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Union Again: A Remarkable Appeal.

IN the movement for Christian union there are ebbs and flows. So far as Australia is concerned, there appeared to be some years ago a greater desire for union on the part of church leaders than at present exists. To many the union of Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational church seemed to be imminent. Then came the Presbyterian withdrawal, consequent upon the determined opposition of some leading ministers and church officials, and with that withdrawal the elaborate plans were abandoned. But there are some subjects which cannot be relegated to obscurity, and the question of Christian union is one. It can never be settled till it is settled rightly.

The official abandonment of the proposals for the union of the churches mentioned evidently does not mean that the members of these churches will consent to the indefinite postponement of the answer to their Lord's prayer for unity. A recent issue of the Melbourne "Age" contained the following remarkable appeal:

"That in the opinion of the undersigned the desirability of forming a Protestant church union is one of the most important and far-reaching questions of our time. The conviction on this matter was immensely intensified during the Great War, but there are many signs at the present time that, instead of this conviction being carried into effect, another settling down into apathy and indifference is taking place.

"That as this matter has so far been confined to the official leaders of the churches, and that in the opinion of a great many church members and adherents the discussions on this question from time to time have revealed official ambition, especially in so far as the matter seems to be continually looked at or considered from the official standpoint, and not from the point of view that this visible disunion among Christian people has grown into a stumbling block, retarding the progress of the kingdom of God on earth, and destroying the soul-saving power of the gospel of Jesus Christ among men—that these impressions seem to convey to the mind of the world that the constitution and government of the Christian church is below the standard of ordinary common sense, to say nothing of the divine wisdom by which the church should be guided, and that such impressions tend to affect

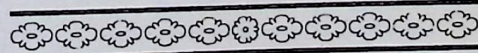
the influence of the church's officials in their capacity as preachers of the gospel, and that much of the drift from the churches at the present time undoubtedly can be traced to this lack of confidence.

"That, in the opinion of the undersigned, the question of church union should receive full open door, that is to say, should not be confined to the official alone, but that full freedom should be granted to all persons to express their opinions, both for and against, that God may freely use those who in his wisdom he may deem suitable. God may choose some of 'the foolish things of the world that he might put to shame them that are wise.'

"That this petition be published both in 'The Age' and the 'Argus,' for the purpose of asking all those who desire to co-operate in using their influence to this end.

"That a copy of this petition be posted to as many of the leaders of the churches as possible.

"That the undersigned desire to make it clear that behind this petition there remains absolute loyalty to the churches and sweet spirit—that it is the outcome of true aspiration to see the church of the living God, which is the pillar and stay of the truth, making such progress as it merits, and shaped not only into a living spiritual force, but also into a practical, business-like institution in all its material forms, so that the church could not only send forth missionaries to the heathen, but also to invite them to send delegates to witness and inspect the beauty of her own life at home.



"I Shall Not Pass Again This Way."

*The bread that giveth strength I want to give;
The water pure that bids the thirsty live;
I want to help the fainting day by day;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.*

*I want to give the oil of joy for tears,
The faith to conquer cruel doubts and fears,
Beauty for ashes may I give away;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.*

*I want to give good measure running o'er,
And into angry hearts I want to pour
The answer soft that turneth wrath away;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.*

*I want to give to others hope and faith;
I want to do all that the Master saith;
I want to live aright from day to day;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.*

—Unknown.

"That, in view of the action taken by the Presbyterian officials on the question of union, in the mind of the undersigned this action, unless reconsidered, means that the Presbyterian branch of the Christian church has failed to take full advantage of her opportunity, being the first leader of the movement (though we realise that this official action should not be regarded as against the body of Presbyterian people). A special appeal is here made to the Presbyterian church to reconsider her stand in favor of the movement during the last twenty odd years, and also to the Methodist, Congregational and Church of England, to take active leadership in the future steps towards Protestant church union.

"The total substance of this petition is, That the undersigned approach the church authorities and all Protestant Christian people, pleading that the question of church union be carried on the same lines as prohibition—full freedom to all voluntary educating of the people, and that the question be submitted to a vote of all congregations at least once every three years, mainly for the purpose of testing progress.

"On behalf of an indefinite number of signatures, which could be added—

"S. J. THOMAS, Presbyterian.

"E. S. JENKINS, Presbyterian.

"I. A. LUCAS, Methodist.

"J. A. JACK, Congregational.

"F. H. OLDIS, Congregational.

"H. W. RADFORD, Methodist.

"F. E. H. TOLHURST, Church of England.

"R. VERITY, Church of England.

"Duncan's-rd., Werribee,
25th March."

We reprint in full, believing that the petitioners would wish all Christian people to know of their appeal, and also because to churches known simply as Churches of Christ, which make a special plea for the union of God's people on the basis revealed in the New Testament, it is ever a delight and a stimulus to witness the desire of other believers for union.

We sympathise to a considerable extent with the view expressed that "discussions on this question from time to time have revealed official ambition, especially in so far as the matter seems to be continually looked at from the official standpoint." Any person who has followed the reports of debates in church assemblies must agree. It is comparatively rare to have the expressed

will of our Lord regarded as a final statement of the desirability and practicability of union. Matters of church property, questions of church funds, considerations of ministerial status and standards of education—these are constantly being put forward as reasons against organic unity. They cannot weigh with any who put first the will of Christ and who are assured, as our appellants truly say, that "this visible disunion among Christian people has grown into a stumbling-block, retarding the progress of the kingdom of God on earth, and destroying the soul-saving power of the gospel of Christ among men."

We cordially approve of the appeal being made to the rank and file of the church membership rather than to the ministers and officials alone. The Roman Catholic church exhibits the evil of officialdom at its worst—"the church" and "the clergy" at times are used as synonymous terms. Protestantism has retained part of its evil legacy. It is probably true that the "laymen" of the churches which recently considered the practicability of union would, if left to themselves, have given an overwhelming vote in favor. We rejoice to see a declaration that the rights of the ordinary Christian folk should be regarded.

The appeal we republish refers to "church union." We much prefer an appeal for Christian union. Every amalgamation of kindred religious bodies may be regarded as a step in the right direction, but there could be church federation, association, and even union, which come far short of the unity of disciples for which our Lord prayed. The earnest believers in all the churches need not wait until there is by vote of their churches—whether the vote be taken in church assemblies or in the local congregations—a definite decision in favor of union. It is the prerogative of every believer to be simply Christian—to put aside his sectarian or denominational position, and declare that he is content to be a follower of the Lord and a member of the church of Christ without denominational affiliation. In Australia in churches wearing alone the divine name there are thirty thousand believers who have already taken this position.

While we are pleased to note the earnest desire of the petitioners for union, we should have been more pleased had they not only referred explicitly to our Lord's will and prayer for union, but also to the fact that he who thus prayed did not leave us without some guide as to the basis of union. In a return to the faith and order of the apostolic church we may find the union we desire. If we put the Lord's ordinances in their rightful place, if we refuse to accept confessions and creeds of human compilation but return to the primitive confession of Jesus as the Christ and the Son of the Living God as the prerequisite to baptism and church membership, we shall find the path to union made easy. We would recommend to the gentlemen whose appeal evokes our sympathy

and approval a fresh consideration of the "seven unities of the Spirit" of Ephesians 4, and their bearing upon Christian union: "There is one body, and one Spirit,

even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all."

The Gospel of Liberty.

Acts 15: 1-35.

A. W. Connor.

"We believe that it is by the grace of the Lord Jesus that we, as well as they, shall be saved."—Verse 11.

Dr. Maclaren gives to his study on this chapter of Acts the title of "The Charter of Gentile Liberty." This is more truly descriptive than "The First Church Council," as it is so often called, and certainly not so apt to mislead. In truth it was no "church council" in the sense usually put upon that term, nor yet was it an "apostolic council." Only two churches, those at Antioch and Jerusalem, were represented at it, and but a few of the apostles took part. It was a conference on a matter of great importance, and one not only vital to the Gentile churches, but vital to the gospel itself as a world-wide power. The conference settled the matter at issue, and laid down principles which settled the relation of the church of Christ to the Law of Moses. Much was at stake, and Luke turns aside from the record of conflicts with forces without to consider this danger within. Because of the light it throws on early church history, and on present-day questions of church practice, we will consider it in a few aspects.

I. The controversy.

While Paul and Barnabas were exercising an ever-growing ministry among the Gentiles at Antioch, certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you get circumcised *after the manner of Moses* you cannot be saved." From chapter 11: 18 we learn that the propriety of baptising Gentiles had been fully agreed to by the leaders among the Jewish Christians, and it seems strange to find the question raised again. These men either ignored this decision, or, while agreeing that Gentiles could be baptised and enter the church, argued that afterwards they must "keep the Law of Moses"—circumcision included—in order to be finally saved. The phrase, "After the manner of Moses," and the decision finally come to, as well as references to this conflict in Paul's epistles, all the baptised, both Jew and Gentile, were under obligation to keep the Law of Moses.

The issue was serious. Paul and Barnabas had taught otherwise, and if their world-wide spiritual religion was gone. It was more than observing a single act. Was the burden of all the feast and fast, all the washing and sprinkling, all the distinctions of clean and unclean, all the sabbaths and holy days and new moons to be rivetted

on the neck of Gentile Christians? Was Christian freedom to be strangled in its cradle and Christianity made a glorified Judaism?

No wonder there was much disputing, and in the controversy there was danger from all sides. A wise decision was made. Paul and Barnabas and certain others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem and confer with the "apostles and brethren" over the matter. There is no evidence that Paul for a moment doubted that he was right. That there could be no salvation outside of Mosaism was something he could never agree to. But he went up "by revelation," as he tells us in Galatians 2: 2, which seems to mean by a divine intimation that this was God's way of leading the church as a whole into the larger truth. We must study Galatians 2, which, in spite of certain difficulties, seems to refer to this very visit. Both on the way up and at Jerusalem Paul's company gave the churches joy by telling them that "the Gentiles were turning to God." But those of the same party who had made trouble at Antioch rose up declaring that Paul's preaching was defective, and that "Gentiles ought to be circumcised and told to keep the Law of Moses." This was the very antithesis of Paul's word that "Christ had obliterated the handwriting that was against us," nailing it to his cross, as a thing of no more authority. So the apostles and elders met to investigate this question, to face the facts, and give a decision.

II. The conference.

There was evidently much general discussion among the members which (verses 4 and 22) comprised the church, as well as apostles and elders. From Gal. 2: 1-10 we learn that a meeting had been held with Peter, James and John prior to this, so that the leaders had come to a decision which was endorsed by the larger gathering. To this gathering the facts in the case and the right deductions were stated.

1st.—Peter rehearsed a well-known story (7-11) of how by divine choice he had been the first preacher to the Gentiles. Divine attestation had been given in the gift of the Holy Spirit. God made not "the slightest distinction" between us and them; he had "cleansed their hearts by faith." "Why then," he cried, "put a yoke on their necks?" The Law of Moses, a yoke! No! Salvation is by the grace of the Lord Jesus apart from ritualism.

2nd.—Paul and Barnabas recounted their victories, and claimed that "signs and mar-

vels" done by God through them were positive proof of God's pleasure in their work. These were the facts in the case. From them what deductions ought to be drawn? This was done by James.

3rd.—James (not an apostle but a leader of the church in Jerusalem), who himself observed much of Jewish ritual, recalled certain prophecies, one of which, in Amos 9: 11, 12, he quoted, and showed that non-Jews were to seek after and find the Lord. So he claimed that Peter's teaching that "God was securing a people for himself" from the Gentiles was in agreement with the prophet's words. God's prophecies and God's facts both proclaimed "God's purpose and the comprehensiveness of Christ's church." Why then put on them "yokes"? Why throw difficulties and annoyances in the way? The Judaisers were plainly in the wrong. Yet liberty of Gentiles must be matched by love, and so that no bar may arise between the two sections of the church through social dietetic barriers the Gentiles must abstain from things strangled and from blood. It was no time to be paltering with circumcision and Jewish rites; they are not necessary. Neither was it a time for Gentiles to refuse to have respect for the feelings of their Jewish brethren in matters of indifference. Christian charity and wisdom will consent to limitations of liberty so that unity may be preserved. Social cleavage would ultimately lead to religious cleavage, and this was to be avoided. It was a happy ending. It did not end the struggle, but it put the Judaisers in their right place as "false brethren," and "enemies of the cross of Christ." With them Paul waged warfare to the last, to preserve the "liberty with which Christ has made us free."

