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## A Symposium on Religion.

Could the Novelists "Keep the Smallest Church open for Six Months on the Strength of their Teaching"?

British papers to hand tell of the "perfectly amazing degree of interest shown by the public" in the series of articles on "My Religion" contributed to the "Daily Express" by a group of famous novelists and essayists. The London "Christian World" says that this "ought to be proof positive to our newspaper proprietors that their readers are interested in religion. This enterprise of "The Daily Express' must be the most profitable stunt of recent years judging by the rush upon the paper at suburban bookstalls, the train discussions they have excited, and the sermons they have inspired. Dr. Sidney Berry complained in May that the best pages of the daily papers are reserved for prize fighters, criminals, and divorce scandals, while the great movements of the churches are gingerly reported and the reports relegated to obscure columns and remote corners. The recent Life and Work Conference at Stockholm afforded a glaring instance of this."

## Praise for the Christ.

The contributors to the symposium were far from orthodoxy. Some of them not only presented their own religion but took the opportunity to show why they rejected Christianity. One significant thing yet appeared, that the writers were profoundly impressed by the character and personality of Christ. "Rejecting Christian dogma," says the "Christian World," "Miss Westagain like Sir Arthur Conan Doyle—retains a profound veneration for the personality of Jesus Christ, and declares that more and Christ apply with amazing wisdom and Christ apply with amazing wisdom and Arthur Conan Doyle's testimony is even we have come back to him (Christ). He has ceased to be a miracle. He has become

our dear friend and brother.' Even Mr. Arnold Bennett, who stumbled into a patronising vein and bumptiously ticked off the Christian dogmas as things he never had believed, concedes that the moral teaching of Christ makes a most powerful appeal to him. It would seem that all these modern essayists and novelists stand where Ernest Renan stood forty years ago, paying homage to the greatest human teacher, but withholding devotion to him as Lord of their lives. Miss Maude Royden thinks that they stop there because of the failure of professed Christians to be Christlike, and Mr. J. D. Beresford echoes the same idea when he says: 'I regard the ethics of Christ as beyond all comparison the most admirable rule of life ever given to the world; but I have never seen that ethic practised by the members of any Christian community with which I have ever associated.'

# The Tide.

"The tide is out, the flats how drear,
The dark and oozing mud laid bare?
Last winter's week protrudes its ribs
Against the sunset's ruddy glare,
As if it were a grate of coals
To warm the cool, gray twilight land
And burn the splintered spars that lie
In ghastly heaps along the strand.
"I look again; the tide is in,
The moon rolls up the azure sky;
No more the lonely, gray-ribbed wreck
And spectral spars offend the eye.
The river is a wide, wide sea;
Deep o'er the flats the waters flow.
White shining in the silver light
As if it were a fall of snow.
"To-night my sins seem all in view,
My life one wreck-strown waste and wide;
Thou love of God, flow in, flow deep,
A sea that all my sins shall hide!
And thou, O Christ, our light, look down
In all the lustre of thy grace,
Till every wave as mirror hold
An image of thy shining face."
—E. A. Rand.

### Our need of a dynamic.

Dr. F. W. Norwood, in the City Temple, London, preached a powerful sermon on the symposium to a vast congregation. On the general question raised, the preacher said: "Two things emerge with distinctness -the value of the altruistic virtues and interest in immortality. I cannot refrain from saying to our novelists that wherever they touch anything that is positive, they touch something that is essentially Christian. They must not be so naive as to suggest that the law of human kindliness and the hope of immortality are great and surprising discoveries. They are implicit in every great religion in the world. They reach sublimity in the Christian faith. The real question is one of dynamics. How are men to be made kind? How are they to be persuaded so to live as to make immortality desirable or worth while? I look wistfully in these articles for some suggestion of moral and spiritual force—for something to what Christians call 'converting power.' We appear to need a dynamic rather badly. Christianity professes to supply one, and in history there is much to be said for it. Some of us know of multitudes of lives who are finding it even to-day. What have our friends to say? Is there any word in their vocabulary which has any echo of the word Gospel? They have worked out for themselves a personal position which they aver be said that they have an evangel. I see no possibility of their starting a missionary organisation." is more or less satisfying. But it could not

## A positive and compelling message.

That is wisely and pertinently said. It prepares us for Dr. Norwood's striking conclusion, which is worthy of special note: "I will say this in conclusion, that I do not believe any one of these writers could keep the smallest church open for six months on

the strength of their teaching. Any Salvation Army captain, any Roman Catholic priest, any Non-comformist parson is doing more to strengthen moral virtues and to inculcate faith in the Life Beyond, in a word, to change the heart of man, than they are likely to do unto the end of their careers unless they can discover a more positive and compelling message than they have given us this week.'

Is not this witness true? Humbler Christians who have experienced the saving power of Christ, and who, in daily life as well as in word, testify of him, mean more to the world than do brilliant writers of great gifts and little or no faith.

What an encouragement, too, Dr. Norwood's words should be to the faithful preacher who in a small sphere is steadily doing his work but who is often discouraged by the trials which are his. In the next few weeks we shall in Churches of Christ be thinking much of evangelism and evangelists. At times we may wonder if in a given field the effort is worth while. discouraged preacher or doubtful sympathiser read again Dr. Norwood's words and receive into his mind their implication. In the Gospel of Christ we have the "positive and compelling message" which the world needs. Let us preach it in its purity and fulness with earnestness and conviction.

## The Totalisator.

T. H. Scambler, B.A.

The Christian community of Victoria was startled into indignant protest by the recent announcement that the Government proposes to introduce a measure before the end of the present session of Parliament to legalise the totalisator. There was an element of frank surprise also, for the majority of the members of the Cabinet, who were in Parliament on the last occasion such a bill was introduced, at that time voted against it. That was in August, 1922, when the bill was introduced as a private member's measure. It was defeated by 41 votes to 15 on the motion for the second reading. Nine members of the present ministry were then in the Assembly, and six of them voted against the measure, among them the Premier, Mr. Allan; the Treasurer, Sir Alexander Peacock; and the Attorney-General, Mr. Eggleston. Why this change of front? Are political considerations getting the better of moral scruples? The daily papers tell us that members of the Nationalist and Country parties are bringing pressure to bear—"threats" is the word used—to force the Government to introduce the tote to meet revenue exigencies.

The totalisator is a betting machine, and is in use in N.Z. and in every State of the Commonwealth except Victoria. Sir Alexander Peacock intimated that before the details of the measure were worked out, information as to the operation of the machine in other States would be secured. Let us hope that the following facts will be considered :-

In New Zealand the investments on the totalisator rose from £3,000,000 to £10,500,000 in nine years. In S.A. the increase in investments in ten years rose from £450,000 to £875,000. In France in twenty years, there was an increase from £7,000,000 to £16,000,000. These figures indicate the effect of the totalisator. It enormously increases gambling. It provides special facilities for women and children. Many women, of course, transact

bets through the bookmakers, but many who would never approach the bookmaker. are tempted to gamble by the totalisator. Further, the legalising of this method of gambling makes the vice respectable because of its government sanction, and thus greatly increases the temptation.

Pages of quotations from prominent men —judges, statesmen, business-men—could be cited to show that the effect of the introduction of the totalisator is to increase gambling. As an example, read the following from the late Premier Seddon, after the totalisator had been tried in New Zealand. "The effect of introducing the machine had been to spread the vice of gambling. When they had bookies people used to go to the races to put a pound or two on a horse, but the evil was confined to a certain Now the totalisator had caused gambling to permeate the homes of the

people." There are many people who honestly believe that the totalisator will restrain gambling, and others who say that since gambling cannot be stopped—"people will gamble" it is well that the State instead of the bookmakers should reap the benefit. It is

quite commonly believed that the totalisator quite commony believed that the totalisator will eliminate the bookmaker. There could will eliminate the example of the despit. not be a better example of the deceitfulness of sin. The New South Wales Audilor. General's report in 1921 showed that total. General's report in that State increased from £2,000,000 to nearly £4,000,000, that from £2,000,000 to nearly £4,000,000, that racing clubs greatly increased in number and that 1,500 bookmakers were operating —500 more than in Victoria. So far from eliminating the bookmaker, the effect in New South Wales seems to have been to so greatly increase the spirit of gambling that bookmakers thrive better than ever,

The principle of legalising vice and using it as a source of revenue is a vicious one. Some may, of course, question whether gambling is a vice. It is so recognised the world over. It is a frequent subject of legal restrictions and penalties. All lovers of Australia's well-being recognise that the gambling spirit is already so prevalent as to menace the future of Australia. How can we ever consent to legalise it, and thus add to its attractiveness in order to increase our revenue and reduce direct taxation? Certainly the attitude of every Christian seems clear. The present proposal precipitates a grave moral crisis which calls for earnest and resolute action. If the principle be adopted, the consequent deadening of the moral sense of the community may easily lead to the extension of the principle in the legalising of prostitution-1 tragedy already enacted in one of our States.

The proposal of our government to introduce legislation which must inevitably demoralise our people, in order to provide revenue, we believe to be reprehensible, and we respectfully and earnestly register our protest against it.

"Oh! be thou zealous in thy youth;
Fill every day with noble toils,
Fight for the victories of Truth, And deck thee with her deathless spoils. For those whose lives are in retreat. Their valor and ambition flown, In vain the 'larum drum is beat, In vain the battle-trumpet blown!" —Oriental, translated by W. R. Alget



Preacher's Residence, Glenelg, S.A.

Glenelg church, S.A., recently secured a nice house for use as their preacher's residence. The cost was £1,500.

Mr. Geo. Tease is the present preacher.

# The Sunnyasi.

G. Percy Pittman.

My young Indian friend took off his shoes at the door of the room where the Sunnyasi was lodging. I had peeped into the dining and drawing-rooms of the hotel, and saw that they were furnished in European style, but all the furniture had evidently been removed from this room except the carpet and a couple of chairs, while a native bedstead had been installed, and on this sat the Sunnyasi cross-legged. He was an elderly man, dressed in the saffroncolored robes of the ascetic. His head and face were clean-shaven, his eyes bright and piercing, and his lips large and mobile. He spoke in choice English, with an extensive yocabulary.

During our conversation I gathered something of his history. He was educated in Benares, first at a Christian College, and then at an Indian one. The missionaryprofessors do not appear to have impressed him. He said frankly that he failed to see any religion in them. But the only detail he gave was that one of them used to get angry with the students when they put puzzling questions. It would be interesting to hear the professors in defence! However, he came out of the Christian college an atheist. While attending the Hindu college he made the acquaintance of a Roman Catholic chaplain, and had many talks with him. He seems to have been attracted to the Roman church, but happened to hear of certain questionable relationships between some priests and nuns, and that ended Christianity for him once for all. He became a lawyer, and worked up a good practice.

After some years he met the celebrated founder of the Arya-Samajh, Swami Dyanand Saraswati. The Swami was a good logician, and easily met his atheistical arguments. He acknowledged his defeat, but told his opponent that he had not been Vanquished by the truth, but by Dyanand's superior dialectical powers. In reply, the Swami made some remark which led him to re-examine his teachings, and in the end he became his disciple. He gave up his lucrative practice, renounced all his possessions, and became a Sunnyasi or wandering ascetic and teacher. He was now visiting Simla to address meetings in connection with the anniversary of the Arya Samajh, at which they were having attendances of several thousands.

Knowing that he had only half-an-hour to spare before going to one of his lectures, by remarking that the great practical problem before us all was that of sin, and the solution. Reconciliation to God was oftered through Christ the Son of God, who revealed the love and justice of God, and

saved from the guilt and power of sin. I asked if his religion had a Saviour, or a way of salvation.

