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UNDER THE SHADOWY PALMS, INDIA.
MISS FROST, MISS GRAYBEIL, MISS FARRAR.



The Royal Commission.

2. ITS SCOPE.

By CHAS. WATT.

In our former paper we saw that this commission was given with the highest authority in the universe. In the present one we shall note its scope—a scope that corresponds with its authority—as expressed in the words “all the world” and “every creature.” But first we would do well to inquire what it was that was authorised so extensively. “The gospel.” And what is that? Is it an elaborate system of theology, inscribed by the finger of God and handed down to man? Is it an exhaustive creed drawn up by the apostles under divine direction, to express the many fine points of Christian doctrine? No, no, it is the very antithesis of that. Indeed the multiplication of such systems and creeds has tended rather to the creation of what is practically “another gospel” by obscuring “the simplicity that is in Christ” (2 Cor. 11: 3, 4). The one only authoritative definition of the gospel is found in 1 Cor. 15: 1-4, where Paul declares that it consists of three items, viz., “Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day.” This, however, is the gospel metonymically; it is a statement of the three facts which must powerfully declare the truth of the gospel. Hence John wrote (20: 31), “These things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through his name.” Now many things demonstrated the Messiahship of Jesus: (1) The Father’s statement (Matt. 3: 17); (2) John’s testimony (John 1: 7); (3) His own mighty works (John 5: 36); (4) His wonderful teaching (John 6: 68, 69). But the crowning demonstration is given by Paul in Rom. 1: 4, where Jesus is “declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead.” And so important is this testimony that without it all preaching is worthless, and all professed faith in Jesus a foolish fancy (1 Cor. 15: 14-18). How absurd then is the Unitarian position which affirms that Christ died merely as a martyr to the truth, and that his resurrection was only the delusion of an overheated imagination! Now in order that we may appreciate our theme we must glance at it in various aspects.

1. THE METHOD OF THE GOSPEL. “Go . . . preach. This was a new thing in the world that becomes positively startling when we contemplate the object Christ had in view. He came to found a kingdom of saved men and women that would be wide as the world and lasting as eternity. And this, on the authority of a Galilean carpenter, a common peasant, a crucified malefactor, was to be accomplished by preaching! Could any scheme be, humanly speaking, more entirely Utopian and visionary? And yet it was to succeed by

2. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GOSPEL. So important that Paul says “by which also ye were saved.” This is why he elsewhere calls it “the gospel of the grace of God”

(Acts 20: 24), “the gospel of Christ” and “the power of God” (Rom. 1: 16). This gospel saves because it comes “not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.” But the apostle immediately adds a note of warning—“unless you have believed in vain.” Thus “faith alone” cannot save, for it is quite possible to “believe in vain.” In order to save, the gospel must be “believed with the heart” and “obeyed in the life.” Thus we may understand by a gospel that can achieve this

3. THE WIDE SCOPE OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION. “All the world” and “every creature.” In giving this commission Christ did not pander to any section of mankind, neither rich nor poor. There was no class legislation with God, for he “will have all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2: 4). We may develop this as fully as our limits will allow by three suggestions—

(1) *It is suited to all.* Apart from the clear statements of Scripture to this effect, that truth has been amply demonstrated during the century just closed. All peoples, classes and conditions in “all the world” have found this gospel exactly suited to their various and varying needs. And it is absolutely the only religion of which this can be truthfully said. It is the only one that admits of no change and is susceptible to no improvement. Buddhism was an improvement on and a revolt against the haughty assumptions of Brahmanism. Mosaism never claimed to be final, but pointed forward to a revelation yet to come. And while foolish men and women are trying to improve and popularise Buddhism to-day, by fastening upon it certain portions of Christian terminology, no one has ever attempted to improve the gospel of Christ. That cannot be improved. It is already perfectly suited to the end it proposes. It appeals to and beautifies the life of the savant; it elevates and ennobles the degraded savage; it secures the learned Augustine, and wins the heart of the unlettered wayfarer.

(2) *It is needed by all.* The divine estimate of mankind is, “There is none righteous, no, not one.” While the catechism statement that “some sins in themselves are more heinous in the sight of God than others” may be true, it is equally true, and much more pertinent to our inquiry, that he who steals one penny is as really a thief as he who steals one pound, or even one thousand. It is not a question of degree but of fact. All men are lost and need to be saved. All are condemned and need to be justified. All are dead and need to be made alive. All are rebels and need to be reconciled. Hence to “every creature” Christ sends his soul-saving, life-giving gospel. Too often men think when worldly things are prosperous that they don’t need the gospel! Indeed, we read of some who flattered themselves that they “were rich and had need of

nothing.” But God said, “Thou knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.” Dear reader, if you possess not Christ’s riches you are poor indeed. If he has not opened your eyes, you are blind indeed. If you are not covered with the garment of the Redeemer’s righteousness, then are you naked indeed.

(3) *It is sufficient for all.* This is one of the most striking characteristics of the gospel; it is not possible to outgrow its sufficiency. When the world frowns and the clouds of trouble hang heavily upon you, there is no condition so depressing but this gospel can cheer and sustain. And when the world smilingly pours its favors at your feet—a condition vastly more dangerous to the recipient—that gospel can humble and restrain. Yes, under all the varying moods of circumstance, whether favorable or adverse, the words will ever come to the faithful follower of the Saviour, “My grace is sufficient for you.” And among all ranks and conditions of men this sufficiency has been fully realised. From the most learned and the most illiterate; from the richest and the poorest; from Jew and Gentile, bond and free; from the white men, black men and yellow;—from all have come those who, having “tasted that the Lord is gracious,” bless him for the wondrous love that sent this gospel to “all the world” and “every creature.”

Sisters’ Department.

The Lord gave the word: the women that publish it are a great host.—Psalms 68: 11 (A.V.)

“Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art God.”

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Any of the above sisters will be glad to receive reports of work in their different departments before the first Friday in the month.

A MOTHER’S WORTH.

Many a discouraged mother folds her tired hands at night, and feels as if she had, after all, done nothing, although she had not spent an idle moment since she rose. Is it nothing that your little helpless children have had someone to come to with all their childish griefs and joys? Is it nothing that your husband feels “safe” when he is away to his business, because your careful hand directs everything at home?

Is it nothing, when his business is over, that he has the blessed refuge of home, which you have that day done your best to brighten and refine? Oh! weary and faithful mother! you little know your power when you say, "I have done nothing." There is a book in which a fairer record than this is written over against your name.

The following meetings have been arranged for. June—Tuesday, 9th, Lygon-st. and Ascot Vale; Wednesday, 24th, 2.30 p.m., Prayer Meeting Committee will visit; Wednesday, 24th, 3 p.m., a Temperance meeting will be held at Balmmain-street, Mrs. Benson to give an address; Tuesday, 16th, 8 p.m., Lecture in aid of General Dorcas, by Andrew Meldrum, in Swanston-st. chapel; Thursday, 18th, 10 a.m., Dorcas Rally, Swanston-street Lecture Hall. Dorcas Committee visit South Melbourne, 11th, 3 p.m.

REPORTS.

Executive.—At the request of President, Mrs. C. L. Thurgood led the devotional exercises. Minutes and Correspondence were dealt with. A verbal report of Home Mission work was given, including the "Women's Tent Meeting," conducted by sisters.

The Secretary of Constitution Committee, Mrs. J. E. Brown, gave a progress report, and a vote of thanks was passed to Committee for preparing same.

A visit had been paid to North Richmond by Prayer Meeting Committee, when fifteen sisters were present. A report of Temperance told of eight taking white ribbon at Clifton Hill.

The President spoke of her proposed visit to town and country churches, in company with the Home Mission Superintendent, in the interest of Home Mission work, and asked for the prayers and interest of the Executive.

After roll-call the meeting enjoyed a social cup of tea, to enable sisters to say *bon voyage* to Mrs. Thurgood.

Mrs. Maston and Mrs. Chown spoke feelingly of Mrs. Thurgood's influence for good. Mrs. J. A. Davies presented a beautifully decorated "Boomerang," on behalf of Executive officers, and Mrs. P. Ludbrook gave a very interesting paper on "Reminiscences of Pioneers," including Alexander Campbell, who stayed at her parent's home. The opportunity was taken to give a small token of loving appreciation to Mrs. Roy Thompson, for the many favors she has conferred upon the sisterhood. We were pleased to have the company of Miss Brister, from England, as well as visitors from the different churches. Next meeting, July 3rd.

HOSPITAL VISITATION.

The Homœopathic Hospital has been visited six times, Melbourne five, Women's four, Alfred twice, and two visits to private Hospital, one to Deaf and Dumb; distributed 167 books and 125 tracts, besides fruit, scones, etc.

DORCAS.