III. The conclusion.

The injunctions to abstain from what had been polluted by idolatry, and from fornication, were called for by the special circumstances in which Gentiles had been trained, and in which they had to live. The abstinence from "things strangled and from blood" may be viewed as a concession to the Jews, or as a recognition of a law older than the Law of Moses. These conclusions were embodied in a fraternal letter, the earliest document from apostolic sources which we have. Notice these points:

- (a) The beautiful greeting, "To the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch," etc. Could anything be finer?
- (b) Those who had caused the trouble were unauthorised, and were "subverters of your souls," not helpers of faith.
- (c) Barnabas and Saul are termed "beloved," and honored as men "who have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." No stint in their praise.
- (d) Judas and Silas will be our true spokesmen, not to "subvert," but build you up in Christ.
- (e) "These necessary things" would be

no burden when laid on by words so loving and gentle.

It is certainly a beautiful, brotherly letter. Brotherly affection, rather than the authority of those who would "lord it over God's heritage," is here. The freedom of disciples from the Law of Moses was made clear. The liberty of men in Christ in matters not vital to salvation was declared. The possibility of unity without a dead uniformity was made clear. The supremacy of Christian love is illustrated.

The gospel is for all. We know this,

but do we act on it? Are we not in danger of looking on "heathen" and "Asiatics" as these Jews did on the Gentiles? The final lesson is that while we must "stand fast in the liberty with which Christ has made us free," we may also yield on the non-essential for the sake of peace and harmony in the church of God. The study emphasises the three great master-words of Christian conduct: *Loyalty* when Christ's clearly revealed his will; *Liberty* in things that are non-essential; *Love* over all the bond of perfectness.

Prayer and Power.

G. M. Anderson.

It was while the whole multitude of people were praying without that the angel appeared to Zacharias and told him that he was to be the father of the forerunner of the Messiah.—Luke 1: 10.

It was not during Christ's baptism that heaven was opened, but during the prayer following.—Luke 3: 21.

It was while Christ prayed that the fashion of his countenance was altered and his raiment was white and glistening and the spirits of Moses and Elijah appeared to him.—Luke 9: 29.

It was while Jesus was praying in Gethsemane and not when he was encountering the soldiers that an angel appeared to strengthen him.—Luke 22: 43.

Pentecost was ushered in in a ten-days' prayer meeting—a prayer meeting that refused to close till the power came with signs and wonders and thousands converted in a day.—Acts 1: 14. Acts 2: 1-4.

It was not when the apostles were scourged that the place was shaken, but when they had prayed.—Acts 4: 31.

It was while Peter was on the housetop praying that God appeared to him in a vision—a vision that drove all his narrow sectionalism and sectarianism out and made him to see that the gospel was for everybody without regard to race or color.—Acts 10: 9.

It was while Cornelius prayed that an angel came to tell him about a man who would tell him words whereby he would be saved.—Acts 10: 30.

It was while prayer was being made, without ceasing of the church unto God for Peter, than an angel released him from prison and brought him to them.—Acts 12: 5.

It was while Paul and Silas prayed at midnight, in stocks, in the Philippian prison, that God manifested himself in mighty power and unchained them.—Acts 18: 25.

It was while Paul prayed in the Temple that he fell into a trance and heard the Voice directing him as to his future course.—Acts 22: 17.

It was while Daniel was speaking, in prayer, that the angel Gabriel touched him and said that he had been sent to impart

skill and understanding and that, at the very beginning of his supplication, the commandment came forth.—Daniel 9: 20-23.

Nehemiah went from a broken-hearted prayer into the presence of the king, the tear stains yet on his face, and was immediately granted his request and sent to heal the wounds that had caused his sorrow.—Neh. 1: 4 and 2: 4.

It was while Elijah kept on praying that a three-year drought was turned into a downpour of rain.—James 5: 17, 18.

Out of hundreds of babes brought to the Temple, all looking alike to the outsider, one was recognised as the Messiah, but by only two people—a man and a woman who were giving their days and their nights to prayer in the Temple.—Luke 1: 25-38. Prayer evidently gives spiritual insight.

We have no account of Jesus making long prayers, except in private, when he sometimes prayed all night.—Luke 6: 12.

Of course Jesus believed in the reign of law, and apparently regarded prayer as a part of the law that was to reign, as inviolable and inherent as any other law of the universe.

Jesus said, What things soever ye desire, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.—Mark 11: 24.

This makes faith the wire between the power house and me. I am expected to appropriate by faith sufficient power to move my load. Does my load not move? Possibly the appropriating wire is too small.

I ought to be able to say, "Come out, thou devil, and begone," and it would come out. But I do not say it, because—well, because I suppose I don't believe it would come out. My appropriating wire is too small to move the load.

If any to-day are moving such a load—and some appear to be—it is because their appropriating wire is large enough to carry sufficient power from the power house. When they pray they believe they have what they ask, and act accordingly.

Jesus advised praying, not fainting. Do men say they have prayed and lost? Well, did they ever faint and win?—"The Christian Evangelist."

Religious Notes and News.

Dr. Morgan in New York.

Dr. Campbell Morgan has been attracting large congregations at Fifth-avenue Presbyterian church, New York, where he is serving as pulpit supply for three months. On Dr. Morgan's first Sunday as acting-pastor, congregations gathered such as have not been seen in Fifth-avenue church since Dr. Jowett's ministry, and arrangements have had to be made allowing pewholders to enter the church by the parish house door. Dr. Morgan is giving a Bible lecture each Friday evening. At his first afternoon service over 1,100 people were present.

The Bible and the Cross-word Craze.

The cross-word craze, according to the New York "Churchman," is incidentally having the result of inducing some people to consult the clergy more than usual. It tells the story of a clerical friend who, on a railway journey the other day, was approached by a stranger who, noting his attire, asked him if he were a clergyman. "Yes," was the reply, "can I be of any service to you?" The man did not hesitate for a moment. "Would you tell me where Abraham was born—a name with only two letters in it?" It is a new way of using the clergy, remarks "The Churchman," but it may lead to more than one might think. That paper tells another story of a parishioner who asked his rector what word of five letters was connected with Jonah's career. "Gourd" was the immediate answer. "Gourd?" exclaimed the astonished parishioner. "What had a gourd to do with Jonah?" Then the rector had an excellent opportunity, which he took, to say, "Read your Bible."

Jerusalem has a Hebrew University.

A Hebrew university has been opened in Jerusalem. Thus the old city of memories and miracles is being touched by the life of to-day. But this is really no rash departure from the ancient spirit of Palestine, for it is generally conceded now that the first system of public schools was among the ancient Jews. But to have a modern university shows how the passion for education is sweeping the world. The Jewish Telegraph Agency sent out the following message on Christmas eve:

"The East and West were joined in the presence of representatives of American and west European men of letters, political representatives, and officials of the Palestine Government, when the institute for Jewish students, the first department of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was opened on Mt. Scopus on Monday, the first day of the festival of lights commemorating the Maccabean victory over the Greeks.

"Dr. Yehuda L. Magnes, American Jewish communal leader who is now a resident of Palestine and president of the governing board of the university, in his opening address declared:

"We are creating in Palestine a place for study without fear and without prejudice. We depend upon the Jewish spirit to enrich the spiritual life of mankind. The institute for Jewish studies will be a connecting link between the wisdom of the East and the civilisation and culture of the West."

True Religion.

"A Religion of Kindness" is the heading of an editorial in "The Universalist Leader" under which some good things are said. The editor remarks: "There is need for the work of the critics—men who bring us sharply to account—those who scrutinise carefully what seems on the surface fair and fine, those who ruthlessly expose wrong. In the church there is place also for those who sound the alarm. The mighty prophets did that. There is a large place and

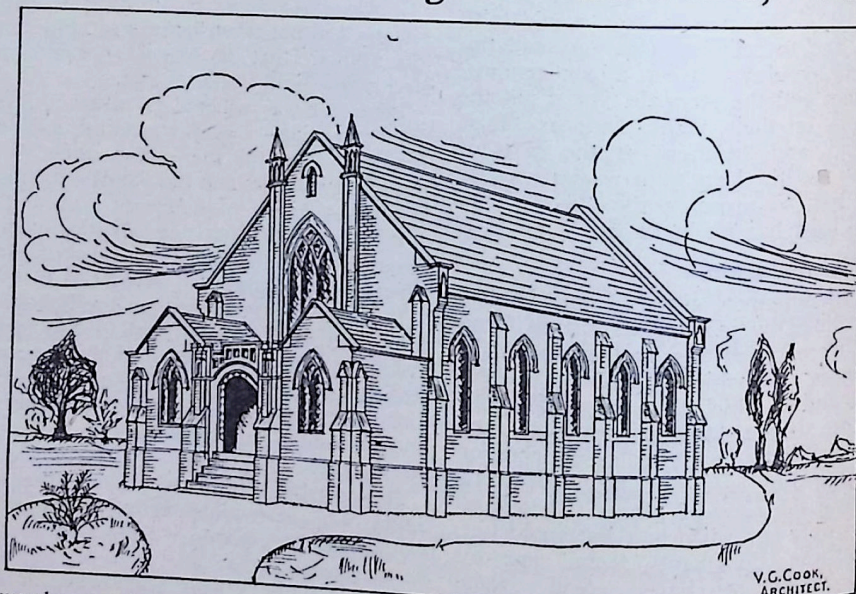
greater need of those who look for good and hold it up for others to see.

"When we set ourselves free to do this it is amazing how much brotherly kindness we find all around us. This neighbor we hardly know comes around with his car when he finds out by chance some special emergency. All hearts open to us in sorrow. Practically everybody responds to our greeting or smile."

Jewish Converts.

In England we have no periodical statistics of the flow of converts from Judaism to Christianity. In Berlin, however, there is a monthly Jewish magazine which keeps strict account of all who in that one city secede from Judaism. In the first nine months of 1924 a little over three hundred Berlin Jews renounced Judaism, but whether for Christianity or for Agnosticism we are not told. Most of them are prosperous middle-class folk. It is a small set-off against this that in the same space of time 37 Berlin Christians were received into the synagogue. As no fewer than 34 of these 37 were ladies, it may be conjectured that the conversions were more frequently due to matrimonial ambitions than to theological convictions.—"Christian World."

New Church Building for Essendon, Vic.



A very happy and successful function took place on Saturday, April 18, at Essendon, when the foundation-stone of the new church building was laid by Bro. R. Lyall, Conference President, in the presence of a splendid gathering, including a number of representative brethren. F. J. Sivyer briefly outlined the ten years' history of the cause at Essendon, and congratulatory speeches were made by the following brethren:—J. E. Shipway, J. E. Thomas, R. Lyall, R. Enniss, J. I. Mudford, J. McG. Abercrombie, W. Beckett (Methodist), and C. Schwab. Bro. A. G. Saunders led in prayer for God's blessing on the future to Bro. Lyall on behalf of the architect. The sum of £118 in cash and promises was raised as the result of an appeal made by Bro. R. Enniss. Afternoon tea was served in the kindergarten hall by the ladies' guild. Bro. H. Wensor con-

tributed two solos during the partaking of the refreshments.

The building now being erected is to be of brick throughout, and will include two front porches, vestibule and vestries. The total dimensions are 76 ft. x 36 ft. It will have a sloping floor of red Baltic. The roof trusses will be of heavy oregon timbers of the hammer-beam type, carrying heavy moulded purlins supporting the roof-rafters. The underside of these rafters will be lined with narrow v-jointed boards from the plate level to the apex of the roof. Wunderlich's patent ridging will be used, and extra good inlet ventilation provided. Specially moulded bricks will be used instead of the usual plaster-moulds to be used in window-openings, etc. The contractor is J. R. Wilkinson, and the architect V. G. Cook, both of Essendon.

New South Wales 40th Conference.

Large attendances, harmony and optimism were features of the Sydney gatherings. Even growings of outstanding ability and long experience had to find their texts through magnifying glasses. T. E. Rofe made a kindly and business-like president. Conference expressed its appreciation of his unsparing efforts during the year. He travelled 9,000 miles in visiting the churches throughout the State.

Young People's Work.

The opening demonstration—a "Children's Year" rally—arranged by the Bible School and Young People's Department was most successful. At least 60,000 heard the addresses, which were broadcast. The Chatswood school choir, Misses H. Baines, Bernice Hall, Isabel Walker and Mr. N. Fell rendered items. R. B. S. Hammond's address on "Making the Next Generation," was an eloquent and timely one.

