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The Church of the Future.

J. E. Webb.

ONE of the most astounding prophecies of Jesus was when he said: "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it."

Arthur T. Pierson, in his book, "Many Infallible Proofs," has written: "To establish one prophecy of Christ is to settle not only his authority as a teacher but also his divinity, for it places God's seal and sanction upon Christ's witness concerning himself." The victorious career of the church in the past in a convincing manner establishes her Lord's prophecy.

The infant church had just commenced with remarkable signs of life and vitality, when it encountered hypocrisy within and persecution without. From these the body of Christ emerged triumphant only to be attacked by apostasy and heresy from within. Truly the church was carried into captivity and experienced the dark ages, but out of the darkness of superstition and credulity she was delivered, and fully justified the claim of Jesus, "The gates of hades shall not prevail against the church." Although hindered by heresy and division within, and persecution and apathy without, after nearly 1900 years the church stands a living testimony to her divine Lord and the manifold wisdom of God.

But what shall we say of the church of the future? A certain noisy minority openly declare that the church has outlived its usefulness, and in the future will only be regarded as a useless relic of the past. No doubt the wish is father to the thought. However, there are many earnest people, closely observing the trend of modern movements, who are apprehensive regarding the destiny of the church. The writer does not claim to be a prophet or the son of a prophet, but makes bold to say, whatever may be the discoveries or the surprises of the future, the church shall never be

overthrown. Her past history and her Lord's prophecy make it certain that the church is impregnable against the attacks of the forces of hades.

"Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane;
But the church of Jesus
Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst the church prevail,
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail."

The church that is going to weather the storms of materialism and so-called rationalism in the future will be the church having

I. A divine foundation.

The church which Jesus declared would withstand the attacks of the forces of the unseen world was a church to be built not upon the human Peter, but upon the heaven inspired, heaven revealed fact which Peter confessed, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." A church that is built upon any other foundation, no matter

how impressive its organisation, or eloquent its ministry, its days are numbered, and it will prove to be a church built upon the sand.

The subtlety of the modernist movement is that it professes great admiration for Jesus but denies his divinity. Experience has taught us that as soon as a man ceases to believe in our Lord's divinity he is overwhelmed in the waves of materialism. The motto of the triumphant church of the future must ever be, "A divine Christ or no Saviour." May it always be, "The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord."

II. A high threshold.

Dr. Hutton, speaking at Westminster chapel to an audience of business men, recently said, "The church of the future will be the church of a high threshold." He was undoubtedly right. The church of the New Testament had a high threshold. To Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, Jesus said, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." The rich young ruler, a man of moral rectitude, was told, "One thing thou lackest." The church of the New Testament was composed of twice-born men. A few months ago the writer was speaking to a preacher of one of the denominations, who was deploring the fact that in the church of which he was the preacher there were more unconverted than converted members. The threshold had been lowered, and when the time of testing came many of the members were found wanting. Jesus made no mistake when he made the new birth the condition of church membership, and we cannot improve upon that. The church consisting of a converted membership will always retain the respect of the world and will be blessed of God.

Kindness.

One never knows
How far a word of kindness goes;
One never sees
How far a smile of friendship flees.
Down through the years
The deed forgotten reappears.

One kindly word
The souls of many here has stirred.
Man goes his way
And tells with every passing day,
Until life's end:
"Once unto me he played the friend."

We cannot say
What lips are praising us to-day.
We cannot tell
Whose prayers ask God to guard us well.
But kindness lives
Beyond the memory of him who gives.
—Edgar A. Guest.

III. A community of saved people.

Mr. F. W. Bullock, in his presidential address delivered at the Methodist Conference recently held in Adelaide, is reported to have said, "The church is or should be a community of saved people." The man of the world has a right to expect a difference in the life of the church member from the life of the man of the world. The fact that a man belongs to a church should make him a better neighbor. Church membership should be the hall-mark of a square deal in business. There were hypocrites in the early church, but they were not allowed to remain. Disaster would have overtaken that church had those members not been punished. The world is already demanding that the church should practise what it preaches. The church member, like him who loved the church, must go about doing good. Unless the church so functions we fail to see how it can realise and save its own soul. Dr. Lyman Beecher, upon being asked how he did so much in his church, replied, "I preach Christ on Sundays, and 400 members of the church preach Christ every day in the week." That was the secret of the success of Beecher's church in the life of Boston.

We wish also to say that the church of the future will be the church of

IV. A broad spirit and a big programme.

The men of this and succeeding generations will treat with contempt a small-minded church. This age in which we live is pre-eminently the age of union, and the spirit of this day in which we are privileged to live demands the closest possible co-operation between the different religious bodies. "In things essential, unity; in things doubtful, liberty; in all things, charity," must be the motto and the practice of the church of the future. The world will treat with contempt, and rightly so, the church that will allow itself to be divided over the use of the organ at the morning service, or the use of the individual cup. These are matters of opinion, and are only secondary to the expressed wish of our Lord, "That they all may be one."

At the present time we see men combining on a gigantic scale their capital and their intellects in the accomplishment of designs that yesterday would have staggered the imagination. This is an age of big business ventures; and we must show the world that the Christian church means business. The church should go out on big ventures of faith. We have become too stereotyped in our work for God. If the church would go out in faith on big adventures for God it would gloriously succeed, and would be thrilled with the holy joy of success. Such a church would regain and retain the esteem of men.

In conclusion, we wish to say that the church of the future will be the church of the New Testament pattern and spirit. The church that so functions will prove to be the leaven that leaveneth the whole lump,

she will have her Lord's approval, and will supply men's vital need. Such a church militant will become the church triumphant. But we are reminded that the church is the body of Christ, and that we are privileged to be individual members of that body. It is then for us to restore the church of the New Testament, and to make the

church to be what Christ, the Head of the church, desires it to be.

"The kind of a church
My church should be,
Is the church
My Saviour loves to see;
And I am resolved,
God helping me,
That kind of a church
My church shall be."

The Festival of Lights.

Albert J. Saunders, M.A., Madura, India.

Madura celebrates three great festivals during the year. They are: The Chittrai, Avanimulam, and the Teppakulam feasts. The first and chief of these takes place in the month of Chittrai (April-May), and celebrates the marriage of the gods Siva and Minakshi. The second one, Avanimulam, occurs in August or September, and at it a number of the exploits of the god Siva are commemorated, especially those connected with the life and work of the Tamil poet and saint Manikya Vachakar. The third one is the Teppakulam feast, or the Festival of Lights, which this year fell on Saturday, February 7. In many respects it is the prettiest and most interesting festival of the whole year.

For ten days or so before the date fixed for the celebration, one can feel the spirit of expectancy throughout the city. The temple priests fan the religious fervor by organising small processions. The psychology of it all is to arouse the interest of the people, and to fix attention on the great event. A huge, rude raft (teppam) is constructed at the Teppakulam on which the gods will ride round the tank on the evening of the festival.

On the day before the great feast Siva and Minakshi are taken from the temple to a chatram (resting place) about two miles to the south of the town, in the midst of the rice fields, and there the gods bless the rice harvest. Next morning the god and goddess are taken to the Teppakulam for the big event.

The scene of the famous Festival of Lights is the big Teppakulam at Madura. The name itself means "raft tank." It was built by one of the greatest kings of Madura, King Thirumalai Naik, to whom we also owe great portions of the beautiful palace and the extensive temple which attract so many tourists every year. Mr. W. Francis, of the Indian Civil Service, in the "Madura Gazetteer" thus describes this picturesque place:—

"This Teppakulam is an artificial reservoir made by Thirumalai Naik. It is filled by a channel from the River Waigai, and lies to the extreme south-east corner of the town. It is almost a perfect square, measuring along the outside of the parapet walls 1,000 feet on the north and south, and 950 feet on the east and west, and is the largest of the kind in South India. The

sides are faced with cut granite and surmounted by a handsome parapet of the same material, just outside which a granite walk five feet wide runs all round the tank. Flights of steps, three on each side, run down at intervals to the water's edge. In the middle of the reservoir is a square island also faced with cut granite, on which, among green palms and flowering trees, is a small white temple with a tower of the usual kind, flanked at the four corners of the island with graceful little mandapams. The whole is exceedingly well proportioned and graceful in effect. The story goes that this spot was the palace at which the bricks for Thirumalai Naik's palace were made, and that when the clay for them was being dug out the stone image of the god Ganapathi, now in the temple, was found buried underground. Realising that the discovery showed that the spot was holy ground, the king turned the excavations into this beautiful tank."

The Festival of Lights is held every year on the anniversary of King Thirumalai Naik's birthday. Towards evening of the day set for the celebration, every street and road leading to the Teppakulam is filled with a crowd in holiday attire. Some are on foot, some in gaily-decked bullock bandies, others go in horse carriages, others again in the latest design motor cars. All are in good spirits and filled with evident expectancy. Here is old Jumbo, the temple elephant; he is a very necessary part of the performance. The tinkling bell makes music to his measured tread. He is a stately old fellow, once the monarch of the jungle; now he is only one of many in this procession, for there are camels also present.

The enclosure around the tank is a spectacle indeed. The whole landscape is literally black with thousands of people. Not only is it a religious festival, but it is a fair as well; traders, side shows, booths of all descriptions always do a big business. As night deepens lights begin to flash out everywhere. Thousands of little open oil wells are lit on the walls and in the niches round the tank. The island is a blaze of light. The reflection of the myriads of lights upon the water, and the seething background of multitudes of Indians, is a sight that one will not soon forget.

Then occurs the great religious event of

the whole festival. On the raft of bamboo, decorated in the most gaudy manner, are placed the presiding god and goddess of the temple—Siva and Minakshi. A long and strong rope is attached to the barge, and hundreds of devoted Hindus take hold of the rope and draw the raft with its precious freight three times round the tank in the presence of thousands of the Hindu faithful. Meanwhile there is playing over the whole scene a cannonade of fireworks. The falling stars of the rockets add the crowning glory to this exquisite spectacle of color, light and life.

The Feast of Lights is the most beautiful festival that Madura has to show during the year, and its popularity is evidenced

by the vast crowds that go to the Teppakulam every year.

But what does it all mean to India's people? It means honor and worship to their gods. This thing is not play to them. Religion is a real part of and has a very definite bearing upon their whole life. The people went home that night after the festival tired but happy. They had given their god and goddess a free ride round the sacred tank. To you and me, what is it? It is a pathetic sight. Much ado about nothing. It is a spectacle over which the angels may well weep. Fancy such a god and such a religion. There is only one thing that can change this condition, and it is doing it—Christian education.

—yea, and a hundred thousand others we could name, from Abel down to the present time? It was the divine in those lives. The world of to-day is indebted to them. They being dead yet speak—so valuable that they cannot perish. They stand out as semaphores on the hill-tops, and as beacons along the shore. They enthuse; they inspire to noble sacrifice and lofty deeds; their influence has spread over the world, and even eternity will be under obligation to them. What is your life? What is its moral force and punch? Is it leaving a deep impression for God and good? Is my existence warranted by my daily life? Am I justified in the Spirit? Do our lives commend Christ to men's consciences? Are our lives living epistles? Do they glorify God in the earth, creating a moral conscience and a moral standard in other men?

