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## Every Child for the Church.

T. H. Scambler, B.A.

WE have fine Sunday Schools; we have crowds of young people in our congregations; we have young people's clubs and societies galore. Let us claim the child for the church.

This is in many respects a young people's age. "There are story books for the young, preaching for the young, exercises for the young, organisations for the young." But are we claiming them for the church?

It is not a question of whether we have sufficient auxiliaries for young people. Perhaps we have too many—so many that spiritual interests have difficulty in being recognised. It is a question whether the church really appreciates the need, the obligation and the opportunity of claiming the child for Jesus Christ.

For consider! It is conceded that work among the young is more economical and yields better results than any other kind of work. Yet how much more willing churches are to put time and money and effort into missions to redeem fallen men and women than into missions to train the youth in the nurture and admonition of the Lord! All the forces of the church are marshalled, all the available money is pooled, for a mission to save the lost. When did you hear of the forces of a church being marshalled to save the masses of children from becoming lost?

"But what would you?" someone asks. "Do we not have decision days? And do not those very missions bring many young people into the church?" True, but these things only partly touch the question. It is a sad experience for many of us that de-

cision days merely complicate the problem, for a child in the church without the nurture and admonition of the Lord is in a condition that very seriously imperils his own salvation, and—to the extent that his influence affects it—the welfare of the church as well.

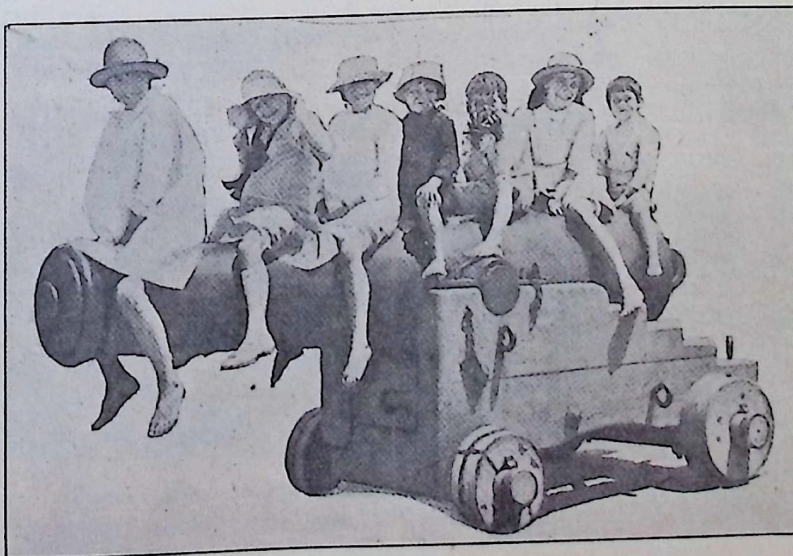
Yesterday a faithful brother who has reared a large family told me that all of his children were pressed, without adequate instruction, into the church on 'decision days or in special efforts. Only one of them is in the fellowship of the church to-day. That is a calamity all too often repeated.

Our churches *allow* Sunday Schools to be conducted, and graciously place a part of the equipment of the church at the disposal of the few earnest souls who wish to do the work. They *permit* clubs to organise and carry on. How many shoulder the responsibility and carry on the work? How many

bodies of church officers know *what* and *how efficiently* lessons are being taught in the Sunday School?

I have a vision of a church really grappling with the problem. I see the officers of that church—every man of them—seriously at work on the question. I see the members of the church so earnest, so eager, so appreciative of the issues involved that the school is staffed with an abundance of consecrated people—able and efficient—who train the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. I see other groups of people who are awaiting their day of opportunity in service, preparing heart and mind by diligent study of the Word of God, of the nature of the child and of the principles of teaching. I see a day in which the church does not beg pathetically for class leaders of any kind who may be willing to assist, but in which men and women stand ready and qualified whenever the door of opportunity opens. "Dreams are they—but they are God's dreams!" Somehow I entertain the hope that even in this careless age, when church members so lightly regard their heaviest obligations, the Master of men and lover of children will yet see of the travail of his soul, and be satisfied.

What a work the organisers of our Young People's Departments have on their hands! It is theirs to help the churches recognise their day of opportunity. With enthusiasm, sympathy and conviction let us help these men as they seek to help us in new and larger ways to claim the child for the church.



Australia's Greatest Asset—the Next Generation.



## It is Children's Year in N.S.W.

"The child is the supreme asset of the Kingdom of God, and the superb hope of to-morrow."

### Up and Doing.

T. E. Rofe, Conference President.

Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? and he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep." Brethren, it is our duty to teach the little ones all about that Saviour who loved them and still loves them. If you love the Saviour Jesus the Christ you must feed the lambs and the sheep of the pasture. Brethren, the responsibility is ours and yours to see that the lambs and the sheep of the Master are kept in the straight and narrow paths, and fitted for eternity with their shepherd Jesus, the Christ, the Saviour and Redeemer of mankind. Be up and doing.

### In Brief.

Facts that Speak.

A very busy year's work. Activities continually expanding.

New schools, clubs, Endeavor Societies. Twenty-four clubs hold over 300 for the church.

Many promising young lives added to church.

Five well-attended combined functions, showing greatness and unity of work.

Record annual examination—intensive Scripture study.

Co-operation with local work. Practically every church and school visited. Uncounted interviews and conferences with workers.

Teachers helped—lectures, articles, circulating library.

Cot in Children's Hospital maintained.

Federal Bible School work undertaken.

Active part in Children's Year—best thing attempted for young in this State.

Optimistic outlook—in almost all centres work on up-grade.

500,000 untaught—ready fields waiting—expansion our most urgent need—critical time for our work reached.

May 3—One shilling more from every member.

—A.L.H.

### Is it Well?

A. H. Webber, Chairman.

Over the doorway of a children's hospital in the village of Shanklin, in the Isle of Wight, are the words, "Is it well with the child? It is well with the child." The beautiful thought in these words well expresses the ideal of every worker among children. They might well be placed over the doorway of all our church buildings, and the spirit they breathe should certainly fill the heart of every Christian. If it is "well with the child," it is well with the church, with the nation, and with the world. It is recognised that in the child lies the future of the race. The church too, is slowly awakening to the immense importance of the work among children. Christ placed the child "in the midst," and when giving his final command to Peter he first said, "Feed my lambs," afterwards came "Feed my sheep." "Is it well with the child?" is a vital question if the child is our child. Christ says, "Feed my lambs," they are of vital importance to him, and if we are true to him we will see that "his lambs" are "our peculiar care."

### Do You Know?

S. J. Southgate.

Do you know the number of scholars enrolled in your Bible School? Do you know how many have confessed Christ and been added to his church during the past year? Do you know the names of those who are directly responsible for the conduct of the school? Do you know there is some special way in which you may show your lively interest in the finest auxiliary the church has?

Consecrated gifts and service are required and ought to be given; schoolrooms

are needed and ought to be provided. The work of the Bible School is the work of God. Its aim is the present and eternal good of the children, the spread of the Christian religion, the permeating of the national character with true Christian principles.

Let us admit that we know that it is the business of the church to assume the responsibility which now rests upon the shoulders of the few. It is her duty to finance the undertaking, and to see that the splendid results achieved by the school are conserved. The school leads the child to the church. The church ought to get, and give, and hold.

We know—let us do.

### Financial Partnership.

S. O. Gole (Hon. Treasurer).

There are two classes of Christians in the church: (1) those who give their consecrated ability, time and money, and (2) those, not active workers, who give of their means. I feel confident that amongst us there is no third class who give neither time nor money to the great work of leading the children to Christ.

We appeal more especially to the second class—those not actively engaged—to come into closer partnership with the Bible School teachers. These give their time, mental and spiritual powers. What will YOU give?

Hitherto our annual offerings have just covered the year's needs, but we are particularly anxious for a good offering on this occasion in view of the special "children's year" effort, and because of the need of definite school expansion. This year we ask for at least "1/- more from every member."

God so loved that he gave his very best and precious possession—his only Son—that the world might be saved. God has blessed you. Will you not offer to the Lord the very best offering you have ever given for the work amongst the young people of this State, that they may be won for Christ and his church?



New Building at Granville, N.S.W.

Commencing two years ago, with 6 scholars meeting in a home, Granville has grown to a school of 62. A move to this building has just been made, and a speedy doubling of numbers is expected. W. Stow is in charge.

MAY 3

One Shilling more  
from every member

MAY 3



# Western Australia Affirms:—

**"As the Twig is Bent, the Tree is Inclined."**

## Only Thirty Minutes.

Thos. Hagger.

The title is not mine. It was given to me by the good brother whose duty it is to allot the subjects. And it was given by him to suggest that thirty minutes is the extent of the time for class work in our schools each Lord's day. But surely he is liberal. In many schools the teachers do not have more than twenty minutes.

Thirty minutes out of the ten thousand and eighty in each week! The rest of the time is largely taken up with eating, sleeping, playing, working, secular instruction, and such things. True, a few (far too few) of the children in our schools attend our gospel services on Sunday evenings. Some others get a little instruction on religious matters in the day schools, where the preachers are not too tired to give this, and where the laws will permit it. But thirty minutes in each week is the liberal estimate of the time that the church has for direct dealing with the rising generation on matters that have to do with the best things in the life that now is, and with the life that is to come.

How important those thirty minutes are! How precious! Thirty minutes in which to help form character. Thirty minutes in which to influence the child for Christ and the church. Thirty minutes in which to impress upon the child the need for an acceptance of the Saviour and his salvation.

Surely if this were realised church members would take more interest in the school and the work of teaching; surely superintendents would not be distracted by the want of teachers, and schools would not have to turn children away for want of room. Awake! Church of God, awake!! Seize the opportunity of the day to reach the young life of the community with the teaching of the Master in our schools on Lord's days. Only thirty minutes. Use them and use them well for the kingdom of God.

## Is the Bible School True to the Letter and Spirit of the Commission?

The great commission says, "Go . . . . . teach," and the business of these three is the concern of the Bible School. The school is forever on the "go," seeking, winning and teaching the rising generation.—W. R. Hibburt.

So true that when the church, which reads her marching orders therein, desires to abdicate her function and to that extent depose her King, the quickest and most effective procedure would be the abolition of the Bible School.—N. C. Halleday.

Yes—for the commission deals with the world of continents inhabited by various nationalities, and with the world of human life in its various stages of growth, and the Bible School is included in these. The commission also refers to the gospel and our duty in bringing it to the notice of these worlds. This is being done through the Bible School, and much of this world-wide work would be left undone without the Bible School.—R. W. Ewers.

The Bible School exists as a part of the church's effort to fulfil the commission. Actually there is more of the letter and



**A Good Samaritan.**

Len plays the big-brother-part and carries his friend Cliff, who has sore feet, to Sunday School. Len Boulden and Cliff Pond are members of the Claremont School, W.A.

spirit of the commission in Bible School work than there often is in our gospel preaching. Going to the homes, taking children from the streets, fulfils the commission of preaching and teaching in a very real manner.—C. P. Hughes.

## My Friend.

C. A. G. Payne.

I am resting in my armchair—I am no longer young. There lies before me a letter from a friend in which he says, "Memory never forgets the friends of boyhood." I am sure that is so. Many of our school fellows are forgotten—others are recalled only because of special incidents; but the friends of boyhood! these are like green trees by the riverside. Some of them have "passed over," but the memory, for good or ill, remains. Some, how-

ever, were very choice souls whose influence has stayed with us throughout life.