Dr. Richard Arthur, M.L.A., who attended as a listener, delivered a brief address when called upon.

The report stated—In almost every centre the work was on the up-grade. Three new schools had been opened, three conducted in homes in country towns, eight new clubs commenced. Practically every church and school visited. Five united functions and a record examination had been held. Much work had been done in the interests of Federal examinations. A fund had been commenced to help establish and equip schools in new fields. A cot at the Children's Hospital had been supported at a cost of £40. Our delegates on the joint Council of Religious Education had taken an active interest in its work, and in the "Children's Year" movement. Receipts for the year, £635; expenditure, £664.

The New Committee.—A. H. Webber (chairman), S. O. Gole, A. Graham, F. S. Steer, N. H. Matthews, W. J. Modral, W. J. Stow, L. A. Anderson, M.A., P. E. Thomas, B.A.

Foreign Missions.

There was a large attendance at the City Temple for the Foreign Mission demonstration. Mrs. Edwards and E. V. Saintry were the soloists, and A. G. Saunders, B.A., the speaker, gave a magnificent message.

The report dealt at length with the work on the various fields, and contained the following by the chairman (J. O. Holt):—"I still urge the visitation of the New Hebrides group by a commissioner from Australia, and the adoption of a constructive policy in regard to our island work." The total receipts for the year were £1,453.

The New Committee.—J. O. Holt (Chairman), J. Clydesdale, G. Morton, H. W. Cust, Quan Mane, T. J. Cosh, G. Corbitt, P. C. Bennett, W. R. Avenal, E. V. Saintry.

Anti-Liquor and Social Questions.

At the Wednesday evening demonstration Misses Blanche Hall and May Baker and Mr. C. Adams rendered items, and S. J. Southgate and H. C. Stitt (State Supt. of N.S.W. Alliance) were the speakers. The former in an address on "The Bible on Prohibition," said: "As those who claim to have no guide but the Bible, our strongest argument should be that the Word of God contains irrefutable evidence of God's authority for total abstinence. Where the Bible refers favorably to wine, it refers to the non-alcoholic kind; and where it denounces wine and strong drink it refers to intoxicating liquor. The wine used in Judea at the time of Christ was not the adulterated and fortified wine of modern commerce, but a harmless, wholesome beverage."

H. C. Stitt said: "The solution of the liquor problem is the duty of the church. The man on the street regards it so. The trade itself defies and challenges no other institution but the church. The drink bill of N.S.W. is growing in an appalling manner. Last year it increased

by £295,000, and totalled £11,349,000, an average per head of £5/2/8. Crime also was showing a startling upward relative tendency. During the last four years the convictions were: 87,075; 94,565; 96,981; and 104,000, the great majority of these cases being those which were allied to and could be laid right at the door of the liquor trade. The convictions for drunkenness were also increasing year after year. These statistics were such that a Royal Commission should be appointed to inquire into the whole causes of crime. Alcohol has broken every law in the calendar. Public opinion the world over has condemned it. How long its sentence of death will be delayed is a matter for the people. The duty of the church is plain. We must fight on."

Points from the Report.—Temperance teaching of the young had been emphasised. Co-operation with other religious bodies in social questions had been possible. It was felt that the time had come when the brotherhood should consider the practical social side of our great plea, and begin to organise for our own benevolences. The establishment of an orphanage is contemplated.



Godfrey Fretwell,
Newly-elected N.S.W. Conference President.

The New Committee.—E. Davis (Chairman), E. A. Oldfield, R. Marley, M. Purkis, W. J. Lewis, K. Hunter, H. C. Stitt, K. Mackenzie, L. D. Gil-mour, T. P. Dale.

Home Missions and Executive.

One hundred and fifty gathered at Enmore on Friday morning, and the number increased until about 600 were present at night.

The executive report congratulated Joseph Stimson, former Conference President and treasurer, and 40 years a member of the Home Mission Committee, on completing 50 years of church membership and married life.

Mention was made of the favorable impression of the work in this State created by students of the College of the Bible who had recently labored here and had since returned to Melbourne. An increase in the number of N.S.W. students was urged, in order that in future we may have more College men taking up the work here.

Recognising the importance and need of the loving service being rendered to our brethren by the Preachers' Provident Fund, the executive had arranged for a special offering to be taken at the afternoon service on Easter Sunday. The "Australian Christian" was commended to the churches as a means of maintaining a broad view of our relations and responsibilities. It was stated that a party would motor to Canberra to select a church site. New buildings had been erected at Granville and Bankstown. The publicity committee (C. R. Hall and A. L. Haddon) were thanked and reappointed. There had been

496 additions, the membership now being 3,935, an increase of 272.

The Home Mission Committee recorded its "warm appreciation of the consistent faithfulness, wise counsel and ready service" of W. H. Hall, who for 10 years had performed the arduous duties of treasurer.

Conference highly commended the "Christian Messenger." There was universal appreciation of the unique editorial ability of C. R. Hall. Training classes had been conducted at six centres; their continuance was urged.

The report contained the following paragraph:—"Since H. G. Harward is not seeking reappointment as Organising Secretary, the Committee desires to place on record its highest appreciation of his splendid and sacrificial service to the Churches of Christ in New South Wales; to congratulate him upon the attainment of 25 years of active and efficient ministry." Conference unanimously declined to carry the clause, and recommended the incoming committee to grant Bro. Harward three months' leave on full salary, with a view to retaining his services as Organiser.

P. C. Bennett (Bankstown), E. R. Butler (Epping) and H. Priestly (Lidcombe) had joined the preaching ranks. The fine work of the State evangelists A. Baker and L. E. Clay was a cause for gratitude. At Belmore 92 confessions and a thankoffering of £151 resulted. A second tent procured for volunteer missions had been used at South Kensington by S. J. Southgate. Ten churches had been subsidised during the year.

A survey of the home field was presented. P. J. Pond, of Lismore, spoke of the needs of the Richmond-Tweed. W. J. Want told of Merewether's needs of preaching help and its willingness to co-operate financially. W. J. Campbell showed that Wagga was the centre of a great and growing district which needed a larger building and more preaching places. P. C. Bennett told of Bankstown's progress—a new building, a resident preacher, a Baker-Clay mission. L. E. Clay spoke of the "ins and outs" of the church, the courtesy the missionaries had received from all; the "ups and downs," those who encourage and those who grouch; the "ways and means," the mountains of prayer and the valleys of sacrifice. H. E. Edwards, of Cundletown, spoke of the value of women's choirs for open-air work, and of the needs of the Manning River district.

A. H. Webber delivered a special address on: "The Church and the Child." Caring for the child was the church's biggest work he said, and was worthy of increased interest and expenditure. Those present should make it their life work. 90 per cent. of the church's converts were made from the "teen" age, and so were 90 per cent. of the community's criminals. Sports attached to the Bible School were a means to an end. We should implant a deep religious conviction as well. Children are idealists, and yet they see us engrossed in material ambitions very often. They are eager to work—what do we give them to do?

The retiring Committee recommended as future work:—A special effort in subsidised churches to attain self-support. An aggressive missionary programme in all the churches with special emphasis on personal evangelism. The prayerful, enthusiastic support of our Bren. Baker and Clay, in their State-wide work. That preachers conduct volunteer missions wherever practicable with the second tent. That sympathetic encouragement be given to the Young People's Department in their emphasis on "Children's Year." That united committee meetings be continued. That churches in adjacent areas be encouraged to hold district conferences for the furtherance of the work. That half-yearly meetings of church officers be arranged. That the financial objective for the year be not less than £2,500 for the home task. That earnest consideration be given to the advisability of conducting regular open-air services.

The Executive was asked to confer with the City Temple officers with a view to reconstructing the building so as to provide central offices for the State work; also to consider the advisability

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The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN

Don't Quit.

When things go wrong; as they sometimes will,
And the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh;
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.
Life is queer, with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
You might succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tints of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.
—Edgar A. Guest.

Bible First.

Some fifty years ago a Christian man sat by his fireside, while his only child, a little boy, was playing on the hearth. The father had just received the morning newspaper and commenced to read the same, when the child, climbing upon the father's knee, snatched the paper playfully away, saying, "Bible first, papa, Bible first." It came like a supernatural voice, and the father could not forget the lesson thus conveyed. To deepen the impression, sickness entered the home, and the loving lips of the boy were silenced by death. As that father bowed over the lifeless form of his beautiful boy he felt that the child had preached to him a sermon such as he had never before heard. The child's sermon became the man's life-motto. He resolved in business, in pleasure, in work, in worship to let the Scriptures take the lead. He studied the Bible at home, he taught it in the Sunday School, he kept its precepts before him in all the transactions of life. The result was he prospered. Wealth was bestowed upon him by God. He employed it in benefiting his race, and at a ripe old age he passed away to his reward, leaving five churches in Philadelphia erected by his munificence. The second engine he constructed was given to the American Sunday School Union, and thus he gave the Union the means for printing the first Christian literature for the young ever printed in America by steam. This gentleman was Matthias W. Baldwin, the well-known American engineer. No one has ever been a loser by taking the Bible first. Did ever a nation, a family, or an individual regret adopting and following the inspired Book as a guide? When the Bible had been translated into the language of the Harvey Islands—a group that lie in the Pacific Ocean—and a cargo of copies just printed in England had reached the natives, they were filled with most lively joy, and held a public meeting on the occasion. At this meeting one of them rose and said: "My brethren and sisters, this is my resolution. The dust shall never cover my new Bible, the moth shall never eat it. It shall be my light and my joy." This was a very good resolution. Read the Bible every day. Don't let the dust rest upon it, and throughout it will be your light and your joy.

Rescuing Rose.

"Oh, mother, there is the funniest girl in our class at school!" cried Peggy, laying her books on the table. "We all laugh at her, and the teacher gets so angry!"

"Laugh at her? What for?" asked mother, looking gravely at Peggy.

"Oh, because she's an Armenian girl and talks so queerly. We just can't help laughing every time she says anything!" answered Peggy.

Mother shook her head sadly. "And my little girl would be so unkind as that! Oh, Peggy, I am ashamed of you! Just suppose you were in Armenia in school, and you had to stand up before a classroom filled with boys and girls who did not speak your language. Do you think you would like it if they all laughed at you whenever you tried to say anything?"

Peggy hung her head. "I never thought about that," she said.

The next morning Peggy walked over to the little stranger, whose name was Rose, and smiled at her. For a second there was a frightened look in Rose's eyes, for she thought Peggy had come to tease her. But in a short time the two girls were friends, and Rose understood that Peggy meant to help her.

That day at recess, when Peggy went down into the schoolyard to play, she heard some one sobbing. Looking around, she saw a circle of girls dancing about, laughing loudly. In the centre of the circle stood Rose, crying as though her heart would break. Peggy ran over to the girls and placed her arms about the trembling girl.

"Shame on you!" she exclaimed; "do you think that is the way to treat a stranger? Do you think that is the way to make Rose love us? Why don't you help her, instead of making fun of her? Of course, she is different from us, but teasing her is not the way to teach her our manners!"

The girls stared in surprise at Peggy. Then they all held out their hands to Rose. "We're sorry! Peggy is right! We'll all try to help you after this," they cried.

The tears were still on Rose's lashes, but she smiled at them. Suddenly there sprang into her heart a great love for this wonderful new country—this America, where people helped one another. And Rose knew then that she was going to be very happy in her new home!—"Little Folks."

"Run Away, Boy, I'm Busy."

Doctor Potter tells the story of a young man who stood at the bar of a court of justice to be sentenced for forgery. The judge had known him from a child, for his father had been a famous legal light and his work on the Law of Trusts was the most exhaustive work on the subject in existence. "Do you remember your father?" asked the judge sternly. "That father whom you have disgraced?" The prisoner answered: "I remember him perfectly. When I went to him for advice or companionship, he would look up from his book on the 'Law of Trusts,' and say, 'Run away, boy, I am busy.' My father finished his book and here I am." The great lawyer had neglected his own trust with awful results.—T. De Witt Talmadge.

Anybody Would.

Teacher—"If a farmer sold 1,470 bushels of wheat at thirteen shillings and threepence a bushel, what would he get?"

Boy—"A motor car."

Going Soon.

"Do angels have wings, mummy?" "Yes, darling." "Can they fly?" "Yes, dear." "Then when is nurse going to fly, 'cause daddy called her a angel last night?"

"To-morrow, darling."

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

SUNDAY.

And he (Jesus) said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.—Luke 22: 46.