He replied that he had no need of a mediator between him and God, as he was able to go direct to God in prayer, and did not require Jesus or Mohammed or Buddha or Confucius to intercede for him. admired Christianity, and was in the habit of reading right through the Bible and the Koran once every year. I suspect a slight exaggeration here. Possibly the truth is that he reads them frequently in preparation for his lectures against Christianity and Mohammedanism. He said Mohammedanism had never attracted him, but he admired the character and teachings of Jesus. Sin, however, can never be pardoned, so there was no need of a sacrifice. If God should pardon sin, the sinner would be encouraged to go on sinning. God, it is

"What use for the rope, if it be not flung Till the swimmer's grasp to the rock has clung? What worth is Eulogy's blandest breath When whispered in ears that are hushed in death? No! No! if you have but a word of cheer, Speak it while I am alive to hear."

-Margaret Preston.

true, is merciful as well as just, but his mercy is seen in his justice, and in his punishment of sin, for men learn their folly when they reap the results of their sin, either here, or in a future incarnation.

I asked him if he accepted the statements of Jesus as to his own personality, and the purpose of his mission. He guarded himself by saying that it was possible for the best of men to be deluded in some things, but went on to claim all the statements of Jesus regarding his divinity as illustrations of pantheism. God is in all things, and therefore he was in Jesus, and this was all Jesus meant! When our Lord spoke of his blood being shed for the remission of his blood being shed for the remission of sins, he meant that he would die a martyr to truth, and truth would ultimately save the world!

He made some bitter remarks about the conduct of professing Christians, and about sectarianism, which, of course, I was not prepared to defend. He made large claims for the ancient Vedas, in which all essestial truth was to be found, and which were the fountain-head of all the religions of the world. When I quoted Jesus on the father-hood of God, love to our enemies, and the like, he rolled out "slokas" in Sanscrit, which he claimed taught the same things. As I do not know Sanscrit I was at a disadvantage here.

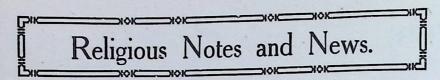
His attitude throughout was that of one who was completely satisfied with himself and his religion. He claimed that the Arya Samajh was converting thousands, and transforming vicious characters just as truly as Christianity. His pride rose up as an impregnable wall between him and the gospel. Pride is the natural fruit of a religion which teaches that sin, and all other human experiences, are only the result of actions committed in former lives, of which no one has any recollection.

My young Indian friend had been eager to introduce me to this celebrated Sunnyasi, because in our talks I had poked fun at transmigration, and said I would like to meet someone who could remember his former births. He asserted that the Sunyasis had clear remembrance of their previous existences, and one was coming to Simla shortly, and would I like to meet him?

I was on the point of raising this interesting question when the Sunnyasi indicated that the interview must close, as he must go to his lecture. He drank the remaining milk in the brass bowl before him, and gave me a hearty invitation to the anniversary of the Arya Samajh. And so I am still waiting for evidence as to the truth of transmigration of souls.

The young Indian remained with his master, and as I strolled back to the little cottage among the pines, I thought of the power such a man would be in India if he could be convinced of his need of a Saviour. And there are many such in this wonderful land.

In view of what the Sunnyasi had said about the Christian teachers in his college, I was glad to have the opportunity on the following Sunday afternoon to attend a memorial service to the late Sir J. C. R. Ewing, D.D., Principal of the Forman Christian College in Lahore. The chair was taken by one of his old pupils, the Hon. Abdul Qadir, Minister of Education for the Punjab. Among the speakers were a member of the Legislative Council, a member of the Legislative Assembly, a barrister, a doctor, and a clergyman, all Indians, and all former students. Eloquent testimony was borne to the character and influence of the late principal, his sympathy, humility and zeal, and especially his efforts in the midst of exacting duties, to preach the gospel to the poor of the city and surrounding villages. As all the speakers except the clergyman were non-Christians, I felt greatly cheered. My interview with the Sunnyasi had depressed me, but here was a beloved Christian missionary knighted by the King-Emperor for his services to India. whose life was bearing fruit among so many Hindus and Mahommedans, as well as among the Christian community. And I caught a far-off glimpse of the great day coming when every knee shall bow to the Master of us all, and every tongue confess him, to the glory of God the Father.



## Churches and Totalisator.

The Melbourne Council of Churches had the question of the Totalisator Bill under consideration at their last meeting. The members were greatly incensed at the proposal of the Government, and a strongly worded resolution was carried pointing out the peril of the proposal, and also suggesting that should the Government persist in their determination to pass the measure they will by this act show themselves to be unworthy of the confidence of the people. Arrangements are being made for a very representative deputation to wait upon the Government at an early date to protest against the introduction of the measure.

#### Moravians in Labrador.

In the radio messages announcing the safe arrival of the MacMillan Arctic Expedition at Hopedale on the coast of Labrador (says the "Missionary Review of the World" for September), Commander MacMillan paid the following tribute to the Moravian missionaries there: "Had it not been for the Moravians, whose service with ut-terly inadequate funds is little short of marvellous, there would not be an Eskimo alive on the Labrador coast to-day. Our men attended service here in a spotless little church with sand on the floor, women in varied native and foreign costume on the right, and men with their best red tapes tying in the tops of their sealskin boots on the left. One Eskimo word makes a line of an ordinary hymn." Congregational singing by Eskimos is one of the chief features of the services at the mission, where Mr. W. W. Perret is in charge. in charge.

## Another "Spiritual Pilgrimage."

Dr. Fort Newton, who succeeded Dr. R. J. Campbell at the City Temple, and made deep friendships in England during his war-time ministry, has followed Dr. Campbell into the Episcopal Church. He is resigning the pastorate of the Church of the Divine Paternity in New York, which has Universalist attachments, to become rector of the Memorial Episcopal Church of St. Paul at Overbrook, Philadelphia, where he succeeds Dr. Robert Norwood. It was upon the suggestion of Bishop Garland of New York that Dr. Fort Newton has joined the Episcopal Church. He was confirmed on July 8—as he was brought up a Baptist—and he may have to be baptised before he is ordained afresh. Last year he was, by a vote of 25,000 ministers, named as one of the twenty-five leading preachers of America. He does not assume charge of the church until December 6, when the canonical requirements for the ordering of priests will have been complied with. Dr. Newton says that "since I learned to know the Episcopal Church in the blazing days of war, something deep in me has responded to its sweet and tempered ways."—"Christian World."

## Cromwell and Missions.

Recollections of the early history of Foreign Recollections of the early history of Foreign Missions are stirred by the report that the Six Nations Indians are proceeding against the "New England Company" in Canada, in connection with a claim for compensation for lands entrusted to the Company in the reign of William IV. A correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" recalls that the Company is reputed to have begun calls that the Company is reputed to have begun as the first English Protestant missionary organisation. It dates back to Commonwealth times, when it was recorded in Parliamentary journals of 1648 that "the Commons of England assembled in Parliament, having received intelligence that the heathens in New England are beginning to call upon the name of the Lord, feel bound to assist in the work." Money was raised and in-

vested in land, the income from which (£600 a year) went to help John Eliot, a "Pilgrim year) went to help John Eliot, a "Pilgrim Father" missionary, and for sixty years minister of Roxbury, Boston. He worked among the Red men of the forests of Massachusetts and translated the whole Bible into the Mohican tongue. That Bible is still in existence, but today, it is said, no one knows the language. Cromwell had plans for turning the old Chelsea College into a missionary institution and dividing the world into four mission areas, with a secretary paid by the State over each, but the Restoration put a stop to such Governmental missions. The work thus begun was reorganised, however, during Charles II.'s reign by the Hon. Robert Boyle, and the name was changed to the New England Company.

#### A Carnival of Vice.

Under this heading the Methodist "Spectator" (Melbourne) has a strongly-worded article on the racing season and gambling. In part it says:

The Spring Racing Carnival. It is a carnival Vice. It is one of the methods employed for the awakening and for the development and gratification of the gambling instinct. Everybody knows that if gambling were eliminated from horse racing this 'sport of kings' would die. While some few may be attracted by pure love of the sport (?), the majority are interested in it because of the facility for gambling it provides. It is an opportunity eagerly looked forward to by many, who, ignoring all the chances against success, entertain the hope that their luck will be in, and that the other persons' money will find its way into their pockets. While it would be wrong to include all racegoers in the following class, it is, nevertheless, true that there

is nothing that attracts together such huge assemblies of the lowest and vilest scoundrels on do-wells, welshers, card-sharpers, tricksters, vilenss, and the worst form of humanity that it is dressed—all of them in some way or other by ing upon the thousands of the fools of backers attraction that draws together one-tenth of this accum of the earth.' So writes a bookmaker. What attracts them there? They live not on one another, but on the deluded public.

"The vice of gambling has taken a strange hold of tens of thousands of the youth of this fair of tens of thousands to become an increasingly continent, and threatens to become an increasingly potent factor in bringing about individual mora deterioration and national decay.'

## The Muddle of Civilisation,

Irving P. Johnston, Episcopal Bishop of Colorado, recently addressed the Colorado Bar Associ-tion on "The Muddle of Civilisation." He said, in

part:
"As long as half-baked philosophers of eduational institutions, whose morals are often as hazy as their theories, are going to pose as leaders for our youth—and so long as lawyers are going to forsake the profession of John Marshall, use their talents merely to aid and abet our great corporations—just so long society will mill like sheep.
"What we need is leadership which will work

hard enough in some particular line to qualify as experts.

"The great mistake of modernism is the assumption that it is a success, whereas it has turned our legislative halls into low comedy; our homes into high tragedies and our religion into a fair basis for comic opera.

"We have been stampeded for a generation by

reformers who are not experts; by men with a vision and a challenge who need to take lessons in Christian charity and by political and religious bunco steers. The people are unable to distinct the peop guish between limelight' and illuminating plants."

# The River and the Delta.

"This have I observed as I and Keturah went around this wobbly old Planet, that the great Rivers that flow to the Ocean have an hard time getting there because of the Silt which they carry. It is not the Rocks that impede them, but their own Detritus. For we saw the Nile and the Rhine and the Ganges and the Irrawaddy and certain other Mighty Streams, even as we had certain other Migniy Streams, even as we had seen the Mississippi, and every one of them had a great Bar at its mouth, and a low, flat plain of soil through which it crept wearily and sluggishly into the Sea.

"And I said unto Keturah, All the four rivers in the Garden of Eden rose in the Highlands in the heart of Continents, and every one of them gathered Silt as it travelled, and likewise the sewage of Cities, and flowed thick and with great

and lazy Labor to the Ocean.

"And she said, It seemeth a pity, for they flow

out as Pure Rippling Springs, and they end their course as Muddy and Unattractive Sewers.

"And I said, Keturah, it is often so with Human Life. We spend much of our time admonishing Youth, and reproving it for its. Thought assures Youth, and reproving it for its Thoughtlessness. But most of the Novels that I read in the days when Novels themselves had not become Silted and Filthy were of the beauty of Unreckoning Youth and the sordidness of Coldly Calculating

"And she said, It is a sad thing for Age, not that it groweth old, but that it loseth the Vision and Idealism of Youth.

"And I said, It is not the obstacles that lie in the channel of a man's life that impede him from reaching the Ocean of his hopes, but the Silt of his own growingly Materialistick Mind. This is what doth make a Delta wherein are lost much of the freshness and purity of motive, and the spontaneity card and purity in Youth.

the spontaneity and ardor so beautiful in Youth.

"And Keturah said, My lord, we must never your Old. And if so be that our hairs grow white still are the country of the still seek that our wound." white, still must our hearts keep young. Nor will we seek to cumber our lives as they have toward the Sea with too many cares of things

that clog the tides of the spirit.