More than 40 years ago I knew such a one, who, although occupying a very prominent place in the commercial life of Melbourne, was a devoted Sunday School teacher. He was my friend and the friend to many another. When others frowned, he smiled and loved us. I think that is how he won us and in the winning he afterwards won us for his Master. His strong and tender words of the Saviour's power and forgiveness have remained through all the changing scenes of life.

Of all the influences operating in Christian lands I think none is nearly so potent as the Sunday School. What a large and noble band of Sunday School teachers and workers is there in Australia; and yet not nearly enough to effectually evangelise the continent. Nevertheless they are guiding the destiny of the country. They are the friends of the eminent—in the making—missionaries, preachers, teachers, doctors, home makers, church workers, and empire builders. Many a teacher is still the friend of those who have climbed to the top but who but for the friendship of tender years might have lost the way.

## Bent Individuals.

Will H. Clay.

I never was what you would call an athlete; I don't know why, unless my training in this respect was neglected. However, in spite of this, I had the fortune, when a younger man, to gain a second place in a race, and secured a prize. Yet, fairness compels me to admit that only three contested it, and the third man fell. I guess that is very often the reason why some succeed, or appear to do so; there are so few contestants for the prizes that are offered in life's race that the persistent trier is bound to get a prize sometimes.

It is hardly satisfactory to the trier, nevertheless, to have the consciousness that his success is always contingent upon other individuals' weaknesses. Such a person can never start out as a winner. He may win by force of circumstance, but never meritoriously.

I am reminded of the proverb, "It is hard to teach an old dog new tricks;" and the thought that this inspires is, all the training possible should be done while young. The early years are the formative years in all life, still and active. "As the twig is bent the tree will incline," but if it is kept straight it will grow a straight tree. The function of training physically and morally belongs to secular institutions; it may belong to the church, but we are all agreed that her real function is to so present Christ to the young lives that they will imbibe his Spirit, without which, whether young or old, we are none of his.

Let us apply ourselves more diligently to the fashioning of the young, and so minimise, as far as possible, the "bent individual" in the church and the world.



## South Australia Says:—

### Shares in the Bible School Yield Dividends of Love and Nobility.

#### The Superintendent and His Vision.

R. E. Mossop (President of Bible School Dept.).

Every superintendent should have a vision; the bigger the vision the greater the work attempted for the Master and greater the victories won. A united band of consecrated teachers all pulling on one end of the rope. All being seated in their allotted places before the children are admitted ready to receive them: it is God's house, let us keep it orderly. A graded school, departmental leaders forming an executive to deal with urgent business; many hands make light work. A good secretary with a card system doing things in a business-like way: it is the King's business. Short opening and closing exercise, full time given to teacher in class. A good library, dealing out good books. Good adult classes where parents gather. It is easier to bring than to send the boys and girls to school. Every church member in the Bible School. An orderly close—each teacher dismissing his or her class with a hand-shake—there is a lot in a hand-shake—and returning to seat till all the school is dismissed. A good Cradle Roll Department—two live sisters can do a great work here. Nothing like a good start. Good school visitors kept well posted with the names of absentees. Get out after them, they are too precious to lose. Superintendent to get a vision for souls. Make every Sunday a May day; a soul-winning day. A church with a Bible School vision using to the full the May day opportunities.

#### The Sunday School: A National Asset.

Ross Manning.

The Sunday School is a wonderful influence in a community. Its circle may be small in comparison with non-attendants, but many of those whom it does reach become leading citizens and statesmen.

Many men who have become great in national affairs, attribute, largely, their success to the influence and training of the Sunday School. Mr. Bonar Law, in replying to a deputation which had waited upon him, stated that such was the case in his life, and emphasised the importance of teaching the Bible to the young.

For your consideration we would state ten reasons why we believe the Sunday School to be a national asset.

1. It demands a recognition of God.
2. It cultivates a knowledge of the Bible.
3. It demands a recognition of law and order.
4. It develops character.
5. It exalts goodness and faithfulness.
6. It promotes a social spirit.
7. It extols virtues.
8. It inspires confidence and trust.
9. It creates a reverent spirit.
10. It affords opportunities of unselfish service.

We could name many who, after passing through such a training ground, have left the impress of their lives upon the generation in which they lived, but we would especially mention the names of two of our own membership.

The late Dr. S. J. Magarey, who, for many years whilst superintendent of the Adelaide Sunday School, was also a legislator of the House of Assembly, and piloted through that house the Local Option Bill, and the late Mr. Wm. Burford who has so recently been called home. Building up a large business concern, trusted, honored and

respected by his fellow citizens, and at the same time devoting time, energy and means for the extension of the cause of Jesus Christ. Such men, and there are many others we could name, we honor; and surely the best way of perpetuating their memory is to give of our very best, even as they did, for the boys and girls in our Sunday Schools.

#### The Value of the Bible School.

At the Cross-roads.

W. E. Forbes.

The cross-roads is the critical period in the life of the young man, where he stands at the parting of ways.



#### A Bunch of Wattle Blossom.

The school at Fullarton, S.A., founded on Mar. 8, 1925, with Bro. D. Thorpe as superintendent. There are now 42 names on the register.

The ultimate is largely determined by what happens here. Up to this point life's thoughts and activities have been circumscribed. Now the old moorings are slipped, for an awakening self-consciousness within finds an answering world-consciousness without and youth moves forward hopefully and joyously to life's venture. It may be either to a glorious triumph or a tragic failure. At the cross-roads comes the first breath of doubt, the fundamentals of the faith are questioned.

Here again, in a marked degree, come the alluring solicitations of questionable and sinful pleasures. At this point comes, irresistibly, the pack-call. Young men crave for society, that is why they congregate in groups.

And here again stands the embodiment of all that might yet be. Within him reside awakening forces; forces if controlled and directed will become master producers, but if given unbridled license, will become feeders of the scrap-heap.

One has well said, "The wreckage and driftwood of life are simply forces of great possibilities prostituted." The school at the cross-roads justifies its existence and proves its value by its

ability to meet the deep need of the young man at that critical period. It meets his doubts by bringing him to the Word of God and explaining his difficulties in the light of revelation. By its associations it safeguards him from the enticements, full-blast, of sinful pleasures. It meets his hunger for companionship, giving him the company of clean-minded young men. Pre-eminently it recognises the latent forces in every young fellow, and aims at bringing him under the control of the Master-hand of Jesus, under whose touch life must ever be a splendid achievement.

#### The Children and Citizenship.

F. Collins.

"The stability of a Commonwealth rests upon the honesty, fair play, and sense of public responsibility of its own citizens, and on nothing else. The principle of its life is the Christian spirit of devotion to duty and the active service of the rest of the community.—"Round Table."

The Bible School is the only institution in the world, unless it be a Christian home, that fully, systematically, and persistently teaches the above principles of citizenship to the young.

Every home does not teach these principles, but every Bible School makes them a great objective.

We must think of citizenship in terms of the boy and the girl, for as a recent writer in this paper said, "He (the boy) will assume control of your cities, States and nation." "The fate of the nation and humanity are in his hands."

The promotion and control of education and public utilities by the State make larger opportunities for evil if the conscience is not trained. W. C. Pearce, Secretary World's Sunday School Association, said, "An uneducated man, if dishonest, and the opportunity occurs, will steal a ride upon a rail-road; but the highly educated man, if he is dishonest, will steal the whole railroad. This applies to company rail-roads, more than to our State-owned systems, but a purely secular education is dangerous, righteousness is the only way of national salvation."

The Bible School is the chief hope we have of making Australia a fit place for our children to live in; its teaching will produce the men and women who are "the salt of the earth"; its atmosphere and spirit will expel the demons of selfishness, brutality, lust and crime. GIVE US MORE BIBLE SCHOOLS, AND GIVE US THE BEST.

#### Is It Worth While?

Sometimes I wonder is it worth it?

To try and teach the children of their Lord?

They do not seem to care or listen;

I am sure they scarcely heed a word.

And then, sometimes I don't feel like it,

I do not want to stay behind and teach

When all my friends go for a motor-ride,

Or spend the hours down on some sunny beach.

And yet, perhaps some little thing I say

May capture for itself a lodging place,

And rest awhile within some childish heart

That needs the Saviour's tend'rest love and

grace.

Perhaps while I am talking to them,

And while they laugh and joke and play around,

Some faltering word of mine may fall unguessed

And germinate within some fertile ground.

It does not do to get discouraged,

We see but part—God views the whole;

The little word in weakness truly taught

May touch and save perhaps one erring soul.

And if 'twere only one I captured

Through years of teaching—only one;

Why in God's final day of judgment,

I'd stand before him—not alone.

—Esther M. Messent, Unley.



# Victoria Stands

## On the Threshold.

### A Grand Achievement.

A. E. Illingworth (President of the Conference).

I am pleased to commend the work of our B.S. Committee. The task of stimulating interest in the religious instruction of the children is specially committed to their care. Can we over-estimate the importance of this work? I think not.

Surely Bible reading and study are vital to the moral and spiritual development of the children! All who create a love for the Bible in the hearts of the young have made a grand achievement.

What could be more encouraging to lovers of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus our Lord than to see our little ones truly fond of Bible stories and Bible truths?

What could be more cheering to parents, teachers and preachers than to hear them speak respectfully, aye, even tenderly and affectionately of the good old Bible as "The Best of Books." This in itself would be a fine reward for our labors. I know we must get them interested in Bible-reading and study if we are to save them.

There is a danger confronting us which we cannot ignore. It is this—we may rear a race of people utterly ignorant of the first principles of Christianity.

The only way to avert the dread possibility of an unread Bible is to get the children in early life fond of the Book—who can depict the woes attendant upon ignorance of the contents of this inspired volume?

I sat in a morning meeting recently, in a fairly large assembly, and felt a tear start to my eyes. I happened to look around the audience and the only person I noticed with an open Bible following the Scripture lessons was a boy in his teens. He was deeply interested; he followed every word most carefully. I was not surprised to hear that "he loved his Bible."

A K.S.P. junior member said to me the other day, "I wish you would explain to us in club some night that 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians. I feel I'd like to understand it better." It was a rare and pleasant experience.

What a joy it would be, if all our young people were thus eager and anxious to know the teaching of the guide book to life eternal!

Far too often we see instead Bibles tossed around in a most careless fashion, and treated apparently with scant respect—an action which indicates but little regard for their sacred contents!

The call of the hour is to create a "Berean" spirit and love for the Bible in the minds of the young. If our B.S. Committee can foster this spirit in all schools it will merit our further support and blessing. I believe it can.

### Endorse the Appointment.

J. Sharp.

Chairman Bible Schools & Young People's Dept.

During the past year the organising work of the Committee was undertaken by Bro. Gale. He did the work thoroughly and without remuneration, but with his own church work it was not possible to enter into fresh activities. With the appointment of Bro. McCallum as full-time organiser new avenues of service will be possible. We know the brotherhood will approve of the selection of Bro. McCallum, and that they will endorse the same by a large offering on May 3.



On the Threshold.

There they stand, expectant. You can see, as shy as a deer. But it is good they are crossing the threshold to enter. They have turned their backs on many possible ways to spend childhood's sunny hours, and are facing life's golden opportunities in a way that should make them count for the most. Upon what is done for them within these walls will largely depend the destiny of life. Shall it be heaven or?—that is for us to answer.