I know full well that we cannot all be Spurgeons, Wesleys or Bunyans, but we can all let our light shine; we can send a beam across the wave; we can speak a word in season; we can communicate Christ.

There are men and women who would verily live in isolation and exile all their lives, if thereby they could paint a picture before which multitudes would stand rapt in admiration. Others would dwell in squalor and poverty if by so doing they could bring forth a poem that would thrill with joy large members of their fellow men. Others would sacrifice health—perhaps life itself, if thereby they could compile a book that would make them popular and earn for them wide fame. But let me assure you that he who has wielded the widest moral influence over and afforded the most powerful uplift to the human race; he who has been most talked about, preached about, sung about, written about, glorified, worshipped, loved, adored, exalted—yea, even to the right hand of God—I say that he never wrote a line except in the dust, never composed a poem, never compiled a book, never fortified a city, never framed an act of Parliament. He simply lived—lived God manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed in the world, received up into Glory.

Go thou and do likewise, and thy name shall be in the superstructure of the city of God, and thou too shalt reign and flourish with thy great exemplar and fore-runner, Jesus Christ, for ever and ever.

Think not anything little wherein we may fulfil his commandments. It is in the midst of common and ordinary duties that our life is placed; common occupations make up our lives. By faith and love we obey; but by obedience are the faith and love which God gives us strengthened. Then we shall indeed love our Lord when we seek to please him in all things, speak or are silent, sleep or wake, labor or rest, do or suffer with a single eye to his service.—Edward B. Pusey.

“What is Your Life?”

Jas. 4: 14.

W. J. Way.

James asked the above question for the purpose of calling the attention of his hearers to the brevity of their earthly existence; and hence he added, “It is even as a vapor, that appeareth for a little while, and then vanisheth away.” But we would ask the question with the idea of ascertaining the nature of our lives; that is, their tone, purpose, value. Every life has its value or its want of value.

It seems to me that we must estimate the value of any life by what it is worth in the light of heaven and eternity. What is its moral value? We must not estimate life by its commercial value. Real life has a value with which commercial value is not worthy of comparison.

Jesus said, “The life is more than meat, and the body than raiment.” The lives of thousands of God's people are not worth a great deal when weighed in the balances of this world—in the balances of its pride and pleasure and lusts. The world thinks that it could get along quite well without such lives. What was Paul's life worth in the estimation of the aristocracy of Greece and Rome? It was as the offscouring of the world. What was the value of the lives of the martyrs when weighed in the scales of pride and avarice? They were mere pawns.

But God views lives from another angle and weighs them in other scales—in the balances of righteousness, truth, love. His balances indicate the moral worth—the divine value is the eternal value. Your life and mine is valuable according to its righteous tone and moral force. We value the diamond in proportion to its transparent clearness and the brilliance of the flash that it throws off.

Apart, too, from any sacred or divine purpose or value of life, six thousand years of experience has taught the human race that a life of truth, purity, love, is the best—not only the best, but such lives are valuable and worth while.

What is the value of your life to God? for the value of your life to God is its real value, not one cent more, not one cent less. It is not a matter of what I think my life is worth in business, pleasure, fame. Is my life of sterling value to God? It is in this sense that we ask, “What is your life?” I walk on to the building or the scaffold, and I say to the builder: “Here is a block of stone; it does not appear to be of much value; it is rough and unshapely”; but the builder says, “Nay, that stone is of great value to me—I have a place for it; it will strengthen and beautify the building. Its present roughness will enhance the beauty of the architecture, when the whole structure is taken into view.” And God has an important place in his eternal architecture for every divine life. And therefore in the city which John saw, having twelve foundations, in those foundations were seen the names of the twelve apostles of the lamb.

Your name, my name, may not be in the foundation of the city, but they can be in the superstructure. What is the divine value of your life in your own home? Is it of great price to God there? What is the divine value of your life in the shop? Is it of great value to God there? What is the divine value of your life in the school, in the church, in the senate? Life is valuable and powerful just so far as it expresses the divine. We must not measure or price life by the number of years that we live, but by what we are and what we do for the glory of God and the enlightenment of our fellow men.

I suppose that the public life of Jesus Christ was by far the shortest of any truly great teacher or prophet. Yet it was the most influential and powerful life ever lived. And the secret of its moral force and energy was its divinity. And Christ is in you, and in your life, to make it divine. What is your life? What made the life of Bunyan, Wesley, Spurgeon, Livingstone, so valuable

Diamond Wedding.

On April 17 the Diamond Wedding of Bro. and Sister J. Pittman was celebrated at Hampton. A happy family reunion took place, all of the children and a number of grandchildren sharing in the joy of the occasion.

In all the years of their happy married life, Bro. and Sister Pittman have been active workers in the service of Christ. Who can measure the good achieved by so long a period of such capable and consecrated service? In 1865 Bro. Pittman was a missionary in connection with the London City Mission. As a result of a close and independent study of the Scriptures he was prepared, providentially as he believes, for the meeting with members of the Church of Christ. He found that they taught and practised the very things which his own study of the Word of God had led him to accept as true. It became necessary, in order to secure liberty to preach the whole counsel of God, for Bro. Pittman to resign his work as City Missionary. In the following year Bro. Pittman became general evangelist under the Home Missionary Committee of the Churches of Christ in England, and he labored in that capacity for a number of years throughout England, Scotland and Wales.

Thirty-seven years ago Bro. and Sister Pittman came to Australia, laboring first with the church at Prahran. Partly, no doubt, as a result of their City Mission work in London, and partly because of the existing need in Melbourne, they established a Rescue Home for young outcast women. It was a venture of faith. No appeals for funds were made, but reports were issued from time

to time, and the work itself was a sufficient appeal. During the whole sixteen years that the home was in existence, it was never in debt, and when through failing strength it became necessary for Bro. and Sister Pittman to close the work, there was a deficit of only 16/-. By this Christian home, managed by Mrs. Pittman, while her husband did the secretarial work, hundreds of poor girls were rescued, and many were added to the churches.

Bro. and Sister Pittman labored with a number of churches in Victoria. Since 1913 Bro. Pittman has been engaged in hospital visitation, and has superintended the Chinese Mission. A serious illness last year made it necessary to relinquish these tasks also.

Some time ago Bro. Pittman wrote: "God has graciously given us eight children, seven of whom are actively engaged in the Lord's work, and one is safe in the keeping of Jesus." It was a wonderful experience for the father and mother, when on the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding day, those seven children could meet with them, and gather round the family board as of yore. Readers of the "Christian" will be interested to read the names of the family, all of whom are well known to very many of us. E. W. Pittman is the preacher of the church at Mt. Compass, S.A. G. P. Pittman this week is returning with his devoted wife to missionary work in India. J. C. F. Pittman is preacher of the church at Coburg. S. H. Pittman is a teacher of music in Geelong. Miss M. E. Pittman is a teacher of music, and general organist for the united gather-

ings of our people in Melbourne. D. E. Pittman is manager of the Austral Publishing Co. R. T. Pittman is one of the instructors at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris.

The aged couple were the recipients of a great many congratulatory messages on the 17th, and in the felicitations thus expressed all of your readers will heartily share.—T. H. Scambler.

Gladstone's Favorite Hymn.

Many stories are told of Mr. Gladstone but none prettier than this: that every Sunday he repeated Sir Robert Grant's well-known "Hymn for the Aged":

Thy mercy heard my infant prayer;
Thy love with all a mother's care,
Sustained my childish days;
Thy goodness watched my ripening youth
And formed my heart to love thy truth,
And filled my lips with praise.

And now in age and grief, thy name
Doth still my languid heart inflame,
And bow my faltering knee.
Oh! yet this bosom feels the fire,
This drooping heart and trembling lyre
Have yet a strain for thee.

Yes, broken, tuneless, still, O Lord,
This voice transported, shall record
Till sinking slow in calm decay
Its feeble murmurs melt away
Into a seraph song.



Diamond Wedding Group, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pittman.

Top Row.—Mr. R. T. Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pittman, Mrs. and Mr. E. W. Pittman, Mrs. and Mr. D. E. Pittman.
Second Row.—Mr. S. H. Pittman, Miss M. E. Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. F. Pittman.
Front.—Harold (son of S.H.P.), Dulcie and Kitty (daughters of D.E.P.), Clarence (son of J.C.F.P.).
Inset.—Roland E. Pittman, son of E.W.P., and Baby Jack, great-grandson.

(Of eight children, seven are living; there are seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. All were present at the celebration except Mrs. S. H. Pittman, and her son and daughter, Sidney and Marion, of Geelong; and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Pittman and their three children, Isobel, Brian and Jack, of Adelaide.)

Garlands and Stones at Lystra.

Acts 14. Text—Verse 21.

A. W. Connor.

"We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

Verses 26 and 27 of the chapter tell how the missionaries returned to Antioch in Syria and calling the church together they told of battles fought, of wounds received, and victories won, but above all, how "God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles." What a story they had to tell! Our chapter relates the stirring experiences at Antioch, Iconium and Lystra. These were of such a severe nature that a score of years later they were still a vivid memory (2 Tim. 3: 11). As one reads the chapter he realises that even in this first campaign on heathen soil they won their D.S.O. in the army of Jesus, and proved worthy of the name given them by their Jewish comrades, as "men who have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus." With increasing conviction Paul sees that he is to enter the open doors, that "all the Gentiles may hear the Word." The "other sheep" for whom the Lord died are to be gathered through his ministry, so that there shall come to be "one flock and one shepherd." Let us learn from the heroism of these earliest missionaries of the Cross.

I. When they persecute you in one city" (1-8).

The growing work in Antioch and district (49-52) was finally hindered by the Jewish faction using the women of rank and men of influence to persecute the apostles. So "they shook off the dust of their feet"—an echo of a gospel phrase—and moved on to Iconium. Before we follow the fortune of the gospel in that city look at the picture of the converts they left behind. They were not a timid, fearful band. No; "they were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit." So real was their salvation, so firm their grasp of their new unseen friend and Saviour. Such converts are the "joy and crown" of a preacher's ministry. "When they persecute you in one city, flee to another." So they did, but only to have the old experience repeated. In the synagogue at Iconium they "so spake" that a great number believed, both Jews and Greeks. They "so spake." Here is confirmation that "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ," not by the foreordained decree of God. The opposition came as usual from "the Jews who were disobedient." They are thus described by Luke to contrast them with the believers who are "the obedient." The gospel is ever made known for "the obedience of faith." The opposition this time found its objective, not in the apostles but in their converts here called "the brethren." This was a challenge to the apostles. "Therefore," says the writer, "they tarried there and spake the word boldly." But at length they saw it best to withdraw. They were ready to go or stay as seemed best. Notice the rich note in the description of their gospel as "the word of God's grace." The power of the message is seen in the fact that the city split into two factions over it. But when the storm threatened to burst they finally fled to Lystra and Derbe.