"And I said, Oh, Keturah, it mattereth not that streams should carry burdens. All of these mighty streams, the Ganges and the rip-roaring and the Yangtze Kiang and the rip-roaring dand the Yangtze Kiang and the rip-roaring old and the Yangtze Kiang and the rip-roaring old and the yangtze Kiang and are not impeded. Mississippi bear great Ships and are not impeded in the depths which men see not, but the hidder in the depths which men see not, but the hidder in the depths which men see not, but the hidder in the depths which men see not impeded in the depths which men see not. But the hidder in the depths which men see not. But the hidder in the depths which men see not. But the hidder in the depths which men see not. But the hidder in the hi

structed to Oblivion.

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"And Keturah said, It is not Earthly Game can corrupt us, for we possess it not.

"And I said, It is not earthly gain the corrupt any one, but the love of it, and it who rupteth not only those who get it but keep a gleal strive and fail. But we will seek to keep a gleal said free channel for our lives, that our sustain us to the end."—Safed the Sage.

# Our Young People. So

## The Teacher's Study of the Bible.

The Sunday School teacher must be a Bible teacher, for the Bible is our great text book. And to be a successful teacher one must be an earnest student of the Book. It is not enough that the teacher faithfully prepare his lesson from week to week; he should set himself to a definite understanding and study of the Bible as a whole. There is no royal road to the mastery of the Bible. Here, as in any other field of learning, application and effort are necessary. If the Bible is to be really understood, its truths appropriated, its teachings rassed on to others, there must be earnest, sincere effort invested in study.

Much of what has passed for Bible study has not been study at all. Mere Bible reading is not Bible study. The memorising of Bible verses, while it is an excellent exercise, of which much good can be said, can hardly be called Bible study. Studying about the Bible, the number and names of its books, the dates of chief events and the location of important places—even this is not in itself Bible study, though it is exceedingly important as a preparation for intelligent study. It might be possible for one to learn every important fact about the Bible and its books without coming either to know or to appreciate the value of its profound, unique and life-giving teachings.

#### Aids to fruitful Bible study.

(1) A Right Spirit. The study of the Bible, involving as it does issues of the highest importance to man, should be undertaken in a spirit of earnestness. A light, frivolous spirit is incapable of appreciating the height and depth, the length and breadth of the supreme truths contained in the Book. The student must also possess an inquiring mind and heart. A self-sufficient spirit effectually bars the way against the entrance of truth. Jesus asked for disciples, that is, learners. Further, the student of the Bible must have the spirit of perseverance. While it is true that the great essential truths of the Book are written so he that runs may read, there are also subjects the most profound that will reveal themselves only to the diligent and persevering student of the Book.

to the different and personal book.

(2) A Right Method. It may be said of any study that the secret of success therein lies in the apprehension and use of a right method. Now methods of Bible study are many and varied. We may study the book by characters or periods, or we may use what has been termed the topical method, or we may study the Bible as literature. Under proper conditions all these methods may prove helpful. We believe, however, that the

most fruitful method of Bible study is to study it book by book. Each writer has his own individuality. The message of each is conditioned in some measure by the time, place and circumstances of its writings, and by the profession, training and purpose of the author. Each book is a unit, as well as being a unit in a larger whole. Any one verse or paragraph can be best understood in the light of the whole book. The study of books will be found to yield results of the largest personal value, and it will insure against mistakes that sometimes accompany some other kinds of Bible study.

(3) Helpful Equipment. It is of great assistance for fruitful Bible study to have a few good aids in the shape of helpful books. First, however, it is important to have a good copy of the Bible itself. Do not try to get along with a cheap Bible. You cannot afford to economise Some essentials of a good Bible are; an approved text, in clear type of fair size, on fine quality paper, with wide margins, strongly bound in durable leather. Such a book may cost money, but it will be worth while. Next in order should come a good Bible dictionary. Of these several, representative of the ablest scholarship of our time, have been published in recent years. Almost as necessary as a dictionary is a commentary. There is now available an excellent one-volume commentary on the entire Bible (Dummelow). It would be well to begin with this and then add commentaries on the separate books of the Bible as circumstances permit. It would be good if every Bible School could make the above books available to its staff in the form of a teachers' Other books that could well be added are a concordance, and books on such subjects as Old Testament history, the life of Christ and the life of Paul. The little booklet, "Why We Believe the Bible," by Amos R. Wells, will repay the closest study. Austral, 8d. posted.

## N.S.W. Clubs' Sports Day Results.

In connection with the annual sports arranged by the K.S.P. and P.B.P. clubs no individual prizes are awarded, but the successful clubs receive trophies. Those awarded this year were:—Phi Beta Pi: Championship Ribbons—Div. 1, no award; Div. 2 (14 and 15 years), Canley Vale; Div. 3 (16 and 17), Canley Vale; Div. 4 (18 and over), City Temple; Winners of Shield, Canley Vale; Runners-up, City Temple. Kappa Sigma Pi: Div. 1, Hornsby; Div. 2, St. Peter's; Div. 3, Canley Vale; Div. 4, Auburn; Winners of Shield, Hornsby; Runners-up, Canley Vale.



Junior Christian Endeavor, Boort, Vic.

## Our Picture.

Boort is one of our country churches in Victoria that is very much alive. Some three months ago a J.C.E. Society was formed under the superof Sister intendency The society Methven. meets every Tuesday afternoon, and great interest is taken in the meetings. Already about forty members have been enrolled, and it is hoped that many more will be added.

## Prayer Meeting Topic.

November 25

The Letter to the Church at Laodicea.

Revelation 3: 14-22.

F. J. SIVYER, B.A.

Laodicea lies directly east from Ephesus, and is within a few miles of Colossæ. Destroyed by earthquake in A.D. 621, the city was immediately rebuilt by wealthy citizens without the help of the State. This wealth, due to the excellency of its wools, led to a self-satisfied, lukewarm state in spiritual things. The church was for some time a flourishing one. One of the church councils which determined the canon of Scripture was held there in A.D. 361. At a later date, the Mohammedans invaded and destroyed the city, and the place is now a scene of utter desolation. Hardly a Christian is to be found near the site.

#### THE CONDITION.

What was wrong with the church at Laodicea? It is significant that there was nothing even Christ could praise! All that the Lord could say about it was—"thou art neither cold nor hot." Selfishness, worldliness, coldness, indifference to spiritual matters—these terms best describe it. The pity is that this is also the description that best fits many congregations to-day. An old writer says: "Lukewarmness or indifference in religion is the worst temper in the world. If religion is a reality, it is the most excellent thing, and therefore we should be in earnest about it; if it is not a real thing, it is the vilest imposture, and we should be in earnest against it. If religion is worth anything, it is worth everything. Indifference here is inexcusable."

## THE CAUSE.

The natural and universal tendency is for spiritual warmth to cool off. This can only be safeguarded by constant contact with the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus. The primary cause of the Laodiceans' spiritual indifference was their absorption in business concerns. Their success in the wool trade led to spiritual self-complacency, "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." The same danger confronts Christian people everywhere to-day—that of becoming absorbed in business pursuits, and forgetting the spiritual side of life. "Remember," said one of the world's great saints, "if you are not salting the world, the world is putrefying you."

#### THE CURE.

The first thing necessary is to be awakened out of our spiritual torpidity, and to rediscover ourselves as we face the real facts. The only true wealth is that which we can take with us into the after-life. This is the wealth which God bestows through our contact with Christ. The poorest may be "rich toward God" by being constantly in the company of Christ, but the richest in this world's goods will be "forever roaming with a hungry heart," if they forsake the company of Christ. "While I was musing the fire burned," was the experience of the psalmist. When we meditate upon the goodness of God in his dealings with us, and when we dwell upon the riches of our inheritance in Christ Jesus, our grip on the eternal verities will be tightened, and our zeal for the Lord's work will be renewed. Above all, our hearts will surely be reopened and made over afresh to Christ's sway as we appreciate the humility and earnestness of his seeking, as he says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me."

TOPIC FOR DEC. 2.—HELPING OTHERS.
—Gal. 6: 1-10.

#### Belief.

If I were asked what I believe, I could not help but say,

The gentle and the simple creeds of boyhood's yesterday;

The tender faith in Bible things, the truth, the way, the right;

The Golden Rule to live one's life according to the light;

And everywhere the thought of God, that we are everywhere

The children of one Father's love and of his heavenly care,

If I were asked what I believe, I know my

thoughts would go Back to the little child at prayer in the soft evening glow

And I can think of nothing else so beautiful, so sweet,

As prayer besides my mother's knee, who tried to lead our feet

In paths of righteousness and truth where none could go astray

From that dear life of simple trust in childhood's yesterday.

If I were asked what I believe, I'd have to say, as

A simpler faith in God's command; a manlier trust

'mong men, A clear and more abiding course t'ward that which

men might call The straight-out-from-the-shoulder faith of Peter and of Paul;

The teachings, most of all that came to us in Sunday School,
Way back in little childhood's land, the land of

Golden Rule.

## Bad Company.

One spring, a farmer, after working busily for several weeks, succeeded in sowing one of his largest fields with corn. The neighboring crows soon found their way into the field, and never left it without having their crops well filled with The farmer being unwilling to have the germs of his future crop destroyed, determined to drive the bold marauders off to their nests. Accordingly, he loaded his old rusty gun, intending, on their next visit, to give them a warm reception.

It so happened that the farmer had a parrot, as talkative and mischievous as those birds usually are, and being very tame, it was allowed its freedom, to come and go at pleasure. When strolling about, some time after the farmer's declaration of war against the crows, it saw some of these black robbers busy at their old trade. Being a lover of company, "Pretty Poll" hopped over among the crows, and was soon quite friendly with them. The farmer hearing the cawing of the crows took down his group and callied forth Reaching his corn-field, he saw at a glance (though he overlooked the parrot) how matters stood. Levelling his gun, he fired, and with the report was heard the death-screen of three coverpose. was heard the death-scream of three crows, and an agonising shrick from poor Poll. As the farmer advanced to see what execution he had done, the unwounded crows flew away. On looking more closely, great was his surprise to see his mischievous parrot stretched upon the ground, with its feathers sadly ruffled and a broken leg.

"You foolish bird," said the farmer; "this comes of keeping bad company."

The parrot made no reply, but looked very lemn. On carrying it to the house, the children, seeing its wounded leg, exclaimed:

"What did it, papa? What hurt our Pretty Poll?"

"Bad company, bad company," answered the parrot, in a solemn voice.

"Ay, that it was," said the farmer. "Poll was with those wicked crows when I fired, and received a shot intended for them. Remember the parrot's fate, children, and beware of bad company.

With these words the farmer turned round, and with his wife's help bandaged the broken leg; and in a few weeks the parrot was as lively as ever, but never forgot its misfortune in the corn-field. If it ever saw the farmer's children playing with quarrelsome companions, it invariably dispersed them with the cry: "Bad company, bad company."

#### The Difference.

Polly and Betty, two sisters, were sitting near a brook in the woods.

"Listen to that noisy brook," said Betty; "it scolds and scolds. I wish it would keep quiet."
"Why, sister, it is not scolding, it is singing," said the other.

"The leaves are falling from the trees. How bare and ugly they look!" cried Betty.

"Oh, but it is so pleasant to gather the leaves!" replied Polly. "Then, we see more of the blue

sky, and the sun shines on us better."

Betty frowned angrily, and said: "Your ears and eyes must be made different from mine."

Ah, children, the difference was not in the ears and eyes, but in their hearts. If the heart is right, the brooks will sing, not scold; the sky look blue, and through the branches God's love will shine.-Selected.

## The Grand Passage.

A new organ had been erected in the village church, and no one in the audience was better pleased than the old gardener employed by the

organist.
"So you liked the music, did you, John?" said the organist the next morning, reports of the old man's enthusiasm having reached his ears.

"Oh, it was just graun'," replied John, "the best

ever heard."
"What did you like best?" asked the organist,

moved by the glowing eulogy.