So stands Victoria—on the threshold. A young sunny land, facing the dawn of promise. So stand the Churches of Christ in Victoria—on the threshold. Their past is unsullied—before them open doors. On the threshold in a special sense—for at the head of the Bible School and Young People's Department stands a young man, a man of splendid parts. Leslie C. McCallum, M.A., has been called to lead us on through the open door. A young man from our own Victorian churches, trained in our own College at Glen Iris, an Arts Master of our own Melbourne University. So the department stands on the threshold waiting for the result of May 3. We require £350 on May 3 to enable us to cross the threshold and launch the new crusade. This is no fictitious appeal—you will appreciate our frankness in telling you the sum that we need, and we know that you will endorse it on May 3.

"In the school-satchel are the keys of to-morrow: who grasps the child grasps the future."—Francis Thompson.

### Work that Counts.

Reg. Enniss.

To teach the Scriptures to our children; to gradually but surely indoctrinate them in the truths which bind us together as a people; to set in operation plans for tiding our young people over the teen-age period of danger—surely no work can be more important.

We were fortunate in having Bro. Blakemore devote some years of his life to this work: we are again fortunate in the choice of his successor. In what better way can we approve the appointment of Bro. L. C. McCallum or cheer him as he enters upon this important work than by a substantial offering on May 3?

### The Child and the State.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

We may encourage children to sing of "angels" and "that happy land" as much as we please, but the great fact still remains that "the child is father to the man," and in forty years' time the child of to-day will have sole control of this great continent. The gospel we must needs teach them is not one alone for preparation for heaven but also for the great work to be accomplished on earth.

Some listeners-in heard recently a very interesting talk on "The Truancy Question," delivered by the Registrar for Council of Public Instruction. After pointing out the very close connection between truancy and crime he spoke of the way to prevent this great evil. First, home influence, secondly, and note it well, Sunday Schools and kindred organisations for the young. Parents, we are told, paid £2,000 in fines in one year to rob their children of their birthright. While the parents merit our severest condemnation the children deserve our help, and nothing we Christian men and women can do is too good or too great if thereby these and other children are encouraged to become worthy citizens of our Commonwealth and subjects of the kingdom of God. Where the parent fails the Bible School must shoulder the responsibility, and it must be raised to that standard where every child shall gladly attend and receive the best instruction in the best way.

### The Bible School and Education.

Leslie C. McCallum, M.A.

What value men place upon education to-day! The search is ever for better methods in education and a lengthening of the school-period of life. The stress and strain of modern days calls for a better and ever better preparation of hand and head to meet life's demands. But amid all this emphasis upon education the training of the youth of our nation in things spiritual is apt to be overlooked, yet there is no subject that is of more value in the school of life than religion. Life without religion is something like physics without astronomy. The public school may train men for a living, and in some measure for a life, but it is only in the Bible School that the higher and deeper things of life are placed in their true perspective. From the standpoint of moral education alone the Bible School has more than justified its existence. But the Bible School does not stop at morals; it deals with souls; souls that have in them the possibility of eternal life or eternal death; souls at their most plastic and impressionable period of life, and seeks to train them for God.

Mr. Lloyd George once said, "The Sunday School is the University of the people. The quality of the knowledge they obtain there is higher and deeper than anything they get elsewhere. . . . We are groping in the fog at best and I would rather trust the destiny of a people to a nation with its children trained in Sunday Schools than I would a nation that had not." Through her Bible Schools the church is making a tremendous contribution to education. I would have every worker in our schools realise that they are engaged in a work that will bear fruit in eternity.



# Queensland

Building for Greatness.

## Queensland's Constructive Work.

The Qld. B.S. and Y.P. Union comes to Conference with a record report of encouraging, practical work. The ultimate aim is to win souls for Christ, so we are pleased to report that 84 scholars accepted Christ. Thus, through the activity of the affiliated organisations, we are building the church of to-morrow upon the foundations so well laid by pioneers, apostles and prophets, Jesus being the chief corner stone.



## Croydon Bible School, Qld.

Increased 100 per cent. during recent Tournament. Winners of Shield.

Bible School and Y.P. work is the most efficient and economical evangelistic activity in which the church can engage. It is a reasonable appeal which the Union makes for £150 on May 3. We are seeking to build for that true greatness which is found in Christ. We cannot rest but must keep on building so that with the living stones which we chisel from the quarry of worldliness, we may rear a beautiful temple, fit habitation for the Lord.

## Laying the Foundation.

Carl M. F. Fischer.

Bible Schools are one of the best agencies to carry out the Great Commission. The preacher's work is made easier and more successful where teaching precedes preaching. Doubtless many of the 3,000 at Pentecost had listened to the teaching of Jesus.

The success of the pioneer preacher of "Our Plea" in Queensland (Stephen Cheek) was largely due to previous teaching. Out of the 12 baptised during the first week of his preaching, ten had been taught in Sunday School.

## Foundations which Endure.

S. Vanham.

Most men reckon the days spent in the Sunday School among the tender memories of their childhood days.

Often have I listened to some big rough "son of the soil," as he told the story of his boyhood. How his voice dropped when he spoke of the Sunday School he used to attend! With what reverence he spoke of the teacher and how he recalled the Bible stories he learned there! I am sure that the memory of the Sunday School must be an influence in that man's life.

Support this work as much as possible, for it is one of the most important factors in the up-building of the church.

## Stones for the Building.

H. G. Payne.

Effective Bible Schools guarantee the future of the church. The assurance premiums of all Christian efforts are paid in this enterprise. Eighty-five per cent. additions are from the Bible School, yet more than 50 per cent. of scholars do not become Christians. The additions advertise the value of the work. The losses advocate increased effort.

Here is a quarry for the church to dig. What if money, workers and equipment must be given? She has neither better nor cheaper work, and none that pays a bigger dividend on spiritual and material capital invested.

## Scaffolding!

Alan Price, B.A.

So far have we gone from the old neglect of childhood that to make children happy is almost considered in itself a Christian work. Behind the temporary happiness must always be the idea of getting the young to know the permanent happiness of a Christian life. This is the object

of all auxiliaries to gospel work in the Bible Schools. Prizes, competitions, rallies, picnics are but the scaffolding. Through the schools we build, by means of the gospel, so that the young may understand and grow.

Bible School teaching is full of setbacks: service often appears to be in vain, yet the fact remains that our churches mainly grow from the schools. Bible School work is therefore worthy of all financial support the churches can give, as it is essential to all permanent and progressive evangelistic effort.

## Workers for Eternity.

V. R. Adcock.

Children can and will serve Christ. They cannot be idle, and would rather do good than evil, if led in a Christly spirit. They are capable of doing Christian service, for they are the world's

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greatest imitators. If we do not utilise the children against sin, Satan will utilise them in work against righteousness. Liberal assistance with the offering will strengthen their work for righteousness.

# Tasmania Claims:—

"The Child: An Asset to the Church."

## One of the Church Assets.

A. R. Taylor, Ulverstone.

One of the great visible assets that the church of God contains for its completion and fulness in Christ, constitutes the offspring or child life in its Sunday Schools, safe-guarded and governed by those fundamental principles of physical, moral and spiritual influence and infusion.

"Train up a child in the way that he should go," saith the Word of truth two thousand nine hundred years ago, "And when he is old he will not depart from it." So spake the man chosen of God, and inspired with godly knowledge and wisdom.

To-day that truthful motto still holds sway in consecrated hearts and minds, and youthful souls are wooed and won, to carry out the message of the gospel which still saves.

Let those therefore who labor in this sphere of work and love take courage and remember that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matt. 16: 18). But God's truth and purpose shall accomplish that for which he sent it. "For it shall not return unto me void," saith the Lord (Isaiah 55: 11).

"Be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain" (1 Cor. 15: 58).

## The Challenge of the Child.

N. J. Warmbrunn (President, Tas. B.S. Union).

We are agreed that the education of the child is most essential, and a challenge, both from secular and religious standpoints.

The former, we believe, has our best interest, co-operation and support; no sacrifice is too great to ensure an almost perfect education for the child, but what of the latter?

The religious aspect of child life in Tasmania, even in some churches, does not receive its rightful place. As in the former, so in the case of the latter, no sacrifice is too great. Our greatest challenge to-day, no one can deny, is the child. "Train up the child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22: 6).

Our Bible Schools have grown slowly in numbers and efficiency. Enormous possibilities lie before us in this island. Let us seize them by uniting forces to increase our numbers, enlarge our finances, and advance the child's knowledge of the Bible. The challenge has been issued: shall the church by its influence and work show to the world it has accepted the greatest challenge possible?

## A Plea for the Text.

N. G. Noble.

From the day of Mr. Raikes till now the organised teaching of the Bible to youth has become one of the greatest auxiliaries of the Christian church, and one of the leading factors in true civilisation. I wish to plead for a more general practice of memorising the exact text of the Bible. Explanation naturally follows in due time. It is reassuring to note the measure of opportunity granted for Bible teaching in State schools. May it increase! "Through the New Testament in one year," is an implied warning of the general indifference to the memorising of the text. The answering, in one's own language, the meaning of a certain passage is to be encouraged up to a certain point. Scripture examinations too often prove a regrettable absence of a textual answer, rather than one of a risky "freedom." Installation must precede explanation, and a clear memory usually



# Memories of Sunday School Work and its Lessons.

T. H. Brooker.

As I sit and write this article my memory takes me back to the year 1855, the year my people migrated to South Australia. We had barely settled in a cottage home at Hindmarsh when we received a visit from the ladies of the mill, then a seat of commercial activity, but with it a sense of responsibility of the spiritual aspect of life.

The ladies had this message: We have just started a Sunday School; will you let your boys come? My dear old mother, who had sent us thus early to school in the Old Country, at once agreed. And now I am looking back practically seventy years, and wish to express my gratitude to that band of Christian workers for the entry into S.S. work, a work that we have never relinquished, and which has proved of immense benefit to thousands who have passed through it. At times we ask ourselves, Is it worth while? and the answer is always Yes. We count the difficulties—the time spent, the anxious moments when we are discouraged on the way, the fail-

ures, our work sometimes misunderstood and sneered at; and then we count our blessings and name them one by one—the joy of service, the building of character for the nation's benefit, the making of life-long friends, the training of the young minds in the paths of righteousness, the directing of the young life beyond the temporal things of this world into the spiritual attainments of the life beyond.

The great teacher of all has said, "Ye are my friends if ye keep my commandments." The great English writer has said, "The friends you have and their adoption tried, grapple them to your souls with hooks of steel." In my experience that applies to the work of the Sunday School, the friendship is of the best and most lasting. As we approach another S.S. Day, my advice to all is as the result of my memories, hold fast your profession without wavering, for its reward is eternal.

## The "Inattentive" Boy.

Randall T. Pittman, B.A.