II. "The gods are come down in the form of men" (8-20).

The experiences here were unique. A miracle wrought by Paul on a lame man had unforeseen consequences. The miracle is told in words that remind us of Acts 3 and its miracle of healing. Here, as there, the power was in Jesus' name, and "faith to be cured," the condition. The result was immediate, and as the heathen crowd saw what had taken place they became excited and in their native dialect cried out, "The gods are come down to us in the form of men." Who

could they be, but Jupiter, whose temple stood at their gate, and his interpreter the god of eloquence, Mercury? Certain local legends of the epiphany of the gods help us to see why they acted as they did, and stamp the story with the brand of truth. Dr. Maclaren, referring to this legend and belief of theirs, says that it is an evidence of the conviction that "there is beneficence in heaven, and a path for it to come and bless the earth," and he declares that "like distorted and obscure reflections in muddy waters, they give a blurred image of the great truth. 'The Word was made flesh,' is the full statement of the fact which that exclamation in a rude tongue marred in uttering and misapplied." Ignorant of the native tongue, the apostles were unaware of the sacrifice and garlands that were being prepared for them. Here was a new situation. Not now are they faced with a scepticism which refused to listen, but here was an over-

The Soul of Charity.

It lieth in the heart of mortal man—
Invisible yet subtly felt, a quality
Reposing there until incentive calls,
Appearing in some deed that, in itself,
Counts for naught to the unheeding millions.
Whose every act results in selfish gain;
But that one act of kindness to the least
Of God's acquaintances is duly blest.

To brighten the whole outlook in a life
And ease the weary toiler's lengthy day,
Lighten a traveller's load along the way—
Enthroned sweet Peace where once sat awful
Strife,

Replace Despair with Hope and Faith Eternal—
Hurl out grim Greed, and give his rule supreme
To Justice, through the world, and Understand-
ing—

Is the expression of the soul of Charity.
—Dorothy L. Eckard.

estimate of them, and a faith ignorant and misdirected.

III. "God left not himself without witnesses (15-18).

These people knew nothing of divine revelation, so Paul met them with an earnest but kindly message on the plane of natural religion. Luke's summary is very brief: We are men of like nature to yourselves; we are here not to be garlanded or worshipped, but to turn you from such empty beliefs and vanities unto the living God; even among yourselves this living God has not failed to attest his being and beneficence; has his hand not given you "rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness"? Whether he got the length of "preaching Christ" as the supreme gift of God, and as the true epiphany, we cannot tell. We know that he would not rest till he had preached "the good news of Jesus." It must have been so, for though no word of this is given, yet when the revulsion of feeling ended in his being stoned, there were "disciples" to gather round his bruised body, and among them were some notable converts.

IV. "What sufferings I endured at Lystra."

The revulsion of feeling was complete when the Jews, with unrelenting hostility, followed from Antioch and Iconium. So they who yesterday were preparing garlands for them as gods, now

gather the stones. This was Paul's first experience of stoning and it lived in his memory (2 Cor. 11: 25). Did he remember Stephen, as he sank into unconsciousness beneath their blows? They, believing him to be dead, dragged him outside the city and left him there. But more than a stoning came out of it. When the apostle, to the surprise of all, rose up, it was to find around him a group of "disciples," and among them were some who became helpers in his work, and chief a lad, Timothy, who was, in many a battle royal, his trusted right-hand man (cf. Acts 16: 1-3 and Epistles to Timothy). So God gave him compensations, so that as often as he remembered the "stones of Lystra," he recalled the "unfeigned faith" of the young disciple, and the home of Eunice and Lois, where perchance his battered body was cared for by tender hands. "He went back into the town." What but the love of Christ could constrain to such service for men? The glory of the religion of Jesus has ever been in its power to produce such men, and the modern mission field has had no lack of men who have "counted not their own lives dear unto them."

V. Confirming the disciples in the faith" (v. 22).

Derbe was the limit of their first journey, and from thence they could have returned direct to Antioch, their home-base. But those infant churches, and those harassed disciples, like "sheep among wolves," claimed first consideration, and so they returned once more over their tracks. Personal ease or safety counted for nothing. "Accordingly they went back over the wild and dusty plains, the twenty miles from Derbe to Lystra, the forty miles from Lystra to Iconium, the sixty miles from Iconium to Pisidian Antioch." Verses 22 and 23 summarise the work and teaching of this more secret journey back. The note was "consolidation." They "strengthened the disciples," and explained that the faith received must be held fast. It was no primrose path into which they had entered. "Through much tribulation we must make our way into the kingdom of God." This they had already experienced in coming out from "the power of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of his love," and it would also be true in struggling upward to the kingdom of his glory which shall be. This is a note we need to hear more often.

"Since I must fight if I would reign,
Increase my courage, Lord;
I'll bear the cross, endure the pain,
Supported by thy word."

Some organisation was needful to secure the guidance and unity of these churches, and so in solemn meeting with "prayer and fasting," the local communities under apostolic direction selected elders to shepherd the flock of God. In each church evidently there were "elders," and this shows that pastoral and consolidating work is equally important with preaching in building up churches. Human nature still by its diversity of qualities calls for the same oversight to-day. This thrilling story closes with the return of the apostles to Antioch. Here we note that the personal devotion and zeal of the preachers had behind it the support, sympathy and prayers of the home church. It was a happy meeting (27, 28) when they related all that "God had done," and how he had "opened for the Gentiles the door of faith." So had Antioch her reward for giving up her best to the work of "the regions beyond."

'Twas August, and the fierce sun overhead
Smote on the squalid streets of Bethnal Green.
And the pale weaver through his windows seen
In Spitalfields, looked thrice dispirited.

I met a preacher there I knew, and said:
"Ill and o'erworked, how fare you in this sun?"
"Bravely!" said he, "for I of late have been
Much cheer'd with thoughts of Christ the Living
Bread!"

—Matthew Arnold.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN

The Heavenly Sculptor.

Shrink not from suffering. Each dear blow
From which thy smitten spirit bleeds,
Is but a messenger to show
The renovation which it needs.

The earthly sculptor smites the rock;
Loud the relentless hammer rings;
And from the rude, unshapen block,
At length, imprison'd beauty brings.

Thou art that rude, unshapen stone;
And waitest, till the arm of strife
Shall make its crucifixions known,
And smite and carve thee into life.

The Heavenly Sculptor works on thee;
Be patient. Soon his arm of might
Shall from thy prison's darkness free,
And change thee to a form of light.

He Dared to Tell the Truth.

Mr. Jones was accounted a hard master. He never kept his boys; they ran away or gave notice they meant to quit. So he was half his time without or in search of a boy. The work was not hard, opening and sweeping out the shop, chopping wood, going on errands and helping around. At last Sam Fisher went to live with him.

"Sam's a good boy," said his mother. "I should like to see a boy that had a spark of goodness in him," growled the new master.

It is always bad to begin with a man that has no confidence in you, because, do your best, you are likely to have little credit for it. However, Sam thought he would try. The wages were good, and his mother wanted him to go. Sam had been there but three days when, in sawing a cross-grained stick of wood, he broke the saw. He was a little frightened. He knew he was careful, and he knew he was a pretty good sawyer, too, for a boy of his age; nevertheless, the saw broke in his hands.

"Mr. Jones never makes allowances," said another boy who was in the woodhouse with him. "Why, of course, I didn't mean it, and accidents will happen to the best of folks," said Sam, looking with a very sorrowful air on the broken saw.

"Mr. Jones never makes allowances," said the other boy. "I never saw anything like him. And Bill might have stayed, only he jumped into a hen's nest and broke her eggs. He daren't tell of it; but Mr. Jones kept suspecting and suspecting and laid everything out of the way to Bill, whether Bill was to blame or not, till Bill couldn't stand it and wouldn't."

"Did he tell Mr. Jones about the eggs?" asked Sam.

"No," said the boy; "he was afraid. Mr. Jones has got such a temper."

"I think he'd have better owned up at once," said Sam.

"I suspect you'll find it better to preach than to practice," said the boy. "I'd run away before I'd tell him." And he soon turned on his heel and left poor Sam alone with the broken saw.

The boy did not feel very comfortable or happy. He shut up the woodhouse, walked out in the garden and went up to his little chamber under the eaves. He wished he could tell Mrs. Jones, but she wasn't sociable.

When Mr. Jones came into the house the boy heard him. He got up, crept downstairs and met Mr. Jones in the kitchen.

"Sir," said Sam, "I broke your saw, and I thought I'd come and tell you."

"What did you get up to tell me for?" asked Mr. Jones. "I should think morning would be time enough to tell of your carelessness."

"Because," said Sam, "I was afraid if I put it

off I might be tempted to lie about it. I am sorry I broke it, but I tried to be careful."

Mr. Jones looked at the boy from head to foot, then stretching out his hand, he said heartily: "Sam, give me your hand; shake hands. I'll trust you, Sam. That's right; that's right. Go to bed, boy. Never fear. I'm glad the saw broke; it shows the mettle's in you. Go to bed."

Mr. Jones was fairly won. There never were better friends after that than Sam and he. Sam thinks justice had not been done Mr. Jones. If the boys had treated him honestly and "above board" he would have been a good man with whom to deal. It was their conduct which soured and made him suspicious. I do not know how that is. I only know that Sam Fisher finds in Mr. Jones a kind master and a faithful friend.—Selected.

Praying for a Bible.

A Lutheran pastor, whose parents were very poor, and could not afford the price even of a cheap Bible, related this experience to a representative of the Bible Society in Canada.

"I had always desired to own a Bible, and began very early to save my pennies. The amount did not grow very fast, for my first salary (for taking care of cattle for some of the neighbors) consisted of one coarse homespun suit, a pair of heavy shoes, and two crowns (about 2/-) a year. I pinched and saved, saved and pinched, till one day I heard that a man further down the valley was going to sell out at auction. I knew he had a Bible. Perhaps that would be sold, too! I had to be there at the auction. Before I left I went out behind our stable and prayed that God would help me to get the book I was longing for. The Bible was brought out and I put up my bids, but a man went farther than I could go. With a sinking heart I saw him take the book from the hand of the auctioneer. I don't need to tell of my sorrow, my tears, and crying. Evidently the man had seen my disappointment, for after some days he came and offered me the book for what I had been bidding. I shall never forget the feeling of awe and reverence with which I took the book that now was my own. I went over to my own secret hiding-place, offered thanks, and opened the book. I began to read the first line on the title page and on down to the last—'Trykt paa det Britiske og Utenlandske Bibelskabs Bekastning' (Printed by the British and Foreign Bible Society). This is why I B.F.B.S. and her daughter, the Canadian Bible Society. I desire to see the Society so strong that it can give the book to some other young lad who may want it as badly as I did."—The Bible in the World.

Tried.

Magistrate—"Can't this be settled out of Court?"

O'Grady—"That's what we were trying to do, Your Honor, when the police interfered."

Those Who Needed It.

The soldiers marched to the church and halted in the square outside. One wing of the edifice was undergoing repairs, so there was room for only half the regiment. "Sergeant," ordered the church to fall out. "A large number quickly availed themselves of the opportunity. 'Now, sergeant,' said the major, 'dismiss all the men who did not fall out, and march the others in—'

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

SUNDAY.

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house.—Luke 19: 5.

Familiar, condescending, patient, free,
Come, not to sojourn, but abide with me."
Reading—Luke 19: 1-27.

MONDAY.

And as he was now drawing nigh, even at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen.—Luke 19: 37.

"It is more natural to contrast (than to compare) the entry of Jesus with the Roman triumphs so popular in that day. The wealth of conquered kingdoms was expended to insure their magnificence. We find none of that tinsel and glitter in the triumph of Christ. No hired multitudes applaud him; no gold-broidered banners wave in his honor. There is nothing here but the lusty, honest shout of the common people, and the swaying of the God-made banners of the royal palms. The rich in purse, the learned in schoolcraft, and the high in office were, as usual, not there.—1 Cor. 1: 26."

