists

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for some time, when the church opened in Rae-st. she and her husband accepted our position, and both of them loyally stood by their faith till death changed their place of service. For over 60 years our sister has resided in this district, and for close on 40 years has had membership with us, she realising the ripe age of 84 years. For the last few months she has been failing in health, but was only confined to bed for a few days before the end came. She was one of the sturdy type of women both in mind and body, and was "not one of those given to change." Generous and constant in her attendance at the assembly, she set a fine example to others. She leaves a family of eight sons and daughters, all of whom reflect credit on their parentage. Visiting her during her closing days she gave eloquent testimony as to her acceptance with God, and passed away with simple faith and confidence in the atoning work of Jesus Christ.—J.W.B., North Fitzroy, Vic.

DUNN.—On April 5, at his residence in Rose Park, South Australia, Bro. R. Dunn fell asleep in Jesus at the age of 74 years, after prolonged suffering. For a long while he had not been well, but for the last five or six months had been laid aside on account of the severity of his complaint. Bro. Dunn was born in Charleston, S.A., in the year 1840. For forty years he was a member of the Methodist Church, and for many years was an active worker in the Sunday School. During the John T. Brown mission at Norwood eight years ago, he learnt the way of the Lord more perfectly, and was buried with Christ in baptism. Shortly afterwards Bro. Dunn with his family removed to North Adelaide, and he became identified with the church in Kermodest., where he remained a faithful member until his death. He was a loving and faithful follower of the Saviour, and was loved by all the church. He was large-hearted, broad-minded, gentle and sympathetic, an earnest student of the Book of books, and loved also to read books which threw light upon the sacred pages. For four years he served the church faithfully as deacon, and found great pleasure in regularly preparing the Lord's table. On account of his illness, Bro. Dunn found it necessary to dispose of his baking business, as it was too great a tax upon his decreasing strength, when he removed temporarily to Goodwood, thence within the last few weeks to Rose Park. He had just moved into his new home when the Lord called him to the mansion on high. His remains were laid to rest in the Payneham Cemetery on April 7, when H. R. Taylor, of the Maylands church, conducted the service. We extend loving sympathy to his bereaved widow, sons, daughters, and grand-children.

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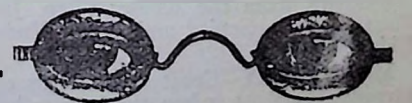
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ago she was married to Mr. Stone, in the chapel, and we extend our hearty sympathy to the bereaved husband, the mother (our Sister Mrs. White), and all her loved ones. With her babe beside her in her narrow bed, we laid her mortal remains in the tomb, in the full assurance of faith of her having gone to be with Christ. Our congregation largely wear signs of bereavement, as since January 15 we have conducted 33 funeral services. To all the bereaved we convey our deepest sympathy.—E. J. Tuck, April 26.

JUNEE.—On Friday afternoon last the sisters spent a very pleasant time at the home of Bro. and Sister Jas. Wilson, where they had been invited to say farewell to Sister Woolnough, who has been on a short visit amongst us. During her short stay our sister has shown her sterling qualities, and all whom she came in contact with regret that she is not able at present (owing to business connections) to join her husband in his work here. After an enjoyable time together, the gathering terminated with prayer by Sister Woolnough, who left by train on Saturday morning to return to Bendigo. We had Bro. Nightingale, of the Emerald (Vic.) church to break bread with us this morning. If any brother or sister has a donation for our building fund, we would be very grateful.—W.L.C.

Victoria.

EMERALD (Township).—We had a very nice meeting in the hall last night. Bro. Paterson, of the College of the Bible, gave a fine talk on "Behold the Lamb of God."—Wm. Bolduan, April 27.

NEWMARKET.—Meetings have been fairly well attended since last report, the proportion of non-members present on Lord's day evenings being most encouraging. Bro. L. McCallum, of Malvern, helped the church greatly by his message yesterday morning. We are sorry that Bro. and Sister Wyatt have removed to Caulfield. The Girls' Friendly Society and Young Men's Club are resuming their meetings. Once monthly a united meeting will be held. The names of sick members and friends provide a most formidable list. Among these are Mrs. Leane and Bro. J. Murdoch (both in hospitals); Mrs. King, Mr. Richardson, Eric Larsen, Bro. A. Ravenhall, Mrs. Knowles, Miss Ruby Hanbridge, Mrs. Hatty, Mrs. Cooper, and Master Jack Rainsbury. Others who have been ill are improving.—J.I.M., April 27.