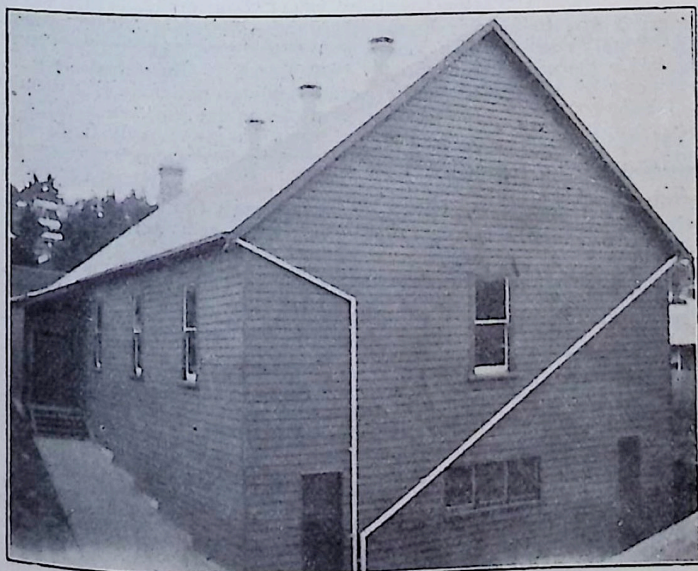
Here is an item of encouragement for the teacher whose patience is sorely tried. Some time ago the Organiser of the Victorian Bible School Department told the Committee of an experience he had in a certain school. While giving an anniversary talk he noticed one boy who was seated near a window. The youngster seemed to pay little heed to the speaker, but enjoyed himself by leaning out of the window and watching everything that attracted his attention. He then left feeling that at least one scholar had gained little benefit from his message. The following year

the organiser was invited again to the same school. As an experiment, he ventured to question the scholars concerning the address of the previous year. To his astonishment the scholar who answered most questions was the boy so "inattentive" on the previous occasion.

Of course, no self-respecting teacher will be satisfied with failure to secure the attention of his class. But the incident narrated warns us against a hasty judgment of the child. That very restlessness and readiness to attend to all about him may be the sign of an alert mind.

guarantees a truer exegesis. The extremes of Puritanism did not arise from their exact quoting of the Scriptures. The Authorised Version may well be known, if only for a more correct expression of English diction. Knowledge of the text is usually sufficient, since the Bible is self-explanatory. The logical faculty will do its duty if we supply the correct data of God's will. Good poetry memorised usually moulds our thoughts;

graces our expression. How much more the influence of knowing the Bible! It is claimed that the two greatest modern discoveries are electricity and the child. In some senses the two are synonymous terms. The child expresses a restless energy, which when moulded by the Bible, electrifies for the greatest good our homes, the church and our social conditions.



New School at Margaret-st., Launceston.

Erected almost entirely by voluntary labor. Main hall measures 45 ft. x 31 ft.; primary dept., 25 ft x 12 ft. It presents a very pleasing effect.

## The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

### SUNDAY.

And he said unto her, daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.—Luke 8: 48.

"A little Sunday School boy in Jamaica called upon the missionary and stated that he had lately been very ill, and in his sickness often wished his minister had been present to pray for him. 'But Thomas,' said the missionary, 'I hope you prayed yourself.' 'Indeed I did.' 'And how did you pray?' 'I just begged, and God made me well.'"

Reading—Luke 8: 26-56.

### MONDAY.

And they ate, and were all filled; and there was taken up that which remained over to them of broken pieces, twelve baskets.—Luke 9: 17.

"This was an undoubted miracle. The quantity must have been greatly increased, to have supplied so many. He that could increase that small quantity so much, had the power of creation; and he that could do that, could create the world out of nothing, and had no less than divine power."

Reading—Luke 9: 1-17.

### TUESDAY.

Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he cometh in his own glory, and the glory of the Father, and of the holy angels.—Luke 9: 26.

"Ashamed of Jesus! yes, I may,  
When I've no guilt to wash away;  
No tear to wipe, no good to crave,  
No fears to quell, no soul to save."

Reading—Luke 9: 18-43.

### WEDNESDAY.

Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.—Luke 9: 62.

"When the angel at St. Peter's gate opens to the pilgrims in Dante's 'Purgatorio,' he tells them that he who looks back must return outside, the allusion being to many solemn warnings of Scripture against the backward look. True penitence is a complete and final break with the past, and 'no man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'"

Reading—Luke 9: 44-62.

### THURSDAY.

Now after these things the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself was about to come.—Luke 10: 1.

These were "appointed for a different purpose from the apostles. The apostles were to be with him—to hear his instructions—to be witnesses of his miracles—his sufferings, his death, his resurrection and ascension—that they might then go and proclaim all these things to the world. The seventy were sent out to preach immediately, and chiefly where he himself was about to come. They were appointed for a temporary object. They were to go into the villages and towns, and prepare the way for his coming."

Reading—Luke 10: 1-24.

### FRIDAY.

One thing is needful: for Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.—Luke 10: 42.

"Lo! I come with joy to do  
The Master's blessed will;  
Him in outward works pursue,  
And serve his pleasure still."

Reading—Luke 10: 25-42.

### SATURDAY.

But he said, Yea, rather, blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it.—Luke 11: 28.

"The chief happiness, the highest honor, is to obey the Word of God, or to be his child. Compared with this, all earthly distinctions and honors are as nothing. Man's greatest dignity is in keeping the holy commandments of God, and being prepared for heaven."

Reading—Luke 11: 1-25.



## Foreign Missions.

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

### Federal Secretary Visits Tasmania.

The Federal Secretary will be absent in Tasmania during the month of April. Any letters sent c/o J. Foot, 14 Balfour-place, Launceston, Tasmania, will reach him and receive attention.

### Chinese Mission, Adelaide.

Our Adelaide Chinese Mission had its silver jubilee social on March 31. The Grote-st. large school-room was crowded. The Chinese church has done splendid work during the twenty-five years of its history. There are only two hundred Chinese living in Adelaide, and during the mission's history they have baptised fifty-five. Last year they gave £3/9/4 per member to local churches and mission work, which speaks very well for such a few in number. They have had very little evangelistic help outside of their own members during these twenty-five years. We hope to publish soon a report and a photograph of Bro. McPhee, the self-sacrificing superintendent. At this meeting Bro. Daniel Num, the first convert in the Adelaide mission, sang a solo very well indeed. He has remained faithful all the years of the mission, and his two little daughters, Gwen, and Lorna, sang beautifully a duet.

### Life of A. McLean.

Some months ago, at the request of our publishing house in America, the Federal Secretary sent the names of about one hundred preachers with the request that if possible the Life of Archibald McLean should be sent to them. We do not know whether the American brethren were able to send to everyone whose name was forwarded, but we know of many who have received a book, and we shall be very glad if each one who received a copy would kindly send a letter of thanks to the brethren, whose names will be found in the front of the book, whose generosity made the gift possible. All who received Bro. McLean's life speak in the highest praises of the biography of this prince in the Foreign Mission Israel.

### Starting School.

Margaret Coventry started her boarding school life on February 13. She is attending the school at Panchgani, about 75 miles out of Poona. The sending of missionaries' children away from the station is a necessity in a place like India. We are sure that all her little Australian fellow-scholars will wish her every success in her school life, and the Australian brotherhood is interested in the progress of Bro. and Sister Coventry's little daughter.

### Missionaries at Home.

Bro. and Sister Waterman are now located at Preston. Their address is Hotham-st., Preston. The baby is growing splendidly. Mrs. Killey and her little son, Malcolm, are now living at Macclesfield with Mrs. Killey's mother and sisters. The baby is thriving splendidly since coming to Australia. Mrs. Killey's address is "The Hollins," Macclesfield Post Office, via Emerald, Victoria.

### New Hebrides.

Bro. and Sister Waters are resting on Norfolk Island. Bro. Purdy, who has just returned from a visit to the New Hebrides, reports that Bro. McKie is doing splendid work, and is well thought of by the people. Our Kanaka brethren who meet with Bro. John Thompson in Queensland have sent us two pounds for Foreign Mission work.

### Letter from Hy. Watson.

I am sending herewith a report of our work for 1924. We have had very encouraging times in the villages of Shrigonda district. God is answering the prayers of the church and giving us victory after victory in this field.

We have completed the chapel here. It is a good, roomy chapel to hold 300 people. We have a platform 12 x 25 in which some day, when we get a better water supply, I hope to build a baptistery. This building is already a testimony to the heathen. They asked me, however did we manage without idols in our church. One old man amongst them answered, "Why, don't you know that these people worship the true God, while we only worship stones." Others have wanted to know how we worship in a proper church, so I gave them an invitation to come to service, and they came and saw to their own satisfaction.

This is a good substantial building, which should last for the next 50 years. It is built upon good rock foundations, with a 2½ feet plinth and 1½ feet thick, walls of bluestone built in mortar. It has nine windows and three doors, which make the building full of light, in contrast to the darkness in the heathen temples around us. The walls are 15 feet high. The flooring is of Shahabad stone (flat slabs) throughout. The roof is a teakwood gabled roof, covered by red Mangalore tiles. The floor space is 40 feet x 25 feet, with a platform 1½ feet high and 12 feet by 25 feet, all stone paved. The walls inside are plastered and color-washed. Glass windows with fine mesh wire netting to keep out the sparrows and other intruders. We are naming it the Lyall memorial chapel.

The season here has not been so good this year as I thought it would be. Grain will become dear owing to scarcity, but there is plenty of fodder for cattle. The crops just needed the latter rain to bring the heads to perfection, but the rain failed. The sweet oil has thrived, and there is a good crop of this throughout the country.

The mission generally is progressing nicely. I think in all branches there is a forward movement. We are all keeping well, and still going strong after 26 years of service in India. We stand the heat better than ever: it may be because I am getting old and dry. I will be satisfied if a good foundation has been laid in the mission for others who are younger to come in and build upon the foundations laid. I believe there is a rich harvest of souls to be reaped. So we go forward trusting in him.

### Victorian Churches of Christ Annual Conference.

General Conference commences Good Friday.  
Conference Sermon, Sunday, April 12.  
Meetings continue till April 15.

### PLAN TO BE THERE.

Swanston-st. Church, April 12.

### SPECIAL EASTER SERVICE at 7 p.m.

Preacher, J. E. Shipway.  
Subject, "The Message of the Easter Morn."  
The Choir will sing Maunders' Sacred Cantata, "Olivet to Calvary."  
Soloists.—Mrs. Vernon Walker, soprano; Mr. Percy Blundell, tenor; Mr. J. Alexander Raff, Bass.  
Pianiste, Mrs. M. Featherstone, L.A.B.  
Organist, Mr. C. H. Mitchell.  
Conductor, Mr. J. H. Barrett.  
Service broadcast by 3 A.R. Station.

### BEREAVEMENT NOTICE.

Bro. Theo. Edwards and members of the family thank all brethren and sisters for their expressions of sympathy in the loss of their aged mother; especially Bro. Dr. Hinrichsen, evangelist, for his care and attention.

### IN MEMORIAM.

ELLIS.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Sgt. Jack Ellis, who was killed in action near Amiens, April 18, 1918. "Until the day dawns."

—"Koorali," Boronia.  
McCALLUM.—In loving memory of dear dad, who entered into rest on April 5, 1924. "For ever with the Lord."

Sheltered on the Rock of Ages,  
Anchored on the golden shore,  
Where there is no pain or suffering,  
Rest, sweet rest, for evermore.  
—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

MILLIS.—In loving memory of Fanny, dearly loved wife of Alfred Millis, who passed away on April 7, 1919, at "Hokitika," St. Kilda-st., Middle Brighton, Vic.

PATTERSON.—In sweet and sacred memory of our beloved wife and mother, who departed this life at Wasleys (late of Williamstown, S.A.), on April 7, 1919.