The first meeting of the Dorcas Committee was held on May 6th, in the Swanston-st.

lecture hall, in connection with the Burwood Boys' Home rally. There were 18 sisters present. The following donations were received:—Parcel secondhand clothing, per Mrs. J. A. Davies; parcel secondhand clothing, Mrs. Wilson, Doncaster; 6 pairs new knitted socks, Mrs. Arland; 4 shirts, 2 pairs knitted stockings and 1 doz. flannelette, Mrs. J. A. Davies; 4 pairs socks, Mrs. Campbell, North Melbourne. Garments distributed:—2 vests, 7 caps, 4 shirts, 9 pairs socks and 2 pairs stockings to the Burwood Boys' Home, and 6 secondhand garments to N. Richmond. Garments repaired, 59; 43 pairs of stockings mended. During the afternoon a committee meeting was held. Mrs. G. B. Moysey was elected treasurer, as well as buyer and cutter to the society, with Mrs. G. Dickson as assistant in the latter office. Miss Hill was elected secretary. The society was reported to be without funds.

The General Dorcas rally was held on Thursday, May 26th. There were 22 sisters present. The following donations were received:—£1 from a friend, per Mrs. J. A. Davies; 2/- from a friend, per Mrs. F. A. Kemp; tea, Mr. Campbell Edwards; patchwork quilt and 2 undergarments, Mrs. Anderson; secondhand costume and 2 blouses, Mrs. Arland. Distributed:—2 secondhand coats, 2 suits and dress length of flannelette, N. Richmond; 8 secondhand garments were given to a needy case in Brunswick, a costume and 2 blouses to Mrs. Moysey for needy case, 9 flannel jackets to Children's Hospital, and a maternity bag and quilt were given to Miss Thompson, of the Richmond City Mission. Collected, 5/5. During the day we had the pleasure of receiving two visitors from Hobart—Mrs. Brown and Miss Bradley.

The second Burwood Boys' Home rally was held on Wednesday, June 3rd, when 16 sisters were present. Number of garments repaired, 46. The following donations were received:—3 shirts, Mrs. J. Davies; 1 pair trousers, and stockings, Mrs. Moysey; 1 doz. flannelette, Mrs. Arland; odds and ends, Mrs. Craigie; 16/- from Doncaster, per Mrs. Zelius. Collected, 4/4½. Distributed, 3 shirts, 1 pair trousers, stockings, and 1 doz. flannelette. C. KEMP.

West Australian Letter.

D. A. EWERS.

We have been having quite a number of reception meetings about Perth lately. On May 7, the Lake-street chapel was crowded to excess to welcome Bro. and Sister Scambler to West Australia. The Vice-President of the Conference presided in the absence of Bro. Bell, the President, and addresses were delivered by D. M. Wilson, A. Lucraft, T. Hagger, and T. H. Scambler. Refreshments were then handed round. The next day Bro. and Sister Scambler left for Boulder, and we see by the local paper they had another hearty reception in their new field of labor. On the 14th, the Subiaco brethren, with a large contingent from Perth and Fremantle, gathered in the King's Hall, the chapel not being large enough, to welcome Bro. and Sister Banks to that field. F. Illingworth, M.L.A., presided, and ad-

resses were given by Bro. Payne for Subiaco, D. A. Ewers for the Conference and for Lake-street church, and T. Hagger for Fremantle. Bro. Banks made a telling speech in response. A special feature of the evening was the presentation of a purse of sovereigns to Bro. Hagger by Bro. Gould, on behalf of the Subiaco brethren, whose appreciation of the successful tent mission in their midst materialised into this tangible form. The large hall was crowded, and of course we all had cakes and coffee. Then, on the 21st, Fremantle's turn came, when a public welcome was accorded to Bro. and Sister Hagger on the commencement of his three years' engagement with that church. A. Lucraft occupied the chair, and the other speakers were J. Pallott on behalf of the local church, D. A. Ewers for Perth, H. J. Banks for Subiaco, and Bro. Hagger in response. The meeting wound up with the inevitable refreshments. Everyone has heard of the drinking habits in W.A., and even the church folks over here are unable to hold a sociable gathering of any kind without having a drink over it. By the way, the friends of Bro. and Sister Hagger will be interested to learn that a permanent lodger has come to reside with them. Miss Hagger arrived a few days ago and received a hearty welcome. The happy parents have not yet decided whether she shall become a preacher's wife or a missionary to India.

Our annual meetings will be over before this appears in print. They are to be held in the Perth Town Hall, on 8th June, and we all expect a good time. Bro. Hagger is anxious to have a resolution passed in favor of straightway engaging a State Evangelist to travel with a Tent, and to hold meetings in various centres all the year round. He has thrown himself into the project with characteristic energy, and within two or three weeks has collected promises of about £100 towards this end. The disciples in W.A. are neither wealthy nor numerous, but they are growing in numbers and zeal and mean business, and I verily believe they'll go ahead. But it is not every preacher who is qualified to take up the particular work of running Tent Missions, and a good deal will depend upon the man we can get. Now, if Fremantle could only see its way to liberate Bro. Hagger, and if he could only see his way clear to go into the general field, I feel sure the way would open up financially. But who would undertake to suggest this to Fremantle? Not your humble scribe for one. We must just wait to see if the idea originates in the mind of anyone down there.

I hear of crowded meetings being held at Subiaco, and several confessions. The brethren there are seriously considering the advisability of enlarging their house. The Tent Mission has given the work a great boom, and Bro. Banks is just the man to follow it up. In Fremantle and Perth the meetings are splendid. A young man came out last Lord's day evening at Lake-street. In Leederville a small church of about 20 members meet in the house of Bro. Berry. I hear they have saved up about £40 to buy a piece of land with a view to ultimately building a chapel.

May 28. "Bethany," Palmerston-st., Perth.

FOREIGN MISSION SUNDAY, JULY 5th.

Fragments of Thoughts.

THEO. B. FISCHER.

We should **Go**,

Help go,

Let go,

Because Christ says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Because Christ says, "Let him that heareth say come."

Because allowing 1 letter of the Bible to represent 1 person in India, it would take 17 Bibles to represent all, while the Christian population could be represented by Isaiah.

Because King Edward is the ruler of 55,000,000 of nominal Christians and 320,000,000 heathens.

Because the heathen have been redeemed but do not know it.

Because 1,000,000 a month in China die without God.

Because there are 15 times as many heathen widows in India than women in fair Australia.

Because with every tick of the clock a soul perishes without Christ.

Because Christ came into the world to seek and save the lost, and we are his representatives.

Because the heathen Chinese in a procession would take 17 years to pass any given point, whilst the Christian population would take 3 days.

Because the fields are white already to harvest.

Because in the South Sea Islands 14 years ago there were no Christians, and now there are 850,000.

Because 18 years' work in Central Africa established 200 churches and made 40,000 heathens turn to Christ.

Because the gospel is the power of God unto the salvation of the heathen, if we will but take it to them.

Arouse you! Arouse you

From the sleep that has lasted so long;

For the sake of the heathen, our brethren,

Stand up and dispell now the wrong.

For the sake of the Saviour who loves them,

Oh list to the heartrending cry

Of the millions ensnared in its meshes,

And determine the gospel shall fly.

"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee."

Psalms 22:27.

Our Island Missionary.

On Wednesday, June 3rd, by the s.s. "Tambo," our first missionary to the Isles of the Sea left the shores of Australia. Accompanying John Thompson were the venerable Dr. J. G. Paton, the well-known veteran missionary of Western Polynesia, who with his snow white hair and flowing beard looked a venerable patriarch, and Dr. D. Macdonald, another well known missionary in the Islands for the past 30 years. They proceed to the Islands to attend the missionary convention which will be held in Aneityum on June 20th. The Tambo is to make a cruise among the Islands and pick up all the missionaries for the convention, landing them at Aneityum. Bro. Thompson will attend the Conference, which will last five days, will have the opportunity of meeting the missionaries in the group, and gaining information about the boys that have returned from Queensland. The night before his departure a public meeting was held at the Tabernacle, Enmore, presided over by the Conference President, John Kingsbury, both to bid our brother God-speed, and to welcome Bro. and Sister Strutton in our midst. The whole evening was given to the three missionaries. Bro. and Sister Strutton spoke of the lights and shadows in their work in India, and Bro. Thompson on mission work amongst the Kanakas, of his future field of labor, and what he hoped to accomplish. He has been speaking amongst the churches for the last fortnight, and the brethren generally have learnt more, and become more interested about his work, than ever before. We pray as he goes forth that he may be kept, guarded, guided, and preserved for many years of usefulness in his chosen field of labor, and that the rich blessing of our heavenly Father may abide with the loved ones he leaves behind in the home land.

E. GOLE.

God-given work to his people. Self-denying labor must be entered upon, trials must be endured, and means must be given, to accomplish this duty; and he who does it with the greatest degree of self-denial for the salvation of souls, and the glory of God, will experience the purest joy in this life, and the greater glory in the world to come.