"Give me on thee to call.

Always to watch and pray;
Lest I into temptation fall,
And cast my shield away."

Reading—Luke 22: 21-46.

MONDAY.

While he yet spake, behold, a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them; and he drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.—Luke 22: 47.

"When Judas approached to carry out his contract, the Lord's question exposes him before all as a betrayer, and not a disciple as he wished to appear to be (for kissing was the common mode of salutation between men, especially between teacher and pupils), and when Judas brazenly persists in completing the sign, Jesus bids him do it, not as a friend, but as a traitor."

Reading—Luke 22: 47-71.

TUESDAY.

And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest.—Luke 23: 3.

The Jews "condemned Jesus for blasphemy; but they well knew that Pilate would altogether disregard an accusation of that kind. They therefore attempted to substitute a totally different accusation from that on which they had professed to find him guilty; to excite the jealousy of the Roman governor, and to procure his death on a false charge of treason against the Emperor."

Reading—Luke 23: 1-31.

WEDNESDAY.

And when they came unto the place which is called the Skull, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left.—Luke 23: 33.

It seems that Jesus was placed in the midst of these malefactors in order that he should appear to be the worst of the three. What indignity and humiliation Jesus endured for us!

Reading—Luke 23: 32-56.

THURSDAY.

And they said one to another, Was not our heart burning within us, while he spake to us in the way, while he opened to us the Scriptures.—Luke 24: 32.

"In dedicating his commentary on the gospel according to John to his friend Charles Prince, F. Godet wrote: 'After that united labor, in which your thought and mine were so often blended into one, it would be impossible for me to distinguish in this work between mine and thine. And if I could, of what use would it be? On the way to Emmaus, we speak only of his. And like the two pilgrims, we cry, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us by the way and while he opened unto us the Scriptures?'"

Reading—Luke 24: 1-35.

FRIDAY.

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.—Luke 24: 47.

By the authority of Christ the gospel is to be preached and salvation offered to every man of every nation, yet it seems quite fitting that the first opportunity of pardon should be proclaimed in the very place where he suffered death, and even to those who participated in his crucifixion.

Reading—Luke 24: 36-53.

SATURDAY.

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.—John 1: 17.

"The old system was one of law, and shadows, and burdensome rites. This was full of mercy to mankind, and was true in all things."

Reading—John 1: 1-28.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

May 13.

Repentance.

(Luke 13: 1-5.)

HORACE KINGSBURY.

Re-pent.—"Think again; think differently, change your thoughts; be diverted; turn another way."

"Take the first turn to the right, and keep straight on."

"Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil: learn to do well."—Isaiah 1: 16, 17a.

"Repentance is but the visible operation of faith in a life."—Hugh McLellan.

"Repentance is being so sorry for sin that with God's help you will give it up."—J. W. Chapman.

"Repentance is a change of will caused by sorrow for sin, and leading to a reformation of life."—J. W. McGarvey.

"He who has turned to God and who manifests the fruits of the Spirit, *has* repented, whether he can give a precise definition or not."—A. R. Main.

"Christ's parable of the prodigal son is the most beautiful picture of true repentance ever painted."

"The times of ignorance (therefore) God overlooked; but now he commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent: inasmuch as he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."—Acts 17: 30, 31.

"The prime requisite to repentance is a sense of sin."

"Godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation, a repentance which bringeth no regret; but the sorrow of the world worketh death."—2 Corinthians 7: 10.

"Once I went forth to look for Repentance. I sought her day and night in the city of Mansoul. I asked many if they knew where she dwelt, and they said they had never seen her. I met one grave and scholarly, who told me what she was like, and bade me seek her earnestly; but he did not tell me where she was to be found. Then, all sad at heart, and wearied with my search, I went forth without the city walls, and climbed a lonely hill, and up a steep and rugged way, until I came in sight of the cross, and of him who hung thereon. And, lo! as I looked upon him, there came one and touched me. Then instantly my heart was melted, and all the great deeps of my soul were broken up. 'Ah, Repentance! I have been looking everywhere for you,' I said. 'Thou wilt always find me here,' said Repentance; 'here, in sight of my crucified Lord. I tarry ever at his feet.'"—Mark Guy Pearse.

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise (the promise of his coming), as some count slackness; but is longsuffering to you-ward, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."—2 Peter 3: 9.

"Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; and that he may send the Christ who hath been appointed for you, even Jesus."—Acts 3: 19, 20.

Repentance manifests itself in confession of sin and prayer for forgiveness (Psalm 51: 3, 4, 7), in restitution and reparation (Luke 19: 1-10), and in a new life of love, obedience and service (Acts 2: 37-47).

"Repent, or Perish."

TOPIC FOR MAY 20.—A SAVIOUR FROM SELFISHNESS.—Luke 16: 19-31.

Our Young People.

Conducted by Leslie C. McCallum, M.A.

Interchurch Service Club.

The above club has been in existence since 1922. It has as its aim the developing of leadership and the stimulating of work among the young. Membership is open to all young men and women who are engaged in or desire to train for Christian service.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 1, and fortnightly thereafter at the Y.W.C.A. rooms, Russell-st., Melbourne.

Intending members should communicate with the secretary, Miss A. Curnow, 47 Evansdale-rd., Hawthorn, Vic.

Grains of Sand.

The Queensland Bible School and Y.P. Union has issued a novel collecting card for the scholars, to aid in the annual appeal. Its appeal this year is on the basis of "Building for the Church of To-morrow." The card says: "Sand is required for mortar for buildings. So, in building the character of our young people, every small gift towards the activity of the Union is a great help. One penny may be only a grain. Many grains make a big heap." A heap of 60 grains is printed on the card, and for each penny collected a pin-prick is put in a grain.

Annual Examination.

Those preparing for this event are reminded that the whole of the lessons in the April-June quarter will be set for examination purposes. In previous years it has been customary to exclude the Easter, Temperance and Missionary lessons; but this year they are included, and must be prepared for examination.

K.S.P. and P.B.P.

On Monday, April 20, the annual sports meeting of the Victorian K.S.P. and P.B.P. clubs was held at Northcote Cricket Ground. The attendance was greater than on any previous occasion, and the entries received constituted a record. Shortly after ten thirty, the Grand Chaplain for Australia, Mr. A. E. Illingworth, declared the meeting opened, and expressed the hope that a day of good fellowship and keen competition in the field would be enjoyed. Event after event was contested in the best possible spirit. It was fine to see the zest with which both men and maidens entered into the spirit of the games. This is the more commendable when it is remembered that those contending contend only for the honor of their individual clubs and not for any prize. Once more the Malvern-Caulfield clubs proved to be the winners for the day, while Essendon came second. With one exception the whole proceedings passed off without a hitch, and the committee of management, though often much maligned men, are to be congratulated on the way in which the meeting was conducted.

Keeping Sweet.

There was once a fresh-water spring close beside the sea. Twice every twenty-four hours the tides rolled over it, burying it deep under their brackish floods. But when the bitter waters rolled out again the spring was found fresh as before, with no taint of the salt sea in its sweet stream.

One of the great problems of living is to keep the heart gentle and sweet amid all the world's trying experiences. Nothing worse could happen

to any one than that he should become cold toward human suffering, or bitter toward human infirmity and failure. When the tides of unkindness, injustice or cruelty have swept over our life, it should emerge unembittered, patient, long-suffering, meek, rich still in its generous thought and feeling, and ready for any new service for which there may be opportunity to-morrow.—"Sunshine Magazine."

The Confession of a Confucianist.

From Viscount Shibusawa, Japan's multi-millionaire philanthropist, comes a very significant remark in this connection.

"I am a Confucianist. There are a lot of things about Christianity which you preach that I do not understand. A lot of things you do look like foolishness to me. But there are two things in your programme that are an outstanding appeal to me. One is your Bible. One was given to me years ago, and I have read some of it nearly every day since. It is the greatest book ever written. I wish there was a copy in every home in Japan. The other thing is the Sunday School, where young and old gather together to study this book. I wish every person in Japan had the opportunity to attend a Sunday School. It would be the greatest thing for business integrity and morality that could possibly happen."

"No study is more important to the child than the study of the Bible and of the truth which it teaches, and there is no more effective agency for such study than the Sunday School."—Woodrow Wilson.



Young Converts at Geelong, Vic.

Our picture is of a group of young people who belong to the Geelong church where Bro. Stuart Stevens labors. Every Sunday morning a special class is held by the preacher for the teaching and training of young people who have lately united with the church. Keen interest is displayed, and the average attendance ranges around twenty-five. On Saturday, March 14, the class held its annual picnic at Ocean Grove. The young folk travelled in cars kindly lent by five members of the Geelong church. A delightful outing ensued, and at tea-time an opportunity was taken to present to Mr. Stevens a wallet suitably inscribed as a token of love and gratitude from the members of the class. It is expected that during the present year many more will join this class and so be taught the Word of God more thoroughly.

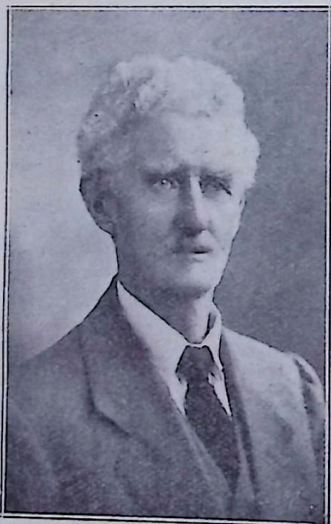
Foreign Missions.

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

History of Adelaide Chinese Mission.

Feeling the need for religious instruction among the Chinese resident in Adelaide, Bro. Fred Verco, in June, 1899, commenced classes at his home in Grote-st., on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Early in the year 1900 Bro. Verco removed to Sydney. At his suggestion the class removed to the Grote-st. church vestry. The first meeting there was held on March 13, 1900. There were four scholars present (Wing Kong, May Yew, Ah Ching and Ah Kew). The teachers present were Messrs. H. D. Smith (superintendent), A. A. Verco (secretary), W. Jackson, R. S. Putland, Misses Giffin, Major and L. Downs.

The objects of the mission as drawn up in the constitution were: (1) "The education of the Chinese in the rudiments of the English language," and (2) chiefly "The salvation of never-dying souls, through faith in and obedience to the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The late Bro.



E. McPhee, Supt. Adelaide Chinese Mission.

A. T. Magarey, who was interested in the inauguration of the mission, rendered the financial assistance necessary to equip the class.

At the commencement there were 9 scholars and 16 teachers on the roll. This number continued to meet regularly, and in September 1906 the late Bro. Jame, then Chinese evangelist of Australia, was invited to come to Adelaide to conduct a mission on Sunday evenings as well as at class meetings. This mission resulted in 7 confessions. The gospel services were continued, and have been held regularly, with the exception of a short period, every Sunday evening.

Bro. H. D. Smith held the office of superintendent until June, 1900, when Bro. W. Jackson took office. He occupied the position until the end of 1905, when Bro. E. McPhee was appointed superintendent. At the end of 1906 he resigned the superintendency of the classes to undertake the supervision of the Sunday afternoon meetings (which were commenced), and Sunday evening services. Bro. E. A. Riches then became superintendent, followed by Mr. A. Downs until 1922. When Bro. McPhee was again appointed to that office by the Foreign Mission Committee, and which he still holds. The Sunday afternoon meetings have lapsed at intervals during this period on account of insufficient numbers attending. Just recently four younger scholars merged into the Grote-st. Sunday School, which meant

the closing of the Chinese Sunday afternoon class.

The following have acted as secretary during the 25 years' existence of the mission:—Bren. A. A. Verco, Leslie Matthews, A. Downs, E. A. Riches, H. Bowden, E. Bowden, and the present secretary is Sister H. Bowden.

Since the inauguration 55 Chinese have by confession and baptism joined the church, and 3 were received by letter from sister churches. At the present time 15 Chinese members attend the gospel meetings each Sunday evening, and an average of 9 scholars and 9 teachers attend the Tuesday and Thursday class meetings. Three members have been called to their heavenly home. Several have returned to their own country, and have not since returned to Adelaide; 9 have transferred to sister churches.