A beautiful memory left behind,  
Of a life that was always good and kind;  
A life made good by kindly deeds,  
And generous thoughts of others' needs.  
—Inserted by her loving husband and daughter and son-in-law, Gertrude, Walter, and grand-son Clarrie.

STUBBIN.—In loving memory of Leonard Harold Stubbin, 31st Batt., A.I.F., who gave his life for the Empire, April 10, 1918. One of our heroes.

"Soldier of Christ, well done,  
Praise be thy new employ;  
And while eternal ages run,  
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."  
—Inserted by his loving grandmother, L. Colvin.

### WANTED.

Position for young man, 21, member, good appearance, any work, prefer sales; references. Advise C. Burdeu, 19 Goe-st., Caulfield, Vic.

### TO LET.

Nicely furnished house, 6 rooms, large verandah, most beautiful views of mountains, good scenery all round, fern gullies, beauty spots; vacant from April 20.—Miss Nightingale, Emerald, Vic.

DROMANA.—Furnished house, 5 rooms, good order, underground tank, ideal position, one minute from pier, shops and buses; let or sell £350 cash or terms, bargain. Apply C. F. Field, Dromana.

### FOR SALE.

D.S. French Car, new hood and side curtains, owner must sell, perfect running order, £110. Austral Co.

Single, iron bedstead, perfectly clean, nearly new, 35/-. Apply "Owner," Austral Co., Elizabeth-street.

### COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 16.—Thursday. Cheltenham's farewell to Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pittman on their departure for India on April 21. Brethren everywhere invited.

APRIL 18.—Essendon, Buckley-st., East. The Foundation Stone of the new Essendon church will be laid on Saturday, April 18, 1925, at 3 o'clock, by Mr. Robert Lyall. All former members welcomed.

APRIL 26 & 29.—East Kew Bible School Anniversary. Special singing by the children under the leadership of Bro. Fred. Elliott. Speakers: Bren. McNeilly and Lampshire. A hearty welcome given to all. Wednesday, April 29, Grand Concert by the children.



## Here and There.

Bro. and Sister G. P. Pittman expect to sail for India by the s.s. "Ormuz," leaving Melbourne on April 21.

Visitors attending the services of Lygon-st. church on Conference Sunday are invited to remain to lunch and tea provided by the sisters.

The following telegram reached us on Monday—"Fourteen confessions to date Baker-Clay mission; interest increasing; many enquirers.—Ben-net." (Bankstown, N.S.W.)

We regret to learn that Sister Mrs. Barrett, wife of the Hon. J. G. Barrett, of the Grove, Moreland, Vic., passed away quietly in the early hours of Monday morning, April 6, after a short illness.

The following telegram came to hand on Tuesday—"Wonderful climax to Hinrichsen-Pratt mission; sixteen confessions Sunday; total one hundred twenty-one; thankoffering, three hundred and seventy-five.—Cameron" (Swan Hill, Vic.).

Lygon-st. church is making preparations for the celebration of its Diamond Jubilee on Oct. 15 next. The officers would like to get in touch with all past members. Communications should be addressed to the secretary, Church of Christ, Lygon-st., Carlton.

Bro. Enniss recently visited some of the towns in the North-east of the State, and found groups of our brethren in Benalla, Wangaratta and Yarrawonga. The Home Missionary Committee will give serious consideration to the possibility of establishing causes in these towns.

Lidcombe, N.S.W., had good attendances at gospel services on April 29 and Mar. 5. On the latter date Bro. E. Andrews exhorted the church. Bro. H. D. Priestly preached at night on "Sowing and Reaping," making use of practical illustrations. At the close two Bible School scholars made the good confession.

Bro. J. C. F. Pittman will commence work with the church at Burwood on May 3. This field is being taken over by the Victorian Home Missionary Committee. Burwood is a suburb which is rapidly developing, and the committee feel justified in spending money for the establishing of a solid work in the community.

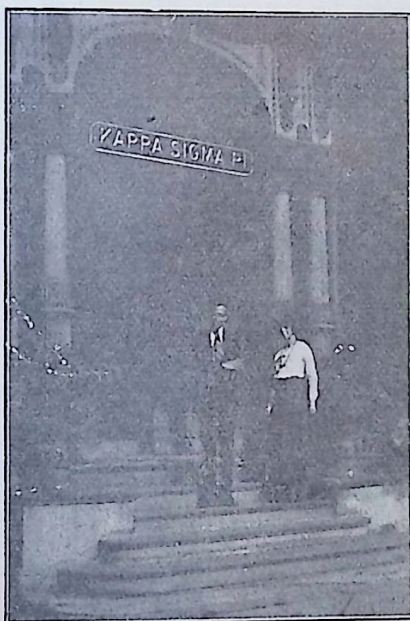
Bro. E. M. Evan, Treasurer of the Federal Conference, has found it necessary, owing to ill-health, to resign from that office. The Acting Executive has with regret accepted his resignation, and Bro. A. Stapleton, 78 Cleaver-st., West Perth, has been appointed in his place. Bro. Evan will retain a seat on the Executive. Contributions for the Federal Evangelistic Fund should be sent to either Thos. Hagger, 119 Aberdeen-st., Perth, or to Bro. A. Stapleton.

The tent mission at Balwyn, Vic., has been most encouraging this week. There were fine gatherings on the week nights, and on Sunday there were 122 at 7 a.m. prayer meeting. 186 broke bread, 235 were at the school, and there was a tent full at night. There were 14 confessions at the close of the service. There have been thirty-three confessions during the mission. Bro. Thomas will speak in the tent next Sunday. A largely-attended Sunday School picnic made a happy reunion on Saturday.

A. M. Ludbrook has received a letter from the Standard Publishing Co., in which Bro. Willard Shorter says: "I am enclosing some clippings that will give you an idea of the way your plan of Bible reading is being accepted in America. It will interest you, I am sure, to know that a number of metropolitan newspapers have copied the plan from the 'Standard,' and are running the readings and brief comment daily. Among these are such papers as the Los Angeles 'Times Examiner,' the largest newspaper in a city of a million people."

The Ball-Pascoe tent mission at Warragul, Vic., closed on Mar. 6 with fifteen confessions. The church has received a great uplift, and attendances at the Lord's table doubled during the effort. Bro. Ball's addresses have created great interest, and he has consented to continue as week-end preacher in place of Bro. Quirk, who has to relinquish on account of failing health.

The Victorian Home Mission organiser visited Shepparton last week-end. The Hinrichsen mission held there last year has been a great blessing to the church. A very large percentage of the mission converts have proved steadfast, some of them being now officers of the church. Over 100 break bread each week. Bro. Dan. Stewart is much respected, and preaches to large audiences every Sunday night.



Headquarters of K.S.P. and P.B.P. in America. Our young men and young women cross the threshold of these orders to a higher life and to noble ideals. Let the Kappas and Phi Betas all help on May 3. "Help us to help you."

The mission at Kingaroy, Qld., closed with good attendance and growing interest on Sunday night, Mar. 29. There were five confessions and four baptisms as a result of the effort. Bro. Larsen's messages were forcible, and helped the church as a whole, as well as others, to see the greatness of the gospel message. The members in the district are hoping to have a building of their own in the town before long, that the work may be extended.

Prospect, S.A., church anniversary was continued on Mar. 24, with a successful tea and public meeting. Bren. Taylor and McKie delighted with their messages. Bro. Crosby, church secretary, presented an excellent report. The choir rendered special singing. On Mar. 29, at the close of Bro. Beiler's sermon, a young girl confessed to Christ. A baptismal service was held on April 1. At the morning service on April 5 seven were received into fellowship. Bro. and Sister Button, by letter, from Maylands; Sister Alma Harrison, from Forestville; and Sister Mrs. Cotton, from Forestville; and Sisters Connie Short and Leila Gawler; and Sisters Phillips and Bro. Cotton, baptised the previous Wednesday. Bro. Chappell delivered an instructive F.M. talk to the Bible School.

Maylands church, S.A., held its 15th anniversary services on Mar. 29, and there were large gatherings. A. H. Bell, M.A., spoke in the morning, and A. C. Garnett, M.A., in the evening. On April 1, at the public meeting, the President of Conference, S. Price Weir, occupied the chair. G. Rootes and F. Collins were the speakers. All the anniversary messages were inspiring and much appreciated by the church. April 5, F. Collins spoke at both services. The Bible School promotion day passed happily with 283 teachers and scholars present. The Home Mission offering amounted to £75, and for the Prisoners' Aid Society, £11/13/3.

The special appeal to assist Sister Mrs. A. J. Wedd and family has resulted in the sum of £330/9/7 being raised. Sister Wedd and the committee responsible for the appeal are very grateful to the many churches and individuals who assisted the fund. Sister Wedd especially asks that all contributors accept her personal thanks and gratitude for generous assistance in the time of urgent need. All interested friends will be pleased to know that Sister Wedd is making very satisfactory progress under special treatment at Dr. McColl's private hospital, Balwyn, Vic.

The South Australian Home Missionary Committee has for a long time felt the need for a central office. The growing work has made it imperative for the secretary to have the assistance of a lady typist and office help. Two fine rooms have been secured at the Liberal Club Buildings, North Terrace, Adelaide. It is an excellent position, and the rooms are easily and comfortably reached by an electric lift. A book depot will also be commenced. The Foreign Mission and Sunday School Departments will be helped with their detail work. The committee will take possession of the offices on April 15. By a happy coincidence this date will be the birthday—and the jubilee—of the organiser, H. J. Horsell.

The tent mission at South Kensington, N.S.W., closed on Mar. 22. Bro. Southgate preached to large congregations, and the people are interested. The average around the table during the mission was 35, against 15 twelve months ago. Sixteen have been added to the church. The City Temple officers are thanked for releasing Bro. Southgate to conduct the mission, also Bro. Way for his help in the singing, and Bro. Fox for help at the organ till he became ill, when Sister G. Elvy officiated. The final day of the mission commenced at 9 o'clock. Lunch and tea were provided, and Bren. Gale, Brown, A. Smith, E. Smith and Southgate addressed the meetings; after each there was a discussion. On Monday evening at a thanksgiving service Bren. Harward and Southgate addressed the meeting. There were three confessions, and the expenses of the mission were cleared. Sister L. Elvy was received into fellowship on Mar. 29, and Bro. Waller was baptised at night. Eighty present in evening, 42 in morning.

Percy Pittman writes: "In G. T. Walden's beautiful appreciation of the late Wm. Burford, in your issue of Mar. 26, a statement occurs from which some have received the impression that I am benefiting personally, or my future work in India will in some way benefit, by Bro. Burford's splendid gift of £7,000. That is not so. Bro. Burford supported two of the native Indian evangelists of the British mission for a number of years. That support will be continued. The money will be sent by Bro. Burford's executors to the British committee, and will not pass through my hands. I know that the British brethren appreciate very much Bro. Burford's thoughtful provision for their work. My wife and I are going out independently of any committee, relying on the Lord and on his people for our support. Since we decided to go, a few generous Australian brethren have promised to contribute towards this new effort, and we desire to thank them for their liberality. We are sure our going in this way will not withdraw any support from the work of the Australian Federal Foreign Mission Board."



# A New Era in Evangelism.

Acts 13: 1-13.

A. W. Connor.

"The Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them."—V. 2.

The great commission clearly indicated that the gospel was for "all nations," and also stated the order of progression as "first at Jerusalem," then "in Judea and Samaria." Up to this point the Book of Acts has dealt with these phases of the work.