"Oh, sir, I be no great judge o' music, ye know," replied John; "but there wis wan place whaur ye cam' doon wi' baith hands an' feet at the same time; that wis aboot the best. It sounded jist like the toon steamroller comin' doon the street."

## Absent-minded.

The professor was very absent-minded, and it was a great surprise to him when his wife placed a beautiful bunch of flowers on his desk one

morning.

"What does this mean, my dear?" he asked.

"Why, don't you remember?" she exclaimed.

"This is the anniversary of your wedding day."
"Ah! Is that so?" he answered politely. "Please let me know when yours comes round, and I will reciprocate."

## No Charge for Looking.

The careful young man and his fiancee had been gazing for a long time through the window of a shop containing cheap jewellery. Getting restless, the girl exclaimed: "Well, if you are not going to buy anything, let's go somewhere else and look at something more expensive."

# The Family Altar.

Without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto him; for he that cometh to God must believe and that he is a rewarder of them. that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that seek after him.—Heb. 11: 6.

"All knowledge, of whatsoever kind, must have "All knowledge, of whatsoever kind, must have a twofold groundwork of faith—one subjectively, in the matter objectively, in the matter. in our own faculties, and the laws which govern them; the other objectively, in the matter subtraction our observations. We must believe in mitted to our observations. We must believe in the being who knows, and in that which is known; the being who the copula of these two acts. Even scepticism must have the former. Its misforture and blunder is, that it will keep standing on one leg; and so can never get a firm footing. We leg; and so can hele get a min houng we must stand on both before we can walk, although the former act is often the more difficult."

Reading-Heb. 11: 1-19.

## MONDAY.

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.—Heb. 11: 27.

"Faith lends its realising light, The clouds disperse, the shadows fly; The Invisible appears in sight, And God is seen by mortal eye."

Reading-Heb. 11: 20-40.

#### TUESDAY.

Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord -Heb. 12: 14.

"On thee, O God of purity,
I wait for hallowing grace; None without holiness shall see The glories of thy face.' Reading-Heb. 12.

#### WEDNESDAY.

Be ye free from the love of money; contest with such things as ye have: for himself hath said I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee.-Heb. 13: 5.

"Then that Scripture gave me hope, I will be the leave thee, nor forsake thee. 'Lord,' said never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 'Lord,' sall I, 'but I have left thee.' Then it answered again. 'But I will not leave thee.' For this I thanked God also."

Reading-Heb. 13.

#### THURSDAY.

But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves.—James 1: 22.

"It is not enough to understand the Word to be able to talk and dispute of the testimonies of God, but to keep them. It is not enough to assent to them, that they are God's laws, they must be obeyed. The laws of earthly princes are not obeyed as soon as believed to be the kings laws, but when we are punctual to observe them. laws, but when we are punctual to observe them.

This is to keep the This is to keep the commandment of God.

Reading-James 1.

Ye see that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith.—James 2: 24.

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"How vain is knowledge without practice; 3s one should be and not if one should know a sovereign medicine and rot apply it." Substituting the word "faith" for "know ledge," this is a fitting comment on to day's text. apply it." Substituting the word "faith" lof ledge," this is a fitting comment on to-day's test

The tongue also is a little member, and boasted eat things. Bolevial it is member to see the second is kindled great things. Behold, how much wood is kindled by how small a fire!—James 3:5.

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What havoc is sometimes wrought by a thought less, tactless, or scandalous word! Just a work yet remember: Those that with haste will make a mighty fit Begin it with yet remember:-

Begin it with weak straws.

Reading-James 3.

# Opening the Door on December 6.

Queensland's Home Mission Appeal.

Before the Queensland Churches there stands a great opportunity. The door to the heart of our great State is "Evangelism." The key to unlock this door is "Home Missions." To spread the gospel throughout this State, we must concentrate on Home Mission activity. spread the gospet throughout this State, we must concentrate upon Home Mission activity. Home Mission work does on behalf of the united churches what no one church alone can do. Home Mission work depends upon the financial support given by the churches. The H.M. Committee is your agent in the spread of the Gospel. Let a big offering of \$500 on Dec. 6 be a mandate to the Committee to open the door and win Queensland for the New Testament church.

## The Vital Issue.

W. A. C. WENDORF, Vice-president, Qld. H.M. Committee.

Let each of us make "an earnest heartfelt regard for the saving of men and women" the vital issue. If this issue fills our whole being, we shall have no fear of not getting enough money to carry out the work proposed and in land. If we get possessed of an intense passion for souls, then God will lead us to be just stewards. There have been many calls upon us, but as in time of war, the greater the demand, the greater the response, so, the greater should be the response of Christians in this war against sin. Let our economy not begin at the house of God. Let us rather economise in appetite, dress and pleasure. See that we put the Lord first, and let our zeal for God and our passion for souls be reflected in our offering for Home Missions.

#### Forward.

(Mrs.) A. L. WENDORF, President Qld. Women's Conference.

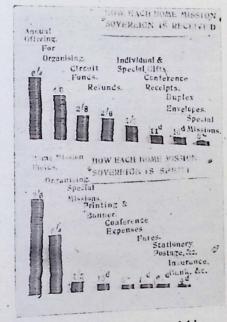
The followers of Christ are to look forward and go forward. The most important work we can do is to win those around us for Christ. The light that shines the brightest at home will shine the brightest away from home. The gospel is the message, and it is the power of God unto salvation. The church is not responsible for obedience, but it is responsible to every creature that he shall hear the message. It is not by might nor by power nor by big societies that the Lord's cause goes forward. It is by God's Spirit working through the humble brethren and sisters, lead ing them to the fields and ing them to lift up their eyes upon the fields and to go forth as laborers into the Lord's harvest. Prayer alone cannot carry the gospel to those who are in darkness. Someone must go with the message, and we must help to send them. Let us give our best to this noble work on Dec. 6.

## What of the Future?

G. COLVIN, Treasurer Qld. H.M. Committee.

We are members of the Church of Christ, a Part of his body, but do we know just what sac-rifice our redemption cost him? What would be

our position to-day if there had been no Christ to save? I personally thank God that his mercy extended to me through Jesus, and I know you all feel the same, because you are saved from your past sins. But what of the future? You are



## Satisfactory H.M. Stewardship.

The Committee spends its money most carefully, keeping in mind the great aims of Evangelism and Extension.

not satisfied to let things remain as they are! Your earnest desire is that as you have been saved, you want others to taste of the joys of sins forgiven. This can only be done by your personal assistance. We are called to be workers together with God, for the building up of the Body of Christ, and the extension of his kingdom.

Many in Queensland have never so much as heard of the gospel. The Home Missionary Committee is anxious to help you, but cannot extend the work unless the brethren respond liberally in the annual offering. Will you aid the committee with a larger offering, or will you sit back and let things remain as they are?

#### There's a Reason.

A. J. FISHER, Secretary Qld. H.M. Committee.

A larger offering than ever before is needed for Home Missions in Queensland because:-

I. The churches are more anxious than ever before to extend, and so more smaller churches are asking for assistance.

2. Jubilee missions are being planned in many ocalities. Preachers will be needed to follow localities. up the initial work thus begun.

3. More preachers are serving assisted fields in this State than ever before. Half of our Queens-land preachers are thus here through H. M. co-

4. Increasing population is rapidly creating new fields. We should enter them promptly with our plea for union and our message of salvation.

5. More fields are being assisted than ever before. The maintenance of this work depends upon Dec. 6. During the year assistance has been given to Chinchilla, Ipswich, Bundamba, Wombo Creek, Kingaroy, Annerley, Sunnybank, Zillmere, Boondall, Hawthorne.

6. Additional fields are waiting for assistance. Roma, Chinchilla, Maryborough, Ma Ma Creek and others need help. Dec. 6 will decide what help can be given. A large offering will make it possible for at least four more preachers to be engaged.

7. Rapid extension (an increase of 11 per cent. in membership last year) has created a bank over-draft. This must be eliminated. It will be if draft. This must be eliminated. It will be if the offering amounts to £500, and this amount will enable a big advance to continue.

Surely these are sufficient reasons for a bigger, better offering than ever before. Remember—£500 on Dec. 6. 

Queensland for Christ! MAKE A

> Worthy Offering FOR

**MISSIONS** HOME

Sunday, December 6













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E. P. ADERMAN, B.A. Zillmere-Boondall.

Queensland Preachers whose Work is made Possible by Home Missionary Co-operation.

## Foreign Missions. Conducted by G. T. WALDEN, M.A.

Jottings.

Dr. Oldfield reached Colombo on Wednesday, Nov. 11, and will likely now be on his way to Bombay.

Miss Ludbrook and Mr. H. A. G. Clark have arrived at Hong Kong, and will probably have started for Yunnanfu, where they may remain for some months studying the Chinese language.

Children's Day offering results are coming in. Up to date Swanston-st. Bible School leads in Victoria with an £8 offering. We shall be glad to have news and money from all our States as early as possible.

The Federal Secretary, who has been conferring with the Victorian and New South Wales F.M. Committees and visiting churches in both States, leaves Friday, Nov. 13, for Geelong and Ballarat. He will spend Nov. 14 to Nov. 26 in the Border-town District, attending Wampoony anniversary meetings and Bordertown Conference on Nov. 25.

We regret to state that Mr. and Mrs. Killey have esigned as missionaries in India on account of Mrs. Killey's ill-health.

Bro. Chin Bik Fung leaves on Friday, Nov. 13, for Adelaide. After a short mission there he will proceed to W.A. Bro. Chin has done a good work in Melbourne among the Chinese.

Miss Daisy Winks, who has spent some years China as a C.I.M. missionary, arrived home in N.S.W. on her first furlough. In her district there was much danger from the Chinese agitators' and most of the European workers had to leave their stations. Miss Winks has done a good work in China.

Miss Myrtle Cole, graduate of the College of the Bible, who is going to India as a missionary for Poona village mission, left Melbourne by the "Comorin" on Tuesday. A number of friends assembled at Princes Pier to wish her bon voyage.

Over £200 is the value of boxes of goods sent to China, New Hebrides and India by our Australian State F.M. Committees the last two months.

Among the thousands of things sent were 100 necklaces of beads to the children and teachers of the Lyall Memorial Orphanage, Shrigonda, India. The beads were donated by some Swanston-st. ladies, and made into necklaces by Mrs. W. Renton.

I should like the donors of these gifts to be present when the contents of these boxes are distributed. What joy to the children and needy people who receive the gifts, but greater joy to those who have given. "It is more blessed to those who have given. give than to receive."

All over Australia our Christian women and girls are working week by week, month by month, during the whole year to prepare gifts for those they have never seen yet love because they are the the "other sheep" and lambs of the Good Shepherd, in whose fold we so securely dwell in this Christian land.

## Ray Killmier's Letter.

Dr. Killmier continues the story of Hweilichow's evival. We will let him tell it in his own revival.

We have lately had much that causes our hearts Although speaking climatically and to rejoice. from the point of view of the public health, July is about our worst month, the fact of many con-fessing Christ and being buried with him in baptism makes it one of the most notable of the whole year. Particularly do we rejoice at the first-fruits from among the women of this place. The women of China wield a great influence in continuing the superstitions of their heathen religions, although strangely enough they are the

ones who suffer most by those superstitions. Consequently it is a good tactical manœuvre to win the women. We are constrained to praise the Lord at the readiness with which they come. Further, it is worthy of note that they cannot have the finger of scorn pointed at them as rice Christians, for although a number of men may be given jobs in the church, schools, etc., there are very few such appointments for women. Their monetary position is not advanced by confessing the foreign

Next Lord's day we hope to see ten or twelve of our older schoolboys confessing and following This makes us particularly glad Jesus Christ. because our schools are justifying their existence from an evangelistic point of view, and seems to indicate that those who have the ordering of our school work here are from the outset following right lines. These boys are the best type of bright Chinese lads, and we feel that they are going to

give us a big grip on the future.