All the property which Christians possess is the Lord's, and none that they consecrate to the service of Christ can they properly call their own; they only give back to God what he has graciously lent to them as stewards. "Who am I," says David, "or what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee" (1 Chron. 29:14). Therefore,

"Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose."

J. COLBOURNE.

A DUAL COMMENDATION.

The supreme question of those who are engaged in Foreign Mission work, whether as laborers or as workers supporting them from the home land, is this, "What does Jesus Christ think of this work?" Is it near to his heart? If I give of my means to it, if I allow my child to go out into the Foreign field, if I go myself, if I scatter abroad literature to stir up interest in this work, will he approve of my action? And I think there can only be one answer to this question; it is YES. Jesus Christ *does* approve of the carrying out of his commission to preach the gospel to every creature. Jesus Christ is gladdened by the work that our missionaries, and mission bands, and our Endeavorers and our Foreign Missionary collectors are doing to extend the knowledge of his redemption and his love among the heathen nation. Another question that we as a people are fond of asking is this, "Is what we are doing apostolic—is our action truly representative of primitive Christianity?" And when this question is asked of Foreign Missionary work how readily the answer comes to us from the primitive church. Yes, the early church was a missionary church. While in Antioch there were hundreds and thousands of people who were unconverted, and while Paul and Barnabas were possibly the greatest influences in the conversion of people in Antioch that the church had, the Holy Spirit

Mission Work: How Performed.

"The spirit of missions is the Spirit of Christ." The whole mind and heart of a genuine disciple should burn with conviction, and glow with enthusiasm in the direction of the work of witnessing to a lost world.

"Facts are the fingers of God." To know the facts of modern missions is the necessary condition of intelligent interest. Carrying and sending the gospel to the heathen is a

said "Separate me Paul and Barnabas for the work to which I have called them." And so zealous was the early church that Paul said the gospel had been preached among the whole creation. What a dual commendation has this noble work of missions, CHRIST APPROVED AND APOSTOLIC.
GEO. T. WALDEN.

It is expected that the offering this year will be greater in each church for the three following reasons:—

1. The need is greater.
2. Our workers have increased.
3. Our numbers, and therefore our ability to give, have increased.

So let each one say—

Somewhat I will **SAY**,

Somewhat I will **PRAY**,

Somewhat I will **PAY**,

To Evangelise the WORLD!!

E. GOLE.

"After Many Days."

ECCLIES. II : I.

BY A. E. ILLINGWORTH.

AFTER MANY DAYS. Let this statement be indelibly inscribed upon the hearts of all "carping critics" of Foreign Mission efforts. They are from the Lord, and fitly answer all arguments of "sceptical" Christians. "In due season"—oh! doubting ones—ye shall see the glorious harvest.

AFTER MANY DAYS. Let this triplet of divine words be engraven upon the forehead of every missionary like the motto upon the priests' vestments of "Holiness unto the Lord," for here is the Lord's assurance of ultimate success.

AFTER MANY DAYS Let these words be "tattooed" by faith upon the palms of the hands of every Bible colporteur and tract distributor in the "dark regions beyond."

AFTER MANY DAYS. Let this inscription be painted in golden letters upon every collection plate and cash box dedicated to the extension of our Saviour's kingdom.

AFTER MANY DAYS. Let this message be softly wafted to the lonely brother in the Pacific isles, the faithful sister in the Indian villages, the earnest toiler in China's crowded city, the zealous preacher in Japan's enlightened land, the brave pioneer in Africa's dense darkness, and the plodding teachers in all our city missions.

AFTER MANY DAYS. Yea verily, yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. When HE comes, we shall see the sheaves that have been reaped; for "send forth thy bread upon the face of the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days." "A multitude which no man could

number of all nations, and kindreds, and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."

I will tell the decree: The Lord said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.—Psa. 2 : 7-8.

The Value of Foreign Missions.

Just before leaving England for the United States of America, Mr. Lowell attended a meeting held in London to do honor to the poet Browning. Some of those present were agnostics, and in their addresses they spoke disdainfully of Christianity, saying that they would get along without it, and probably their characters would compare favorably with those who believed that God came on earth to save a few, and then was crucified on the cross. Mr. Lowell listened with rising indignation to the supercilious, scornful remarks of some of the speakers, and then, being called upon to give his views, made a short address in which, in slow, measured, impressive utterance, among other things he said:—

"I have listened with more attention than patience to some of the remarks made here to-night. Some gentlemen tell us very complacently that they have no need of religion; they would get along very well without it. Let me tell you, gentlemen, the worst kind of religion is no religion at all; and these men who live in ease and luxury, indulging themselves in the 'amusement of going without religion,' may be thankful that they live in lands where the gospel they neglect has tamed the beastliness and ferocity of the men who, but for Christianity, might long ago have eaten their bodies like the South Sea Islanders, or cut off their heads and tanned their hides like the monsters of the French Revolution. When the microscopic search of scepticism, which has hunted the heavens and sounded the seas to disprove the existence of a Creator, has turned its attention to human society, and has found a place on this planet ten miles square where a decent man can live in decency, comfort, and security, supporting and educating his children, unspoiled and unpolluted; a place where age is revered, infancy respected, manhood respected, womanhood honored, and human life held in due regard—when sceptics can find a place ten miles square on this globe where the gospel of Christ has not gone and cleared the way, and laid the foundations, and made decency and security possible, it will then be in order for the sceptical literati to move thither and then ventilate their views. But

so long as these men are dependent upon the religion which they discard for every privilege they enjoy, they may well hesitate a little before they seek to rob the Christian of his hope, and humanity of its faith, in that Saviour who alone has given to man that hope of life eternal which makes life tolerable and society possible, and robs death of its terrors and the grave of its gloom."

F.W.G.

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"To preach the gospel in the regions beyond."

"And so built we the walls, for the people had a mind to work."

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AUSTRAL.

The love of God makes Foreign Missions possible. God is the great first cause in creation, and he is also the first cause in man's redemption. He works continuously, and his manifestations may be seen on every hand. Yet too often he is unrecognised. His love has opened the way of life to all—not to the few; not for the selected nation or people, but for the race. In a sentence, and in his own words—"He so loved the world that he gave," and that gift was his only begotten Son. Hence Africa has as much claim and right to that love as England, China as America, and India will be as readily accepted and receive its benefits as Australia. The authority and command of Jesus in the commission make Foreign Missions obligatory. "Go" is imperative, and there rests upon every church and every individual Christian this great obligation. It can and may be met in the discharge of duty, and in this will be found the blessing of God. No service for God goes unrecognised, but blindness to the authority of Jesus merits, and degenerates into, decay. Our position as a people may be strengthened or drop into obscurity, rise or fall, grow or decay, live or die, on these words—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

P. A. DICKSON.

We do not well. This is the day of Good Tidings, and we hold our peace.—2 Kings 7 : 9.

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The Leader.

Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths.—Jeremiah 6: 16.

"A Young Man's Sunday."

The Sunday services announced in the Melbourne papers of last Saturday had the novel heading of "A Young Man's Sunday," thereby indicating that the theme of the discourses in most of the churches would be something in relation to the special interests of young men. It may possibly occur to some that these "special Sundays" are becoming somewhat numerous, and that it may be an act of wisdom on the part of the churches to have a care that they do not continue to increase. There is a wise conservatism in these things that should not be rudely put on one side. But be this as it may, the theme itself is one that enlists our sympathy, because the future of the world and the church lies with our young men,

Anything, therefore, that helps to mould their character on true lines is a distinct gain. However, we cannot help the thought occurring that if a "young man's Sunday" is felt to be a necessity, is there not equal need for a "young women's Sunday" as well? Is the young woman able to take care of herself, or are we to regard this singling out of the male sex as a relic of that old-time feeling which regarded woman as of lesser importance than man in the economy of things? If the latter should be the true explanation, then it must be a case of unconscious bias, inasmuch as the equality of the sexes is one of our modern articles of faith. There was a time when we regarded our young men only as the law-makers of the future and the shapers of our political destinies, but we do so no longer. The young woman, equally with the young man, is now a political factor of prime importance. The advent of woman's franchise has changed the situation, and we have scarcely adjusted ourselves to the new conditions. By-and-bye we will begin to see that in the building up of the nation the young woman is a quantity which we in no wise can afford to neglect. This, however, is by the way, and not what we intended to say when we started to speak about the young man.