To celebrate the silver jubilee a social gathering was held in the Grote-st. church lecture hall on Tuesday, March 31, when Bro. McPhee presided over a crowded and representative gathering. Mr. Andrew Ginn, on behalf of the Chinese, extended a welcome to all present. He said they were pleased to know that so many people were interested in their mission, as was evidenced by the large attendance. The chairman spoke of the work of the mission during its 25 years' existence. He expressed pleasure at seeing so many past teachers and workers present. Some of them, he said, had been present at the inaugural meeting. Geo. T. Walden congratulated the workers on the results attained through their efforts, and wished them further success in the future. W. Beiler (President of the State F.M. Com.) brought greetings and congratulations from his Committee, and spoke encouragingly to those engaged in the work. A long and interesting programme was submitted, and supper brought a very successful function to a close.

State Foreign Mission Secretaries.

Please send offerings to the following:—

- Victoria.—J. E. Allan, 51 Watts-st., Box Hill.
N.S.W.—J. Clydesdale, 9 Grand-par., Brighton-le-Sands.
S.A.—H. G. Burdon, c/o H.M. office, Liberal Club Bldgs., North Ter., Adelaide.
W.A.—W. H. Clay, 393 Bagot-rd., Subiaco.
Qld.—H. W. Hermann, Francis-st., Eagle Junction, Brisbane.
Tas.—J. Foot, jr., 14 Balfour Pl., Launceston.
Federal Secretary.—G. T. Walden, M.A., 74 Edmund-av., Unley, S.A.

DEATH.

HOLLEY.—On April 21, in the Ballarat Hospital, after a short illness, Bro. Geo. Holley.

A. J. CURSON,

Registered Architect.

Architect to the following Church of Christ Buildings—Hampton, Brighton, Ivanhoe, and the new Bible School, North Fitzroy.

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A Sunday School in a working district of South Australia is praying for funds for a piano for school purposes. Those disposed to assist, kindly communicate Box 119, G.P.O., Adelaide.

The Mile End church would like to hear from any brethren and sisters who could loan money for the new building at the usual bank rate of interest. Please state amount, time and rate of interest, with full address. Write now to B. W. Manning, 2 Danby-st., Torrens, S.A.

Employment is earnestly sought by the following:—

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BEREAVEMENT NOTICE.

Mrs. W. H. McCance wishes to sincerely thank the many kind friends for expressions of sympathy, telegrams, letters, cards and floral tributes, during her recent sad bereavement. Will all please accept this as a personal acknowledgment?

IN MEMORIAM.

DUNN.—In loving memory of Captain Francis Henry Dunn, M.C., Adj., 23rd Batt., A.I.F., who was killed in action at Bullecourt, May 3, 1917. Dearly loved only son of Eleanor Rea Dunn, Story-st., Parkville, and the late F. G. Dunn.

MORTON.—In affectionate remembrance of Frances (Fannie) Morton, who fell "asleep in Jesus" on Wednesday, May 29, 1912.

"The good die not,

They live on earth in thought and deed
As truly as in his heaven."

—Will and Millicent Morton, Queensland.

NEUMANN.—In loving memory of our husband and dad, who was called home, May 1, 1924 at Ma Ma Creek, Queensland.

"Deep in our hearts there's a memory

Of one we will never forget.

—Inserted by his loving wife and daughter and son-in-law, Millicent and Will Morton.

COMING EVENTS.

MAY 2.—Ringwood Ladies' Sewing Class will hold a Sale of Work on Saturday, May 2, afternoon and evening, starting 3 p.m. Everybody cordially invited.

MAY 3.—Malvern-Caulfield Church, Sunday, 7 p.m. Preacher, W. H. P. Anderson, from England, General Secretary "The Mission to Lepers."

MAY 12 (Tuesday).—Re-union Social at Gore-st., Fitzroy. All friends are invited to be present.

MAY 17, 24 & 26.—Footscray, Raleigh-st. (opp. Middle Footscray Station). Bible School Anniversary. Sunday, May 17, 3 p.m., Mr. Reg. Clarke; 7 p.m., Mr. A. E. Hurren. Sunday, May 24, 3 p.m., Mr. Harold B. Robbins; 7 p.m., Mr. L. C. McCallum, M.A. Past associates of school specially invited to be present. Tea will be provided free of charge on both occasions. Come, renew old acquaintances. Concert, Tuesday, May 26, St. John's Hall, Pickett-st. R.S.V.P.—J. C. Thomson, Secretary.

Here and There.

We are indebted to Bro. A. L. Haddon, B.A., for our report of the N.S.W. Conference.

The annual offering for Bible School work will be taken throughout Australia on Sunday next, May 3.

W. A. Kemp, formerly of Melbourne, now of Edinburgh, has qualified for his medical degree in the University of Edinburgh.

With pleasure we learn that Bro. C. C. S. Rush is now improving after his motor accident. He is home again and we trust to hear of a full recovery.

We learn that Bro. L. C. McCallum, M.A., our newly-appointed Bible Schools Organiser for Victoria, has qualified for the B.D. degree in the Melbourne College of Divinity.

The N.S.W. "Christian Messenger" of April 15 says that "a committee went to the Federal Capital to-day to select a site for a church building in the Federal Territory."

Mr. W. H. P. Anderson, General Secretary, Mission to Lepers, is now on a visit to Australia. Next Lord's day he will preach at the evening service of the Malvern-Caulfield Church of Christ, Victoria.

The work at Ballarat East, Vic., has received much help from the visits of Bro. A. W. Ladbrook, one of the students of the College of the Bible. On Sunday next Bro. R. G. Cameron commences work with this church.

At the request of the Victorian Baptist Union Bro. R. Enniss on Tuesday evening gave an address on "Sunday School Lessons: Their Preparation and Publication." Our Baptist friends are facing the problem of securing suitable lesson material.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrand, two highly esteemed members of Malvern-Caulfield church, Vic., were injured in a motor accident at Aspendale on Monday evening. Our brother and sister are confined to bed, and are reported to be suffering from abrasions and shock.

Ben. Johannsen and Cannon were the speakers at Bundaberg, Q., on Easter Sunday. Good meetings on the 19th, when two men confessed Christ; these were baptised at the devotional service on Tuesday night, when 60 were present, and another man came out to confess Christ.

Attention is drawn to the advertisement inserted on behalf of the Victorian Department of Social Service. A most urgent case is that of a man, woman and five children with furniture all taken from them, except a bed. Light employment is sought for the husband, who is not very strong.

Boort, Vic., had fine attendances on Sunday. The Bible School is practising anniversary hymns. The mission at Pyramid Hill has had good attendances for the first week, many of the Boort members journeying there each night to help. Bro. A. T. Lacy has improved much, and great hopes are entertained of his recovery.

A Hinrichsen-Pratt mission at Ormond, Vic., will commence on May 10. The tent will be erected on North-rd., close to Ormond station. This is entirely new work, there being no Church of Christ in the district. For this reason brethren of the metropolitan circles are asked to attend the mission, particularly at the commencement. A little help now may result in a big church and Sunday School being established.

H. G. Payne, secretary Queensland Bible Schools and Young People's Union, has sent the following to the editors of Austral Graded Lessons:—"By direction of the recent Conference I am forwarding to you its members' appreciation of the excellent quality of the Austral Graded Lessons. We are satisfied that they have no

superior in any denomination in Australia, and are grateful for the time, thought and labor put into their production."

At the recent Tasmanian Conference 1,265 church members were reported, a nett increase for the year of 32. There were 266 additions by faith and obedience, and 74 by letter; 19 baptised believers were added, and there were 12 restorations. 123 isolated members were reported. In the Bible Schools are 124 teachers and 861 scholars, as compared with 119 teachers and 785 scholars for 1924. 56 scholars were added to the church during the year.

The mission at Hawthorn, Vic. (missioner, Mr. P. R. Baker), opened on Sunday, April 19, in Burwood-rd., opposite post office. The fine tent, seating about 500, was filled to overflowing, and on Sunday evening last there was again a full attendance. Three young men made the good confession, making seven persons to confess their faith during the first week. Sister churches have kindly helped with visitations on week-nights, Balwyn sending a delegation of 80 on Friday night.

The Victorian Home Mission Organiser recently received word from a brother and sister who have decided that as long as God spares their lives they will put away for Home and Foreign Mission work 1/- per week. The letter suggests that if every brother and sister in our churches could make the same special effort, wonderful help would come to our Home and Foreign Mission work. This is an excellent suggestion, and it is hoped that many others will see how a small weekly sacrifice makes possible a large gift each year.

In the Executive and Home Missionary report presented to the recent Tasmanian Conference, it is stated that at Ulverstone "Bren. Chas. Hale and A. R. Main rendered good service for several months." To prevent misunderstanding, we beg to state that A. R. Main still abides by his College work and has not accepted any engagement with church or committee. During College vacation he spent a few weeks of restful holiday at Ulverstone, and the extent of his "labors" with the church was the delivering, quite gratuitously, of a few Sunday morning and evening addresses.

The little township of Pyramid, Vic., is being stirred by the Hinrichsen-Pratt mission. Boort brethren are very loyal and enthusiastic. Every night car-loads arrive to assist the mission. Though an accident prevented them from getting home before 2 a.m. one night, they came again the next, the distance of 25 miles. The local folk are becoming interested, and are doing much talking. On Sunday night two married men and a young woman confessed Christ. For the size of the place the attendances are remarkable. As we were going to press, the following telegram came to hand from E. C. Hinrichsen:—"Wonderful meeting, Monday night; nine confessions."

Hindmarsh, S.A., on April 19 (men's day) meetings were good. Bro. A. Moysé exhorted acceptably in the morning meeting. In the afternoon E. J. Paternoster addressed the men on "What Constitutes a Man?" At night men formed the choir, and also rendered solos, and gave readings. Bro. G. Swanbury conducted the meeting. E. J. Paternoster gave the address. Very fine meetings on April 26. Morning, E. J. Paternoster addressed the church on "The Church and Her Life." Evening, Bro. C. Caldicott preached to a good congregation; he also addressed the ladies' Bible Class in the afternoon. The 70th anniversary is planned for June. Bro. H. Onley, who is in hospital with pneumonia is beginning to recover. Sister May Tompkin, after nine months' sickness, is also recovering.

On Sunday, April 19, there were splendid meetings and four confessions at Balwyn, Vic., while on the 26th 183 broke bread, there were 9 baptisms and one confession, Jas. E. Thomas preaching.

At Footscray, Vic., five young men and a young woman have been added to the church by faith and baptism. Last Lord's day Sister Mrs. Waters, from Mildura, was welcomed into fellowship. The Bible School is preparing for anniversary celebrations, Bro. W. Cousins conducting the singing. Last Saturday evening the ladies' society held a birthday social in aid of the manse building fund. Each member was given a small bag in which to place a penny for each year of age. Nearly £16 was received. Bro. and Sister Hurren are taking a brief holiday during the next two weeks.

The work at Barmera, S.A., has been handicapped because of the unsuitable place of meeting. The Bible School has decreased in numbers because of many removals from the district. The J.C.E. keeps up in attendance. Gospel services remain about the same. On April 5 the Cobdogla S.S. anniversary was a great success. Attendances, Sunday School, 60; evening, 50. On Monday night, April 6, the prizes were distributed. On Easter Monday the two Bible Schools combined in their annual picnic, and an enjoyable time was spent. Barmera chapel is nearing completion, and it is hoped it will be re-opened on May 3.

At Mile End, S.A., last Wednesday three brothers were immersed; on Sunday morning they received the hand of welcome. At night the building was packed, and six came forward at the close—two men, three ladies, and a girl. The walls of the new building are nearly finished, and all are looking forward to completion of the building. One of the sisters in a suburban church is struggling and saving to buy a home, and has offered all her savings as a loan at bank rate of interest that she might have a part in the work. B. W. Manning, 2 Danby-st., Torrens-ville, would be glad to hear from any others who can help.

At Coburg, Vic., on April 22, a farewell social was tendered to Bro. J. C. F. Pittman after his 4½ years' ministry. Bro. W. J. Kenley presided. A first-class musical programme was rendered. Addresses in appreciation of the services of Bro. Pittman and regret at his departure were given by the chairman and Bren. F. B. Withers (trustees), E. J. Handley (school), and W. Fairweather (church). Presentations were made by Bro. W. J. Parker to Bro. Pittman for himself and Sister Pittman. The work for April has been good. Three additions to the church—one by letter, and two young ladies from the school by faith and baptism. All are grateful to Bro. Gale for his recent visit. Bro. L. Smith now takes up the work of preaching.