Furthermore, it is most heartening to see the definite material progress of the cause of Christ in China while there is so much bitter anti-foreign feeling manifested by some. We here are in an isolated corner, and as far as we can judge there seems no one in the place with sufficient animus against the foreigner to stir up the people. We ourselves have had no conflicting issues with anyone. And we have been saved from many mistakes and misunderstandings by the fact that our pioneer missionaries here spent time in Yunnanfu learning well the Chinese language and customs. It is most easy if one does not exactly understand what is said to him, and cannot answer intelligibly, and is not conversant with the Chinese idea of politeness, to offend a Chinaman and be very badly misunderstood. We in fact have more dealings and closer friendships with the very class which in other places is causing so much trouble, than with any other class in the community, namely, the teachers and students of the higher Chinese schools. We frequently play football with them, and they come to play tennis with us. Mr. Anderson has a very big class in English in the middle school, which is the most advanced school in the city. Here he is the teacher of boys from 16 to 19 or 20 years of age. Many of them come frequently to our church services. this happy Edenic state there did come something in the nature of a bombshell a couple of days For we received a Consular notice from the British Consul at Chen-tu, the capital of our province, telling us to immediately withdraw from the field and report to the Consul at Chung-king for further orders as serious trouble was expected. Now our news of the outside world and of other parts of China is so meagre and stale when we get it that we did not know what serious thing might have occurred. However, seeing that the Consular letter was three weeks old, and that to all appearance our immediate district was quiet, and that going to Chung-king seemed to be going towards the seat of trouble, we decided to wait a while and see what happened. We are glad to have received a later letter from the Consul stating that things promise to be quieter, and leaving it with ourselves to decide what to do. So we are staying. As far as we can see there is nothing to be alarmed about, and we hope our friends at home will not be deceived into thinking that we are in

ADDRESSES.

H. J. Jackel (preacher of Gardenvale church,

Vic.).—I Reserve-av., Carnegie.
J. D. Cremer (secretary Broken Hill church, N.S.W.).—287 Iodide-st., off William-lane,

W. H. Clay (preacher Ormond church, Vic.).—75 Ulupna-rd., Ormond.

# News of the Churches,

New Zealand,

Bro. Allen Brooke concluded his ministry with Invercargill church on Oct. 18. During his story from months, there were 27 confestions by Invercargin church on Oct. 16. During his short stay of ten months, there were 27 confessions, had he remained, the church feels sure he would have the members. The members of the confession of the members of the confession of the confession of the members of the confession of the he remained, the church recis sure ne would have had a successful ministry. The members and officers were very sorry at his leaving. The church has secured the services of Bro. B. G. Corlett, who recently resigned his engagement with the North-east Valley church.

## Western Australia,

At Bassendean on Nov. I Bro. Hughes spoke both morning and evening. The Bible School attendance is increasing, and new scholars are being added every week. The C.E. Society continues to have helpful meetings.

Another addition by faith and baptism is reported from Lake-st., Perth. The Junior CE Society held a very successful anniversary on Oct. 20. A Y.P.S.C.E. is being organised. The first of a series of semi-social gatherings for the young people of the church was held on the lawn at the residence of Bro. and Sister H. F. Dawson on Oct. 26, when 72 were present. Almost every department of the work is bright. Nearly 40 Nearly 40 was contributed for the Hospital Sunday Fund on Nov. 1.

#### New South Wales.

At Enmore on morning of Nov. 8 Bro. Rush spoke on "He shall be called Wonderful." Mrs. H. Hudson is now improving.

Large attendances at Belmore Bible School anniversary on Nov. 8. The scholars sang splendidly under the leadership of Bro. E. Kent. Bro. A. L. Haddon, M.A., gave an enjoyable message in the afternoon. Bro. A. Baker gave a short talk to the scholars, and proclaimed the gospel in the evening. Three scholars made the good confession.

Paddington Bible School continued its demonstration on Nov. 3, before a large and appreciative audience. A fine programme included dialogues pianoforte and violin solos, songs, choruses, reclations, and presentation of prizes.
Three scholars obtained highest possible marks. the evening reflected great credit upon all responsible for the programme.

On Nov. I Wagga held a very successful Bible School anniversary. The children were in splendid form led by Bro. W. F. Wenk. Bro. Frewell, Conference President, delivered splendid messages at all services. On Nov. 3 at the demonstration and distribution of prizes, the building proved too small to accommodate the crowding proved too small to accommodate the crowd Many items were of a very high standard. Wenk and other helpers are deserving of great

On Oct. 18 Bro. Walden's address to Homshichurch was greatly appreciated. Bro. Jim Wark passed away on Oct. 9, at the age of 19 years. Acute pneumonia was the cause of his death. A large gathering was present at the memorial ser-Acute pneumonia was the cause of his death. At large gathering was present at the memorial services on Oct. 18. He was held in high estemplication of Oct. 25 a young man winning the The K.S.P. club was successful in winning the shield at the recent K.S.P. sports in Rivervices are well attended, and the Park. All meetings are well attended, and work appears on the up-grade. The church of the specific property of the court of the co work appears on the up-grade. The preciates the efforts of Bro. Childs.

Dumbleton celebrated its seventh Bible School anniversary on Nov. 1 and 2. Josh. 24: 13 draft the church by Bro. Haddon on Josh. 24: 13 draft very helpful. His afternoon talk to much end on "Speaking without Talking," was instructive joyed. At night Bro. Perry gave an Joseph Lalk on "Little Things in the Bible." On Special Bro. Copleston presided, and Bro. Anderson presided, and Bro. Anderson presided, and Bro. Anderson presided a fine talk on "Two Kinds of Children." singing, recitations and dialogues were rendered singing, recitations and dialogues were distributed by the children, and prizes were distributed. Nov. 7 the school had a delightful picnic at the beach. Dumbleton celebrated its seventh Bible School

## Here and There. 5

December 6-Victorian Home Mission offering. H. G. Harward is at present engaged in a fortnight's mission, in the building, at N. Auburn, N.S.W.

The Baker-Clay mission party commences work at Granville, N.S.W., a comparatively new field,

on Nov. 15.

We learn that Bro. Allen Brooke has accepted We learn that BIO. After Brooke has accepted an engagement to labor with the church at Subiaco, W.A., and will shortly commence work there as successor to Bro. W. H. Clay.

The churches in New Zealand will take the annual offering for the College of the Bible on the College of the Bible of

Dec. 6. Every member in Dominion churches

should have a part in this offering.

The next meeting of the Victorian General Dorcas will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18, in Swanston-st. Church of Christ lecture room, from 10,30 a.m. till 4 p.m. All sisters are invited to

One confessed Christ at Newmarket, Vic., last Sunday evening. Friends are again reminded of the James Hatty Golden Jubilee celebrations, particulars of which are given in the "Coming Events" column of this issue.

The following telegram reached us from Queensland on Tuesday: "Storms have interfered with Hinrichsen-Brooker mission; ninety-eight broke bread Sunday; six confessions Monday; thirty-one to date.—Dakin, Maryborough."

Bro. F. Cornelius, who has been in charge of the work at Warracknabeal, has now accepted an engagement with the churches at Bordertown, S.A. Bro. B. J. Combridge, now of Ararat, will be the new preacher at Warracknabeal.

Many applications have come to hand from prospective students of the College of the Bible. Applications from men and women are now due, and all candidates should immediately write to the Principal. 1926 session is due to begin on

February 17.

Mr. G. Fretwell, our N.S.W. Conference President, is on a three weeks' visit to the northern churches. He has just returned from Wagga, and will include visits to Taree, Wingham, Inverell, Lismore, Bangalow, Merewether and Hamilton in his present tour, thus completing the round of churches in the State.

The Queensland Home Missionary Committeehas received an offer of land and a small building at Goondiwindi, conditional upon use being made of this for church or Bible School purposes. Any readers knowing of members of the church resident at Goondiwindi are asked to promptly notify
A. J. Fisher, Clara-st., Annerley, South Brisbane.
Home Missions have the right of way in Queens-land at the

land at the present moment, in view of the annual offering on Dec. 6. Some great opportunities exist at present, and it would be tragic if the committee that the present of th committee could not enter the open doors through lack of finance. £500 is required, and the Queensland brethren are urgently asked to respond liberally on Dec. 6.

The Crown Fund for work at Canberra is slowly growing. At the meeting of the Federal Executive on Oct. 26, the treasurer reported that the States had sent in crowns for this work as follows:—W.A., 12½; Victoria, 9; S.A., 6½; N.S.W., 6; Qld., 3; Tasmania, 2; Total, 30. Crowns may be cleaver-st., West Perth, W.A.

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At the last meeting of the Federal Executive (Oct. 26), it was reported by the treasurer that since the present executive took office the States have contributed as follows to the Federal Evan-felistic F. W.A. Relistic Fund. viz.:—Victoria, £72/9/9; W.A., £67/4/9; N.S.W., £64/15/2; S.A., £43/10/-; Qld., £14/9/7; Tasmania, £2/10/-. Contributions may be sent to A. C. Stapleton, 73 Cleaver-st., West Perth, W.A.

Bro. T. Marsden, formerly of Claremont, W.A., recently was transferred to Kellerberrin, where he found a few brethren of like faith and desires. As a result the Lord's table has been set up, and regular meetings have been held. One of the number is hoping to enter the College of the Bible next year. From such beginnings great churches result. There should grow a strong

church in this growing town.

The Lord's table was set up in the home of Mrs. T. Farrow, "Pekindoo," Wolseley, S.A., on the last Lord's day in September. It was a "family gathering," the various members of the family having been separated for some time, and the reunion was marked in this way. An offering was made, which was sent to the College of the Bible, in view of the annual offering being

There must be great joy in family reunions

when the Lord is invited to be present too.

The sisters in many of our Victorian churches have sent along their special gift towards the furnishing of the chapel at North Geelong now in course of erection. A large number have expressed their pleasure at the privilege of assisting a new cause. But no response has yet come from a considerable number of churches. It is earnestly desired that all moneys be sent in this month to the women's superintendent of Home Missions, Mrs. Main, College of the Bible, Glen Iris.

A large attendance is asked for in connection with the College Demonstration to be held in Lygon-st. chapel on Thursday evening, Nov. 19. A good programme is being arranged. The presence of preachers and church officers is particularly desired. It is urged that the older brethren as well as the young people make an effort to attend. Any interested friends have also an invitation to be present at the closing session at the College, Glen Iris, on Friday morning, Nov. 20, at 9.30 o'clock.

An impressive service was conducted by Bro. Swain, the preacher at Thornbury, Vic., last Sunday night. Three young men made the good confession. Last Sunday morning one young man was received by faith and baptism, making 54 men and 28 ladies received by faith and baptism at Thornbury since Bro. Swain has been with the church. Work in all departments is in a good condition. Bro. Swain's efforts are much appreciated. It is regretted that Bro. and Sister Woodgate and family are removing from the district to reside in Ormond.

The church at Milang, S.A., has suffered a loss in The church at Milang, S.A., has suffered a loss in the passing away of Bro. A. Pavy at the age of 82 years. He was the oldest member, having joined the church 56 years ago. He attended regularly while health permitted, and his presence is missed. A memorial service was held on Sunday of the conducted by Bro. J. Durdin. On day, Oct. 25, conducted by Bro. I. Durdin. On Oct. 21 the juniors and intermediates took charge of the C.E. meeting, and gave an interesting proor the C.E. meeting, and gave an interesting programme under the leadership of Miss Schmoock. On Nov. 4 the Strathalbyn Endeavorers paid a visit, when a profitable evening was spent.