CARLTON (Lygon-st.).—Helpful meeting for worship in the morning. Following the remembrance of the Lord's death, a fine exhortation was given by Reg. Enniss. In the afternoon the Century Bible Class showed a splendid interest in the fourth address of the series by S. G. Griffith on "The Miracles of Our Lord." Full meeting at night to hear S. G. Griffith give a powerful discourse upon "The Work of a Demon." Two young men responded to the invitation to accept Christ. Through the generosity of A. L. Crichton the teachers were invited to farewell Misses Annie and Edie Craigie on Monday evening at his own home (who are leaving to enter into business in the country). Words were spoken expressing the esteem in which they are held and presents were made for the same purpose following others from the Kindergarten, Junior Bible Class, also the Senior and Junior Endeavorers.—J.McC.

MORELAND.—Great celebrations on Tuesday evening, April 21, when the lecture hall was officially opened by Bro. Thos. Hagger. We are exceedingly proud of this hall, built with our money and our labor, valued at least at £400. We had a social evening, and a splendid time. The church officers, led by Bro. Clay, received two encores. Bro. and Sister Clay sang for us. Several excellent addresses. Good meetings all round.—C.R., April 26.

WARRACKNABEAL.—On Sunday morning, 26th, we had a splendid meeting. Out of a membership of 17, 14 were present, and it is pleasing to note the interest taken by the members in the

meeting for worship. Bro. Reid presided, and Bro. and Sister Combridge were present. Bro. Combridge gave an interesting exhortation on "Thought." Things in this circuit are going splendidly, and the co-operation of the brethren tends to show that the work will thrive under the leadership of Bro. Combridge, who has whole-hearted interest in the work. A meeting is to be held in a short time, to further advance the building movement on foot in this town, and it is to be hoped that arrangements will shortly be completed. Sister Henderson, from Horsham, is now meeting with us, so that our membership is on the increase.—D.E.R., April 27.

ABBOTSFORD.—Since last report everything has been going along in splendid peace and harmony. Our meetings are keeping about the same. A certain plan was put into force in regard to our kindergarten work, which resulted in us securing 50 chairs, all given by donations. Our hearty thanks are due to Sister Giles, of Adelaide, and to other kind friends and members, some from Queensland, N.S.W., and South Australia, who so kindly assisted to make this movement a success. Bro. Fisher, from South Melbourne, was received into membership last Sunday. We have had two decisions from the Bible School during the past few weeks, and one young man to-night. Arrangements for our forthcoming anniversary are beginning to be developed. Last Sunday we lost one aged and esteemed sister in the person of Sister Mrs. Black, who was called home. An in memoriam will be held next Sunday.—C.H.J., April 29.

PRAHRAN.—Three were welcomed to fellowship yesterday, and two more made the good confession. Four new scholars to the school. Attendance at mid-week prayer meeting averaged 60 for March. There were special thanksgiving meetings. The average at this month's prayer meetings is 40. There were 121 at breaking of bread here yesterday.—P. J. Pond, April 27.

HAWTHORN.—We had good meetings yesterday. We received one sister by letter of transfer from South Richmond. Visitors included Sister Gregson, of Wedderburn; Sisters Hoffman and Jessie Gibson, of Lygon-st. Good attendance at night, and our large choir sang splendidly. Last Wednesday night Mr. McDiarmid, B.A., of the Sudan Mission, gave a good address.—A. C. Rankine, April 27.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.—Hagger-Clay mission commenced yesterday. Good meetings all day. At the morning meeting Bro. Clay presided, and Bro. Hagger gave the exhortation. In the afternoon a temperance meeting was held in the South Melbourne Town Hall, about 300 people being present. The meeting in the chapel at night was most encouraging. We are hoping that the mission will prove a great blessing to the church here. We shall appreciate the presence of any visitors from sister churches.—E.D.