Three notable events in God's providence prepared the way for the inauguration of the final movement which was to carry the gospel to "the uttermost parts of the earth." These were: the conversion of Saul the chosen instrument for that work; the conversion and baptism of Cornelius by Peter; and the establishment of a Gentile church at Antioch, in which Paul and Barnabas were leaders and teachers. The clock had struck the hour for a new forward movement. From this point onward our book changes. A new era has dawned. Preceding chapters have had a wealth of incident, and a variety of actors, but henceforth the book becomes the record of "the acts of Paul," under whose leadership the banner of the Cross is borne toward the setting sun. Led by the Holy Spirit, and controlled by "the Spirit of Jesus," he and his fellow-workers carry the gospel to Antioch, Philippi, Corinth, Athens, Ephesus, and finally the missionary's desire is granted, and he sees "Rome also." This portion of the book is rich in points of contact with the history and geography of the great world of that day. It is worthy of being emphasised that historical and archaeological research have fully vindicated Luke's reliability as a first-hand witness. The writings of Professor Ramsay and others have put out of court forever a school of critics who saw in it only a semi-historical work written for the purpose of reconciling the teaching of Peter and Paul. In its details of travel these chapters are very rich, and consequently they can be read with great interest, but in the nature of the case these things play a very minor part in such expository work as I am attempting in these studies. My chief point of interest will be found in the gospel message as presented in Paul's speeches, and in the way of salvation as illustrated in the conversions here recorded.

Nowhere else can these be found such a glorious inspiring record of missionary success, and the hero of it all well deserves the title of the "Prince of Missionaries," though he calls himself the "least of the apostles."

Before we launch out with him in his great work it will be profitable to study the inauguration of the work, and the choice, and setting apart of the leaders as set forth in our lesson. Let us note—

## I. The path-finders' call and consecration.

"Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Before we look at the human agents notice that the Divine factor in the choosing was the Holy Spirit. Those pronouns "me" and "I" surely are richly suggestive as to the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit. He is the great worker in the book. Cf. Acts 5: 32, 15: 28 and Acts 16: 6, 7. And this is the meaning of the statement in Mark 16: 20, "The Lord working with them." The elements in the church at Antioch, which probably met in many different places, each with their own leaders, were exceedingly varied. The four "prophets and teachers" mentioned are a typical group. Barnabas and Saul were among the number, and the latter must often have wondered how and when the Lord would fulfil his word, "I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles." They had returned from Jerusalem, probably with a new appreciation of the national weights which clogged the church's progress, and mingling once more in the freer at-

mosphere of Antioch, they may have felt that this was the place. But it was as they worshipped with "prayer and fasting" that the Divine intimation came. The message intimates that the principals already had in their heart the divine call. The great practical lesson for the church to-day is the relation of prayerful waiting on God to the great missionary enterprise. This is further emphasised when the missionaries elect are set apart with "fasting and prayer." Perhaps a little more of this, and a little less of the "feasting and playing" at the inauguration of a preacher's ministry might tend to steady the church, and help both itself and the preacher to realise the responsibility of their common task, and to work unitedly for success.

The "laying on of hands" does not appear at all as the act of a superior, who confers a gift. "It was neither the communication of a gift, nor the institution of an office," but it was a solemn act,

## Service.

I shall not count my life as vain  
If only in some quiet way  
I find my chance to serve my Lord,  
My debt of love for him to pay.

An unnamed man supplied the beast  
Whereon the lowly Saviour passed—  
Along the way triumphantly,  
Acclaimed the promised King at last.

An unnamed man supplied the room  
Where once the Saviour broke the bread,  
And gave the wine—his flesh and blood—  
His life—by which our lives are fed.

And unnamed crosses mark the spot  
Where common soldiers chance to lie,  
Who for the world's true brotherhood  
A sacrifice, feared not to die.

O grant me, Lord, the grace I pray,  
If I the quiet paths must lead,  
To give my humble gift to thee,  
And know I, too, have met thy need.

—Philip H. Ralph.

which may be repeated when men are set apart for a special work of God. On this incident Dr. Maclaren says: "The preparation for divine service; the endowment for service; the impulse to service in God's command; the condition of service, namely separation; and the encouragement of service; and the obligations of brethren in relation to it, namely sympathy, prayer, and benediction; are all livingly embodied in the simple story of how the first mission to the heathen began."

When one considers that "vast weltering mass of idolatry and corruption" which constituted the pagan world at that time, profound admiration and reverence must be felt for those who, with an abiding faith in their gospel of a "crucified Christ," went forth as path-finders of the missionary hosts. They were great heroic souls whose confidence in the power of the gospel puts us to shame, and whose example should inspire us to "dare great things for God."

## II. The path-finders going forth.

The little group of three—John Mark having joined the company—went down to the port of Antioch, Seleucia, and sailed to Cyprus, which was chosen as their first field and as a good starting place for the work in Asia Minor. It takes but little imagination to see what a great event

this simple departure was, "when the sea became the pathway for the gospel, as the lake had been for the incarnate gospel." They were the custodians of the message which told of a Saviour for the whole world, and whose cross is the "one hope" of men. Of the mission itself from Salamis to Paphos we are given no details, but its thoroughness is suggested.

The latter city supplies the only incident which Luke has preserved for us, in which Sergius Paulus the pro-consul and Bar-Jesus, a Jewish sorcerer, are the principal actors. They represent the two classes always met, the interested hearer and the enemy of truth. The apostle of Jesus and the emissary of the devil meet. The latter was named a "son-of-Jesus," but in the biting words in which Saul exposed him, he is called a "son-of-the-devil." The severe words are not of human anger, but "filled with the Holy Spirit," the apostle unmasked him and uttered the sentence of God.

The blindness inflicted by "the hand of the Lord," was only for a season, and we can only hope that it was the dark vestibule to the light of God, in which he would become worthy of his name. The pro-consul became a Christian, being struck with amazement, not at the miracle, but at the "teaching of the Lord."

Two things are worth noting. Here the old name Saul is dropped and henceforth the apostle is known as Paul. Possibly the new Gentile name now used exclusively is to be taken as indicating that his true life's work has been entered upon. He is a new man and all that the old Saul had done to the disciples of Jesus was now to be suffered by the new Paul for the sake of that name. He will be in name even, one with those for whose salvation he is to labor. When the party reached the main-land, and faced its unknown dangers, John Mark left them and "returned to Jerusalem." His action was considered by Paul as very blameworthy whatever its motive. He, after putting his hand to the plough, had looked back. He has been called "Mark the quitter." Maybe so, but when we remember our own failures and lack of courage we may hesitate to cast the first stone at him. We rejoice to know that later on he won his way back to the good-will of Paul, and when even greater perils abounded shrank not from standing by his chief. Here is the heroism of missions. "When nations set themselves against nations, it is with barbarous splendor of thousands upon thousands of armed men, but when the Lord sets himself against a world in wickedness, it is in the person of two lonely men, without sword or shield, and armed only with the story of a third man who had died on a Roman cross, but whom they affirmed to be alive. There is more than martial tread of a divine heroism through the whole history of missions." The enterprise we are about to follow has in it in the highest degree the sublimity of faith. May we catch the same spirit and subordinate all to the saving of men, and leading them into the Christian life.

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The sinner's own fault? So it was. Clearly his own fault. Yet I think My fault in part, who did not pray But lagged, and would not lead the way. I, haply, proved his missing link. God help us both to mend and pray.  
—Christina Rossetti.



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# Prayer Meeting Topic.

April 22.

## The Gospel of John. (John 20: 19-31.)

HORACE KINGSBURY.

The matter appearing in this column this week is culled from the writings of Martha Tarbell, Ph.D.

John was a man of profound thought, of great soul, of keen religious insight. His spirit was illumined and guided by the Spirit of Truth; indeed, the words which introduce his Book of Revelation: "I was in the spirit," would be a true introduction for his gospel; only thus could he have given such a picture of the Christ.

In the time of Christ, Jews, Romans and Greeks were living in Palestine, as Pilate's inscription on the cross of Christ, written in the three languages of Hebrew, Latin and Greek, testifies. The Synoptic Gospels were written evidently for these three races: Matthew's for the Jews, Mark's for the Romans, and Luke's for the Greeks. John's Gospel was written for the whole Christian world.

The first three Gospels as distinguished from the fourth Gospel are known as the Synoptic Gospels, literally, *the Gospels that may be viewed together*. These Gospels record so many of the same incidents and teachings that they may be viewed together, while the Gospel according to John has so little in common with them that it must be viewed by itself.

The Synoptists narrate chiefly Jesus's ministry in Galilee; John narrates his ministry in Judea; the Synoptists record his miracles, parables and addresses given to the multitudes; John records his deeper, more abstract discourses, his conversations and prayers; in the Synoptic Gospels his teachings are given in a simple, direct, popular form; in John's Gospel they are given in a rather elaborate, philosophical, involved form. The early church fathers called the Synoptic Gospels the "Corporate Gospels," as contrasted with the fourth or "Spiritual Gospel." Dear Farrar expresses the difference in this striking way: "The first three evangelists give us diverse aspects of one glorious landscape; St. John pours over that landscape a flood of heavenly sunshine which seems to transform its very character, though every feature of the landscape remains the same."

The Synoptic Gospels answer the question: Who is the Son of Man?" The Fourth Gospel proves the assertion that "Jesus is the Son of God." What comes as a climax in the first three Gospels is the very starting-point in the Fourth Gospel. "The earlier Gospels tell us about Jesus as he appeared among the children of men," as Dr. David Smith writes in "Man's Need of God," "and you discover by and by, as the story proceeds, that this Man is something more than a man, and you reach at last the conviction that he is God. But St. John begins at the other end, saying: 'Now here is what I am going to tell you about—not the story of a human life, but the story of a divine manifestation. The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us; and we beheld his glory.' That is St. John's starting-point; and the starting-point makes such a difference! He lifts us at once above Bethlehem. He never says a word about the inn or the manger; he carries us away up to the throne of God and brings us down thence in company with the Incarnate Saviour."

John aimed to give, not a record, but an interpretation of Christ's life. His aim is definitely stated in John 20: 30, 31, and in the light of this other signs therefore did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye may have life in his name."

TOPIC FOR APRIL 29.—PERPETUATING THE TRUTH.—Deuteronomy 6: 1-15.

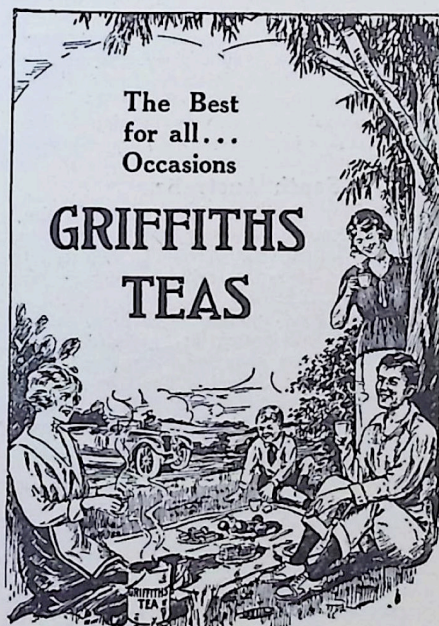
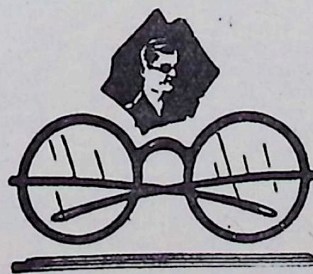
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## News of the Churches.