In preparation for the tent mission at East Camberwell, Vic., which opened on Nov. 8, Bro. Robbins conducted an uplifting consecration service bins conducted an uplifting consecration service at morning meeting on the 1st inst. Another fine meeting was held in the evening, after which the newly-elected officers of the Kappa club were in-stalled by Bro. H. Campbell, Chief Grand Scribe. On Nov. 5 a fine lad made the good confession. The tent mission under the guidance of Bren. Baker and Barber was ushered in last Lord's day. Baker and Barber was ushered in last Lord's day by a splendid gathering. A great harvest is ex-pected. Members of sister churches are cordially invited to attend on week-nights.

The church Almanac for 1926 is now ready. The design is an unusually attractive one, and the Austral Co. has done its work well. There is sure to be a big demand, and churches and in-

dividuals would do well to send orders early. Sample copies are being sent out to church secretaries. The lists of suggested Bible readings, retaries. The lists of suggested Bible readings, hymns and prayer meeting topics, make the Almanac of special value. The pictorial design and Scripture texts make it a suitable gift to those who are not members of the church. The wide distribution of the Almanac would help our work.

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On Oct. 31 Croydon Sunday School anniversary, S.A., was held. There was special singing by the children. Bro. Ira Paternoster spoke at both the morning and afternoon meetings. lent address was delivered by Bro. Ross Graham to a large evening congregation. A public meet-ing was held on Nov. 1, when Bro. Hollams spoke. Prizes were distributed. The anniversary services were repeated on Nov. 8. Bro. E. J. Paternoster spoke in the morning, and Bro. McKie afternoon Attendances were good, and the and evening. singing of the children was much enjoyed. Two
Sunday School scholars confessed Christ. A church business meeting was held on Nov. On Nov. 8 Bro. Horsell spoke morning and evening.

A successful fortnight's mission was held at Castlemaine, Vic., ending on Sunday, Oct. 25, the missioner being Bro. J. E. Allan. The meetings were very well attended, and the church received a great spiritual uplift. There were four decisions during the mission, and two men decided for Christ at the following mid-week meeting. Four were received into the church on Nov. I. On Temperance Sunday, Nov. I, the evening service was held in the Mechanics' Hall. Mr. J. R. McCue, of the Prohibition League, gave a splendid address to a crowded meeting. Miss Eileen Pascoe Webb, of Melbourne, sang two solos, and delighted the church with a solo in the morning. The meetings were very well attended on Sunday, 8th. Bro. H. M. Clipstone gave a fine address on "Christ the Seeking Saviour."

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The Forbes-Feary mission of Malvern-Caulfield church, Vic., had its best meeting last Sunday evening, the last Lord's day in the tent. At the close of a stirring appeal by Bro. Forbes, on "Choosing Life or Death," a lad who had contessed Christ during the mission brought his mother to make a decision. A boy from the Sunday School also came forward. At the morning meeting eight were received into fellowship on faith and baptism, and one sister by letter from Cheltenham. Up to the close of Sunday's meetings, there had been a total of thirty-four confessions and three restored. Not all of the thirty-four will be baptised, but it is expected that all fessed Christ during the mission brought his four will be baptised, but it is expected that all but about four will ultimately link up with the church. At the thanksgiving service in the tent church. At the thanksgiving service in the tent on Monday, Bro. Forbes delivered the last gospel address. The missioners were farewelled in the chapel on Wednesday night. The mission has been a great help to the spiritual life of the church as well as having increased the membership.

South Yarra, Vic., volunteer mission conducted have the Character Lang closed on Nov. I. His

by Bro. Clarence Lang closed on Nov. I. His services were greatly appreciated. He delivered services were greatly appreciated. He delivered eleven gospel addresses, and there were eight adult confessions. He conducted a special service for the young folk on the afternoon of Oct. 25, when four scholars came forward. Bro. V. Griffin gave a special address on Nov. 1, when five scholars made the confession, making a total five scholars made the confession, making a total of eight adults and nine Bible School scholars. of eight adults and nine Bible School scholars. On Oct. 31 five young men were baptised, and received into fellowship on the following Lord's day. On Wednesday, 3rd Bro. Walden gave a fine talk on F.M. work. At the close two Bible School scholars were baptised, and received into fellowship last Lord's day, when there were fine meetings, and at the close of Bro. Griffin's address one young girl came forward. Sister Miss Vawser sang a solo, and the male quartette helped.

## COMING EVENT.

NOVEMBER 28.—Parkdale Sisters' Sewing Guild are holding a Sale of Work in the church grounds to be opened by Mr. J. E. Thomas. Visitors cordially invited to attend.

## New Zealand College Offering.

It is hoped that in all our churches in New Zealand the annual offering for the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, will be taken up on the first Lord's day in December. Every member is urged to have a share in a worthy offering on Dec. 6.

#### The Urgent Need.

As we peruse the reports of the various conferences of our churches held throughout the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand, we cannot fail to notice the great need for reinforcements in the ranks of the preachers. Without exception the States are wanting more men who will devote their whole time to the proclamation of the good news of salvation. This need is perhaps the more urgent in New Zealand. Fields have been opened up, and no evangelist has been available to step into the place where his services would be most welcome.

More men are urgently needed. It is certainly good to recognise this fact-it is good to candidly admit the weakness-but to state a problem is not to solve it! How can we make strong the weak places? Young men, will you do your part to fill the breach? You claim your incompetency—you have never had a good education! Such is not an insurmountable barrier, however. The brotherhood has provided the means to equip you for the Master's service. In Glen Iris we have an institution that has proved its ability to fit men for the work of the ministry. It has done this for others, why not allow it to do the same for

There are many members, however, who are unable to do the public work of preaching the gospel! Is there anything that these can do in order to make the weak places strong? can all have a part in providing the way whereby December 6 will be our opportunity to show our practical support to the grand work being carried on at Glen Iris. Will you grasp this opportunity? -S. E. Riches.

## Why Women should Support the

How very few of our New Zealand young men and women would have been able to study for the ministry or the foreign field if the College at Glen Iris had not been established! The College has justified its existence over and over again, and has undoubtedly been a boon not only to Australia but also to the Dominion. Every facility seems to be given to the student to fit himself or herself for his or her life's work; no pains are spared that each may become thoroughly furnished in every good work. If for no other reason than the help the College has been to some of our sisters who desired to be trained for service, the College is worthy of the support of the sisterhood of the Dominion.—Mrs. A. J. Callam, President N.Z. Christian Women's Executive.

## The Task of Religion.

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The torch of truth to light the lives of men;
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## COMING EVENTS.

NOVEMBER 19 .- Annual Demonstration of the College of the Bible, Lygon-st. Chapel, Thursday evening, Nov. 19, 8 o'clock. Presentation of diplomas. Students' programme. Collection for library fund. All welcome.

NOVEMBER 22 and 23 (Sunday and Monday). -Newmarket Home-coming and James Hatty Golden Jubilee. All meetings in Kensington Town Hall (Newmarket Station). Sunday, 11 a.m., Communion; President, Mr. R. Lyall; Speaker, Mr. Jas E. Thomas. 3 p.m., Speaker, Mr. L. C. McCallum; special singing by scholars. 7 p.m., Preacher, Mr. Stuart Stevens; special solos. Lunch and tea served at nominal about 1975 and tea served at nominal charge at Town Hall. Monday, 8 p.m., Great Re-union in Honor of Mr. Hatty. Excellent programme, musical and elocutionary; reminiscences, etc. Note: Train leaves Flinders-st. on Sunday morning at 10.42. friends who are coming please notify at once? R. L. Leane, 501 Lit. Collins-st., Melbourne.

NOVEMBER 27 & 28.—Essendon Sale of Work. Official opening on Friday, Nov. 27, at 3 p.m. Sale continues Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening. Proceeds in aid of new church building fund. Note the date.

NOVEMBER 27 and 28.—North Richmond Church of Christ will hold a Sale of Work in Aid of Kindergarten Building Fund, to be opened by Mr. Les. McCallum on Nov. 27 at 3 p.m., continuing Saturday, 28th, 3 to 10 p.m. Admission, 3d.. season ticket, 6d.

NOVEMBER 27 and 28.—Friday and Saturday. Bambra-rd, church will hold its Annual Sale of Gifts. Friends everywhere are asked to reserve these dates and plan to be present. To be opened 3 p.m., Nov. 27, by Mrs. F. Lee, President of Sisters' Conference.

NOVEMBER 28.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Ormond church are holding a Sale of Gifts on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 3 p.m. Everybody come

NOVEMBER 30.—Bible School and Young People's Department. Annual Demonstration and November 30, 7-45 p.m. Fine programme of songs, recitations and concerted pieces. Admission adults 64 a skilds of concerted pieces. songs, rectations and concerted pieces. sion, adults, 6d.; children (under 14), 3d.

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DECEMBER 13.—Cheltenham Home-coming Day, Sunday, December 13.—Cheltenham Home-coming Day, Sunday, December 13. Brethren everywhere invited, especially old Cheltenhamites, and former members. If not able to come, please send messages. Special services and thankoffering. Chapel opened Dec. 8, 1878.

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#### MARRIAGES.

MORRIS—BECROFT.—On Sept. 5, at Methodist Church, Auburn, by Mr. W. S. Lock, Gordon Edmund Morris, twin son of Alfred and Harriet Morris, Summer Hill, Sydney, to Ethel May, niere of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, of Auburn, N.S.W.

MORRIS-CORDINGLEY.-On Oct. 3, at City Temple, Sydney, by Mr. S. J. Southgate, Gladstone Ewart Morris, eldest son of Alfred and Harriet Morris, Summer Hill, Sydney, to Elsie Cordingley, sister of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Hurstville, Sydney.

### BEREAVEMENT NOTICE.

SULLIVAN-THOMAS.-On November 4 after short severe illness, Herbert William Sullivan, the beloved youngest son of Norman and Isabell Sullivan, nee Isabell Thomas, of "Namron, 3 Queen-st., East Brunswick, and much loved 3 Queen-st., East Brunswick, and much lord little brother of Wallace, now in hospital, and devoted grandson of Mrs. J. F. Thomas. mains were laid to rest in the new Melbourne cemetery, Fawkner, on Nov. 5, when Mr. Gale most feelingly spoke at the grave. Aged I yar most feelingly spoke at the grave. Aged I yar most feelingly spoke at the grave. Aged I yar months. We desire to thank the many kind friends for cards, letters, beautiful floral tribute friends for cards, letters, beautiful floral tribute and personal expressions of sympathy during our sad loss, especially thanking Mr. Gale and Mr. and sad loss, espec

swer them all?
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## Queensland Home Missions. A. J. Fisher.

Reports from the various fields show a most Reports Report encouraging. Boondall has a growing Bible School meetings. State school most encouraging. Anner-classes at State school most encouraging. Anner-classes at Garage and off building debt, and had several ley has paid off building debt, and had several confessions. Bible School largely increased. Sunnybank has had a successful concert, and has Sunnybank has had a steecessful concert, and has increased its payments to the circuit fund. Several decisions lately. Kingaroy building has been decisions lately. Engaroy building has been started, and regular services are now held in Wooroolin Presbyterian chapel. Chinchilla circuit gave an enthusiastic "send-off" to Bro. Vanham, since when the meetings are being continued ham, since when the meetings are being continued by Bro. O'Connor, of Pelican. Ipswich had a successful fete, and has good prayer meetings be-fore the gospel service. Bundamba has had some additions. Hawthorne is being helped by A. J. additions. Hawthorne is being helped by A. J. Fisher, and has a growing school with a reorganised Y.P. Society. The State School at Bulimba is now regularly visited.