At Surrey Hills, Vic., on Apr. 19, Bro. Gray, of Box Hill, gave a helpful exhortation on "Prayer." Two who had been baptised the previous Thursday were received into fellowship. On April 22 the church appointed committees for the forthcoming mission. The male choir, under Bro. G. Murray, is holding a weekly practice. Bro. Mudford exhorted acceptably on April 26. A young man was welcomed into the church. The K.S.P. club has enjoyed lectures given by Mr. C. Lang and Prof. Smyth. Eighty men listened to the latter speak on "Sex Education." The ladies' guild has commenced the year enthusiastically. Last year over £150 was raised. Among the gifts made to the church was a splendid piano. The mothers of the Bible School scholars are being entertained on Thursday by the members of the guild. At a sale of gifts organised by the Birthday Mission League of Joy over £50 was raised. The co-operation of sister churches was appreciated. The C.E. Society continues to do good service for Christ and the church. A physical culture class has been organised among the senior girls of the Bible School; satisfactory progress is being made.

N. S. W. Sisters' Conference.

The 31st annual conference of sisters of N.S.W. was held at Enmore Tabernacle on Tuesday, Apr. 7, 1925. There was a large attendance, and the day was a very happy one. The morning session was opened by hymn and prayer. Mrs. Fox led the devotional, and several sisters offered prayers. Scripture read from Luke 2. Miss Edna Bagley sang a very beautiful solo, "Gethsemane." Mrs. Fox took for her talk "The Humble Christ."

The business session was presided over by the president, Mrs. Clydesdale, who gave a hearty welcome to those present. Minutes of last year's conference were read and confirmed. Correspondence read included apologies from sisters Mrs. Vercoe and Rush, regretting inability to be present, and wishing sisters a good time; from Mr. Carter, Erskineville. Greetings were received from Wagga, Foreign Mission Board (G. T. Walden), Queensland Sisters, Western Australia, Tasmania, and Victoria; President of General Conference, Bro. T. Rofe, who gave verbally the resolution of thanks passed to sisters by the Committee for splendid help rendered at Federal Conference; Granville and Erskineville.

Roll-call of delegates was attended to.

Election of officers for ensuing year:—President, Mrs. C. Rush; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Clydesdale; Secretary, Mrs. T. J. Andrews; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. E. Morris; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Morris.

Superintendents:—Obituary, Mrs. Flood; Newington, Mrs. Shelton; Hospital, Mrs. McKinnon; Foreign Mission, Mrs. Bull; Home Mission, Mrs. Eadie; Dorcas, Mrs. W. H. Hall; Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Corbitt; Temperance, Mrs. Webster; Isolated, Mrs. Partridge; Social, Mrs. E. Davis; Catering, Mrs. Steer.

After a solo by Mrs. W. Fox, "Always Live in the Sunshine," the Conference adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The devotional was led by Mrs. Clydesdale. A solo was rendered by Mrs. W. Edwards, and Scripture read from Gal. 6. The president gave a beautiful talk on "The Work of the Lord," and urged sisters to a fresh effort in the coming year. The business session opened with a hymn.

Superintendents' Reports.—The obituary report was read by Mrs. Flood, after which the hymn, "Peace, Perfect Peace," was sung, all standing. Hospital report, Mrs. Potter; prayer meeting, Mrs. Forscut; temperance, Mrs. Webster. Welcome greetings were given by Mrs. Steer in a few happy remarks. Responses were given by a number of sisters.

Executive report, Mrs. Andrews; treasurer's report, Mrs. A. Morris; sister Mrs. Potter is resigning her position as hospital superintendent after a period of 24 years' service. To mark the

appreciation of Conference the president presented her with a hand-bag, and wished her a complete recovery from the illness which has caused her to resign her work.

Roll-call of Churches.—22 responded by verse or text. Free-will offering amounted to £7/6/10. Solo, Mrs. L. Stimson. Mrs. Long, of the A.I. Mission, gave a fine address on "The Power of Prayer."

The superintendents' reports were continued:—Home Mission, Mrs. Fox; Foreign Mission, Mrs. Bull; Dorcas, Mrs. W. H. Hall; isolated members, Mrs. Partridge. This brought the Conference to a close.

Resolutions, etc.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the officers of City Temple and Enmore Tabernacle for the free use of the buildings for meetings and annual Conference; also to all who had kindly given their services to make the day a happy one; to the singers, who have given such sweet songs; and all who helped to make the day a success.

Introduction of new officers for ensuing year closed the Conference of 1925.—Mrs. E. Morris, Asst. Secretary.

N.S.W. SISTERS' 31st ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Treasurer's Report, 1st March, 1924, to 31st March, 1925.

Receipts.—Balance from 30th Conference: General Fund, £16/16/8; Erskineville Fund, £1/6/4; Women's Missionary Fund, £2/2/6; Bible Woman Fund, £4/5/-. Receipts during period 30th Conference: Sisters' Dinner and Tea Tickets, £7/0/6; Donations, £8; Sisters' Collections, £5/8/-; General Conference, Dinner and Tea Tickets, £21/2/6; Federal Conference Dinners, £17/17/9; Collection Box, June, 1924—March, 1925, £11/18/3; Special Donations: Waterfall Fund, £1/8/0; Church Member, £7/3/0; Erskineville Fund, Donations, £38/3/6; Women's Missionary Fund Donations, £33/12/3; Granville Church Equipment Fund, Donations, £64/7/-; Total, £230/16/9. Payments.—By General Fund, 30th Conference: Cost of Dinners, Teas, and Expenses Sisters and General, £30/11/-; Federal Conference Dinners, etc., £17/17/9. Donations: Isolated Work, £1; Waterfall, £7/10/-; Foreign Mission, £5/5/-; "Australian Christian," £1/1/-; "Messenger," £2/2/-; Church Member, £7/3/-; Wreaths, £1/17/6; Printing, £1/15/-; Erskineville Fund: Payments to Home Mission Department, £39; Women's Missionary Fund: Payments to Home Mission, £15/5/11; Foreign Mission, £18/5/8; Home Mission for Cost of Seats, £60; Balance in Hand: General Fund, £10/17/11; Erskineville, £9/10; Women's Missionary, £2/3/2; Bible Woman Fund, £4/5/-; Granville Church, £4/7/-; Total, £230/16/9.

New South Wales Conference.

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of opening a special fund to be used in purchasing land in promising districts and in other extension work. W. Doige, late of Cootamundra, in discussing this motion, offered a block of land in that town to be used as desired.

Home Mission Rally.

Eloquent addresses were delivered in the evening by A. Baker and H. G. Harward. The former spoke of the inspiration of the events of the Pentecost and following days, of the success of our own movement; the hope of the future expressed in the promise of the abiding presence of the Master. These should lead us to grasp the opportunities of the present.

H. G. Harward said: Our task is to interpret an ideal—a matchless ideal—the inspiration of the movement with which we are to-day identified—

the restoration of the church as established by its Divine Founder. Our task is to make that church real. To interpret in terms of to-day the divine love saw the need, and divine wisdom made adequate provision for its spiritual requirements. We have also to imitate an example and invest in an enterprise. "Pounds for pleasure, pennies for so loved that he gave. We must throw back in feeble imitation that infinite giving. The offering amounted to £800 in cash and pro-

Conference Sermon.

The Conference Sermon was delivered on Sunday afternoon to a large gathering. L. E. Clay led the singing. Miss E. Bagley rendered a solo.

G. Fretwell, of Auburn, spoke on the theme "The Christ we Preach." It was an unusually fine message. We hope to print a summary later.

Officers Elected.

Home Mission Committee.—President, G. Fretwell; Vice-President, W. H. Hall; Treasurer, H. M. Arrowsmith; Secretary, S. J. Southgate; Asst. Sec., S. Morris; J. Stimson, G. Stimson, R. K. Whately, B.A., E. J. Hilder, H. P. Larcombe, J. Whelan, T. E. Rofe.

Reference and Credentials Committee.—W. H. Hall, S. J. Southgate, T. E. Rofe, E. J. Hilder, J. Whelan.

Representatives on Council of Churches.—G. Fretwell, J. Whelan, S. J. Southgate, T. E. Rofe.

Conference Resolved

In addition to resolutions included above:

1. In appreciation of the services: (a) Of Dr. Bardsley and A. Morris, who have retired from the Home Mission Committee. (b) Of S. O. Gole, for 15 years treasurer of the Bible School Department.

2. In sympathy with W. Waterman in his illness.

3. In favor of prohibition without compensation; and of co-operation with any organisations having for their object the enforcement of the existing liquor laws.

Draughts in the Desert.

Conference discussions are not all dreariness. Frequent glitters dispel the gloom. Even the uninterested could not complain of monotony. The recent Sydney gatherings were no exception. The speakers revealed more wit than there is room to record.

P. J. Pond (Lismore) took three days to get to Conference. The boat tossed on high seas while the passengers waited at Byron Bay. "I doubt if they'd have waited for us," said the pilgrim, "but they had to pick up the butter." W. Want (Merewether), who did some pioneering around Singleton in other days, told the folk he visited that after riding 30 miles on a brumby he didn't want a chair.

Evidently the State evangelists are popular. "Kill them in the work if you like," said W. J. Campbell, "but don't let them go away." One of them described himself as "a peripatetic cosmopolitan who goes about in a tent," but admitted "Bro. Baker carries more weight than I." The audience glanced and agreed. "Cheer us up if you can," L. E. Clay went on, "pull us up if you like; make us sit up if you want to"; but we must all "stiffen our backbones, set our jawbones, forget our wish-bones," and get on with the work.

The newspaper men were (as usual) in prominence. "The press will report you," said J. G. Lockley ("Redgum" of the "Sun") "providing you give news and not views." W. Doige, late editor of the "Cootamundra Liberal," said he did not intend to speak but rose to offer a gift of a site for a church. Conference favored an encore. H. E. Edwards ("Hawkeye" of the "Manning River Times"), who had previously told us that a speaker so held an audience "that you could hear the paint sticking to the walls," was afraid that we Christians sometimes "talk commercial butter and act skim milk." It was an utterance worthy of this genial Christian boundary rider from the country of the cow cookies.

"We older men are hopeless," declared A. H. Webber, in speaking of the opportunities of youth. "I agree with the man who longed to find a church where the young men were allowed to make mistakes—if they can't make mistakes, they'll make nothing."

Concerning prohibition, it was seriously suggested that the church should favor compensation—for the victims of the liquor trade. The damnable traffic could have been removed years ago, it was stated, "and would have been only for the parsons."

"All the people down our way are wealthy," said one delegate, "but they're — well that's why they are wealthy."

OBITUARY.

BLACKWELL.—Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the Blackwell family in the loss of a dear wife and mother, who passed from this life on March 29, at the age of 58 years. Sister Blackwell was the beloved wife of Bro. F. Blackwell, one of the stalwart pioneers of our churches well, one of the stalwart pioneers of our churches in Queensland, and mother of Mrs. Peterson, of Tannymorel; Mrs. E. Rosenberg, of Ma Ma Creek; Mrs. W. E. Reeve, of Annerley, and Hedley Blackwell. Her life was eventful. As a civilian she was honored, admired and loved. Her life had also become interwoven in the church in which she worshipped God. Her membership covered a period of 42 years, she having been baptised in the Condamine river on March 17, 1883, by Bro. F. W. Troy. She was associated with the Warwick church during the ministries of Bren. D. A. Ewers and H. Tilcock, the latter preacher uniting her in marriage to Bro. Blackwell. During later years our sister was connected with the Killarney, Toowoomba, Brisbane and Tannymorel churches, her closing years being spent with Zillmere church. She has left a great Christian reputation. Her life was continuously directed Godwards. Her faith was of the truest kind, and manifested itself in the fullest submission to God. We pray that God may grant to the sorrowing ones the consolation and guidance they need.—E. P. Aderman.

SCULLER.—An old and esteemed member of the City Temple church, in the person of James Sculler, was called home on Saturday, April 18, at the age of 70 years. Bro. Sculler was commended by the brethren at Shawlands, Glasgow, Scotland, and his association with the Sydney church dates back to 1883. His faithfulness and devotion to the church never ceased, and, although his failing health prevented active interest in the work, his heart was in it, and its prosperity was his delight. His last long sickness, extending over a period of five years, increased his love for Christ, and strengthened his faith in the promises of God. His body was laid to rest in the Woronora Cemetery on April 20, in the sure and certain hope of a resurrection to eternal joy. To those who are left we tender our Christian love, and rejoice with them in the knowledge that the parting is only "till the day dawns, and the shadows flee away."—S.J.S., Sydney, N.S.W.