Reading—Luke 19: 28-37.

TUESDAY.

And the lord of the vineyard said, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; it may be they will reverence him.—Luke 20: 13.

"This beautifully and most tenderly exhibits the love of God, in sending his only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to die for men. Long had he sent the prophets, and they had been persecuted and slain. There was no use in sending any more prophets to the people: They had done all they could do. God had one only begotten Son, whom he might send into the world, and whom the world ought to reverence, even as they should the Father.—Jn. 5: 23."

Reading—Luke 20: 1-26.

WEDNESDAY.

But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the place concerning the Bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.—Luke 20: 37.

"O God, to whom the faithful dead
Still live, united to their Head,
Their Lord and ours the same;
For all thy saints, to memory dear,
Departed in thy faith and fear,
We bless thy holy name."

Reading—Luke 20: 27-47.

THURSDAY.

In your patience ye shall win your souls.—Luke 21: 19.

"If we feel the smart
Of a wounded heart,
Or, if others' griefs oppress us;
Still may patience, Lord, possess us;
Let us, ever true,
Keep the end in view."

Reading—Luke 21: 1-19.

FRIDAY.

But watch ye at every season, making supplication, that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.—Luke 21: 36.

"The revealed presence of God is represented as such an overpowering event that sinners are crushed to the earth by it. Only the godly are able to stand in his presence. Ps. 1: 5; Mal. 3: 2."

Reading—Luke 21: 20-38.

SATURDAY.

And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.—Luke 22: 3.

Reading—Luke 22: 1-20.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

May 6.

Working in the Church.

(Ephesians 4: 1-16.)

HORACE KINGSBURY.

"A church of Christ is a company of people that recognises and accepts the absolute supremacy of Christ and has definitely set itself to the task of imbibing, promulgating and exemplifying his teachings."

"The church is the school of Christ where men and women who wish to follow him come together to be trained by him in Christian character for Christian service. The building in which they meet is not a social club-room; it is designed to be a spiritual 'Power House' where they shall be charged with the spirit of love, service, and sacrifice for all men and all society."

When Dr. Stephen H. Tyng, a New York Episcopal minister, was approached by a man who only wanted to join the church, and declined to enlist for practical Christian service, he replied, "Ah, you are not looking for our church. You should go around the corner to the other street, and join the Church of the Heavenly Rest." He felt as another did, who said, "Just to 'belong' is a mockery these days."

Our Scripture selection clearly indicates that there is work for all who belong to the body of Christ. "Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. . . . And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: . . . from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Once when Jesus was teaching about his return he said: "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch" (Mark 13: 33, 34). Have I found my work? Am I doing it? Have you found yours? Let us not disappoint him!

Mark Guy Pearse gives the following illustration: "It is said that once, when Sir Michael Costa was having a rehearsal, with a vast array of performers and hundreds of voices, as the mighty chorus rang out with thunder of the organ, and roll of drums, and ringing horns, and cymbals clashing, some man who played the piccolo far away up in some corner, said within himself, 'In all this din it matters not what I do'; and so he ceased to play. Suddenly the great conductor stopped, flung up his hands, and all was still—and then he cried aloud, 'Where is the piccolo?' The quick ear missed it, and all was spoiled because it failed to take its part. O my soul, do thy part with all thy might! Little thou mayst be, insignificant and hidden, and yet God seeks thy praise. He listens for it, and all the great music of his universe is made richer and sweeter because thou givest him thanks. 'Bless the Lord, O my soul.'"

Work, for the night is coming,
Work thro' the morning hours;
Work, while the dew is sparkling,
Work 'mid springing flowers;
Work, when the day grows brighter,
Work in the glowing sun;
Work, for the night is coming,
When man's work is done.

TOPIC FOR MAY 13.—REPENTANCE.—
Luke 13: 1-5.

Our Young People.

Conducted by Leslie C. McCallum, M.A.

Jesus, the Christ.

He built no temple, yet the farthest sea
Can yield no shore that's barren of his place
For bended knee.

He wrote no book, and yet his words and prayer
Are intimate on many myriad tongues,
Are counsel everywhere.

Without an effort to explain the wraith
Which we call life, he bade men have in God
Implicit faith.

He left no riches, yet much land and gold,
Safe under superscription of his sign,
As wealth untold.

The life he lived has never been assailed,
Nor any precept—as he lived it—yet
Has ever failed.

He built no kingdom, yet a King from youth
He reigned, is reigning yet; they call his realm
The Kingdom of the Truth.

—Therese Lindsey.

A Church School.

"The ideal school is the whole church effectively organised to teach religion to the whole community. The school is not an *auxiliary* of the church, it is the church at work teaching. Any tendency towards separation should be rigidly avoided. (a) The church should finance the school, take an enlightened interest in it, and have presented at least once a year a full report of the school work. (b) To link the child with the church, there should be constant effort to enlist the senior scholars in church membership, and a well-ordered Young People's League of Worship. (c) School worship. Some schools have only opening exercises or preliminaries. The scholars should be trained to reverent worship, and taught to have a proper regard to prayer and singing. Can you improve the singing-worship by appoint-

ing a conductor and a small choir? Is the programme for the session quite ready before the opening thereof—hymns chosen, prayer leader appointed, method of reading lesson chosen, etc.? Do you still use a bell to call the school to order, or have you adopted the modern method of musical signals? Is the *discipline* of the school satisfactory? That will depend largely upon the regular and punctual attendance of the teachers, and their full personal observance of the regulations of the school."—From the efficiency standard issued in connection with the N.S.W. "Children's Year" campaign.

C.E. Rally.

On Monday evening, April 13, the Endeavor rally in connection with the Victorian Conference was held at Lygon-st. The building was overcrowded. A varied programme was presented. Addresses were given by Miss Preston, winner of the Endeavor public speaking competition for ladies, and W. Gale, Vice-President of the Victorian Union. Prizes were given to successful competitors in the essay and speaking competitions, and the shield was presented to the winning society—South Yarra. A shield which had been open to competition for four years became the permanent possession of the Coburg society.

Bible School Demonstration.

A Bible School United Demonstration was the closing meeting of the Victorian Conference. This was held in the Temperance Hall on Wednesday evening, April 15. A fine programme from various schools was appreciated by a very large audience. A gold medal, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. T. Mitchell, was presented to Miss Stevens, of Prahran, for ten years' consecutive attendance. The new organiser, L. C. McCallum, M.A., gave a brief address. An offering was taken up, and amounted to £27/10/-.



Annual Picnic, Margaret St., Launceston, Bible School.
Groups of Scholars and Teachers.

Foreign Missions.

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

Hueilichow, China.

Bro. Killmier's last letter from Hueilichow, dated January 5, says the meetings were smaller because of the intense cold and the schools being in vacation, and the whole city was busy in preparation for their new year, which is the great day of the year. During December, they had over 200 treatments and retreatments at the dispensary. Those who are trying to break off the opium habit have to be examined, and receive medicine each day while the treatment lasts.

Shanghai, China.

Miss Rosa Tonkin has kindly supplied us with some facts concerning the work in Shanghai. Two of the boys from our school became Christians, and when they went back to their own district started a Sunday School, and this school has become the parent of eight other schools, making a total of nine altogether started by the influence and work of these two Christian boys from our own church and school in Shanghai. They now have 550 scholars in these schools. This is an illustration of the far-reaching influence of our work in the foreign lands. Any church or school in Australia would be proud to be able to chronicle that two of their scholars had been the means in God's hand of starting nine schools with 550 scholars.

Shrigonda, India.

At Shrigonda this year they had a very happy time. They were greatly cheered by the contents of boxes sent to make their Christmas and New Year so happy. Miss Cameron says the girls started Christmas Day in the usual way. They came to the bungalow to sing some carols at six a.m. As we have a meeting at nine a.m., there was not much time to lose, as they had to have breakfast and get into their new frocks and undertaking to take time over it. After the meeting they had a little spare time. This time the girls chose a dinner that could be prepared beforehand. They worked hard all one day and got everything ready for it, and it was quite nice to have no rush of cooking on Christmas Day. After dinner two of the girls dressed up as Father and Mother Christmas. They looked awful, but the children were greatly amused. Another girl was with them to assist in making merry, which she can do without any effort at all. It was the work of this trio to distribute the presents to the children. The bigger girls were very pleased with their presents, which were Bibles and hymn-books. Mr. Watson showed some pictures with a magic lantern at night, and all were ready for sleep after. Yesterday was New Year's Day, and again the big question of dinner had to be considered. I chose what I knew they would like, and a batch of the big girls prepared it. Ninety is quite a lot to prepare for, and this is our number including the women. The matron was not very well, so I stayed in the cook-room to see that everything went on all right, and incidentally saw a number of improvements to make the work less hard, and these I hope to carry out soon. After dinner the girls were left free to spend their time as they liked. After prayers and the meal, they played until it was time for bed. A number played ball, skip, etc., and some of the younger ones preferred to tell stories ages old, and these I was prepared to listen with all the attention possible. Then a sound was heard that was well-known but not received with any attention, for it was the bell for bed, and they slowly made their way to that part. They tell me that they are going to try very hard to keep from quarrelling and all that is naughty during this new year, and I am sure that they meant it."

Baramati, India.

Miss Laurel Redman has 300 day school scholars, with 13 teachers in the five schools of the Baramati district. There is an average attendance of 245. In connection with the school they teach lace-making, carpentry and tailoring, and have 52 boys and girls learning these trades. Of the medical work at Baramati Miss Caldicott says: "We have been kept a little busier during January than last month, as most of the farmers have reaped their harvest and so have more time to return to their sick ones. Besides ministering to the numbers of suffering people and telling them the good news as opportunity offered in the dispensary, the regular visit of our villages has been carried on by Dr. Kolhatkar. He and the evangelist, Bro. Patole, have been received very kindly in many villages, and they have done some splendid work. Since Miss Blake has had her bullock-dummy (the small two-wheeled cart with springs and a cover overhead) in full use, she has kindly made it possible for our doctor to use it every Tuesday; thus the missionaries save extra travelling expense, and the workers have a more comfortable ride to their destination. Prayers are asked for this work. Every Wednesday afternoon one of Miss Blake's Bible-women goes with me. We try to visit the houses of those who have been to us for medical treatment. It is never easy to get into the Hindu houses, especially if they are of the higher caste, but when we have helped them in the dispensary we find they are much more ready to receive us.

Diksal and Indapur, India.