Forward movements are being carried out by the committee in various ways. A Gympie-Nam-bour circuit has been organised which it is hoped will be self-supporting, and includes also New Veteran. Excellent services at the welcome to Bro. Vanham. Two confessions recently at Veteran. Excellent services at the wetcome to Bro. Vanham. Two confessions recently at Gympic. Good meetings at Nambour. The field is being surveyed for a new cause at South Brisbane, probably starting with a Bible School. Assistance was rendered by the committee at Ma Ma Creek mission, the president conducting the mission, and the organiser assisting part of the time as song-leader. A seaside mission is also pro-posed to be held just prior to Christmas. The committee is ready to advance wherever conditions and finance permit.

The annual appeal is now being made, and it is anticipated that the response will be a record. The need is greater than ever before, both because of the many opportunities before us, and because of the overdraft, which now amounts to about £300. Prayerful preparation is being made. A liberal response will be a great encouragement to press on into greater things for Christ.

The treasurer acknowledges receipt of the fol-The treasurer acknowledges receipt of the lowing amounts since last report, up to Oct. 1:

—Fed. Executive, for Organiser, £10; Ann-st. duplex envelopes, £3/19/6. Other amounts were received by the secretary during his northern trip, which will be included in the next statement. It is hoped that all amounts for the annual offering and all contributions and the envelopes will ing and all contributions per duplex envelopes will be forwarded promptly, so that the interest on the overdraft may be reduced to the minimum.

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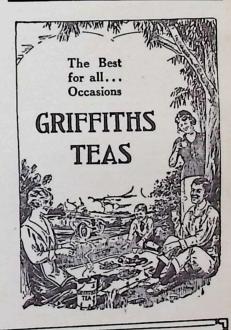
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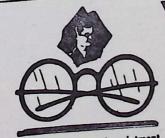
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#### Tasmania.

At Ulverstone on Oct. 31 Bro. W. H. Nightingale immersed three elderly people. He restarted meetings at Sulphur Creek on Nov. I, when one young lady confessed Christ. The prospects are young lady confessed Christ. The prospects are good. Both C.E. Societies at Ulverstone are progressing; new members every week.

The work at Devonport continues nicely. On Oct. 25 Bro. W. H. Nightingale spoke at both services. Record evening attendance. On Nov. I Bro. M. Byard addressed the church, and Bren.

Ivory and Singleton, from Ulverstone, took the evening service. Their help was much appreciated.

Dromedary church held its first anniversary on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, and had splendid meetings. The singing and recitations by the children were much appreciated, and great credit given to Sister R. Hale for their training. Bro. C. Hale presided and distributed prizes to the children, to whom also a social tea was given. Last month a lantern lecture was given by C. Hale, illustrating the work among the poor of Central Hobart mission. A full house appreciated the lecture. A collection was taken up in aid of State school fund.

World's Temperance Sunday was observed at Launceston on Nov. I, when Bro. N. G. Noble was appointed to deliver a special address in the Temperance Hall. The church was well represented. The Bible School, in conjunction with Investigate special address and the appearance of the second greatly enjoyed greatly enjoyed the second greatly enjoyed greatly enjoyed the second greatly enjoyed greatly en Invermay school, greatly enjoyed the annual picnic at Rocherlea on Nov. 2. Over 300 were present. A well-deserved presentation was made to sent. A well-deserved presentation was made to Bro. Will Peters for his many years' care of the picnic tea department. A social was held in the Bible School hall on return.

#### Oueensland.

Mt. Walker reports a very impressive and instructive chart lecture entitled "The History of the Churches" by Bro. Bassard on Nov. 2.

Toowoomba on Oct. 20 held a Home Mission rally, Bro. Wendorf presiding. Bro. L. Larsen gave a very helpful address. On the 22nd, a Y.P. Society was formed at Harlaxton. Four new scholars at Toowoomba, and four at Harlaxton Bible School on Oct. 25. Bro. Sharp exhorted the church most acceptably. Bro. Wendorf had charge of the gospel meeting. One sister who had recently made the good confession was baptised.

The church at Maryborough is receiving showers of blessing. A Hinrichsen-Brooker tent mission is in progress in the centre of the city. Meetings are particularly well attended. On Nov. 1 80 broke bread, while at night there were about 400 present. An even greater crowd witnessed the baptism of ten candidates on Nov. 4. The visible results of one fortnight's work are over 20 confessions, practically all being adult men and women. On Nov. 4, the members extended a welcome to Bro. and Sister G. E. Burns. Bro. Burns is to take up permanent evangelistic work in Maryborough, and the members are planning big The mission is to last another two weeks. For the last twenty months Bro. Alan Price has been ably and faithfully preaching the gospel.

## South Australia.

Three more scholars enrolled at Col. Light Gardens Bible School on Nov. 8. Morning and evening services well attended. A young lady confessed Christ at gospel service, W. J. Harris

Henley Beach had good meetings on Nov. 1. Bro. Ross Graham's faithful exhortations continue to uplift. Another from the Bible Class made the good confession. There is a growing Bible School, with teachers alive to their responsibility. During the week Bro. Horsell gave an inspiring lecture with interesting views of Home Mission work. A satisfactory offering

Queenstown attendances are excellent. Oct. 27 Bro. Brooker gave a lecture to women only entitled "The White Slave Traffic," and on 28th one to men only entitled "Sowing Wild Oats." On Nov. 1 Bro. Brooker spoke morning A lady confessed Christ. On Nov. the Band of Hope held its annual meeting, when I. A. Paternoster spoke. Bro. Brooker spoke twice on Nov. 8. The school attendance was excellent.

Nailsworth meetings are keeping up very well. Local brethren are assisting at morning services, and Bro. Clive Caldicott is preaching very accept-Two men have recently been added by faith and baptism. On the 8th, after a fine appeal by Bro. Caldicott, a young lady responded to the invitation. Bro. Roy Raymond expects to com-mence with the church about Dec. 20. He has secured a nice new bungalow handy to the chapel. All eagerly await his coming.

At Grote-st. on Wednesday, Nov. 4, two young men from the church at Mile End conducted the mid-week service. Bro. Rankine was unable to attend the mid-week service or the services on Sunday, Nov. 8, owing to illness. On Sunday, Nov. 8, at the morning service Bro. R. Burns addressed the church, and at the evening service Bro. R. Harkness delivered the gospel message. Good attendances by the boys and girls at the Christian Glee Club. Bro. Ross Manning, jnr., is doing a good work as superintendent.

The work continues favorably at Owen. Anniversary services held lately were largely attended and proved a great success. Good singing was rendered by the young people. Bro. Graham conducted the Sunday services, and Bren. Mason, from Long Plains, W. L. Ewers, from Balaklava, and J. English were the speakers for the public meeting following the tea. Bro. J. English is assisting the churches at Owen and Alma for a few weeks. His addresses are very much appreciated. Two have been lately added by faith and baptism.

Norwood young people have been fortunate in securing two tennis courts in the Botanical Park, and on Saturday afternoon Bro. Paternoster opened them in the presence of a good company friends and players. Sunday morning Bro. Paternoster outlined places for a tent mission to commence Feb. 7, and at the close a young girl confessed Christ, and a young lady came to reunite with the church. At night a large audience attended an in memoriam service to the late Bro. J. Parker. Three new scholars in the Bible School on Sunday.

Fullarton church on Nov. 1 welcomed Bro. W. Graham as preacher for the church. Bro. J. Wiltshire presided, and over 100 were present in the morning. In the evening about 130 attended. On Tuesday a public welcome was given to Bro. Graham. Bro. J. Webb presided. About 250 were present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Bro. Thorpe presented Bro. A. C. Garnett with a gold albert on behalf of the church for services rendered. Bro. and Sister Headlands presented the kinders with a birthday chair for which the school heartily thanked them.

Balaklava church anniversary services were held on Oct. 11. Bro. I. A. Paternoster, from Norwood, gave fine messages, and there were good at-On Oct. 13 the tea and public meettendances. On Oct. 13 the tea and public meetings were held. Inspiring talks were given by Bren. Ewers (chairman), Mason, of Long Plains, and Paternoster. Bro. Ewers' message on morning of Nov. 1 was from the third epistle of John; over 100 were present. At night after an inspiring message from Bro. Ewers, two girls, daughters of Bro. and Sister F. W. Webb, confessed their Saviour. The combined girls' and boys' clubs gave an interesting demonstration in the institute to a large audience. stitute to a large audience.

Pt. Pirie on Nov. 1 had a splendid gospel meeting; 30 young men present. Two young girls

who confessed Christ the previous Sunday Wite who confessed Unrist the previous Sunday were baptised. Young people's meeting is keeping up well in attendance and spirit. On Wednesday afternoon the sisters had a visit from Mr. Chamber of the Baptist church, who gave an experience of the state of the church. afternoon the sisters had a visit from Mr. Chamberlain, of the Baptist church, who gave an excouraging talk on "Trials and their Blessings" On a banquet, about 70 young people met and had a most enjoyable time together. Sunday, Nor. "The Unchanging Christ," four young ladies made the good confession. Sympathy goes out to Bro. and Sister Eames in the death of their baly.

## Victoria.

The fair at East Kew on Oct. 30 and 31 opened by Sir William McPherson was a financial success approximately £150 being raised. The young man

contributed to this amount approximately for.

At St. Kilda on Oct. 21 a sale of gifts, in aid of At St. Kilda on Oct. 21 a sale of gifts, in aid of church building fund, was conducted by the Phi Beta Pi club. The fund will benefit to extent of approximately £30. K.S.P. conducted Sundaygospel service; good attendance.

Oakleigh brethren were pleased to have Bro. Welseley morning and evening lest Lord to

D. Wakeley morning and evening last Lord's day In the morning he made a strong appeal on behalf of Home Mission work. The gospel address was listened to with rapt attention.

Middle Park anniversary services were continued last Sunday. All meetings were well attended. The school is grateful to Mr. Easton of Footscray church, for conducting the singing. Bro. Robinson delivered a splendid gospel message entitled "Ebenezer."

Cheltenham meetings on Sunday were splendid A visit from Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, of Oakleigh, was enjoyed. Bro. Sutton spoke to the church said a few kind words to the Bible School, and preached at night to a good congregation. An offering was taken for the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Hawthorn received a visit from Bro. R. Enniss on Sunday morning, who addressed the church on the work of the Home Mission Committee. In the afternoon Bro. G. T. Walden spoke to the Bible School on Foreign Missions. Bro. T. H. Scambler preached at night on "Who is My Neighbor?" The Bible School picnic was held at Elwood on a card inch Elwood on 3rd inst.

Good interest and attendances are maintained at Boort. On Nov. I full seats were in evidence a each service. The Children's Day service in the afternoon was nicely carried out. The offering amounted to £1/16/6. The church held its half-yearly business and the church held its half-yearly business to the church held its half-yearly busin yearly business meeting on Nov. 5. A resolution was carried for the erection of a new chapel during the coming the coming the coming the seminary transfer and the seminary tr

At Gore-st., during the absence of Bro. H. Saunders on holidays, the messages of Bro. H. Saunders, Marks, Watts and Hatwell have been enjoyed. enjoyed. On Sunday, Oct. 25, cricket club members had charge of the gospel service, and gate some good singing. On Nov. 8 Bro. Saunders was welcomed back, also Miss Hollingsworth, who had been laid aside for a few weeks.

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Splendid meetings at Yarrawonga last Lodge was a Splendid meetings at Yarrawonga last William.

Taylor, recently baptised, received the right had of fellowship. Record attendance of 85 at School. Seven new scholars on Nov. I and seven on Nov. 8, making a total of 103 enrolled for the evening there was a fine attendance, and after the evening there was a fine attendance, and the Bro. Pratt's address, one young man made the Bro. Pratt's address, one young man made the

good confession.