FAIRFIELD PARK.—We had a visit from Bro. and Sister Carnaby, from Lygon-st.; Bro. C. Anderson, Sister Brooke, from Richmond; Bro. Curtis, from the College. Our brother has offered to teach in the Bible School, which is greatly appreciated. Bro. Anderson gave a fine practical exhortation. The largest gathering for some time. Bro. Hibbert spoke to a large meeting in the evening. Next Lord's day evening parents are especially invited.—F.P.

TARADALE.—The church is growing in grace under the spiritual influence of Bro. A. Wedd, of the College, who is now laboring in our midst. We are glad to report good attendance at all meetings. One notable feature is the attendance at the meeting for worship, and Bible School. On Lord's day, April 12, we had Bro. Wakely, of the College, with us, who exhorted in the morning and preached the gospel to a splendid audience at night. The Y.P.S.C.E. held their picnic and social on Easter Monday, which was a pronounced success.—G. Jackel, April 27.

COSGROVE.—Last Lord's day we had Bro. Clipstone presiding, and Sisters Thomson, Bowie and Black, and Bro. G. Black visiting, when the latter gave us a splendid exhortation, and also proclaimed the gospel. We were pleased to have

these sisters and brother meet with us, and to hear the words of exhortation from one who had grown from childhood amongst us.—J.C.P., April 27.

MELBOURNE (Swanston-st.).—Our meetings continue good. On Sunday morning three were received into fellowship: two who were baptised by Bro. Allen, and one by letter. On Sunday night, after a good address, there was one confession. These decisions are very encouraging, and we are hopeful that many responses will be made to the gospel invitation from the very large audiences that are assembling night after night to hear Bro. Allen's faithful preaching of the Word.

HORSHAM.—Bro. Burdeu has been with us all day, and the church greatly appreciate his uplifting addresses. To-night he gave a stirring address to one of the largest audiences we have seen here for a long while. J. Park, who has been in this district for a few weeks, has been doing a good personal work. Last Sunday week Bro. Park was instrumental in bringing twelve strangers along to the meeting to hear Bro. Burdeu. We heartily appreciate the help these good brethren are giving us while we are without a preacher.—C. H. Spicer, April 26.

WARRNAMBOOL.—The work here is going on steadily. Splendid meetings all day yesterday. Record attendance at the gospel meeting at night. In addition to the usual week-night meetings, a cottage prayer meeting has been started, which is of great spiritual benefit to all who attend. Our Bible School is on the increase. Bro. Robb has been appointed superintendent, and is putting great energy into the work. On Easter Sunday, in the absence of Bro. Jones, Bro. Pearl, from Camperdown, exhorted, and Bro. Perkin, from Brighton, preached the gospel. On the 19th we had with us several visitors from Doncaster, also Bro. Benn, from Kaniva, who exhorted in the morning. On April 20 the new members entertained the old ones at a return social, when a very happy time was spent together.—R.F.P., April 27.

GEELONG.—On Sunday morning last Gifford Gordon made reference to his approaching departure from Geelong. He had originally accepted a call to labor with the church at Invercargill, N.Z., but owing to the very serious illness that his esteemed wife has lately undergone, and acting on the advice of her medical adviser, he has very reluctantly had to postpone his visit to N.Z. Bro. Gordon announced having decided to accept work with the church at Prahran, commencing the first Sunday in July. It will be hard for the brethren here to part with Bro. Gordon, who is loved by all for his untiring efforts in the best interests of the church, and no words can adequately picture or express just what he has really accomplished here. Suffice for us to say, he has lifted the church here on to the very highest pinnacle of success. We feel confident that Bro. Gilbert Chandler, who will follow in August, will receive the whole-hearted support of the members, and that he will successfully carry on the work so faithfully done by Bro. Gordon.—E.B.

EMERALD.—On Friday, April 24, we held our Sunday School anniversary. We had with us Bro. Procter, from North Richmond. We enjoyed his talk very much. Several of the children recited, and the choir of Sunday School children and Bible Class did their part well, trained by the writer and Mrs. Romeril. We still have Bro. Henderson with us, and our meeting on Sunday night was splendid.—W. P. Legg, April 28.