The young man may properly be dealt with as a distinct entity, seeing that he has his own part to play in life and responsibilities to discharge which he cannot delegate to others. It is therefore important that the young men of a country should be so trained that they will not only help themselves but also the nation of which they form a part. It is always a question of interest as to what type of young man a country is turning out. This is one of the tests by which to judge the prospects of any nation. If it is turning out young men of the right stamp it is a sure sign of future prosperity. No nation, no matter how highly favored it may be, can live only on the glories of the past. Worthy sires must have worthy sons, if the line of progress is not to be broken. Great nations that have passed to decay have done so because the men who made them great have been succeeded by others of inferior quality. Ancient Rome continued to be great so long as she turned out brave and stalwart sons, but when she gave birth to a race of weaklings she lost her supremacy and ceased to be the mistress of the world. And what was true of the past is true to-day and for all time. It is therefore a question we may well ask ourselves, namely, What manner of young men are we turning out to-day? In new countries such as America and Australia the question is one of more than ordinary interest, for each of these countries may be

expected to develop a new type. In the first of these there has been a sufficient length of time to allow of a development sufficiently pronounced to exhibit special characteristics. The traveller in this country, if he has any interest in the subject, speedily discovers that a new type of young man has been developed. To a very large extent America is the young man's country. Thus a recent writer says: "In America, more than in any other land, the merits of the young men are appreciated. It is not experience that counts so much with employers as enthusiasm, as enterprise, as resource, ingenuity and unflagging energy. Elderly men are regarded as safe, but too fixed and conservative in their ideas, and lacking adaptiveness." It is not therefore surprising to learn that "the first thing that strikes one about the American young man is that he is inclined to be what we call 'cheeky.' He is absolutely certain of his own opinions. He has a large faculty for 'bragging' and a contempt born however out of ignorance for the lads of Europe." Having said this, however, one has said the worst there is about him. He is candid, frank, breezy, and unconventional. He likes to say smart things and to do clever ones. He has got well thrust into his mind that he belongs to the greatest nation on earth, and that America is 'licking' every other nation." In short, he is the type of young man who will help to build up the commercial greatness of his country.

Of the Australian young man it is perhaps a little too early to speak definitely. In all probability he will be a compromise between the two types—American and British. At present he does not seem to be so eagerly bent on achieving success as his American cousin. At any rate he does not seem prepared to pay the price which success involves. He is more content to jog along and wait for developments. What the author of "America at Work" says of the American young man can scarcely be said of the Australian type. He says: "When I visited such universities as Harvard and Pennsylvania I was amazed at what I saw and heard. Young fellows would work hard at their trade, and live meanly in order to save money to give them a university course. At Harvard there are lots of young fellows who pay for their instruction by acting as table waiters on the other students. They all work in the same classes under the same professors, and yet at meal times it is the duty of some to hand round the plates and bring the food to class companions more fortunately situated in regard to money. Of course this work is not liked; but it is regarded as no degradation to dignity."

Indeed, I believe the head student of Harvard a year or so ago was a young fellow who had worked his way through the university." From what we can gather, this is quite a common thing in America. No doubt the condition of things there helps young men to help themselves. The universities are not so expensive, and cover a wider range of instruction. They are not merely academic, but are practical as well. Everything tends to produce the conviction that it is a young man's own fault if he is not some day President of the United States.

It is the same in those American colleges that make Biblical instruction a specialty. Hundreds of young men with no means to start with work their way through these colleges. From our own American preachers who have visited these shores we have had corroboration of the self-denying zeal of young American students. Some Biblical students have earned their way through the college by selling the daily papers and doing all sorts of menial work in their spare time. Whether our own young men in Australia will emulate the example set them by America remains to be seen. We know that there are hundreds of young men in Australia who have the desire to fit themselves for the work of preaching, but we are not quite so certain that a large percentage of them are prepared to endure drudgery in order to attain their purpose. That some have done so we know, but it is equally true that a goodly number, having started, have given up the struggle before it was really worth being called by that name. It may be that the defect in Australian character is want of steadfastness. There is no doubt that the Australian young man has plenty of pluck and energy, but the question is, will he use these good qualities in a persistent fashion, or just as the whim seizes him? If there is any reasonable doubt about the matter, it would be wise if his education were conducted on lines that would assist in the formation of a character that would "endure hardness." To this end it would be well if he was encouraged to study more the lives of the good and great. It is said that Benjamin Jowett prophesied that in the future education will occupy itself increasingly in teaching biography. The lives of the great bring out the grand possibilities of human nature; they put iron into the blood.

"Languor is not in their heart,

Weakness is not in their word,

Weariness not on their brow";

and as we study their conflicts and achievements and purposes we are braced for action, and feel it good to be a man. To the Christian young man, the lives of Christ and his apostle, Paul, should be a source of

inspiration and strength. They furnish him with unequalled models of steadfastness of purpose. They are eloquent of toil, of endurance, and of final victory. Our advice to the young man of to-day is—Find your ideas in the New Testament, and learn from them the meaning and purpose of life. Look for success and expect it, but if it comes not, let not the failure be laid at the door of duties neglected.

Sunday School.

Then were there brought unto him little children.
—Matthew 19: 13.

LESSON FOR JULY 5TH.

Israel Asking for a King.

Lesson—1 Sam. 8: 1-10.

Study verses 1-22.

Golden Text.—"Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only."



Our lessons for the next six months will be in Old Testament history from Israel's agitation for a king to the visit of Queen Sheba to Solomon. This covers a period of just one hundred years.

In our lesson for to-day, another change is about to come over Israel's history. Samuel is judge over Israel; but his wise and popular rule is counteracted by the misrule of his two sons, Joel and Abiah, who were totally unfitted for their responsible positions. These sons, who might and ought to have been the pride and hope of their aged father, by their self-seeking and wicked ways led the nation to a distrust in God from which it never fully recovered and which finally brought about its destruction.

Samuel was becoming old, and the people well knew that soon a successor must take his place. They dreaded the thought of having Joel and Abiah as Samuel's successors. Two courses were opened. They could have trusted in God's providence to give them in the future as fit a ruler as Samuel, but they chose another course. Becoming dissatisfied and restless, they ask Samuel to give them a king. "But the thing displeased Samuel," as it betrayed the national distrust in him. But casting aside his own personal interests,

and giving evidence of his great faith in divine providence, he asks counsel of God. The Lord tells Samuel to give to the people their wish. But God intends, nevertheless, that they shall learn that "it is better to serve God than to trust in man."

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EXAMINERS' REPORTS & AWARDS.

Results of Examination, 1903.

Standard of Marks, 100.

To secure a Prize, 85; To secure a Certificate of Merit, 75; To secure a Certificate, 60.

SENIOR TEACHERS.

EXAMINER'S REPORT.

I have not attempted to more than grade the papers, presuming that that was all that was required of me. The method of grading was as follows:

1. The first question was read and a suitable answer was framed in my own mind.
2. The four answers were read and compared.
3. The best answer was selected as the standard. If practically perfect it was graded 10. If definitely imperfect it was graded lower.
4. The other three answers were graded by comparison with the standard answer, and with each other.
5. The other questions were treated in the same manner.

WREN. J. GRINSTEAD.

FOUR COMPETITORS.

Fredk. Lewis, South Yarra, 1st prize.

Frank Fisher, Cheltenham, 2nd prize.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.—Joseph Collings, Hawthorn; Matilda Treeby, Hawthorn.

NOTE.—Joseph Collings gained second place on points but, having taken a second prize in 1900, he must attain a higher place to secure a prize, so is awarded a certificate of merit.

JUNIOR TEACHERS.

EXAMINER'S REPORT.

Taking the papers by the Juniors as a whole I am well pleased with them. They show a good knowledge of the lessons and are very creditable.

The three highest in merit are most excellent papers, and I have had some difficulty in deciding as to their relative excellence. Have marked the highest 98, and the two next 97, as I cannot distinguish between these two.

I very heartily commend the Juniors and congratulate them on the general excellence of their papers.

T. J. GORE.

(OVER 25) FOUR COMPETITORS.

CERTIFICATES.—William Giles, South Yarra; A. E. Varcoe, Burwood; Wm. J. S. Thompson, Brunswick.

There are no prizes in this division, as no competitor secured the standard number of marks to obtain a prize, viz., 85.

(UNDER 25) TEN COMPETITORS.

Annie Grace Kemp, Ascot Vale, 1st prize.

William McCance, North Melbourne, 2nd prize.

James Hancock, Newmarket, 3rd prize.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.—Rosa Lee, Footscray; G. T. Collins, Bendigo; A. M. Craigie, Carlton (Lygon-street); Annie Whiting, Cudgee; Amanda Aspinall, Newmarket.

CERTIFICATE.—Geo. F. Nicholls, South Richmond.

NOTE.—Rosa Lee gained second place on points but cannot take it, as she was awarded 2nd prize in 1902, and therefore receives a certificate of merit.

OVER 18 YEARS.

EXAMINER'S REPORT.

The papers show a good knowledge of the lessons. The Geographical Question was answered well by the majority. The Temperance Question was answered in a manner which would satisfy the most ardent reformer, but the exact argument of 1 Cor. 8 does not seem to be well grasped. None of the papers reached 100%, even the prize-winners leaving a little to be desired, but the general average was good. Quite a number of papers came very near to the prize-winners.