### Tasmania.

One immersed believer welcomed in at Hobart, and one more decision on Sunday night, at the close of Bro. Nightingale's gospel message. Bro. A. E. Heard also had one decision at Cascades. Four new pupils at Bible School. The C.E. held a nice social on Tuesday evening. At a special business meeting of the church it was decided to engage a preacher from the mainland. At the State C.E. Convention Mrs. Nightingale was re-elected State J.C.E. superintendent.

### Western Australia.

Bassendean quarterly church mite box social has been held, but the amount received was smaller than usual. The girls' club spent a pleasant and profitable evening under the leadership of Mrs. A. Ireland, who gave them instruction in physical exercises. The services on Sunday, Mar. 29, were good, and a large attendance at Bible School saw the close of the campaign.

The annual business meeting of the church at Harvey was held on Mar. 12. The harvest thanksgiving, held on Mar. 8, proved a fine meeting. Six by faith and baptism, and two by letter, have been received during the last few months. Helpful service has been rendered by the choir each Sunday night. Good meetings for breaking of bread. The church is grateful to Bro. and Sister Wakefield for their untiring efforts in this district, and the Bible School is on a solid foundation and fighting hard in the attendance and increase campaign for the shield. A new school has commenced through Bro. Wakefield's labors at Uduc, four miles away.

### New Zealand.

At Gisborne on Mar. 8, Bro. Riches spoke at both services. In the morning he commenced the subject of "The Holy Spirit." In the evening he spoke on "The True Church." On Mar. 15 Mr. Crawshaw (Baptist Tabernacle) spoke in the morning. At the gospel meeting Bro. Riches delivered an address on "Wrestling with God."

It is over two months since Bro. A. W. Stephenson commenced his ministry with the church at Moorhouse-ave., Christchurch. During that time, eight have been added to the church, six of whom were won during January. Unfortunately, in common with all the churches in the Dominion, the attendances since January have been very seriously affected by the infantile paralysis epidemic, which has caused the closing of all Bible Schools, and the prohibition of all gatherings of children under 16. Notwithstanding this great drawback, renewed interest is being manifested in the work, and the attendances are keeping up well. Bro. Stephenson continues to exhort and edify the church most acceptably, and to proclaim the gospel with faithfulness and power.

### Queensland.

Four confessions in Rosewood during March—a married couple, and two Bible School scholars. Three of these have been baptised and received into fellowship. Bro. Bassard has organised a church at Fernvale with 16 adults. The spiritual tone of the circuit is healthy.

Good meetings at Toowoomba on April 29. Bro. Wendorf exhorted. Bro. Browning spoke at the gospel meeting. Sister Shaw passed away at midday. Deepest sympathy is extended to all the bereaved. The church rejoices that Bro. Day is getting well after some weeks in hospital.

Meetings at Charters Towers are keeping up, and the work is maintained. During February a lady obeyed her Lord. On Mar. 21, Elder Wm. Coward preaching. A young lady and a young man from the Bible School made the good confession and were baptised the following Lord's day. Sunday School work is on the up-grade.

At Sunnybank on Mar. 29 Bro. Young conducted all services. A beautiful spiritual tone was manifest. On April 1 Bro. Bignill presided over a crowded meeting convened to consider the organising of a Y.P.S. Interest was keen, and resulted in a strong society being launched. Supper was provided by Sisters Bignill, Woff, Heiner and Harlan. Bro. W. H. Morton is visiting relatives in Sydney.

Brisbane Sunday School anniversary services were held on Mar. 29. At the morning meeting Bro. Alcorn spoke words of appreciation of the faithful work of the superintendent (Bro. G. Cane) and teachers. Bro. Alcorn delivered a special address on "Sin" to parents and children at the afternoon meeting. The scholars occupied the choir seats at the gospel service. An outstanding feature of the services was the fine singing of the children, assisted by a small orchestra. The boys' club held its annual meeting on Mar. 27, when Bro. J. B. Ash was elected president.

At the annual meeting of Annerley church reports showed great progress and sounded a note of optimism. Bro. and Sister Young provided supper. The ladies' aid has re-started, and is doing a fine work. The Y.P.S. has been re-organised with Bro. Black president, and Bro. P. Reick secretary. Bro. and Sister Young and family have returned after three weeks' holiday at Palm Beach. Special messages are prepared for the children every Sunday evening and are appreciated. Bren. Reeve, Rothery, Jones, Martin, Geraghty, Olsen, Bignill, Payne and P. Reick have assisted in messages at various meetings. Bro. Young's messages have been helpful and instructive.

### South Australia.

At Semaphore gospel service on April 5 there were two confessions—a young man and a young woman. An anthem was splendidly rendered by the choir, and a solo was feelingly sung by Mrs. L. V. Mathews, A.L.C.M.

Pt. Pirie had good attendances on Mar. 29. Sister Mudge, sen., was present at Lord's table after illness. Bro. Bowes gave good sermons. Large attendance at Bible School. On the 24th the young people appreciated a short talk by Bro. E. Pope, of Forestville. On April 5 Bro. Bowes gave great addresses. Arrangements have been made to start a young men's study class.

Lochiel church and Sunday School anniversary services were held on Mar. 8 and 9. They were well attended and helpful. Bro. W. Ewers was the preacher. At the close of the evening service a young lady made the good confession. A tea was held on Monday. In the evening Bro. Ewers gave a good address to old and young, and presented the prizes.

At Dulwich on Mar. 29 Bro. James Webb gave an excellent address. Meetings were fair. Bro. Oram spoke at night on "The Cities of Refuge." The Bible School is starting a Band of Hope. Some of the church members took part in the well attended. On the 30th twenty were present, including Bro. and Sister A. R. Benn, from Kaniva, Vic.

On Mar. 29, harvest festival services were held at Goolwa. Bro. Mason speaking at both services, and addressing the combined school in the afternoon. On Monday night the services were continued, Bro. Mason again speaking. Splendid attendance and interest. The church is endeavoring to build a new kinder room. If any can help, to receive donations.

Good meetings at Kadina on April 29. Splendid attendance at J.C.E. Enjoyable male quartette at gospel meeting, and message from Bro. Filmer, sage. At meeting for worship, Bro. Stan. Cor-

nelius gave a message prior to leaving for Victoria. At the gospel meeting there was an anthem by the choir, a male quartette, and a stirring message from Bro. Filmer.

At Grote-st. on Mar. 31 the 25th jubilee of the Chinese Mission was held. Bro. E. McPhee (supt.), assisted by Bro. Downs and a staff of helpers, is doing a good work. Sunday, April 5, Bro. Rankine addressed both meetings, and one young man made the good confession. The Sunday School launched an increase campaign, with the splendid result of twelve new scholars the first Sunday. Rehearsals for the S.S. anniversary have begun.

At Hindmarsh the evangelist, Bro. E. J. Paternoster, who has been on holiday, has returned. In his absence Bro. Clive Caldicott delivered acceptable messages. On Mar. 29, after Bro. Paternoster's address, two men confessed Christ. On the 30th the C.E. officers and wives of the church, and men's class tendered a farewell social to Bro. R. L. Tonkin and Sister D. Graham. Presentations were made by Miss S. Paternoster of a statuette from C.E. Bro. C. Trembath presented a pyrex dish in silver-stand, also a bread serve, on behalf of officers and men's class. The couple were married on April 4 by Bro. D. Graham, bride's brother, assisted by E. J. Paternoster. On April 2 Bro. J. A. Pierce was married to Miss I. Plotten, E. J. Paternoster officiating. Sister Miss Tonkin delighted the people with her lecture and curios on China at the quarterly F.M. meeting. Sister Mrs. E. Harding is leaving for holiday in Melbourne after long illness. Sister Miss Battersby is going on holiday also. Sickness thinned the meetings on Sunday. One was baptised. The junior Bible Class, under Bro. P. Brooker, go into camp at St. Kilda on the 9th. Sister Miss Hall gave a concert in town hall to relieve distress through recent floods. The junior girls' club, assisted by friends, gave a concert in aid of club funds, when £17 was received.

### Victoria.

Bro. and Sister Buckley were received at Hampton on Sunday by transfer from Malvern Caulfield. Good meetings.

After a short period of happy service at the Boort church, H. J. Jackel has tendered his resignation. The church is in a healthy condition. Twenty were present at the gospel effort at Mysia on Mar. 29.

Berwick had good meetings through March. Bro. Hilford's addresses are much appreciated. On the 22nd Bro. Sutton addressed both meetings. 25th, Bro. H. Wanke gave an address at the midweek meeting.

Good meetings at Chelsea on Sunday. Bro. R. Ennis gave a splendid address on "Divine Fellowship" in the morning, and Bro. Thompson gave a helpful address in the evening on "The Crucifixion of Christ."

Hawthorn Bible School held its annual demonstration on Mar. 31, when a very enjoyable time was spent, and prizes were distributed. The anniversary services were held for two Sundays, and were very successful and well attended.

At Red Hill on April 5 one who made the confession the previous Sunday was received into fellowship, after having been baptised on the Saturday night. At the gospel service a boy from the Bible School made the confession, Bro. Beaumont preaching.

Meetings at Echuca are very well attended. Average attendance at Lord's table during March, 37. Average at gospel service, 60. Contributions of the month, £20/3/-. Progress is held up until more seating accommodation is secured. The building is too small. Visitors were present on Mar. 29 from Balwyn and Swanston-st.

The work at St. Kilda is going along nicely. Good gospel services have been conducted by Bro. Smith. A fine discourse was given recently by Bro. Morris. Bro. P. Davey and Sister D. Cope have been given a token of esteem on their marriage. Bro. Davey has been a deacon for some time, and both have been able and willing workers in church and Sunday School. They will both be missed.



East Kew on Sunday had fine large meetings. Bro. Lampshire gave the morning exhortation. Some visitors were present. The school had large and enthusiastic classes. In the evening Bro. Lampshire preached on "An Appeal to the Pages of Memory," after which two were baptised. Sister Johnson's solo was enjoyed.

North Williamstown mourns the death of one of the brightest and most promising scholars, Mavis Calcutt, aged 13, who lost her life in a bathing accident. In place of the ordinary school on Sunday, a memorial service was held. This was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. Bro. Johnston spoke from Malachi 3: 17. It was a very impressive service.

At Swanston-st. last Lord's day there were enjoyable and helpful meetings. Bro. Shipway's addresses morning and evening were very good. Services were broadcasted. One member in an outer suburb reported having heard very well. A family of three in the city and a party of ten in a distant suburb also heard the service beautifully. Good accounts come from others in same way.

At Cheltenham on Sunday morning G. P. Pittman addressed the meeting, and received into the church Miss Helen Chandler, who recently confessed her Saviour. Good school and kindergarten. The kinders on Saturday last gave a fine exhibition of their work to parents and friends, who were also entertained by the teaching staff. At the evening service Bro. Pittman preached on "The Place of a Skull."

Burnley on April 5 held an "every-member-present Sunday." Largest attended meetings for this year. Bro. Hughes spoke in the morning on "Jacob," and in the evening on "Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane." 121 were present. A young woman was baptised. The choir, under the able leadership of Bro. C. Hayward, rendered special singing, and an offering was taken for "Save the Children Fund."