ASCOT VALE.—During the month we are pleased to report increased attendances at our mid-week meetings; also splendid attendances at our Lord's day services. Gospel meetings conducted by Bro. Kingsbury are being crowded by attentive audiences. J. W. Enniss, of North Fitzroy, exhorted last Lord's day morning, and his address was very much appreciated. At 3.30 p.m. on the same day, our "We Mean Business" (Adult Bible) Class was successfully launched by our preacher. Constitution was adopted, efficient staff of officers appointed, and those present were enrolled as charter members. Its teacher is its founder, which augurs well for the future prosperity of the class and its influence for good in the district.—J.Y.P., April 28.

Here and There

Bro. E. Davis will close his work as evangelist at South Melbourne at the end of May.

Herbert Gladman, Victoria-st., Footscray, Vic., is acting secretary of the Footscray church.

A report of the West Australian Conference came to hand too late for publication in this issue. It will appear next week.

Warrnambool (Vic.) Sunday School is planning to introduce a kindergarten department, and will need a small organ; if any individual or school has a suitable one, it would be well to communicate with W. L. Jones, Craven-st., Warrnambool.

Miss R. F. Tilley, our missionary from Baramati and Diksal, arrived in Melbourne on Monday morning by the "Morea." She speaks in very high terms of the kindness shown her by the brethren in West Australia and South Australia.

The Victorian Churches of Christ Year Book is now in the hands of the printer. The price will be ninepence per copy. All orders should be sent to Thos. Hagger, "Olney," Walsh-st., Coburg, or the Austral Publishing Co., and should be accompanied by payment. This will be a handy book of reference throughout the year.

The mission at South Melbourne commenced on Sunday last. A good meeting at the table in the morning, when Bro. Clay presided and Bro. Hagger spoke on "Campaigning for Christ." In the afternoon a well-attended Anti-Liquor service was held in the local town hall. A fine audience was at the first evangelistic service in the chapel at night. The meeting will be held every night except Friday.

Only nine weeks separate Sunday, May 3, the day on which this issue will be handed to many of its readers, from Lord's day, July 5—the great day of the Foreign Mission offering throughout Australia. Preparation—of mind, of heart, and of offerings—must be the order of the day till then. In July some will celebrate the "glorious fourth"; others again, the "glorious twelfth"; let all unite for a "glorious fifth."

The following are the names of the officers elected for the N.S.W. Foreign Missions Committee for this year:—President, J. Clydesdale, 15 Trade-st., Newtown; Vice-President, G. H. Browne, "Harvard," Alice-st., Auburn; Treas., F. J. Winks, "Westella," Weston-road, Hurstville; Secretary, F. T. Saunders, Botany-st., Randwick. The address of the Secretary for letters is "Randwick"; for parcels, telegrams, and money orders, "South Kensington."

Bible School Day, Victoria, May 3. All church secretaries in Victoria are urged to carefully distribute envelopes and make special note of Bible School Day in their announcements. Speakers for May 3 are reminded that it will be a great help if they will deal with appropriate themes. All are requested to give liberally. That the Bible School Union in Victoria might be enabled to undertake progressive work, churches are asked to forward 50 per cent. of the Bible School offering to augment the funds of the Union, as soon as convenient after the collection is taken up.

The highest lesson a believer has to learn is humility. Oh, that every Christian who seeks to advance in holiness may remember this well! There may be intense consecration and fervent zeal and heavenly experience, and yet, if it is not prevented by dealings of the Lord, there may be an unconscious self-exaltation with it all. Let us learn the lesson—the highest holiness is the deepest humility; and let us remember that it comes not of itself, but only as it is made a matter of special dealing on the part of our faithful Lord and his faithful servant.—*Andrew Murray.*

Nuns and their Earnings.—An interesting estimate made by Mr. Ernest Phillips, in the *Churchman's Magazine*, is that "the average sum brought by each nun in money or in services of a monetary value is £1000.... In view of the fact that

some nuns bring in £1,000,000, and others as little as £100, while some do the finest needlework, run laundries, factories, and farms, and others earn salaries as teachers, or gather fees in convent schools, we think that the sum of £1000 is a low average capital sum for each nun to bring to her Order. Now, as there are 2,500,000 nuns, this number multiplied by 1000 equals £2,500,000,000, which is the capital sum this devoted army of misguided women bring to 'holy mother Church' in each generation."