SMITH.—Dandenong church recently suffered the loss of one of its members who has been a great help to the work, in the person of the late Bro. Robert Alexander Smith. Our brother passed peacefully and restfully away at the age of 68 years, on March 1, 1925, after a protracted illness. The assistance of Bro. Smith will be missed by the church with which he was associated, because for 20 years he has been active in the work of the Master, filling the office of superintendent of the S.S. for many years, and being frequently on the board of officers of the church. It was at the first tent mission conducted at Dandenong in 1904 that Bro. Smith was converted. Bro. Harward was the evangelist. Bro. Smith, who was an employee of the Victorian Railways, was known to his friends as "Ganger Smith," and to many of his intimates as "Tiger" Smith. His conversion stands as a testimony to the saving power of the gospel. He was never ashamed to tell of the battles he fought ere he decided to follow Christ; and all who knew him tell how consistently, among many difficulties, he remained true to his profession. Bro. Smith is deeply and widely mourned in his home district. Friends at Maryborough, where he spent many of his closing days of sickness, miss him too. But all tell of his unfailing faith and constant Christian hope. The sympathy of the church is extended to his widow and family.—A. A. Hughes.

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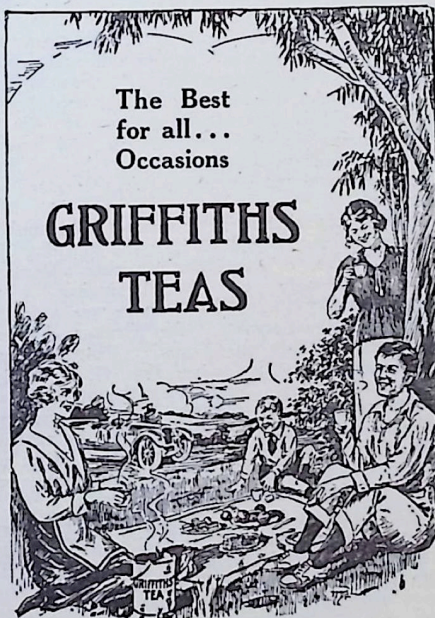
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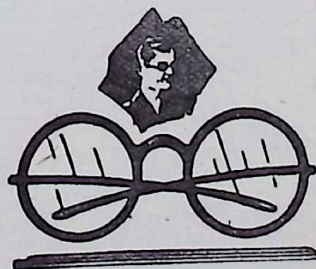
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News of the Churches.

New Zealand.

At Nelson Bro. Fitzgerald exhorted at the morning meeting on April 5 on "The Hindered Christ." The gospel meeting was well attended, when he spoke on "The Mother Church." Visitors at the worship meeting on April 12 included Sister Ching, from Spring Grove, and Bro. Anglesey, from Tadmor. Bro. Fitzgerald was away at Conference, and Bro. Percy Bolton spoke at both services. It was hoped to start the evangelistic campaign about the last Lord's day of April.

Western Australia.

At Bassendean on April 15, the weekly prayer meeting was resumed. Delegates to recent Conference gave impressions of the various meetings. Bro. Berry has attended every Conference but one held in W.A. On April 18 the tennis club engaged in a tournament amongst its members. Bro. D. R. Stirling gave a stirring address on Sunday morning, and in the evening Principal A. R. Main gave his final address in W.A. to a large congregation. Sister I. Smith has been welcomed back after her sickness in hospital. Several other members are still sick.

Tasmania.

At Devonport on April 12 Bro. W. Reynolds and A. Harvey delivered appreciated addresses. On Good Friday the young people were well represented at the North-Western C.E. Convention held in the Baptist chapel at Devonport. Bro. Jabez Byard, of Mole Creek, conducted both services on the 19th, and his addresses were highly appreciated. On the 23rd, Bro. G. T. Walden gave a lecture on Foreign Missions. One of the young men, Bro. R. Revelle, who has been helping in the services of late, left for the mainland on the 21st.

South Australia.

On Easter Sunday Bordertown Sunday School held anniversary services. Bro. Wiltshire gave addresses at the C.E. meeting, and on Sunday morning and evening. In the afternoon the school sang several pieces, and some scholars recited acceptably. The annual picnic on the Monday following was enjoyable. Cowandilla has had seven additions—four by letter and three by faith and baptism. The young men have formed a football club, to play in the United Churches Football Association. The Lord's day school teachers have started a prayer campaign in connection with the much needed school requisites. All auxiliaries are flourishing. Dulwich attendances have been affected by sickness. Special propaganda work to advertise the Bible School is being entered upon. Several Moonta visitors have been present at meetings. Bro. Oram gave the consecration address at a C.E. rally at Woodside on the 25th. A party of 23 went from Adelaide in a motor conveyance. Some Endeavorers motored forty-eight miles to be present at the rally.

Wallaroo had a good meeting on Sunday morning. Bro. F. Filmer gave a splendid exhortation. Bro. and Sister Killmier and Miss Hilda Campbell were visitors. Bro. Killmier presided, and assisted in the evening, when Bro. E. G. Warren preached on "The Second Coming of Christ," concluding a series of seven addresses. At the Anzac service in the Town Hall in the afternoon, all the preachers of the town took part. The following addressed Grote-st. church during Bro. Rankine's holiday:—Bren. E. McPhee, Ross Graham, E. R. Manning and R. Harkness. The church appreciated the addresses. Bro. Rankine returned on April 26, and addressed both meetings. At the gospel meeting one made the good confession. At the mid-week service on April 22, Bro. Pocock, from Mile End, gave an

interesting address with chart on "Rightly Dividing the Word."

At Prospect Bren. Cosh, Godden and Haines have delivered addresses to the church. On 14th inst., Bren. Oram and I. A. Paternoster visited the Band of Hope meeting and gave addresses. Reference was also made to the Protestant Children's Homes. Services on April 26 were well attended. During the week Bro. Beiler visited homes of Bible School scholars, and invited parents to attend gospel services. Sister Miss Hazel Morphet, who left Adelaide on April 28 for N.S.W., where she will be married, sang a solo.

At Unley Bren. Burns, Chappell, Smith and Colliver have occupied the platform during Bro. Webb's absence on holidays, and have given appreciated addresses to good congregations. Last Lord's day morning Bro. Webb addressed the church, when 188 observed the Lord's Supper. Visitors included Bro. and Sister R. S. Smith, of Chatswood, N.S.W. At the gospel service the members of the football club held their first church parade. The large audience showed splendid interest in the address on "Weighed and Found Wanting."

Anniversary services were continued at York on April 22. Mr. R. E. Mossop, superintendent of Sunday School, and president of S.S. Union, presided. Secretary's report showed great progress: 258 scholars and 31 teachers on roll. Bro. W. C. Brooker gave a fine talk and demonstration on "An Eastern Home." Special singing was rendered by the school, and refreshments were provided. On April 27, at 2.45, Bro. B. W. Manning delivered the address, and Bro. E. J. Paternoster preached at night. Special singing was rendered at all services, under Bro. Morphet.

Henley church and Bible School held anniversary services on April 19. In the morning Bro. A. E. Forbes delivered an inspiring address to a splendid audience. Special singing by the scholars under Bro. Ross Graham was a feature at the afternoon service. Bro. Graham delivered an illustrated talk on "Traps." Crowded house at the gospel service, when Bro. G. D. Wright gave the address. Singing by the scholars was much appreciated. On the Tuesday evening a splendid demonstration was given by the scholars. Bro. Oram gave a splendid address. Bro. and Sister Pascoe, and Bro. Tripp (Grote-st), have recently been welcomed to fellowship.

Mt. Compass Sunday School anniversary services were held on April 12 and 13. The school engaged in special singing at all services. The largest meeting was on Sunday afternoon. There were about ninety present, when the superintendent, Bro. E. Jacobs, distributed prizes to the scholars. Bro. E. W. Pittman gave helpful addresses to old and young at all services. The school is progressing nicely, and is larger than it has ever been. Bro. Pittman has just concluded his first year's pastoral work with the church. It has been a year of happy co-operation, and the church is healthy and progressive, much benefited by Bro. Pittman's consistent and kindly assistance.

At Queenstown on April 25 an Anzac service was held at 7 a.m. Bro. Brooker read the honor roll, and Mr. Harold Watkins (a returned man) read Kipling's "Recessional." Various brethren offered prayers. Over 50 were present. On Sunday Mr. Jonas addressed the Q.Y.P.M. Bro. Geo. Cox exhorted the church. Sunday School classes were resumed after anniversary. The evening service was held at 6.30 on account of the annual meeting of the Seamen's Mission in Port Adelaide, thus enabling members to attend both services. Bro. Brooker's subject was "Those in Peril on the Sea." Bro. Fred Carey was

welcomed after having been in hospital through a motor accident.

Meetings at Berri were exceptionally good on April 12; 54 present in the morning, over 75 at the evening service. Bro. E. H. Randall spoke well. Among those present were Bro. and Sister Lawrie and family, from Alma, and Bro. Guest, from Mile End. Sister Collins, Prospect, rendered a solo at the gospel meeting. Bro. Burnell (senr.) was also a welcome visitor. On April 19 harvest thanksgiving services were observed, and attendances were good. Bro. Randall's message, "The Joy of Harvest," was an uplift. Sister Mrs. Clark (senr.) was present as a visitor. The subject of the gospel address by Bro. Randall was "The Passing of Harvest." A young lady of the S.S. made the good confession. Sisters Mrs. Magarey and Randall rendered a duet. A special feature of the day was a thankoffering for the church extension building fund.

Queensland.

Albion junior Y.P.S.C.E. has been organised under the leadership of Miss Cullen. Miss Una Ricketts, of Inverell, N.S.W., has been a visitor, and has assisted with solos at gospel services. Good meetings on April 19, and one baptism.

After fellowship with the cause at Emerald for the past two years Bro. Joe Stabe left for St. Lawrence, on the Rockhampton-Mackay line. He left for his new appointment on Sunday night, 19th inst. Bro. Stabe will be missed. He was a regular attendant and a pleasing exhorter.

At Toowoomba on April 19, Bro. Coleman presided. Sixty-eight assembled to remember their Lord. Visitor, Bro. Harris (Westbrook). Sister Crane was present after illness. Bro. Adcock gave his report of Conference, which was most encouraging. Bro. Browning's gospel address was good. The choir is doing well under the leadership of Bro. Wepner.

Work at Boonah is moving along nicely, and every department is healthy. On Easter Sunday morning a man, baptised the previous Sunday, was received into fellowship, and at the close of Bro. Spratt's address at night two young ladies made their decision, one from the Bible School. On Wednesday evening the prayer meeting was well attended. A fine address was given by Bro. Vanham. On April 19 the meetings were large. Bro. Vanham, from Chinchilla, addressed the church and preached at night, when the building was crowded. The sisters' guild meets every Thursday afternoon, and is very active. Four new scholars at the Bible School. Bro. and Sister Spratt are preparing the young folk for a concert in aid of Children's Hospital.

Victoria.

Hampton had a large attendance at Bible School on Sunday. E. W. Pittman, of S.A., was the speaker both morning and evening.

At Ringwood Bro. J. Allan, of Box Hill, gave an inspiring message at the morning meeting on Sunday, April 26.

Ballarat East is having good meetings, with increased interest. Bro. Ladbroke preached a powerful sermon last Lord's day, when two young people confessed Christ.

Rochester church held harvest thanksgiving services, the building being tastefully decorated with fruits and flowers by the young people. Bro. Sheehan's bright and inspiring sermons were appreciated. On Easter Monday an enjoyable picnic was held at the Weir.

The church at Gore-st., Fitzroy, unanimously decided to retain the services of Bro. H. Saunders, whose term ends in May. He has agreed to accept a further engagement. Last Sunday Bro. Hatwell gave a splendid exhortation. In the evening there were five confessions, Bro. R. Burns preaching.

Good meetings at Swanston-st. last Lord's day. Bro. Russell Baker delivered an excellent address at the morning service, and Bro. Shipway held good attention with an interesting sermon in the evening. The Christian Endeavor meetings on Tuesday evenings are well attended, and are creating much interest amongst the young people.

At Cheltenham on Sunday, the brothers Colin and Norman Hinrichsen began a short term of service with the church. All the meetings were large and enthusiastic. Members are working harmoniously in the service of the church.

Good meetings at Oakleigh morning and evening, and since last report five have made the good confession. A wedding took place in the chapel on Saturday, April 25, when the eldest son of Bro. Brown was united to Sister Jennings, both of Oakleigh. They had many well wishers.