Mildura had two more confessions and three baptisms on Sunday night. The church is very anxious to get into touch with a suitable preacher to take up the work when Bro. Wakeley lays it down at the end of June. All the auxiliaries are in good condition. The tennis club and P.B.P. have begun again after summer recess. A baptistry heater is being installed, and the treasurer has about £80 in hand towards a Sunday School building.

South Melbourne had excellent meetings during the past fortnight. On Thursday the K.S.P. club entertained the P.B.P. club at an enjoyable social. Last Lord's day Bro. J. R. Waterman exhorted on "Brother Man," and at the gospel service on "Father God." Both messages were earnestly listened to and appreciated. At the Bible School a rally proceeds with great interest. Prayer meetings continue in interest and helpfulness. Progress is being made in every department.

At Northcote on April 5 a Bible School scholar confessed Jesus. The J.C.E. took charge of the singing at the gospel service. The P.B.P. recently presented the church with two oak fern-stands. Thirteen K.S.P. members enjoyed the "Spiritual Rally" held at Swanston-st. on Mar. 31. Sister Edwards was called home on Mar. 30. Though 80 years of age, she was most regular at the Lord's table. The church mourns her death, and extends heartfelt sympathy to the relatives.

Fairfield annual church meeting unanimously appointed Bro. Fitzgerald evangelist for the coming twelve months. Great success is anticipated as many are enthusiastic for church advancement. The past year's progress has given much satisfaction. All are sorry to lose Sister Muriel Rasmussen, the church organist, kindergarten and cradle roll superintendent, owing to her marriage. Sister Osland has been appointed kinder superintendent and Bro. Edwin Northeast organist. Sister E. Poppins, of China Inland Mission, has addressed the J.C.E. Bro. Smith, owing to ill-health, has been relieved of secretarial duties for three months. Bro. J. Northeast being appointed

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at Castlemaine on Mar. 22. A good show of produce was nicely arranged, and afterwards distributed to the local hospital and benevolent home. Mr. Clipstone's topic was, "The Joy of Harvest." April 5 was the Bible School anniversary. Special singing, under direction of Mr. E. Watson, was rendered by scholars and teachers, assisted by a splendid orchestra. Mr. Dan. Stewart was the speaker at three services. Crowded audiences listened attentively.

Ballarat enjoyed a visit and messages from Bro. and Sister G. P. Pittman. The church was greatly helped. Attendances at all Sunday services good. On Sunday the choir sang "The Story of the Cross," Bro. Connor preaching on "There they Crucified Him." At the close a man confessed Christ, and was baptised straightaway. Bren. Mayne and Williams, senr., took the service at Mount Clear. Miss Gowan has had the joy of seeing two of her scholars baptised lately. York-st. is having good meetings, Bren. Ramage, Benson, Wilkie and Burdeu sharing the preaching with Bro. Feary.

Ringwood Bible School held its fifth anniversary on April 29, Bro. Hartley Gray presiding, and Bro. C. Banks giving the address at the morning meeting. In the afternoon Bro. Patterson gave an illustrated address on "Bridge Building," which was very instructive. The meeting was well attended. The chapel was packed for the evening service, Bro. C. C. Dawson preaching. Bright singing was rendered by the children. There were about 180 at the tea meeting on April 4, and over 250 at the concert and presentation of prizes. Great assistance was rendered by the Griffiths' orchestra.

At Preston during the past three weeks, attendances and interest have been maintained. Bro. Waterman is exhorting and preaching acceptably. At the annual business meeting satisfaction was expressed at last year's work. Bren. Crowley, Ferguson, Garth, F. J. Lang, J. D. Lang, Morfrew, Quaife and Rodgers were appointed deacons; Bro. Crowley, secretary, and Bro. Greenway, treasurer. The Bible School is doing a satisfactory work. K.S.P. and girls' sunshine club are having good meetings. The sympathy of the church goes out to Bro. Hubert Edwards in the loss of his aged and respected mother.

During Bro. Stewart's absence on a fortnight's vacation, local brethren are carrying on all services at Shepparton. On April 5, there were good meetings, Bro. Bolduan speaking in the morning, and Bro. Funston in the evening. On April 2 Bro. Stewart presided over a special meeting at which the officers brought before members a debenture scheme for building fund purposes. The scheme was, after full discussion, approved unanimously by those present. Application was made in the meeting for £235 worth of debentures free of interest, the officers being greatly encouraged by this as a beginning.

At Box Hill on Mar. 29 the Intermediate and Junior Endeavorers combined for anniversary celebrations. Members of both societies took part in the services. Bro. A. E. Hurren gave a talk to the children in the morning, followed by a fine address to the adult members. Sister Mrs. Daniels, of Kaniva, was a visitor. In the evening the Endeavorers, who were seated on the platform, sang a number of hymns. Bro. Allan gave an interesting address. A collection was taken for benevolent work. On Tuesday the Endeavorers contributed a good programme. Mr. G. P. Rees, local Baptist preacher, gave an address. The Endeavorers have capable leaders in Bren. Eric and Stan. Buckmaster and Hilton Williams.

South Yarra regrets the death of Sister Mrs. Sharp, who was laid to rest on Mar. 17, Bro. R. W. Payne officiating. On the following Lord's day an in memoriam service was held, conducted by Bro. Payne. Sister Sharp was highly respected, and is greatly missed. On Mar. 29 the harvest thanksgiving service, with which was incorporated an every-member-present and homecoming day, was held with large attendances. Bro. Cameron's topic was "A Great Home-Coming."

The farm produce was provided by Bro. Wm. Hancock. Bro. R. G. Cameron has tendered his resignation, and closes his ministry on April 26. Sister Miss Baker has had a painful scalding accident. Bro. Alf. Warne had a painful accident which resulted in a fractured leg. Sister Miss Greenhill, the organist, is back from holiday.

At Geelong on Mar. 29 Bro. S. Stevens spoke in the morning. At the Bible School anniversary session Bro. Putland, superintendent, presided. A choir of ninety voices gave magnificent musical selections under the direction of Mr. McCaskill, assisted by six instrumentalists. The evangelist addressed the children on "The Mirrors of the Bible." At 7 p.m. Bro. Stevens preached on "Daniel's Devotion." Scholars again provided special music. The services were continued on April 5. Bro. Patterson, M.A., preached to large audiences. The splendid choral programme by the school proved a prominent feature at night. "Freddie Near-Enough," was the hero of Bro. Patterson's novel story told to the children, preceding the evangelistic message. Good meeting at 3 p.m., when the united choir, with Mr. McCaskill conducting, again rendered special numbers. The preacher, with model bridge, spoke on "Bridging the Chasm."

### New South Wales.

At Chatswood, on Sunday morning, April 5, Bro. Whelan addressed the church on "Evangelism." Parents' service at night. Special music by church and Bible School choirs. Bro. Whelan's theme was "The Christian Home." Two baptisms. Over 300 in attendance.

At Broken Hill (Wolfram-st.), on Mar. 29, Bro. Blackburn spoke, and his little daughter, who was baptised the previous Tuesday, was received into the church. Sister Blackburn spoke at the gospel service. Miss Violet Skewes, eldest daughter of the late Bro. Skewes, came forward, and was baptised on Mar. 31.

At Dumbleton on Mar. 29, the fifth anniversary was held. Bro. Copleston spoke to the J.C.E. on "Time," and gave a helpful demonstration on the clock. His exhortation to the church was "Know Him," and at night, "What Shall I Render unto the Lord," was the subject of a fine address. Solos, Miss Bella Brooks and F. Cox; duet, Misses Hilda and Fanny Pyke.

At Lismore on Mar. 29, Bro. C. Byrnes spoke in the morning, and Bro. P. J. Pond preached at night on the importance of winning the young people. On Mar. 30 the K.S.P. club entertained the young ladies of the Phi Beta at an enjoyable social evening. Bro. and Sister W. Vardy have removed to Southport, Qld. Bro. Vardy was a live member, and secretary of the church choir. Sister Mrs. Wymer, of Sydney, is assisting North Lismore Bible School until after Easter.

Petersham church on Mar. 22 and Wednesday, Mar. 25, celebrated the ninth anniversary of Bro. R. P. Arnett's ministry. The Sunday evening service was well attended, and three made the good confession. There was one confession the previous Sunday, and another young man stepped out for Christ on Mar. 29, making five confessions in all. Mr. Fleming (Stanmore Presbyterian church), Mr. Mills (City Mission, Glebe), and Mr. Wooster, of Canley Vale, were present at the anniversary gathering on the Wednesday evening; they spoke words of encouragement, and brought greetings from the various churches.

Bro. A. L. Haddon visited Inverell for the Bible School anniversary. Splendid meetings throughout the district, and Bro. Haddon's work much appreciated. The officers have had sundry repairs and improvements to the building effected. The ladies have renewed the curtain and carpets, etc., and everything looks much brighter. One confession and baptism last month. Bro. H. Hutson visited Boomi in the Moree district recently, but rain fell on the Lord's day, and the gospel meeting could not be held. However, the Lord's table was set up in Bro. Winter's home. Isolated brethren and sisters were visited en route. Bro. Book is doing good work in the school. Progress reported each Sunday.



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KENYON.—On March 17, 1925, the spirit of our much-loved Sister Mrs. A. Kenyon left its earthly tenement after a long and painful illness. Our sister having learned the way of the Lord more perfectly was baptised by Bro. E. H. Eaton and welcomed into fellowship with the church at Carnegie on Oct. 17, 1920, since which time she has been a loyal and devoted follower of her Master, and whenever able took an active interest in all spheres of the sisters' work. Her example of cheerfulness and patience in suffering is well worthy of emulation, and we can state with every confidence that the world is better as a result of her passing through it. To her husband and two daughters, who are active workers in the church at Carnegie, and other members of her family, our loving sympathy is extended, but we sorrow not as those without hope.—J.J.S.

RICHARDSON.—Sister Sarah Jane Richardson, after a very brief illness, departed this life on April 23. For many years our sister had resided at Berwick and Narre Warren. A few weeks ago Bro. and Sister Richardson removed to North Essendon. The home-call came very suddenly, though her loved ones are comforted by the thought that she was not found unprepared. Sister Richardson was much loved by her relations and those who were acquainted with her. None could fail to notice how thoroughly unselfish she was—always thinking of others and doing her utmost to help them in every possible way. She will be much missed in the home and church, but her beautiful disposition and gracious deeds will be long held in loving remembrance. On April 24 Bro. F. J. Sivyer conducted an appropriate service at both the home and grave.—J.C.F.P.

SATCHELL.—On January 3, 1925, at the ripe age of 80 years, our beloved Sister Mrs. R. A. Satchell passed to her reward. From what the writer can learn she was baptised in a Baptist chapel in England. On arrival in Australia with her first husband (Mr. Sims) they linked up with the Baptist congregation at Newcastle, N.S.W., and here our sister filled the positions of deaconess and S.S. teacher for about 14 years. Removing to W.A. she joined the Church of Christ in Kalgoorlie about 23 years ago, and was afterwards in membership at Fremantle, and later at Carnegie. In each place she was an active and loyal worker in the various activities of the sisters, and a splendid example to all in her faithful attendance at

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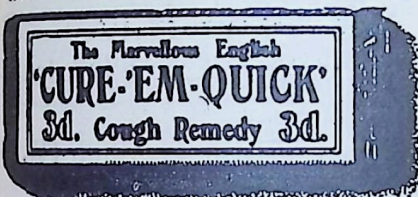
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