Mark Guy Pearse on "Care."—A new edition is issued of Mark Guy Pearse's capital little book, *Christ's Cure for Care*. Apart from the merits of the book itself, we note the curious but pointed lines he quotes:—

"Fear not!" the flowers whisper;
"Since thus He hath arrayed
The buttercup and daisy,
How canst thou be afraid?"
Then don't you trouble trouble
Till trouble troubles you;
You'll only double trouble,
And trouble others too.

There are three great principles in life which weave its warp and woof, apparently incompatible with each other, yet they harmonise, and in their blending create this strange life of ours. The first is, our fate is in our own hands, and our blessedness and misery the exact result of our own acts. The second is, "There is a divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will." The third is, "The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong; but time and chance happeneth to them all." Accident, human will, the shaping will of Deity—these things make up life.—*F. W. Robertson.*



The Good Samaritan.

And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.—*Luke 10: 30-34.*

"Think Twice."—It is a wise adage, says the *Christian*, "If you are not sure what to do, do nothing until you are." The principle lies at the root of the remarkable treaty already signed by thirteen nations, and which is being considered seriously by nine others; in fact, thirty-one nations approve the proposal, but differ as to the form of expressing it. The treaty provides for a *period of investigation* before a declaration of war. This "Think Twice" Treaty marks an era in international history, and will assuredly be very widely welcomed. Bitter past experiences have gone to show that it is far truer of war than of marriage, that to act in haste is to repent at leisure.

"Towards the Abyss."—No European statesman is a better judge of war and its entail than the Russian Count Witte, whose opinion is expressed in the *Contemporary Review*. Surmising "that some forty per cent. of the outlay of the various States is absorbed by the armies and navies which are to carry on the great campaign of the future, and by the debts left by the campaigns of the past," the Count continues:—"Sketch a picture in your mind's eye of all that those sums, if properly spent, could effect for the nations who now waste them on heavy guns, rifles, Dreadnoughts, fortresses, and barracks. If this money were laid out on improving the material lot of the people, in housing them hygienically, in procuring for them healthier air, medical aid, and needful periodical rest, they would live longer and work to better purpose. Again, all the best brain-work of the most eminent men is focussed on efforts to create new lethal weapons, or to make the old ones more deadly. Take the newest conquest of man—the air.... How do they think of applying aviation? To make the airship one of the most death-dealing pieces of mechanism in use. The noblest efforts of the greatest thinkers are wasted on inventions to destroy human life. When I call to mind the gold and the work thus dissipated in smoke and sound, and compare that picture with this other—villagers with drawn, sallow faces, men and women and dimly conscious children perishing slowly and painfully of hunger—I begin to ask myself whether human culture and the white man who personifies it are not wending towards the abyss."

The Dread Alternative.—"How will it all end?" asks the Count; he comes to this grim conclusion:—"Unless the Great States which have set this hideous example agree to call a halt, so to say, and knit their subjects into a pacific, united Europe, war is the only issue I can perceive. And when I say war, I mean a conflict which will surpass in horror the most brutal armed conflicts known to human history, and entail distress more widespread and more terrible than living men can realise." "Think twice!" Surely responsible men in whose hands lies a people's destiny should think, not twice, but fifty times, before plunging into such horrors as Count Witte so truthfully depicts.

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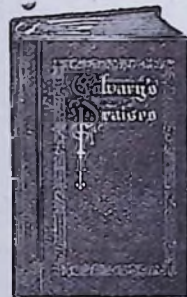
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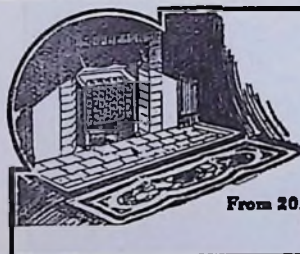


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
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