Fine meetings at Shepparton on Nov. 8 commencing a ten days' evangelistic effort and a schwab. All meetings well attended, and a ten to the sevening Bro. Schwab's message was "School. Know our Friends in Heaven?" and all hymnis in the sevening by choir and girls from the stewart, were appropriate. Three girls from the Stewart, were appropriate. Three girls from the Stewart, were appropriate. The solo by meeting to Bro. and Sister Clay on the meeting to Bro. and Sister Clay on the was meeting to Bro. and Sister Clay on the was wery representative gathering.

cupied the chair. A number of speeches were given by well-known brethren. On Nov. I Bro. Clay preached to a much-improved congregation. His services were greatly enjoyed. A great future is anticipated for the church at Ormond.

is anticipated to the state of the state of the speaker in the morning. Good meetings last speaker in the morning. Good meetings last Lord's day, Bro. Roy Arnold speaking acceptably Lord's day, Bro. Last Wednesday the Women's Mission Band held an enjoyable meeting. On Oct. It have been successful sale of work, nearly \$70 being realised. The literary society on Saturday held an enjoyable Shakespearman evening.

ian evening.

At North Richmond a very successful anniversary social was held on Oct. 28. A splendid address was given by Bro. Shipway. The Bible School annual picnic on Nov. 3 at Darling was most enjoyable. Record attendances are being maintained in the school. Bro. Rassmussen is occupying the platform during Bro. R. W. Payne's absence at Ararat, where he is conducting a mission. Three were received into fellowship. Meet-

ings continue to be bright.

Gardiner church is enjoying well-attended and happy meetings. Helpful exhortations were given on Nov. 1 and 8 by Bren. J. W. Baker and T. H. Scambler, whilst Bro. Main this month is preaching the gospel. The Bible School picnic on Cup Day was most successful. The Children's Day boxes returned £4/8/9 on Sunday, when at a missionary service Sisters Miss Cole and Miss Vawser addressed the children and friends. All interests are keeping up well.

"Full Force" day at Bambra-rd., Caulfield, on Nov. I, was a great success; 45 present at J.C.E., 13 breaking bread. A record attendance of 275 at Bible School, while over 200 listened to the gospel message at night. Speakers for the day, Bro. L.C. McCallum and Bro. Schwab. Over 30 doz. oranges received at night service for Children's, Caulfield Military and Convalescent Hospitals. The faithfulness of mission converts was evident, every department having gained active workers.

Splendid meetings at Chelsea on Sunday; 40 at morning service, 76 at night. In the evening two were baptised. On Friday, 6th, a social was held to welcome Bro. and Sister Clay. The Conference President, Bro. R. Lyall, presided, and Bren. Enniss and Ladbrook, Sister Miss Cole (who is going to India), Sister Sampson and Bren. J. Oberen, M. Sill, A. Kennedy, Sister Munro, and the secretary spoke words of welcome. Bro. and Sister Clay responded, and supper brought a delightful evening to a close.

At Collingwood last Sunday week, in the morning service, Bro. Swain gave a message, and on Sunday evening Bro. Andrews preached. On Nov. 3 the Bible School picnic was held at Edward's Lake, Reservoir. Last Sunday morning and evening Bro. Andrews preached. One young man made the good confession. The Bible School is Soing along steadily, also the clubs. The Junior Intendent, has commenced a red and blue aeroplane rally.

At Fairfield a fine programme was given by the children at their annual demonstration and distribution of prizes on Oct. 27. Building crowded. During the last year the school has showed a marked increase. A small token of appreciation was given to Bro. John Baker for training the children in their hymns. Bro. Way will fill the platform while Bro. Fitzgerald conducts a fortight's mission at Brunswick. Sister Mrs. Clements, who has undergone an operation, is slowly improving

On Nov. 1 Lygon-st. church received into fellowship four who had previously been baptised. On Nov. 8 Bro. A. G. Saunders spoke in the included upon "Divine Encouragement." Visitors O. Holt Sister Eames, City Temple, Sydney; J. Perth, W.A. Bro. Saunders' night theme was Mepped out for Christ. On Nov.-3 the Bible School and friends held an enjoyable and successful picnic at Heidelberg.

At Brunswick on Oct. 28, 29 and 30 a sale of work was held. On Sunday, Nov. 1, T. A. Fitzgerald spoke in the morning and Mr. Way at night. On Nov. 3 the Bible School held its picnic at Edward's Park, Preston, an enjoyable day being spent. Sunday, Nov. 8, Mr. Sivyer spoke in the morning, and Mr. T. A. Fitzgerald and Mr. Harvey (Collingwood) commenced their fortnight's mission. A good gathering. A young man confessed Christ. Sister Gladys Fostineo is out of hospital, and progressing favorably.

Warracknabeal Bible School anniversary services were concluded on Oct. 26 in the chapel, when the distribution of prizes took place, Bro. Cornelius presiding. A very fine programme was rendered by the children. The revival campaign was concluded on Nov. 6, Bro. A. R. Benn, of Kaniva, being the conductor. The church has been greatly helped by his messages. Before leaving on Nov. 6 he was thanked for his services, and the spiritual help received through his preaching. On Thursday night three were baptised.

South Melbourne held successful Bible School anniversary services last Sunday. The chapel was neatly decorated, and a very happy day was enjoyed. Among the visitors was Bro. Peters, a pioneer member. In the morning Bro. R. Greenhalgh delivered an interesting talk on "The Origin of the Bible School." In the afternoon Bro. Hurren spoke to the children on "Traps." Bro. Jas. Waterman presided and spoke at the gospel service, and a young lady made the good confession. Bro. Greenhalgh was rewarded for his efforts in that the children sang beautifully.

Meetings have been splendid recently at Balwyn. F. T. Saunders gave a fine address on the College on Nov. I, and the offering was taken. It was the best yet. At night, after Bro. Thomas's address, a fine lad confessed Christ. Nov. 8 was a great day. 181 broke bread, and there were 280 at Sunday School, a record attendance. Childen's Day exercises were most creditably rendered, and many visitors were present. There was an excellent meeting and two baptisms at night. Bro. Thomas spoke morning and evening. Miss Vawser gave a nice talk to the Junior Endeavorers, when 60 were present.

Between 170 and 180 break bread each Sunday at Northcote. Attendances at prayer services keep in the vicinity of 50. K.S.P. debating club won the recent contest with other clubs. The cricketers won their first three matches. The J.C.E. took a collection of fruit and flowers to the Austin Hospital last Monday. A successful concert closed the effort to raise funds for the tennis court, when it was announced that flo4/15/10 had been raised. Last Sunday morning W. F. Finlayson, Director of temperance work, gave an interesting address, and at the conclusion of Dr. W. H. Hinrichsen's gospel message a young man made the good confession.

Five were welcomed into membership at Geelong on Nov. 1, followed by three more last Lord's day morning. Excellent services and good attendances. An expository message entitled "Sons of God" was given at 11 a.m. by Bro. Stevens. The Children's Day gathering at 3 p.m. was highly successful, and scholars capably contributed the various items of the service programme. The offering totalled £3/6/5. Sister Mrs. Moate, of Thornbury, had fellowship during the day, and at the gospel service contributed a solo. The theme of Bro. S, Stevens' evangelistic message was "The Choice Australia is Asked to Make" (Jos. 24: 15). Mr. E. Smith, of South Geelong Methodist church delivered an interesting address at the C.E. Society

on Nov. 3.

Horsham had 138 at worship service on Nov.

Bro. Hugh Fulton was received in upon faith and obedience. Bro. and Sister Marshman and family were welcome visitors. Sister Ada Kerr, the victim of a motor accident during last week, was sufficiently recovered to fellowship with the where the North Royal Smith, after twelve weeks in hospital, is expected to return home this week.

Bro. Fred Botwell, of Pimpinio, in private hospital, is doing well following an operation. At the close of Bro. A. J. Wilson's address at Haven on the 8th, a son of Bro. Rod. Butler made the good confession. It is planned to make mid-week service more useful to the community by inaugurating a series of studies upon Christian unity. Bible College offering was Horsham's best.

Splendid meetings at Ascot Vale. Bro. Patterson is delivering excellent addresses to attentive audiences. Bro. Dawson's address last Sunday morning was much appreciated. Record Sunday School attendance, Sunday week 230 scholars being present. All auxiliaries are doing good work.

Five confessions recently at Moreland. Sunday, Nov. I, a mother and daughter, and the wife of the late brother and officer, Alex. Warne; Sunday, Nov. 8, home-coming day, two young ladies. Good services all day. Bro. Gale's subject was "A Message from the Newly-discovered words of Jesus Christ." An enjoyable picnic was held at Edward's Lake on Nov. 3. Bro. Campbell Banks and Sister E. Knight were married on Saturday, Nov. 7. On the previous Thursday the Sunday School and church gave a kitchen tea to them, and the officers on behalf of the church presented them with a beautiful afternoon tea service suitably inscribed. Bro. and Sister Norman Sullivan have the sympathy of all in the death of their little son, Herbert, after a short illness.

Preston reports that Bro. Waterman resumed duties on Sunday, Oct. 18. The church is grateful to the speakers who helped during his illness. Bro. Mortimer was the preacher for most of the time, and his splendid and uplifting addresses were appreciated and helpful. Large meetings at morning and evening services are encouraging. Bren. Waterman, Edwards and Northeast have faithfully and acceptably exhorted during the past three Sundays, Bro. Waterman preaching at night. The Bible School is getting along nicely; a rally was launched last Sunday. The K.S.P. and girls' clubs are in good working trim, and held a successful social on Saturday, Oct. 31. The ladies' guild enjoyed a visit from the sisters' Home Mission committee. One confession last Sunday night.

The Bible School anniversary was held at Ararat on Sunday, Nov. 1. Great attendances. Bro. R. W. Payne, of North Richmond, was the preacher. At the morning service Bro. Combridge and 114 members responded to the roll-call; there were 132 present. Bro. Payne spoke on "Reaching the Summit," and in the afternoon on "The Greatest Goldmine in the World." Bro. Skurrie made a presentation of a case of hair-brushes to Bro. Combridge in recognition of his services as instructor to those who competed for the Bible School examination. Out of ten competitors three received prizes, four merits and three certificates. Bro. Payne's evening address on "The Advancing Child" was greatly appreciated. Church offering amounted to 48/17/9. The children sang splendidly. Bro. Combridge's resignation as preacher of Ararat church was received with deep regret.

At Berwick on Nov, 1 and 2 anniversary services were held. At the morning meeting Bro. Garland gave a splendid message on "The Claims of the Child." In the afternoon he addressed the children and friends on "Phones." Miss Vawser sang a beautiful solo, and the children gave several items. In the evening Bro. Hilford addressed the children on "Short Cuts," and Bro. Garland gave the gospel message from John 3: 16. Miss Vawser and Miss Hunter sang solos, and Miss Moysey a duet. Children's chorus, several items by the kinders, school and choir, were enjoyed. Monday night, Bro. Withers gave an instructive illustrated address on "Balloons." Bro. Richardson, who has presented the prizes for 30 years, came to perform this pleasing ceremony again. A fine programme was given by children and friends, also Sisters Rita and Alice Dowell. Supper brought a successful anniversary to a close. Collections taken at these meetings for hospitals amounted to £7.

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The missioners spared no labor to make the effort a great success. Bro. P. B. Baker preached effort a great success. Bro. P. B. Baker preached the gospel with great power, and all were impressed by his loyalty to the Word of God and the fearless way in which he declared the whole counsel of God. In answering the many questions received Bro. Baker revealed a wonderful knowledge of the inspired Scriptures, and his answers were concise, logical and convincing. Bro. I. Barber, supported well by the mission choir, made a splendid contribution to the mission. Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Baker rendered much-appreciated assistance by their solos, and the duets of Bro. and Sister by their solos, and the duets of Bro. and Sister Barber were a feature of the mission. As these brethren and sisters return to Victoria, they carry

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