Bro. and Sister Escott have returned from a three weeks' tour among the villages in the Indapur district. It is the biggest tour they have yet undertaken, and it has been the most successful and encouraging. They reached villages that had never had the gospel preached to them. Bro. Escott's motor played a noble part in the great cause, and proved its worth in a great record of work performed. Some of the country visited was so rocky and hilly that even a bullock-cart could not be employed, so they had to visit these parts on foot. In some of the villages the people were surprised to see the Bible-women in such a difficult out of way place, and many asked them to return. The attention and interest given to the messages of the preachers' band and individual cases would make interesting reading. They were able to reach a large number of villages in country extending from the Sholapur district to the Poona district. During this tour they had the joy of their son, Edgar, with them, and we have no doubt his young heart received additional missionary impress from the spiritual destitution he saw. Bro. Escott says that he enjoyed the trip thoroughly. Bro. Escott is in great need of medical instruments in the Diksal dispensary. Maybe there are some of our readers could supply this need. The schools continue to do a good work, and Bro. Escott is alive to the necessity of having teachers who will give the spiritual side of the work first place, and seek to win the scholars to Christ. The one great need at present is the completion of the Diksal bungalow. Bro. Escott has put a large amount of his own means into the work there, and purchased his own motor car. Is there someone in Australia who would like to complete this bungalow and give Bro. and Sister Escott and their son the home that they deserve? At present they have no spare room for their boy to sleep in. He has to sleep on the verandah, and there is no opportunity of entertaining any visitors who may come their way, and they are thus deprived of this Christian fellowship. During January, 163 new patients

visited the dispensary, and with 96 retreatments made a total of 259 for the month. 150 tracts and Scriptures were given away, and 68 portions of Scriptures sold. There are 90 children and four teachers attending the two Sunday Schools, and 92 children and four teachers at the day schools.

MARRIAGE.

WHITTINGTON-BOWERS.—On March 14, at the Church of Christ, Balwyn, by Mr. J. E. Thomas, assisted by Mr. G. B. Moysey, Frank C., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Whittington, of 36 Elphin Grove, Hawthorn, to Mabel E., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowers, of 28 Leonard-st., Deepdene. Present address, "Emmaus," 5 Carroll-crescent, East Malvern.

IN MEMORIAM.

ROMERIL.—In sad and loving memory of our darling daughter and sister, Christina Elizabeth (Tot), who passed away on April 6, 1924. Gone, but not forgotten.

There is someone who misses you sadly,
And found the year long since you went,
There is someone who misses you daily,
But we try to be brave and content.
We have no need to mark the spot,
Our dear one we have not forgot.
Words carved in stone is time misspent,
Our genuine love is the best monument.
—Inserted by her loving mother and father, E. and J. Legg and family.

WURFEL.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who died at Wallaroo, April 26, 1910.

You are always in my mind, dear mother,
Sweet thoughts of you I keep;
And although fifteen years have passed away,
My grief is just as deep.
We can never know a mother's worth,
Or the love she gladly gave,
Until beneath the lonely earth,
She is laid within the grave.
And then too late we realise
There can never be another.
In grief and strife, and all through life,
Your best friend is your mother.
—Inserted by her loving son, David.

COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 26 and 29.—Parkdale Bible School Anniversary Services. Sunday, April 26, special services morning, afternoon and evening. Bro. L. C. McCallum will speak afternoon at 3 o'clock. Tea and Social Meeting on Wednesday, April 29. Children's tea, 5 p.m., adults, 6.30. At all meetings the presence of friends will be appreciated. A sincere welcome awaits you.

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.

APRIL 27 to MAY 2.—Combined Meetings of Churches of Christ in Richmond, held in Chapel corner Coppin and Murphy-sts., for deepening of spiritual life, from April 27 to May 2, commencing at 8 p.m. Monday, April 27, speaker, Mr. L. C. McCallum, M.A., "How They Built the Wall." Tuesday, 28th, Mr. P. A. Dickson, "The Spirit of Christ." Wednesday, 29th, Mr. H. Patterson, M.A., "Witnessing with Great Power." Thursday, 30th, Mr. Chas. Schwab, "The Lord's Leading." Saturday, May 2, Mr. J. E. Thomas, "The Secret of Power." Bright helpful messages. Bright singing. Everybody welcome. No collections. Come and bring a friend.

APRIL 28 (Tuesday, 8 p.m.).—At Hartwell Hall, Station-st., Burwood. Public meeting to welcome J. C. F. Pittman as preacher. Speakers, Bren. J. E. Thomas, R. Ennis, and others. Musical items. All welcome. Come.

MAY 2.—Sale of Gifts and Work in aid of Burwood Sunday School Building Fund. Hartwell Hall, Station-st. (outside Burwood Station). Help the children by your presence.

Here and There.

Two ladies made the good confession at South Yarra, Vic., on Sunday, R. G. Cameron preaching.

On Easter Monday the Victorian Conference picnic was held at the old sports ground, Brunswick, and proved a delightful social gathering. Sunny weather, organised games and fraternal intercourse made a very happy day for a large company.

The following telegram concerning the tent mission at Bankstown, N.S.W., reached us on Tuesday morning:—"Wednesday three, Friday five, Sunday two, total thirty-three confessions to date Baker-Clay mission; great interest manifested.—Bennett."

The State C.E. Convention is to be held in Ballarat on June 6-8. Bro. Connor would like to know of preachers likely to be in the city on Sunday, 7th, so that they might be used in the three churches. Bro. Connor's address is 111 Ascot-st., South, Ballarat, Vic.

At the Victorian Conference a special resolution was carried drawing attention to the "Thomas Bagley Memorial Fund." It is hoped that very many more churches and individuals may yet have a part in establishing this fund. Contributions should be sent to Reg. Enniss, 14 Queen-st., Melbourne.

Good meetings at Prahran, Vic. Two were received into the church after baptism. On Sunday, 19th, Bro. Street was received by letter from Hobart. Bro. McCallum gave final addresses as preacher at Prahran, after three years and six months of faithful service. He has made many good friends since his stay with the church.

The Northern Conference of South Australia is planning to open a new cause in a northern town, and the secretary desires the names of any members residing in or near Peterborough, Crystal Brook or Maitland. Please forward names without delay to W. L. Ewers, Balaklava, as visits will be made to these towns in the immediate future.

Victoria is experiencing an unusual dearth of preachers. We hear of vacancies at Bendigo, Boort, Mildura, Horsham, Williamstown, Prahran, South Yarra, Coburg, Woorinen and Gardiner. Several of these are Home Mission churches, and the Victorian Committee would be interested to hear of any preachers contemplating a change. A line to Bro. Enniss will secure information concerning these fields.

There was a good attendance at the demonstration held by the Victorian Department of Social Service in Lygon-st. chapel on Tuesday evening, April 14. Addresses were given by the chairman, A. E. Illingworth; H. J. Patterson, M.A., on the subject, "Peace and the Church"; W. F. Finlayson, J.P., on "Prohibition and the Church"; and W. D. Jackson, B.A., on "Gambling and the Church." These were fine messages, and were appreciated. Solos were rendered by Miss Madge Agnew.

The American "Christian Standard" of Feb. 28 last contained a front-page article entitled "Bible College Emphasises Evangelism." Amongst other items of interest to our readers were the following:—"Sidney Johnston, one of our Australian boys, and Allen Wheeler leading the singing, held a meeting for the church at Yamhill, Ore., and there were five additions." "Bro. Toothis year, went to Myrtle Point, Ore., and held their first meeting on American soil. Their meeting resulted in forty-seven baptisms, nearly all of them young people of the high-school age. If all the preachers in Australia are as good as these two men, they have some very fine preachers of whom to be proud. We are proud of them too."

R. G. Cameron closes his work with the church at South Yarra, Vic., on Sunday next, 26th inst., and commences at Ballarat East on May 3.

The Victorian Women's Conference Executive will meet in the hall, Swanston-st., Friday, May 1, at 2.30 prompt. A full attendance of new and old delegates is kindly requested.

Splendid meetings at Echuca, Vic., on Easter Sunday. At the close of the gospel service one young man from South Yarra confessed Christ. He was baptised on the 19th. Bro. Woolnough has come to reside in Echuca. Sunday, 19th, Bro. Lemake, of Williamstown, presided; Bro. Woolnough exhorted; Bro. Payne preached at night. The church looks forward to an extended building shortly, and a tent mission in the spring.

R. E. Burns, secretary of the church at Fitzroy, Vic., writes: "The officers of the Gore-st., Fitzroy church, acting on behalf of the members, wish to deny a rumor that the church is closing down. Such is not the case. On the contrary, we intend with the help of God to do greater service in the future. The church hopes to have a tent mission in the future, and would be thankful for any donations from old members or friends."

The College of the Bible Old Boys' Club held their annual reunion on Tuesday, April 14. An outing at Heidelberg was enjoyed. This was followed by a tea and social meeting at Swanston-st. lecture hall. W. Gale, President of the club, presided over a company which included representatives of most college years from 1907 to 1924. Greetings were sent to other members in Australia and abroad. Officers for 1925 were elected as follows:—President, R. T. Pittman, B.A.; Vice-president, A. E. Hurren; Secretary and Treasurer, C. Schwab.

W. A. Home Missionary finances were reported as follows:—"The total receipts for the year were £1,547/5/4, and the expenditure £1,583/5/9. Our expenditure therefore exceeded our income by £37/0/5, increasing the debit balance at the beginning of the year from £113/11/9 to £150/12/2 at the close of the year. Omitting certain items which were not of our ordinary income, the amount raised for our work totalled £1,514/16/4, and our expenditure £1,559/5/9. Our total receipts show an increase of £251/0/5 over last year, and makes the year a record one financially."

Sadhu Sundar Singh has been compelled to return from the tour which he undertook in Tibet. When he had reached a height of 10,000 feet he began to experience pain in his chest, with considerable difficulty in breathing. His health has suffered, too, from his far-spread journeys and frequent preaching. His lungs have become so affected that he is unable to raise his voice greatly when preaching, nor can he ascend great heights. According to latest advices he is living in a simple fashion in a little hut, and has recently completed the writing of a new book on the various systems of religion.

The mission at Pyramid Hill, Vic., opened on Sunday, April 19. At the morning service there were seven present, including the mission party. For the evening service every home in the town had been canvassed, and even then there were not more than fifteen local people present. The town is very small. There are not two hundred Protestant people within ten miles. Bro. Lacy, the only man our people have in the town, is exceedingly ill with pneumonia. The missionaries appreciate much the help of the brethren from Boort, who motored more than twenty miles to assist in pitching the tent. Their enthusiasm is the bright feature in the mission.

Queensland has just held its forty-second annual conference. The reports presented were optimistic. The paragraph relating to statistics in the Executive and Home Missionary report

read as follows:—"With three churches applying for affiliation, we now have 34 churches in the State, in addition to which there are 8 other Bible Schools. Our membership now stands at 2,279, being an increase of 11 per cent. for the year, during which time the State population has grown 2¾ per cent. During the last ten years our membership has increased 70 per cent., while the population has grown 23 per cent. Our losses reveal careful and commendable revision of rolls. In transfers we have lost 85 and gained 142, being a nett gain of 57 through members coming from outside the State. Our increases total 494, with a nett increase of 237. During the year there have been 218 baptisms. On the population basis we have 2.6 members per 1,000 inhabitants, ranking in this way ahead of N.S.W., but fifth among all the States. Serving the churches, as far as our records are complete, we have 160 officers."

Our W.A. membership has passed the two thousand mark. From the reports presented to the recent conference, we cull the following:—A nett increase in membership of 50 has commenced the third thousand. The church membership now stands at 2,047. These figures may be taken as representing fairly clean rolls if we compare the returns of the revision and discipline column during the last few years. A reference to the statistical table shows that additions for the year by faith and baptism were 180; by letter, 65; formerly immersed and restoration, 39; total, 284. The losses have been: By letter, 63; by death, 11; by revision and discipline, 160; total, 234. The Bible School membership is 1,998 scholars and 286 teachers; this represents a nett decrease of 35 scholars and an increase of two teachers. There were 87 additions to the church from the schools, being 16 in excess of last year. The grand totals in financial columns all show a marked increase, the money raised for all purposes is £576/4/2 over last year's amount. The summary of additions in the field in which the Home Mission Committee has given assistance is as follows:—91 by faith and obedience, 31 by letter, and 14 by restoration and formerly immersed.