PERCY PITTMAN.

TWENTY-SEVEN COMPETITORS.

Florence Nicholas, Ballarat, 1st prize.
Eva McCallum, Cheltenham, 2nd prize.
Osmond Judd, Cheltenham, 3rd prize.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.—Clara Nicholas, Ballarat; Ethel Reid, Ballarat; Frank Butler, North Fitzroy; Ruby Gole, North Fitzroy; Andrew A. Haddow, Lygon-street; Edith Craigie, Lygon-street; Lillian Prettie, Lygon-street; Laura Embley, Swanston-street; Ethel Wiseman, Swanston-street; Herbert Lewis, South Yarra; Ruby Grey, Brighton; Elizabeth Bruton, Cheltenham.

CERTIFICATES.—Florence Morris, Ballarat; Jessie M. Featherston, Ballarat; Ernest D. Lewis, South Yarra; Ida V. Judd, Cheltenham; Lily Thompson, North Melbourne; Jennie Thompson, Hawthorn; Isabella Grainger, Newmarket; Sophia Thompson, Brunswick; Florence Buller, North Richmond.

15 TO 18 YEARS.

EXAMINER'S REPORT.

I have carefully examined all the papers submitted to me. The papers are very good on the whole. There is only one mark between the first and second papers, but I awarded No. 127 first prize because there is more originality in the paper. We should encourage the scholars to memorise the Scriptures, but scholars from 15 to 18 years of age should not expect to keep altogether to the text word for word in explaining the questions. I could not decide between Nos. 321 and 541 for third prize, so placed them equal. Some of the papers deserve special mention.

A. C. RANKINE.

FIFTY-NINE COMPETITORS.

Lily Lee, Footscray, 1st prize.
Olive McCance, North Melbourne, 2nd prize.
Lillian Butterfield, Hawthorn,
Ethel May Petrie, North Melbourne, } 3rd prize.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.—Jeannie Upstill, Bendigo; Daniel Stewart, Bendigo; Daisy M. Tinkler, Bendigo; Emmie Somerville, Hawthorn; Florence Wilson, Fitzroy; Janet Ronald, Fitzroy; Evelyn Ronald, Fitzroy; Florence Simmons, Ascot Vale; Wm. Spence, North Melbourne; Alice M. Carter, Footscray; Florence A. Knight, Shepparton; Ethel M. Kettle, Swanston-street; Alex. Wilson, Swanston-street; Edith A. Hatty, Newmarket; Augusta Bragge, Newmarket; Lillian McKean, South Melbourne; Mabel A. McAlister, Lygon-street; Lillian Hunt, North Carlton; Ethel Bruton, Cheltenham.

CERTIFICATES.—Ida Hider, North Carlton; May O. Darrock, North Carlton; Victor Downing, Newmarket; Kate Mitchell, Newmarket; Estella Cockerell, Newmarket; Herbert A. Aspinall, Newmarket; Blanche G. Clarke, Swanston-street; Ethel May Jordan, Ascot Vale; Adelaide M. Gunning, Ascot Vale; Fredk. Southgate, Ascot Vale; Frank Lyster, Bayswater; Eliza Smith, Shepparton; Rupert Amery, Lygon-street; Ruby Armour, South Richmond.

13 TO 15 YEARS.

EXAMINER'S REPORT.

I beg to state that having carefully gone through the papers, some are worthy of special mention. No. 268 is an excellent paper, though not perfect in all the answers. Quite a number of others come very

close in point of merit. Some of the answers are very funny and grossly absurd.

The papers on the whole are good and show a very commendable knowledge of Scripture. I have judged from the standpoint of Scriptural accuracy.

J. COLBOURNE.

SIXTY-NINE COMPETITORS.

Ruby C. Upstill, Bendigo, 1st prize.
Frances E. Potts, Ascot Vale, 2nd prize.
Geo. B. Woodgate, Fairfield, 3rd prize.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.—Frank Carter, Footscray; Lillian B. Kettle, Swanston-street; Hilda I. Webster, Swanston-street; Florence A. Taylor, Swanston-street; Elizabeth McGregor, Fitzroy; Robt. H. Upstill, Bendigo; Lena Webster, Bendigo; Julia Vanstan, Ballarat; Lillian Morris, Ballarat; Beattie Jansen, Ballarat; Louis A. Anderson, Newmarket; Amy Candish, South Melbourne; Percy J. Clarey, South Yarra; Gordon A. Lewis, South Yarra; Allan S. McClelland, Lygon-street; Daisy Swain, North Carlton; Annie Hall, Williamstown.

CERTIFICATES.—Rebecca G. Turnbull, Ballarat; Ruby E. Gullock, Ballarat; Wallace M. Ramage, Ballarat; Alex. Haddow, Lygon-street; Olive Lee, Footscray; Fred. Dowsey, Fitzroy; Harold L. C. Brennan, Fitzroy; Ellen M. Jude, South Richmond; Wm. J. Carroll, Malvern; Harold Aspinall, Newmarket; Mary Grace McKean, South Melbourne; Evelyn Lyster, Bayswater; Edith White, North Carlton.

11 TO 13 YEARS.

EXAMINER'S REPORT.

Most of the papers were not neatly done, but a few were. A margined sheet was the exception, not the rule, in this division. The children on the whole wrote in clear language the facts they knew. In the majority of cases marks were lost for the absence of the facts and not for wrong answers.

One thing pleased me very much, that was the fact that in the questions which required a quoted answer, the children showed that they had really learned the work, and only one or two misquoted.

Some of the answers were very laughable.

It has given me great pleasure to read and correct the little folks' answers, though perhaps some of them found the paper a bit stiff.

ELSIE M. VERCO.

SEVENTY-TWO COMPETITORS.

Elsie L. A. Gole, North Fitzroy, 1st prize.
Lily Cholerton, Brighton, 2nd prize.
Forest F. Laurie, Footscray, 3rd prize.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.—Harold Greenwood, North Melbourne; Emily Hunter, Footscray; Florence E. Hall, Williamstown; Edith M. Hall, Williamstown; Leslie Wilkinson, North Richmond; Georgina Hall, Prahran; Gladys M. Rowen, Prahran.

CERTIFICATES.—John Thompson, Burwood; Charles Myhill, Burwood; May Clark, Fitzroy; Hazel M. Barbary, Fitzroy; James Stewart, Ascot Vale; Bertha E. Morris, Ballarat; Jessie Hattie, Newmarket; Fred. Wilson Greenwood, Newmarket; Hubert Lyster, Bayswater; Jas. D. Haddow, Lygon street; Stanley Wilson, North Carlton; Walter Foreman, Cheltenham; Elsie Bruton, Cheltenham; J. Russell Croall, South Melbourne; Charles Kenner, St. Kilda.

UNDER 11 YEARS.

EXAMINER'S REPORT.

As one might reasonably expect, great variety in quality and kind of answers is characteristic of the Junior Division. This is illustrated by the fact that the marks range from 5 to 87. While this generally speaking is true, a few papers are remarkably alike; exact phraseology arousing curiosity as to whether similar ways of wording ideas, good memories of the precise words of the teacher, or a little borrowing during the examination, is the most correct theory.

The papers taken as a whole are fairly creditable productions, considering the ages of competitors. The mistakes do not surprise me so much as the accuracy of many answers and the intelligent wording of the same.

The most voluminous paper is awarded almost lowest number of marks. Some competitors have scarcely used the space of one sheet, but are very accurate in their answers. Others are singularly inaccurate.

Speaking generally I can safely affirm that the work of the scholars in the Junior Division reflects great credit upon the teachers, and shows that the scholars are becoming well grounded in the lessons of the Sunday School.

FERDINAND PITTMAN.

THIRTY SIX COMPETITORS.

Ernest E. Clarey, South Yarra, 1st prize.
Winifred Ludbrook, Brighton, 2nd prize.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.—Lizzie Cholerton, Brighton; Elsie L. Holland, Prahran; Henry E. Gibson, Cheltenham; Reggie Leibmann, Burwood.

CERTIFICATES.—Frank Lewis, South Yarra; Arthur Pritchard, Brighton; Roy Anderson, Burwood; Horace Simpson, Swanston-street; Alex. T. Craigie, Lygon-street; Fred. Sumpton, South Richmond; Walter Kenner, St. Kilda; Rose Archer, Prahran.

SUMMARY.