At the close of Mr. Chin Bik Fung's address last Sunday two scholars of the Queensberry-st., Carlton, Chinese Mission made the good confession. The superintendent and secretary would be glad to welcome more teachers on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Burnley had good meetings on April 26, Bro. Withers speaking in the morning. Bro. Russell Baker spoke in the evening on "In the Day of Trial." Both talks were much appreciated. Miss Beryl Nichols sang a solo. Bro. Geo. Hughes is almost well again, and hopes to take the services next Sunday.

Malvern-Caulfield had excellent meetings on Sunday. The gospel service was particularly inspiring; building almost full. A timely and earnest address by Bro. Illingworth was listened to with noticeable attention. The church has sustained a number of losses by removal, but the work is in a very healthy condition.

South Richmond meetings are good. Bro. Orford is giving splendid addresses. On April 22, a cantata and concert given by the girls' club and musical society were appreciated by a good attendance. On Sunday morning feeling reference was made to the death of Sister Bell, of Thornbury, a member at South Richmond for many years.

On April 19 Berwick had a visit from Bro. Mervin, of the College. He addressed the morning meeting. Bro. Hilford preached at night. On the 20th Berwick and Oakleigh clubs joined in a picnic at Cardinia Creek, and spent a happy time. On the 26th Bro. Hilford addressed both meetings. The J.C.E. has gone into recess for a little while.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.) had good meetings on Sunday. Special reference was made to the passing of Sister Mrs. Wilkinson, a member of 50 years' standing, and of Bro. G. Holley, during the week. Bro. Wilkie gave a practical talk on church order and ministry which was very helpful. At night Bro. Connor preached on "The Supreme Sacrifice."

Growing interest and good attendances at South Melbourne. Splendid meetings last Lord's day. In the morning Bro. R. Greenhalgh gave an interesting talk on "The Bible as a Book." At the gospel service Bro. J. R. Waterman gave a powerful address on "Man in the Searchlight." Eighty-two were present. A young man made the good confession. All auxiliaries continue doing good.

On Easter Sunday at Shepparton, Bro. Paul and Bolduan spoke at morning and evening services respectively. Attendances have been adversely affected since Bro. Stewart's return by a number of removals from the district as well as by illness. On April 23, the young people's clubs held a very enjoyable combined social. Average Bible School attendance recently has been the highest on record.

Since last report Gardiner has received as new members Bro. and Sister Brough, by letter from N.S.W., and Sister May Cooper, baptised at Camberwell last week. Fine exhortations have been given by Bro. Russell Baker, of Maryborough, and Bro. Reg. Enniss and Kingsbury. 134 at the Lord's table on Sunday. Night meeting not quite as full as usual. Bro. Kingsbury is faithfully preaching the Word.

Meetings at North Richmond have fallen off in attendance, owing to holidays, but interest is being maintained, and all auxiliaries are healthy. Lord's day, April 26, saw a marked increase in attendance. Splendid morning service at which Bro. F. Siver addressed the church. Bro. R. W. Payne occupied the platform at night. The church is planning the purchasing of a manse

for the preacher to reside in, and also the erection of a kindergarten hall.

A splendid Anzac service was held on Sunday night at Swan Hill. The memorial hall was crowded to hear Bro. Cameron preach on "Does Righteousness Exalt a Nation?"

East Kew Bible School anniversary services were held on April 26. Bro. Lampshire exhorted in the morning. Bro. McNeilly's talk to children and parents in the afternoon was appreciated. Bro. Lampshire addressed children and friends in the evening on "The Value of the Sunday School to the Youth and the Church." Delightful singing by the children was enjoyed, and the building was filled to its utmost. Bro. F. Elliott has worked hard to make the anniversary a success, and his efforts are appreciated.

Box Hill church had fine meetings the past few Sundays. Increasing attendances and interest at gospel meetings are particularly pleasing. Bro. H. M. Clipstone and Hartley Gray have recently helped the church with Lord's day morning addresses. Bro. Sinclair Moar with his family have removed to Wagga, N.S.W., while Bro. and Sister Tucker and daughter, from the same town, have come to reside again in Box Hill. The kindergarten department enjoyed a happy party on the afternoon of April 18.

At Blackburn on Mar. 29 a young lady made the good confession, and was baptised on April 5. Bro. Shain is laboring earnestly with the church. Bible School anniversary services were held on April 19 and 21, with good gatherings. Bro. F. Smith spoke to the children in the afternoon, and Bro. Shain preached at night. Special singing was rendered by the children. On April 21 a demonstration by the children was given, and prizes were presented. Bro. Theo. Edwards was the speaker. The church has engaged Bro. Baker to hold a tent mission during July.

At Brunswick on Mar. 29, April 5 and 7, the school anniversary services were held. A. W. Withers, W. Waterman, R. T. Pittman, W. J. Way, T. Graham, A. E. Hurren and T. Fitzgerald being the speakers. The children sang well under the excellent leadership of Mr. J. Stephenson, who was ably assisted by Misses E. Gibbs and A. Adams. On Tuesday, April 7, the children's demonstration was very successful. On Sunday, 19th, a special meeting for men only was held at 5.30, tea being provided by the sisters. A special business meeting was held on Wednesday, 22nd, at which Bro. W. J. Way was reappointed for 12 months.

Good services were held at Brighton. In the evening Bro. B. W. Huntsman preached on "A Genuine Conversion." A lady made the confession. Bro. Middlin, of Ballarat, sang an appropriate solo. One decision on the previous Sunday. On Conference Sunday morning Bro. A. R. Benn, of Kaniva, gave a fine message to the church. The women's mission band is asking the members to observe the month of May as a period of self-denial to secure the funds to make garments for the children of our Indian mission stations. The Sunday School is having an aeroplane contest to increase the membership. The school is growing in numbers and interest.

That the addresses given by A. G. Saunders at Lygon-st. are greatly valued and proving helpful in furthering spiritual life is evidenced by the comments of members and strangers. Last Sunday the subjects were "The Multiplying Church," and in the evening, "How Can a Man Know that he is a Christian?" Reference was made to Anzac Day, and the sacrifice of those who had fallen during the war. The large Union Jack presented by one of the returned soldiers was hung along the rail, and a laurel wreath was placed under the honor roll. The choir is helping materially in the services of the church. The soloists in the anthem on Sunday night were Miss Edna Bagley and Nat. Haddow.

At South Yarra on April 5, Bro. J. I. Mudford exhorted. On the 12th Bro. and Sister J. E. Webb, from S.A., were visitors. Bro. Webb addressed J.C.E. and church. On the 19th Bro. R. G. Cameron preached a fine sermon, when a

mother and daughter made the good confession. On April 22 a farewell social was tendered to Bro. Cameron, Bro. H. Rasmussen presiding. Bro. Reg. Enniss (H.M. Committee), and Bro. L. C. McCallum, M.A. (Bible School and Young People's Department) spoke of Bro. Cameron's services in the cause of the Master. Sister F. Lee, as President of Women's Guild and Chaplain of Phi Beta Pi, made a presentation. Bro. J. Brown (Bible School and young men), Bro. F. Lee, jr. (J.C.E.), Bro. J. W. Biden (adult Bible Class) expressed appreciation. Bro. H. Rasmussen, for the church, presented Bro. Cameron with a Scofield Bible. Vocal and elocutionary items and refreshments were enjoyed. The anniversary of the church took place last Lord's day. Bro. J. Brown addressed J.C.E., Bro. Robbins exhorted. Two, baptised during the week, were received into fellowship, and two by transfer. In the afternoon, Bro. Robbins addressed a good gathering of scholars and friends. The scholars under Bro. F. Lewis rendered special items. Bro. Cameron gave a farewell message at night to a crowded meeting. The church has been honored by Sister Mrs. F. Lee being elected President of Victorian Sisters' Conference. Miss L. Greenhill won first prize, second division, C.E. speaking competition. Joyce Davis won first prize, Junior Essay Competition. J.C.E. won the C.E. shield for year. Cricket club won premiership of second grade in Church of Christ competition. Bro. W. Quirk, Sister Mrs. Westmore and Sister Giles are in hospital.

New South Wales.

At Chatswood on April 26 Bro. Whelan's morning subject was "Lest We Forget." In the evening he delivered a powerful address on "Heaven on Earth." Two made the noble confession before a fine congregation.

Good meetings at the Sydney City Temple on 19th inst., Bro. Southgate speaking morning and evening. Both addresses were much appreciated. A good time was spent by the Phi Beta Pi at the cottages that were taken at the seaside for the Easter holidays.

Services at Auburn were moderately attended on April 26. Bro. Rodger, of Canley Vale, spoke in the morning on "A Volunteer for Service." Bro. Fretwell's evening subject was "The Change Christ Makes in a Man." Two put on Christ in baptism. A pleasing feature is the number of additions to the church from the Bible School. Plans are in hand for the speedy liquidation of the church debt.

Encouraging meetings at Lismore on April 19. At the morning meeting Bro. P. J. Pond told of the recent Conference in Sydney, and at night preached on "The World Without Christ." Four young ladies responded to the gospel invitation. On April 19 an aged disciple, Sister M. McMillan, was called home. She had reached 83 years of age. Sister Mrs. Tarleton, from Rockdale, was amongst visitors on Lord's day, April 12.

At Lidcombe on April 19 Bro. Youngusband, of Auburn, gave a stirring and instructive address. Two sisters immersed the previous Lord's day were received into fellowship. On 12th Bro. H. Larcombe, of North Sydney, exhorted. Bro. H. D. Priestley's gospel theme on 19th was "Missing the Mark." On 26th Bro. A. E. Foulkes exhorted on "For His Sake." Bro. Priestley conducted the song and the gospel services; subject, "The Trial of Jesus." One minute's silent prayer was observed for those bereaved by the loss of loved ones at Gallipoli, 10 years since.

In mission at Bankstown 35 had made the confession to April 21; 4 had been added to the church; 5 were ready to be received in; 2 had been referred to Belmore, and 1 to Hurstville. The church is gaining splendid publicity, and the meetings are well attended. Bro. Baker's messages are powerful, and numbers are following the meetings right through. Bro. Clay's solos are very effective. The mission has been the means of some being restored, and others being received by letter. Sister Smee is in hospital, and the church prays that she may soon be restored.

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The annual conference of West Moreton Churches of Christ was held in the Rosewood chapel on April 4, rain having caused the postponement from the fixed date, March 17. Bro. Albert Hinrichsen presided. The attendance was not as large as on previous occasions, this being explained by the day being a work-day. However, there was a representative gathering, and everyone spent the day profitably.

After the roll-call, visitors and delegates were welcomed by Bro. Bassard. After the reading of report from secretary and treasurer, the application for affiliation from the Fernvale church, organised by Bro. Bassard, was read, and the church received into the group.

Each church reported a steady work maintained, and expressed optimism for the future. Bro. Bassard's work was highly praised both in respect to platform and pastoral work. His report showed 156 services for the year, 39 additions inside the circuit, and 7 in other places—total, 46. An additional 15 services were held outside the circuit.

The financial report was very satisfactory, a small credit balance remaining after all expenses being paid.

The following were elected to office:—President, Alb. Hinrichsen (Mt. Walker); Vice-President, H. Bassard; Secretary, H. Berlin (Marburg); Treasurer, J. Boettcher (Marburg); Obituary Steward, W. Mundt (Rosewood).

Re future work, it was decided to concentrate in Fernvale and to hold a mission there when ready.

Bro. Payne, of Albion, was to have preached the Conference Sermon, but through the postponement he could not be present.

The Sisters' Conference was also bright and inspiring. The President, Sister Primus, occupied the chair. Sister Bassard led the devotional and read the obituary report. The report on the first sale of work and gifts ever held by the circuit was received with gratification, over £100 being cleared with only three months' preparation. The balance remaining on the evangelist's car was paid, and £51 paid to the connexional fund off the Rosewood chapel debt. The decision was unanimous to have another similar function this year. The sisters' £10 per week, totalling £15, was handed to the circuit treasurer for the painting of the manse. Sister Bassard was elected president; Sister A. Zahl, secretary; Sister H. Berlin, treasurer; Sister Amelia Lobbegeiger, vice-president.—H. W. Berlin, sec.

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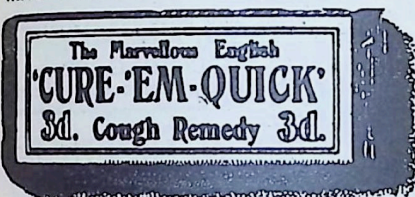
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