ADDRESSES.

G. N. Bennet (secretary Wilkur church, Vic.).—Wilkur.
R. E. Burns (secretary church at Gore-st., Fitzroy, Vic.).—127 Charles-st., Abbotsford.
S. Collyer (secretary of Parkdale church, Vic.).—"Wilstan", Antibes-st., Parkdale.
C. J. Garland (secretary Kalgoorlie church, W.A.).—C/o Albany Bell Ltd., Kalgoorlie.
James Holloway (secretary Malvern-Caulfield church, Vic.).—9 Silver-st., Malvern.
R. H. Lampshire (preacher East Kew church, Vic.).—20 First-av., East Kew.
H. G. Payne (preacher Albion church, Qld.).—Corner McLennan-st. and Marne-rd., Albion.

Entries Invited for AN AUSTRALIAN COMPOSITION, SUITABLE FOR MUSIC.

- (1) Two, three or four verses with or without refrain.
- (2) The emphasis the same in each verse that the rhythm can be kept when set to music.
- (3) The sentiment—Temperance or Prohibition.
- (4) Prizes: First, Five guineas; Second, Three guineas; Third, One guinea; and six prizes of half a guinea each.

The adjudicators claim the sole right to use compositions. Entry free; close June 6, 1925.

SYDNEY KING,
19 Errard-st., Ballarat.

Victorian Women's Conference.

The Victorian Women's Fortieth Annual Conference was held in the chapel, Lygon-st., Carlton, on Wednesday, April 8, 1925. The President, Mrs. Chas. Gill, occupied the chair.

The morning devotions were led by Mrs. G. Mitchell, her theme being "Service: the Home of Bethany." Minutes of last year's meeting were read and confirmed. Decided to hold next conference in the chapel, Lygon-st., on Wednesday prior to Good Friday. The secretary was asked to convey the thanks of the sisterhood to the editor and manager of the "Australian Christian" for their courtesy in printing the monthly executive reports and conference matter. Greetings to be sent to our missionaries in foreign lands and several sisters unable to be with us through sickness. Greetings were received from Mrs. Cosh, Miss Mary Thompson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ewers, Mrs. Schwab, Miss Vera Blake, Mr. Allan (Secretary F.M. Department), Mr. G. T. Walden (Secretary Federal F.M. Board), Tasmania, Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and South Australian Women's Conferences. Sixty-three churches responded to the roll-call. The obituary told of forty sisters called to higher service.

Conference re-assembled in the afternoon, when Mrs. F. Lee conducted the devotions, taking for her Bible lesson, "Our Reasonable Service." The welcome greeting was given by Mrs. Hayward, and responded to by several visiting sisters. The President, Mrs. Gill, gave a very helpful message.

Reports presented and received were: Executive, Treasurer's, General Dorcas and Church Aid, Girls' Mission Circles, Prayer Meeting, Women's Mission Bands, Hospital Visitation, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Social Service, Isolated Sisters, Bible Women.

Mrs. Waterman and Mrs. Saunders told of their work in China. Mrs. P. Pittman spoke a few words of farewell.

Mrs. Scambler led the evening devotions, and spoke from the text, "Wait on the Lord, be of Good Courage." Miss Pittman gave a beautiful organ solo. A feature of the meeting was the presentation of the Diamond Jubilee offering of £111/12/7 to the President of General Conference Mr. A. E. Illingworth, who thanked the Victorian sisterhood for their splendid gift to Home Mission.

Mrs. R. F. Cooper received the thanks of conference for her splendid address, "Women in Public Life." Mrs. J. Pittman, on the occasion of her diamond wedding, was the recipient of a lovely silk scarf. Mrs. P. Pittman in a happy way introduced the officers elected for the ensuing year:—

President.—Mrs. F. Lee.

Vice-Presidents.—Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. J. E. Shipway.

Secretary.—Miss Rometch.

Treasurer.—Miss Huntsman.

Financial and Asst. Secretary.—Miss Ellis.

Thanks were expressed to the officers of Swanston-st. and Lygon-st. churches for the use of their buildings during the year; to Mr. R. Lyall for auditing our books; to Madame McClelland, Mrs. F. L. Mitchell, Miss Hall, Miss Rea Lawson; to our organist, Miss Pittman; to the ladies who served the tea; to our retiring President, Mrs. Gill, for the way she conducted the meetings during her two years of office.

Superintendents of Committees elected:—Home Mission, Mrs. A. R. Main; General Dorcas, Mrs. Hunter; Foreign Mission, Mrs. R. Lyall; Hospital Visitation, Mrs. Meyer; Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Ray; Women's Mission Bands, Mrs. Dines; Social Service, Miss Darnley; Girls' Mission Circles, Miss Smith; Isolated Sisters, Miss Ellis; Benevolent Home, Miss Tuck; Obituary, Mrs. Zelius.

A very happy Conference was brought to a close with prayer and benediction by Mr. J. E. Shipway.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS.

Home Missions.—The year has been one of great evangelistic activity. The last Home Mission annual offering was the largest yet. Meetings have been held during the year at Moreland, Coburg, Box Hill, South Yarra, Gardiner, Swanston-st., Malvern and Lygon-st. churches. The advocating of the penny-per-week has been stressed, thus keeping before our minds the value of systematic giving of small amounts.—V. Main, Supt.

General Dorcas Committee meets monthly, and a good work is done. Several hospitals and other institutions have been helped with needy articles. Received from the Margaret Goudie Fund, £48; this was distributed in cash and comforts to needy sisters. We desire to thank all churches and individual sisters for garments and donations of cash. We thank all who have helped us during the past year. South Yarra, Malvern, Ringwood, Moreland, Hawthorn, Fairfield, Boronia, Essen-



Mrs. F. Lee,
Newly-elected Victorian Women's Conference
President.

don and Surrey Hills Dorcas and Church Aid classes have done a good work in helping the poor and needy in our midst. £708/11/6 all told has been used in this great work during the past year.

Foreign Mission.—We have now 21 missionaries on the field, and 2 Chinese evangelists; have now 15 in training for F.M. work—8 ladies, 7 men. £3,538 has been collected this year for the work. It has been a record year, and the Committee wishes to thank all who have so liberally contributed. Miss Dolly Ludbrook and Mr. H. Clarke will soon be leaving for China, and Dr. F.M. work in India.—L. Lyall, Supt.

Isolated Sisters' Committee have sent letters to all parts of the State. 296 letters, "Australian Christian," and Christmas cards posted; 77 letters of appreciation received. £3/1/- received for diamond jubilee offering. This work is quietly done, yet we believe will bear much fruit.—P. Ellis, Superintendent.

Bible Women.—This has been our best year. We have collected £73/15/6; have sent to our Bible women in India and China £66, leaving cash in hand, £7/15/6. We thank all our sisters for the help so lovingly and faithfully given.—Eliza Zelius, Collector.

Women's Mission Bands.—We have now 18 suburban and 4 country bands. There is a marked increase in membership. Two confer-

ences have been held for the furtherance of mission band work. These gatherings have been largely attended. Boxes of clothing have been sent to India. Several orphans are supported. The largest amount of money has been contributed by the bands this year, viz., £118/18/3.—N. Dines, Supt.

Hospital Visitation Committee has paid 498 visits to the various institutions. 192 pots of jam, 172 pairs bed socks given by sisters, 16 bed jackets by General Dorcas, 18 doz. eggs; Box Hill sisters, £1; Boronia, £1; Christmas cheer, 17/-; Hospital comforts, £8. We thank all who have helped us cheer the sick and lonely.—S. Meyer, Superintendent.

Girls' Mission Circles.—Good work is being done at Ascot Vale; a parcel of 111 articles sent to India, and a box of Christmas cheer to Miss Sutherland's Home. Ballarat packed a box for Indian mission station; support two orphans and Bible-women; sent Christmas presents to all our missionaries—altogether £80 was raised for 1 work. Brighton support an orphan in India; sent parcel of garments to New Hebrides, and woollen garments with bandages to the Mission for Lepers. Carnegie members have made various things for our hospitals; a large parcel forwarded to India; gauze for Miss Caldicott's dispensary; 4 toward orphan. Hawthorn circle is small, but has done record work; 153 articles for children of India, and individual gifts to missionaries.—M. J. Smith, Supt.

The Benevolent Home has received visits from churches as follows:—Middle Park, Prahran, Brighton, Oakleigh, Hawthorn, Gardiner, Moreland, North Fitzroy. Gifts have been distributed in the wards. At the services conducted in the hall, a large number of inmates have been present. The old folk have been cheered by the service of song. Thanks to all who have helped to cheer lonely hearts.—E. Tuck, Supt.

A most interesting report from the Social Service Department was given by Miss Darnley.—L. R.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Receipts.—Balance, March, 1924, £4/5/-; Dinner and Tea, General Conference, £45/2/6; Collection at Conference, £9/12/-; Sale of Tickets, Sisters' Tea, £14; Pennies Received from Churches, £11/1/8; Collections at Executive Meetings, £18/18/2; Presentations, £6/15/9; Women's Hostel, £2/8/-; General Dorcas, £1/1/-; Central and City Mission, £12/5/6; Bank Interest, 11/1; Sundries, £1/8/2; Total, £127/8/10.

Expenditure.—Catering, General Conference, £43/19/3; Sisters' Tea, £9/5/9; Secretary's Expenses, £5; Programmes, Printing, Calendars, £15/2/-; "Wedd" Appeal Fund, £5/10/-; Hospital Comforts, £8; Mission Band and Circle, £3/10/-; Isolated Sisters' Work, £2/5/-; General Dorcas, £1/1/-; Central and City Mission, £9/19/-; Women's Hostel, £2/8/-; Presentations, £6/11/-; Cutlery, £11; Sundries, 18/9; Balance in Hand, £2/19/1; Total, £127/8/10.—J. E. Huntsman, Treasurer; Nellie Ellis, Financial Secretary; examined and found correct, Robert Lyall.

MISSION BAND.

Receipts.—Contributions received from Sisters of the following Churches: Balwyn, £1/9/-; Bambera-rd., £2/10/-; Boronia, £9/15/9; Carnegie, £3/10/-; Carlton, Lygon-st., £6/15/-; Emerald, £2/16/-; East Camberwell, £5/8/-; Hawthorn, £3/15/-; Essendon, £7; Gardiner, £8/10/6; Melbourne, £24; Malvern-Caulfield, £7/2/6; Melbourne, Swanston-st., £9/17/6; Middle Park, £3/18/-; North Richmond, £5/12/-; Oakleigh, £3/11/6; Shepparton, £3/5/6; South Melbourne, £3/11/6; South Yarra, £7/7/-; Total, £118/18/3.