545 Entries; 281 Competed; 20 Prizes; 66 Certificates of Merit; 63 Certificates.

RESPECTIVE SCHOOL RESULTS.

| SCHOOL | COMPETED. | POINTS. |
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| Ballarat | 18 | 21 |
| Cheltenham | 10 | 20 |
| South Yarra | 12 | 19 |
| Newmarket | 23 | 19 |
| Footscray | 8 | 17 |
| Bendigo | 12 | 17 |
| North Melbourne .. | 14 | 16 |
| Swanston-street .. | 12 | 16 |
| Lygon-street | 12 | 16 |
| Ascot Vale | 9 | 15 |
| Brighton | 12 | 13 |
| Fitzroy | 16 | 12 |
| Hawthorn | 5 | 10 |
| North Fitzroy | 3 | 9 |
| North Carlton .. | 18 | 8 |
| Prahran | 13 | 7 |
| Williamstown | 4 | 6 |
| South Melbourne .. | 14 | 6 |
| Burwood | 20 | 6 |
| South Richmond .. | 10 | 4 |
| Fairfield | 1 | 3 |
| North Richmond .. | 8 | 3 |
| Shepparton | 3 | 3 |
| Bayswater | 4 | 3 |
| Cudgee | 1 | 2 |
| Brunswick | 2 | 2 |
| St. Kilda | 11 | 2 |
| Malvern | 4 | 1 |

LEONARD GOLE, Hon. Sec.

South Australian Churches.

AN APPEAL.

The South Australian Evangelistic Union is in urgent need of funds to carry on the good work until Conference. Will those churches which have not taken up a collection kindly do so at once, in order to give all the brethren an opportunity of contributing? Individual members are appealed to for subscriptions, as we are quite out of funds, and dependent on the liberality of the brotherhood. The work in the various fields is being well sustained. Our evangelists at Kadina, Strathalbyn and Willunga are laboring faithfully and successfully, and should not be allowed to get behind in their salaries. We are pushing on with our tent. Three successful missions have already been held in it, resulting in an aggregate of 52 confessions. Other missions are to be held before Conference, but this all involves expense. Our hands are tied for want of funds. We could do far greater things if we had the means. Who will help in this

great work? Send along your offering, however small. Remittances may be made either to the treasurer, T. G. Storer, Weller-st., Goodwood, S.A., or to the Secretary.

J. C. F. PITTMAN, Pres.
PERCY PITTMAN, Sec.,
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From The Field.

The field is the world. - Matt. 13 : 38.

New South Wales.

ROOKWOOD.—Bro. Fischer will be leaving here during this week to proceed to Lismore, for three months, under the control of the Evangelistic Committee. The intention is for him to work up a mission and special effort in the end of three months, assisted by at least one other N.S.W. evangelist during the mission, and then after the mission to return to Rookwood and Canley Vale. During Bro. Fischer's absence, Bro. Way has been invited to take up the work at Rookwood.

CANLEY VALE.—Last Saturday night we gave "Ben Hur" before an interested audience. The views were thrown on the lantern screen while the story was told. Added to this, the Sunday School children rendered suitable part-songs to the enjoyment of all.

June 13. THEO. B. FISCHER.

LISMORE.—W. J. Way gave his farewell exhortation to the church here on Sunday morning last, and will probably leave for Sydney this week. Bro. Way has been with us four years, and during that time has amply proved himself "learned in the Scriptures," "sound in doctrine," and a zealous and faithful declarant of "the whole counsel of God." He has our very best wishes for his future welfare. We expect T. B. Fischer, whose labors at Rookwood have met with such splendid success, to be here early next week to labor with us for three months, and trust his Rookwood successes will be duplicated in Lismore.

June 8. F. R. F.

MEREWETHER.—The Lord's day school celebrated its anniversary on May 17th. The meetings proved a great success, and although the largest hall was obtained many were turned away. The tea and public meeting were held on the following day, when a large number of members and friends were present. The secretary's report showed that 150 scholars were on the roll, and that 15 had been received into the church during the year.

The gospel services continue to be well attended. Bro. Williams conducted a memorial service last Sunday evening to the late Sister Russell, and at the close five confessions were received.

June 10. A. D. JONES.

PETERSHAM.—Gospel meeting well attended last Lord's day, and there were glorious results. A. E. Illingworth preached on "The Fate of a Persecutor." We are able to rejoice with Sister Roberts, widow of our late esteemed brother, in that three of the members of the family made the good confession, as also the youngest son of another of our highly respected sisters. The Lord is indeed doing great things for us, whereof we are glad. Our motto for the current church year is "One Hundred Souls for Christ," and up to date (two months having expired) by the grace of our heavenly Father the number stands at thirty.

June 8.

C. J. L.

Victoria.

BALMAIN-ST., RICHMOND.—A young lady confessed Christ last night. To prepare us for projected tent mission in August, we are planning meetings for deepening spiritual life on 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th of this month. The speakers are T. J. Cook, F. W. Greenwood, J. H. Stevens, B.A., and others. We thankfully acknowledge 10/- from C. L. Thurgood toward the erection of a mission chapel here. About £50 of the £100 is now promised. We plead that churches may help raise the other £50.

June 5.

P. J. P.

LYGON-ST.—We have had splendid meetings, morning and evening, for some time past. The members are taking a very lively interest in every department of church work, including Lord's day school and Bible Class, Dorcas work, Endeavor Society and Band of Hope. The prayer meeting on Thursday night is also well attended. Last Sunday week Bro. and Sister C. L. Thurgood were present at the morning meeting, and our brother presided at the Lord's table. We also had G. B. Moysey with us, who exhorted the church. The meeting was of a deeply spiritual nature, and will remain long in our memories. On Sunday morning, 14th, seven received the right hand of fellowship. To each a copy of the Bible was presented; it has been our custom for some time to hand to each new convert a copy from the officers. In the evening, after a splendid address by Bro. Johnston, we had the joy of hearing seven more make the good confession, and another decision after the meeting; four of them were from the Bible School. Bro. Johnston is doing a grand work, and has got a good hold of the people.

June 15.

FITZROY.—Since last report we have received nine into membership by faith and baptism, including a father and his grown-up son, welcomed in yesterday morning. We are also providing young men to conduct evangelistic services for the churches at Fairfield, Malvern, Murrumbidgee and Surrey Hills. Others conduct the prayer meetings before our own gospel services. Our Endeavor meetings, held on Monday evenings, continue to be of a high order, and tend much to improve the speaking abilities of its members. One of its committees distributes donations of clothing and groceries to the needy, another visits the infirm to brighten their lives with songs. The midweek and gospel services bring together interested congregations. In Memorial services for the late Sister McGregor were held yesterday. F. G. Dunn spoke in the morning and H. D. Smith in the evening. Sister McGregor is mother to some of our most active members. Besides these and other relatives, many friends assembled for worship and in sympathy for the bereaved.

June 15.

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ASCOT VALE.—The twelfth anniversary services of the school were held on Sunday, May 31st, and Tuesday, June 2nd. H. G. Peacock addressed the church meeting in the morning. Andrew Meldrum spoke at the afternoon meeting. A large gathering was addressed by W. Wilson in the evening. Tuesday, the "children's night," was a great success. Owing to the overcrowding at last year's meeting, a charge of a silver coin was made for admission, the gross proceeds, £2/17/6, being handed to the Essendon Ladies' Benevolent Society. The programme consisted of recitations, action-songs, singing, etc. The secretary's report showed 203 scholars, with an average of 146. Six had been added to the church during the year. A free tea was given to the scholars on Thursday night, after which an illustrated programme of

recitations, songs and bioscope pictures was enjoyed. A good time was spent by parents, teachers and scholars.

June 8.

A. E. B.

BRUNSWICK.—On Tuesday, May 26th, a social evening was spent by members and friends, and despite the bad weather the usual full house had a happy time together. The writer, on behalf of the church, presented Sister Robinson with a silver-plated tea service, as a token of their love and esteem. Our sister, though living at a distance, is always to be found at her post helping the gospel singing and presiding at the organ, and much of the success of our gospel services is due to the hearty, homely singing that is always to be found at Brunswick. On Thursday, May 28th, the United Temperance Council of Brunswick held their annual demonstration in our meeting-house, the teetotal Mayor, Cr. Passfield, being in the chair. Mr. John Vale and Cr. Hutchinson gave interesting addresses. The church officers at the inauguration of this Council gladly gave the use of the chapel for all their committee meetings, and our members and delegates are always to the fore with help at the various meetings. All branches of effort here give promise of glorious times ahead.

J. G. SHAIN.

NORTH MELBOURNE.—Our Sunday School rally by Reds and Blues resulted in 158 names being added to the roll, and the average attendance has improved considerably. A social was held to close the contest, and a thoroughly enjoyable programme was given by the combined sides. We followed this with a two weeks' mission, with C. L. Thurgood as missionary. The meetings were held in the chapel, and resulted in eight additions. It is impossible to state all the benefits received from Bro. Thurgood by the brethren and sisters, but a fresh, strong love for Scripture study has been implanted in the hearts of many, and Bibles are being read more systematically than ever before. A praise and thanksgiving service closed the mission. Mention must be made of the excellent work done by the singers under the leadership of Bro. and Sister McCance, by the C.E. Flower Committee, and by the young men and some of the older ones in patrolling the streets with bells and advertising the mission. A "white service" was held on May 31st, when two more confessed Christ, making a total of ten for the month. To God be all the honor and praise.