Expenditure.—Paid to Mr. T. Bagley and Mr. R. Ennis for Home Missions, £59/9/2; Paid to Mr. R. Lyall for Foreign Missions, £47/11/3; Paid to Mr. R. Ennis and Mr. F. Saunders for Bible College, £11/17/10; Total, £118/18/3.—J. E. Huntsman, Treasurer; Nellie Ellis, Financial Secretary; examined and found correct, Robert Lyall.

The Balwyn Mission.

The tent mission at Balwyn, Vic., concluded on Sunday, April 12, when Jas. E. Thomas preached to a full tent. There were three confessions and one restoration. In spite of folks being away on holiday, there were 64 at the early morning 7 o'clock prayer meeting. The whole mission has been one of great blessing and uplift to the church. The attendances have been splendid, and many new families have united with the church. In many instances the husband and wife, and in some cases all the children of age to follow Christ, were baptised. Many families have become united in this happy way in the church. Many have become interested, and are still thinking of the things they have heard, and will eventually make the great decision. Percy R. Baker has preached the plea in a most convincing and courteous manner. He has helped the church as well as helping others to own Christ. He has answered questions in a most capable way. Wilfred R. Dimond has been a splendid song leader, and his genial manner did much to make for the success of the mission. At the thanksgiving service suitable presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Dimond, and the faithful pianists, Miss H. Ellis, of Boronia, and Mrs. M. A. Smartt. The choir, the male quartette, and all that had so earnestly worked for the success of the mission were thanked by Jas. E. Thomas, the preacher of the church. Over 30 scholars have been added to the Bible School since the mission started. The mission will mean much for the spiritual welfare of the church, and for the cause in this growing and important district. The visible results were 89 confessions, but the good the mission has done to lives and homes that have been helped only God can measure and the future will tell. The church goes on with gratitude to God, and kindest remembrance of Bro. Baker, and the mission, to what we trust will be greater victories for our Lord.

Federal Conference.

The Federal Executive Treasurer desires to acknowledge receipt of gifts towards the "Federal Evangelistic Fund," from the following:—
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Forbear, strong heart, forbear,
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Which wounds the trusting heart;
Forbear, strong heart, forbear.
Forgive, dear heart, forgive;
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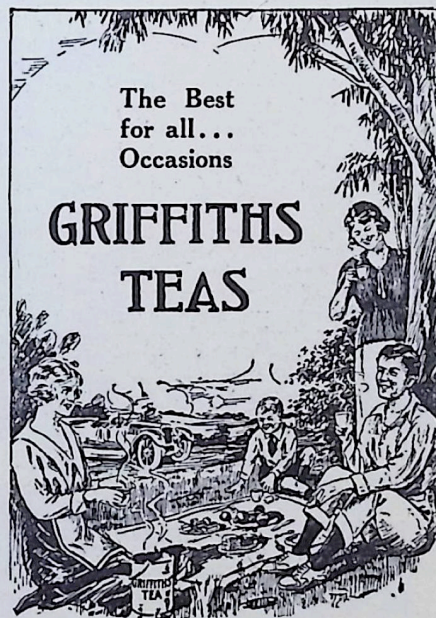
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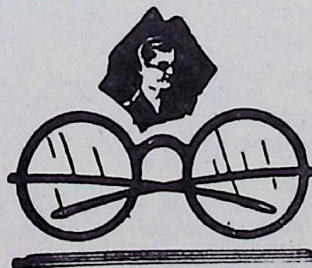
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News of the Churches.

New Zealand.

At Gisborne on Mar. 22, Bro. Riches exhorted in the morning, and in the evening preached on "Meeting the Challenge." On Mar. 29 he spoke at both services; at the gospel meeting his subject was "Mockery, yet Testimony." The triangle club held a social, at which members and friends enjoyed a programme of musical items and games on Mar. 26. The Bible School is still closed on account of the epidemic of infantile paralysis.

Western Australia.

Bassendean was well represented at conference gatherings. On Tuesday (Bible School night) the senior scholars and teachers gave an effective combined item, and on Saturday (young people's night) some forty young people gave a series of choruses. Visiting brethren gave the addresses on April 12—Bro. Wakefield, of Bunbury, in the morning, and Bro. Halleday, of Collie, in the evening.

The church at Victoria Park was glad to welcome back Bro. F. Youens, after being absent five Sundays at Armadale, holding a mission there; the result was 25 added to the church. Bro. S. Jones, who preached ably in Bro. Youens' absence, is thanked, also all who have helped. Meetings have kept up well. The fellowship of Principal A. R. Main and F. T. Saunders and other visitors to conference has proved a spiritual uplift.

Queensland.

Meetings at Toowoomba continue good. During the past fortnight four new scholars have been added to the school. On April 5 Bro. Adcock had charge of the gospel meeting; several visitors were interested. Bro. Draney exhorted acceptably on Easter Sunday morning. Conference delegates report a great time at Brisbane.

Albion had a splendid meeting on Easter Sunday morning, when J. R. Combridge gave a deeply spiritual address on "The Stone Rolled Away." Two recently baptised were received into fellowship. The evening meeting was marred by a storm. C. S. Trudgian gave a stirring address on "A Tragedy that Shook the World," at the close of which a lad made the good confession.

Annerley meetings are brightening. Several members have been ill. Bro. J. Whelan gave a most uplifting gospel address on Easter Sunday; one lady made the good confession, and a man who confessed Christ the previous Sunday evening was immersed by Bro. Whelan. The chapel was crowded, and Bro. Whelan's message will be long remembered. Bro. Stubbin, from Boonah, exhorted in the morning, and was very much appreciated, as was also the greeting he conveyed from Boonah church.

Brisbane had good attendances on April 12. A number of visitors, including Bro. J. Whelan, of Chatswood, N.S.W., and Bro. Wm. Wilson, who is visiting Brisbane in the interests of prohibition, were present in the morning. The exhortation of Bro. Whelan was thoroughly enjoyed. The chapel was crowded at the afternoon service, when Bro. Whelan delivered the conference sermon to a highly-appreciative audience. At the close of the gospel meeting at night a man responded to Bro. Alcorn's appeal and made the good confession.

Tasmania.

Hobart reports splendid conference gatherings and happy fellowship with all the delegates and visitors. Bren. N. G. Noble and G. T. Walden, M.A., were the speakers on Easter Sunday, and they provided a feast of good things. The aged Bro. J. Adams was present after a long illness; also Sister Mrs. Hohne and Bro. P. Suckling after severe operations. Sister Miss M. McLean welcomed by letter.

West Hobart church and school took an active part in the conference gatherings at Collins-st. Splendid services morning and evening on April 12. Bro. Walden, F.M. Secretary, exhorted. Bro. Warmbrunn, of Burnie, presided. Bro. Durdin preached at the gospel service. The presence of a large number of State visitors was appreciated.

The Bible School at Invermay has celebrated its first anniversary. Attendances at afternoon and evening sessions were splendid, many visitors from Margaret-st. church being present. The children, ably coached by choirmaster Bro. T. Wilmot, rendered their pieces in a very creditable manner. The kindergarten class received gift-books during the afternoon. On Monday, a children's demonstration and the prize giving brought a very successful function to a close. Bren. Noble and Gillam, from Margaret-st., assisted at both services. Work is progressing well in general. The local brethren are doing their best to preach the gospel. All auxiliaries are in full swing after the Easter vacation.

At Margaret-st., Launceston, Mar. 28 was C.E. Sunday, prior to the Tasmanian C.E. Convention, held in Launceston from Mar. 28 to April 1. Splendid meetings, 140 breaking bread. Endeavorers assisted at the gospel service, which concluded with a baptismal service. On April 5 fine meetings were held. Bro. P. Orr gave a fine exhortation. Bro. Viney received the right hand of fellowship. Bro. Noble gave an excellent address at night on "New Testament Conversions." On April 12 Bro. J. Hodgson exhorted acceptably, and Bro. W. Gillam preached a fine message at the gospel service. On the 19th over 100 broke bread in the morning. Bro. Hurburgh, Hobart, delivered a fine devotional message. Bro. Noble at night gave a wonderful message from the words, "O woman, great is thy faith." The church regrets the very serious illness of Bro. E. Nicholls. Prayers are asked on his behalf. The brethren and sisters have returned from conference gatherings, and were to deliver reports to a meeting on April 22. Awards won by Bible School teachers and scholars in the Tasmanian Bible School examination were to be presented, and the Tasmanian banner, won by the Margaret-st. C.E. Society, handed over.

South Australia.

On Thursday evening, April 16, the members of Nailsworth church attended a service in which four passed through the waters of baptism—Bro. Sanders, Sister Marjorie Allen, Bro. Robert Howie, and Bro. Don Campbell. On Sunday, Apr. 19, six new members were given the right hand of fellowship by Bro. Davey, consisting of Bro. and Sister Arthur, Bro. and Sister Burdon, and Bren. R. Howie and D. Campbell.

York Bible School anniversary services were held on April 19. In the afternoon the service of song entitled "The Minister's Hymn" was rendered by the Bible School. This meeting was largely attended. 208 members of the Bible School were on the platform. 7 p.m., Bro. Killmer preached to a large audience. Special singing was again rendered by the school, under leadership of Bro. Morphet.

At Gawler one has been received by letter from Semaphore. One young man made the good confession, has been baptised and has received the hand of fellowship. The Bible School anniversary was held on April 5. The services were fairly well attended. The school sang nicely under direction of Bro. Bushbridge. Bro. McKie gave a helpful, instructive and interesting address. On Monday evening a meeting was held, at which Bro. McKie again spoke, after which refreshments were served. The school is still

Three were added by letter at Norwood on Sunday—Sister Mrs. Carnan, from Queenstown, and Bro. and Sister Edgar Hall, from Prospect. Death claimed a very faithful member in the person of Sister Doig. Bro. Paternoster and several of the young men spent Easter in camp at St. Kilda. On Sunday night they, together with a number from Hindmarsh church, who were also camping, conducted a service on the beach. Bro. Paternoster spoke on "Jesus Satisfying our Needs." Bren. Clive Caldicott and H. J. Horsell preached on Easter Sunday.

Kadina had a record attendance at J.C.E. on April 12. At meeting for worship Sisters Misses Doley, of Balaklava, were present. Splendid attendance at gospel service. Items by choir and quartette party, also a solo by Sister Doley, were appreciated. At C.E. meeting on the 14th, "topic variety night," all present took part in the meeting. Bro. Filmer spoke on "Christ's Disciples," and Bro. Wilson on "The Second Coming of Christ." April 19, fine attendance at J.C.E. and other meetings. At the gospel service Bro. Filmer spoke on "The Unpardonable Sin."

Pt. Pirie reports a well-attended young people's meeting with splendid interest and enthusiasm. A large number took part. At the church quarterly meeting on April 8, Bro. Smith was elected secretary. Bro. C. W. McDonald was thanked for service as acting secretary. A presentation of a Bible and hymn book was made to Bro. A. E. Mudge in recognition of his services as deacon and secretary over a period of 20 and 13 years respectively. Good attendances on the Lord's day. Sister Yarrow (Grote-st.), and Sisters Hill, Reddett and Cochrane (Wallaroo) were present at both meetings. Bro. Bowes gave two very fine addresses.