June 8.

T. J. C.

DAWSON-ST., BALLARAT.—Three confessions on Lord's day, May 31st, on the occasion of C. L. Thurgood's visit. On the Monday following a reception was accorded to Bro. and Sister Thurgood. The proceedings were enlivened by singing and recitations. Then came the leave-taking, when we wished Bro. and Sister Thurgood good-bye and a pleasant trip back to America.

T. H. VANSTAN.

WILLIAMSTOWN.—On Wednesday last we had the pleasure of burying in baptism seven. They were received into the church this morning, when we had a splendid meeting. The evening service was well attended, the chapel being filled. Bro. Peacock's preaching was very impressive, and resulted in nine precious souls being won for Christ. We are expecting many more.

June 14.

E. M. HALL.

NORTHCOTE.—A church has been started here, under the supervision of North Fitzroy church, its meeting-place being the Rechabite Hall. At the opening meetings on June 7th there was an attendance of 40 at the breaking of bread, at the Bible School 40 scholars, and the evening meeting, conducted by Bren. Millis and Stickland, was well attended for a very wet night. We rejoiced to hear a fine young lad

make the good confession. The attendance improved on last Lord's day: 40 broke bread, 51 scholars attended school, and the evening meeting evidenced the need for the unfurling of the banner of primitive Christianity in this district. At the close of a bright and enjoyable meeting conducted by Bro. Millis, and aided in the singing by Bren. Stickland and Watson, a young lady made the good confession. The brethren here and at North Fitzroy are looking to God to accomplish great things in this locality.

June 15.

W. E. MAVER.

CROYDON.—Bro. Parslow having accepted an engagement to work with the church here, a very successful social was held in the chapel last Wednesday to formally welcome him into our midst. Great satisfaction was expressed by the members at the success attending the labors of our brother and the deep interest being awakened in the district in our cause. The church roll shows seven new names.

June 15

J. BROADLEY.

CHINESE MISSION.—On June 9th we had a social meeting, when about 150 of the teachers and scholars assembled. There was an abundance of good things provided. On Thursday, the 11th, a short business meeting for the election of office-bearers was held, when Sister Jessie Jennings was re-elected to the position of secretary; treasurer, Carl Peters; organists, Sisters Jennings and M. Simmonds; visitors, Sister Abgan and Mr. Louis Way Hay.

J. JENNINGS.

BENDIGO.—Another good meeting on Sunday night. The interest is still being sustained. After seven years of preaching our evangelist, Dr. Cook, is proving just as earnest as ever. The address was to young men, and was the means of a wanderer returning. A young woman was baptised who previously confessed Christ. Two young men who the previous Sunday were baptised were received into fellowship at the morning meeting. Our Bible School is also going ahead by leaps and bounds, principally through the Red and Blue rally, our numbers on Sunday being 350, including a record Bible Class of 92.

June 14.

J.S.

New Zealand.

MATAURA.—At the close of a powerful address last night by A. H. Smith one of our Sunday School scholars came forward and made the good confession. She will be immersed on Thursday night. This makes Bro. Smith's sixth addition by faith and obedience since he commenced his labors with us. There was also a very good meeting in Gore yesterday morning for the breaking of bread, when eleven faithful followers gathered round the table.

June 8.

T. PRYDE.

CHRISTCHURCH.—On Thursday, May 21st, the church members tendered a social to the evangelist, G. Manifold, and his wife, as a welcome home after their honeymoon tour. The chair was occupied by Bro. Hannam, and two hours were passed very pleasantly in listening to a capital programme of songs, recitations, etc. During the evening Bro. Judd, in a very neat and appropriate speech, on behalf of the congregation presented Bro. and Sister Manifold with a handsome silver tea and coffee service and salad bowl as a mark of their love and esteem. Bro. Manifold responded very feelingly, expressing the hope that the love and harmony which existed in the church might grow, and thus prove a great factor in extending the Master's kingdom. Occasion was taken of the gathering to present Bro. and Sister Marfell, who were recently married, with a token of goodwill in the shape of a tea-service, for which Bro. Marfell

suitably returned thanks. After refreshments had been served by the sisters a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

Our sewing society has been very active during the past year in aid of a fund to extinguish the debt on the church building. By their efforts a sum of £60 has been raised, and two weeks ago we had the satisfaction of seeing our debt reduced by that amount. The society is still busily engaged in the good work. The church owes a great deal to the energy and self-sacrifice of these sisters.

As regards future prospects, the outlook is encouraging. We are adding to our numbers, slowly it is true; the interest in church work is increasing; the truth is being proclaimed vigorously and earnestly, and we are looking forward hopefully for a rich harvest in due time.

May 26.

A.M.B.

SPRING GROVE.—A Conference of the churches of Christ in the Nelson District was held here recently, and was well attended. F. E. Knapp, Nelson, presided. Five churches were represented. A very enjoyable and profitable time was spent together. It was decided to make an effort to open up new fields of labor, to assist small churches, and to promote aggressive evangelistic work throughout the district. A committee was appointed to carry out the object in view.

A.G.K.

Tasmania.

HOBART.—We are glad to report one confession after Bro. Collins' address last night. The audiences are still keeping up. Last Lord's day morning it gave us much pleasure to welcome Bro. Haines, a resident of Hobart who joined the church in Melbourne during Conference time, but who is now united with the church here. All church auxiliaries are flourishing, and a singing class is about to be formed.

June 8.

T.W.S.

LAUNCESTON.—We have had an acquisition in the person of A. Lindsay, from North Richmond. G. Mitchell and Sister Armstrong, from Swanston-st., have been meeting with us for some time, and T. Mitchell was present one Lord's day. On Sunday, May 24th, Bro. Byard and party spent the day with us. Our brother spoke morning and evening, much to the appreciation and benefit of the brethren. The meetings for worship are well attended.

June 4.

P. ORR.

South Australia.

STRATHALBYN.—Anniversary services were held to-day. The attendances were fair, considering the wet weather. One young man made the confession after the morning meeting. We anticipate a good meeting on Thursday evening.

June 8.

W.T.

NORWOOD.—We had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Bennett speak at our service last Thursday evening. Our young brother has come over from Surrey Hills, Victoria, to succeed J. Thomas in the Milang and Point Sturt circuit.

A concert arranged by our Dorcas and Sisters' Prayer Meeting was held last Wednesday evening in our lecture hall. There was a good attendance. The proceeds are in aid of relieving cases of distress in the district. Mrs. S. P. Weir and Mrs. Edis deserve credit for arranging such a nice programme.

A sister was received yesterday morning by transfer from the church at North Adelaide. We had good meetings yesterday.

June 8.

A. C. RANKINE.

GROTE-ST.—Owing to the inclement weather, the closing meeting of the tent mission was held in the chapel. There was a crowded attendance, and Bro. Grinstead preached on "A Commonsense Plea." Three responded to the invitation and were baptised into Christ. Total number of conversions during the mission, 27, all of whom have been baptised. We glorify God that the gospel of Jesus Christ has still the same power unto salvation to all who will receive it.

June 6.

E.R.M.

QUEENSTOWN.—The third anniversary of the Band of Hope was held on June 1st. The tea at 6.30 was a real success. At 7.45 we had a crowded meeting. W. J. Pilkington, president of the Band of Hope, took the chair, and J. Colbourne (Glennelg) and W. Jackson (N. Adelaide) addressed the meeting. The secretary's report was very encouraging, and showed that a great interest is being taken in the temperance cause. There are 87 members now on the roll. A very nice programme was submitted. Songs were given by Miss Ruby Lawton and C. E. Staveley, a quartet by Mr. Davidge and company, recitations by Miss Olive Thompson and F. Moore, G. Gerard and Mr. Lenman, and a chorus by several members of the society.

June 6.

J. G. DUNNING.

WILLIAMSTOWN.—Good meetings all last week. One baptism on Thursday night, and three confessions to-night. The church has engaged E. G. Warren as evangelist for twelve months. We believe that with God's blessing he will do a great work at Williamstown.

June 7.

W.G.P.

HINDMARSH.—In last report we intimated that a meeting of the officers of York and Hindmarsh churches would be shortly held to consider plans for aggressive gospel effort in the neighborhood of Croydon. This meeting of officers took place on the 1st inst., and as a result a tent mission will be held, to commence on July 12th. In the meantime preparations will be extensively made by both churches for its success.

June 8.

A.G.

NORTH ADELAIDE.—On June 8th the annual tea in connection with the Band of Hope was held. The secretary's report showed steady progress had been made. The address of the president (Jas. Lenman) savored a little of disappointment and discouragement, but his spirits must have revived considerably after the splendid stirring address of Dr. J. C. Verco, who earnestly pleaded for the cause, and impressed upon the church members their responsibility in the matter, and urged their hearty co-operation in the temperance cause.