At Queenstown on April 13 the annual Sunday School picnic was held at Alberton oval. On Sunday, April 15, at Q.Y.P.M., Bro. Foote spoke on "The Building of the Temple." The morning worship took the form of a memorial service to the memory of the late Bro. Howard. The choir rendered "Crossing the Bar." Bro. Brooker mentioned various incidents in the life of our late brother, who was one of the pioneers of the church in the district. The anniversary singing by the children was repeated in the afternoon and evening. Bro. Brooker's subject in the afternoon was "God's Creatures." In the evening he spoke on "Child Life in India," illustrated. The building was filled, and the singing included a male quartette by Messrs. Hall, Newcombe, Harris and Cox, and a solo by one of the kindergarten girls. Miss F. Simpson was present at the afternoon service after a very serious accident.

Victoria.

At Hampton on Sunday Bro. C. Schwab was the morning speaker, and Bro. R. T. Pittman preached at night. Bro. Buckley led the song service at Bible School, and sang a solo at the gospel meeting.

Attendances at Swanston-st. last Lord's day were interfered with by week-end holidays. Bro. Gibson presided, and Bro. Patterson addressed the church very acceptably. Bro. Shipway preached a good sermon at the evening service.

At Stawell on Sunday evening, April 12, Bro. and Sister Pratt's son Ken, confessed Jesus, and was baptised last Lord's day. Meetings are keeping up, and all auxiliaries are healthy. The concert held by the girls' club was very successful.

Attendances at Middle Park are fair. On Sunday Bro. Hinrichsen, of the College, spoke in the morning. The services of Bren. Robinson and Williams are much appreciated. Since last report two lads from the Bible School have confessed their Lord.

Bet Bet Bible School anniversary was held on Sunday, April 12. Bright singing was rendered by the children in the afternoon and evening. Bro. Bolduan, of St. Arnaud, ably conducted all services, and his addresses and fellowship were enjoyed. Bro. Cave worked hard to make the anniversary a success, and his efforts are appreciated. On Easter Monday the Bible School held its annual picnic.

Boronia had good meetings during the holidays. On April 12 Bro. Roy Arnold acceptably addressed the church, and in the evening Bro. Cameron, of Swan Hill, was the speaker. Last Lord's day Bro. Reg. Sparks delivered fine addresses at both meetings.

Splendid meetings at Ararat last Lord's day. At the morning service Bro. Combridge gave an interesting talk on the conference. At the gospel service he gave a fine sermon on "Home." Fellowship with Bro. and Sister McKay, of Geelong, was enjoyed.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.) had many visitors on Easter Sunday. The services were addressed most acceptably by Bro. Will J. Smith, of Carnegie. Bro. Connor preached on April 19. Fine attendance at the Lord's Supper. One welcomed to membership. Good interest and attendance at night.

Growing interest and attendances at Lygon-st. church. There were splendid meetings again on Sunday. One hundred and fifty-four partook of the Lord's Supper. One, a married man, was received into fellowship. A. G. Saunders spoke in the morning, and also discoursed at night, his theme being "God and Me."

South Melbourne for the past fortnight enjoyed pleasant and enlightening meetings. Last Lord's day evening Bro. J. R. Waterman spoke on "Magnificent in Sin"; his address was interesting. Bible School attendance is kept up. The rally is proving a great success. P.B.P. and K.S.P. clubs continue to do good work.

At Mildura there were two more decisions on Sunday night. Bren. L. G. Cameron and Rolf Brown took the services while Bro. Wakeley was away at conference, and gave very acceptable messages. Presbyterians, Methodists and Church of Christ held a combined service in the chapel on Good Friday, which was very helpful. The chapel was full.

At Burnley, during the absence of the preacher, Bro. Hughes, in hospital, Bren. J. Martin, Griffiths and G. B. Moysey occupied the platform; their services were much appreciated. Bro. Hughes has almost recovered, and is at home. One sister has been received in by faith and obedience. Sister E. Winch left on the 19th for New Zealand, where she is to be married to Bro. A. Stevenson. The church extends congratulations and best wishes.

At Ascot Vale on April 12 the address of Bro. Cornelius, from Warracknabeal, was appreciated. In the evening Bro. Patterson preached an excellent sermon. On April 19 Bro. J. E. Shipway gave a splendid address in the morning, and in the evening Bro. Patterson preached to a large congregation. On Saturday last Sister Violet Chilvers and Bro. Roy Kemp were united in marriage. Both are splendid workers in the cause at Ascot Vale, and the church prays God's richest blessing on the union. All auxiliaries are doing a good work.

Splendid meetings at East Kew on April 12. In the morning many visitors were present. R. H. Lampshire gave an interesting address. Dr. McK. Meldrum, of U.S.A., in the evening gave an inspiring address on "What must I do to be Saved?" Sister Johnson's message in song was appreciated. On Mar. 19 Bro. Jas. Webb, of Unley, S.A., gave a splendid message. In the evening Bro. Lampshire spoke powerfully on "The Refusals of Jesus Christ." A married man and a young lad from the Bible School made the good confession. Sister Tonkin's solo was enjoyed.

Two decisions at Geelong last Lord's day, Bro. S. Stevens speaking. The passing of Sister Mrs. Doud, one of the few pioneers of the cause in Geelong, is regretted. The new hymn-board, donated by the C.E. Society, is a valuable addition to the chapel furnishings. Intimation was received by Bro. S. R. Carr, Bible School secretary, of his success in the examination for qualification as licensed surveyor. A student of the Gordon Institute of Technology, Bro. Carr, who also is a civil engineer and engineer of water-works, is the first of its scholars to qualify in all three subjects.

At Chelsea last Sunday Bro. Earle gave a splendid message on "A Pure Heart," and Bro. Thompson gave a fine address at night to a very good attendance. The Sunday School is progressing under the superintendency of Bro. Vautier. A P.B.P. club was started on 16th inst. Moreland spent a happy time on Sunday last celebrating the Bible School anniversary. Bro. F. Pittman exhorted at the morning service. Bro. Reg. Clarke interested children and parents at the afternoon session with his talk on "The Greatest Story in the World." Bro. Gale addressed children and friends in the evening in a happy vein, his address being entitled, "Lend Me Your Pencil." Delightful singing and solos by the children were enjoyed. The enlarged building was filled to its utmost.

Fairfield attendances are keeping up. A pleasing feature is the number of young folk present each Lord's day evening. Bro. Fitzgerald expounds the word faithfully. Bren. C. Banks, J. McKean and T. Andrew have exhorted the morning meetings with power. The boys' club, under Bro. Smith, instructor, held its first annual social evening recently. A display of physical and gymnastic items was thoroughly enjoyed. Medals were presented on the year's work—champion to A. Beckwith; next highest in points to R. Atkinson and R. Northeast. Opportunity was taken by the boys to present Bro. Smith with a nice pair of hair brushes in case as a token of the good-will existing between them. Open-air services precede the gospel service on Lord's day evening.

Farewells to Bro. and Sister G. P. Pittman began at Cheltenham last Thursday afternoon, when the Dorcas Society made a presentation to Mrs. Pittman. In the evening there was a large and enthusiastic meeting. Visitors included the Conference President, Bro. R. Lyall, and a number took part in the meeting, especially Bren. Lyall, Allan, Clipstone, Wakeley, Kelly, F. W. Martin, H. V. Barnett, Mrs. C. F. McDonald. Mr. W. Judd was the chairman. Mr. and Mrs. Pittman made suitable replies. Supper was served by the sisters. On Sunday, April 19, E. W. Pittman, of S.A., presided, and G. P. Pittman spoke to one of the largest meetings for some time. At school Mr. and Mrs. Pittman spoke to the scholars. Some presentations were also made at this meeting, concluding with a farewell tea with the teachers and friends. In the evening, at a great gospel meeting, E. W. Pittman presided, and G. P. Pittman gave his farewell address. The male quartette gave splendid items. The eldest daughter of Bro. F. Chipperfield, school supt., made the good confession.

New South Wales.

Enmore reports a time of inspiration during conference week. Newcomers at the meetings are evident, and the school and Endeavor are very promising factors in the church work.

At Dumbleton on April 12 Bro. H. F. Morris gave a powerful address to a well-attended meeting in the morning on "He is not Here, but is Risen." At night Bro. Dane preached to a good audience on "Behold the Man." The missionary prayer meeting is to be held on the last Sunday of the month instead of the first.

At Lismore on April 5 Bro. T. Houlden spoke at the morning meeting, and Bro. Allan Brown preached at night. One young lad made the good confession. On April 12 Bro. W. T. Atkin exhorted in the morning, and Bro. C. Byrnes preached at night, when a young lady made the good confession. Bro. P. J. Pond has returned from the Conference in Sydney.

Services at South Kensington have been fairly attended during the last two Sundays. On April 12 Bro. H. C. Stitt gave an appreciated address in the evening. On April 19 a sister was received into the church, and in the evening a baptism was performed by Bro. Bale. Two young sisters from the Bible School were received into fellowship of the church through faith and baptism.

At Broken Hill (Wolfram-st.) on Sunday, April 5, Bro. Blackburn spoke at the morning service, and Bro. Clarke at the evening service, when

two young ladies from the Bible Class came forward. On Sunday, April 12, Bro. Cornish spoke in the morning and Bro. Blackburn in the evening, when another young girl came forward, making five confessions from the Bible School for a month.

The work at Auburn has been much blessed of late, several confessions being taken. Easter Sunday was a day of great happiness, for six Bible School scholars were baptised, and another made the good confession. The evangelist, Bro. Fretwell, has been elected Conference President for the ensuing year. Bible School is busy in "Children's Year" activities, and is planning for an increase campaign.

Owing to the indisposition of Bro. Southgate, the address at the worship service of the Sydney City Temple was given by Bro. J. Fox, whilst at night Dr. Porter preached a faithful presentation of the gospel. Bro. James Scouller, a member of over 40 years' standing, received the home-call on 18th inst. Sister Mrs. Arkinstall has been able to attend the services after having been laid aside for many months with a broken leg. Sister Mrs. Southgate has also recovered sufficiently to leave hospital.

At Chatswood morning worship on April 12, Bro. H. G. Harward gave a talk to the church which was greatly appreciated. Visitors, Bren. Forsyth and Moore, from S.A.; Sisters Mrs. and Miss Bagley, Vic. Received into fellowship, Sisters Mrs. Eden and Miss James. At the gospel service Bro. Harward's message was full of power and love; fine attendance. April 19, worship, Bro. Stitt gave a fine message on "Prohibition." Gospel service, Bro. Whelan gave a stirring message.

At Paddington on April 2, the annual social and business meeting with election of officers was held. On the following Lord's day Bro. A. C. Roberts, from Subiaco, W.A., was received into fellowship. In connection with the Y.P. Department a boys' club has been established with Bro. F. Carter in charge. Instructors in physical culture and first aid have been obtained. The Phi Beta Pi, recently established, is making good progress. Bro. J. Clydesdale exhorted on April 12, and Bro. R. K. Whately on April 19. Among recent visitors were Sister T. Bagley and daughter, from Victoria; Sister Fancourt, from Mulgoa (N.S.W.), and Bro. Fitten, from Arncliffe.

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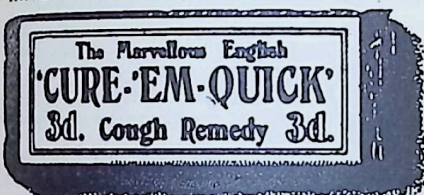
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