Yesterday Sister Selway was welcomed into the church by letter from Norwood.

June 15.

V.B.T.

Here and There.

Here a little and there a little.—Isaiah 28 : 10.

FOREIGN MISSION SUNDAY, JULY 5.

Two confessions at Prahran Sunday evening.

Preach the gospel to the whole creation.—Mark 16 : 16.

One baptism Sunday night week and one confession at Collingwood.

And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me.—JESUS CHRIST.

There was one confession at Rookwood, N.S.W., on Sunday evening.

A large amount of interesting matter crowded out at the last moment.

J. E. Thomas spoke last Sunday at Stirling East, and at the close two confessed Christ.

Temperance Competitions.—Group 3 and country schools. See Coming Events this issue.

We are glad to note the success of the work in Petersham, where Bro. Illingworth labors.

There will be a service at Malvern next Sunday evening in memory of the late Sister McGregor.

Sunday School Union annual demonstration and prize distribution on 1st July. See Coming Events.

W. G. Alcorn acknowledges as a present from the Kaitangata brethren, a set of Matthew Henry's Commentaries.

The S.S. Union Demonstration of Victoria has been postponed to July 14th, in the Masonic Hall, Collins-st.

There were seven received into fellowship on Sunday morning last at Petersham, and at night three more confessions.

We note with pleasure that a new cause, under the direction of the North Fitzroy church, has been started at Northcote.

Correspondents kindly note.—Theo. B. Fischer's address during next three months will be—Ewing Square, Lismore, N.S.W.

The N.S.W. Sisters' Conference tendered a farewell social to Bro. and Sister C. L. Thurgood, on June 12, a report of which will appear next week.

And Jesus spake, saying: "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations."—Matt. 28 : 19.

A young sister who has just received her Jubilee History writes:—"It gives us an insight as to how the cause first started in Australia. I was surprised to know how it was started in South Australia."

T. Bagley commenced his sixth year's labor with the church at Paddington last Sunday week. Good meetings both morning and night. Two received into the church by letter, and two nobly confessed their faith in Christ at the evening service.

H. G. Harward and E. W. Pittman are engaged in a mission with the church at Berwick. This mission is being conducted in the large public hall. Good audiences are in attendance nightly, and up to Monday night four confessions were reported.

We received a post card from A. E. Hudson, Ban Pong, Rathburi, Siam. The card was torn to pieces, like as if it had been in a tropical cyclone, so we could not make out much of what was on it, but we understand Bro. Hudson to say that he is in good health and prospering in his work.

Two, husband and wife, who have been out of the fold for some years, were restored to fellowship at Newmarket on Sunday morning week. Fine meeting. Bro. Greenwood has a calistheneum in full working order with a membership of over 50. Physical culture is often an aid to spiritual culture.

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning and thy health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee, and the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward."—Isa. 58 : 6, 8.

Foreign Mission Sunday is on July 5th. Keep this date in mind.

The Lake-st. church, Perth, in addition to the support of an evangelist and the local expenses of its tent mission last year, contributed through church channels or individual members £186 17s. 11d for Home Missions and £28 17s. 4d. for Foreign Missions. Total, £215 15s. 3d., or over £4 per week. It has no rich members, but some of them give richly.

On July 5th the brethren at Wedderburn will open their new chapel. The services will be conducted by H. G. Harward and E. W. Pittman, and will include a special dedication service in the afternoon. On Monday, the 6th, a tea and public meeting will be held, when several representative brethren will deliver addresses. On the Tuesday Bren. Harward and Pittman commence a fortnight's mission in the new building.

The anniversary services of the Prahran church of Christ and Sunday School were held on June 7th and 8th. F. M. Ludbrook's talk on Sunday afternoon on "Puffing Billy" was much appreciated, especially by the young people. At the tea-meeting, on Monday evening, a large number gathered. The building was far too small to hold those who assembled at the public demonstration, when the scholars provided a fine programme of songs, recitations and dialogues. The distribution of prizes also took place.

H. J. Gilmour writes:—"We had John Thompson with us, preaching to the Chinese, on Lord's day evening, May 31st. At the close of his address one of the scholars made the good confession. His name is Wong Hong Yack, and he seems to be a bright, intelligent young man. He will be immersed into Christ next Lord's day evening. Since the tea-meeting we have had quite an invasion of new teachers. Some people are only just finding out that there is such a thing as a church of Christ Chinese Mission in Sydney."

A brother asks:—"Should a paid caretaker also hold the position of officer in the same church?" We know no Scripture on the subject, so have to fall back on commonsense. In business circles it is not generally considered the right thing for an employee to be his own employer, but just why a useful brother to the church should be compelled to go out of office because he gets a few shillings a week for keeping the chapel clean, we fail to see. He is only one, and certainly the rest of the officers can see that he does his duty and that he does not get too highly paid for his services.

Acknowledgments.

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.—Haggai 2 : 8.

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MARRIAGE.

WEDD—CAMPBELL.—On the 21st April, at church of Christ, Kalgoorlie, W.A., by Lawson Campbell, Evangelist, brother of the bride, Thomas Wedd, of Cheltenham, Victoria, to Margaret Munn Campbell, of Adelaide, S.A.

Coming Events.

Observe the time of their coming.—Jeremiah 6 : 7.

JUNE 21 & 22.—Swanston-st. Lord's day school will hold its Anniversary Services on above dates. June 21st, afternoon and evening, Special Addresses. Monday, June 22nd, at 7.45, Demonstration by the scholars.

JUNE 21, 23, 25.—The Anniversary of the Newmarket Sunday School will be celebrated on the above dates. On Sunday morning F. M. Ludbrook will address the church, and in the afternoon will deliver his address on "Puffing Billy" to the scholars. F. W. Greenwood will speak in the evening. Tuesday evening the Public Demonstration and Distribution of Prizes will be held (Songs, Recitations, Dialogues etc.). Thursday Evening the Tea Meeting for the scholars takes place. Special singing. No Collection.

E. CATCHPOLE, Sec.

JUNE 25.—Students and friends of the Bible College are invited to attend the Second Lecture in connection with "The College of the Bible," on Thursday, at 8 p.m., in the Lygon-st. Christian Chapel, on above date. Lecturer: John T. T. Harding. Subject: "SCIENTIFIC SOPHISMS." Free. No Collection.

JUNE 28 & 29.—Preston Sunday School Anniversary will be held in the Bradford Hall, High-street. 29th, Demonstration by scholars and distribution of prizes. Tea-meeting at 6.30.

JUNE 30.—Temperance Competitions. Entries, with Entrance Fees of Candidates from North Melbourne, Brunswick, Ascot Vale, Newmarket, Footscray, Williamstown, Cudjee, Geelong, and Castlemaine Schools, who intend competing at the Address and Recitation Competitions, to be held on July 21st, 1903, must be in my hands not later than Tuesday, June 30th. THOS. GOLE, Hon. Sec., 41 Rowe-st., North Fitzroy.

JULY 1 (Wednesday).—Grand Public Welcome Meeting to A. R. Main in the chapel, Paisley-street, Footscray, at 8 p.m. Good Speakers. Special Singing. Don't miss this meeting.

JULY 14.—Annual Demonstration and Distribution of Prizes gained in the recent Examinations. Good Programme of Recitations, Musical Items, &c. Special Singing by the Jubilee Choir. Do not fail to keep this date vacant. Meeting at 8, in Masonic Hall, Collins-st. L. GOLE, Hon. Sec.

JULY 5.—FOREIGN MISSION SUNDAY.

JULY 5 & 7.—North Melbourne Sunday School anniversary will be held on Sunday and Tuesday, July 5th and 7th, being postponed from usual date on account of mission, etc.

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They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.—Isa. 11:9.

We have in stock in addition to our list of American books, published last week, the following:—"Letters to a Young Christian," 2/-, by post 2/3; "The Tennessee Evangelist," 3/-, by post 3/3; "First Principles and Perfection," 4/-, by post 4/6; "Class Notes on Acts," 6/-, by post 6/6; "Lard on Romans," 8/-, by post 8/6; "Commentary on Acts," McGarvey, 6/-, by post 6/6; "History of Sprinkling," 2/-, by post 2/3; "Preparation and Delivery of an Address," Broadus, 8/-, by post 8/6.

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Obituary.

To live is Christ: and to die is gain.—Phil. i: 21.

McGREGOR.—On Saturday evening, May 30th, our Sister Jane McGregor passed to the rest which remains to the people of God. She died somewhat suddenly at her residence in Caulfield, in the presence of her relatives Mrs. B. Huntsman, Chas. W. Mitchell, and Fanny Potts. The immediate cause of death was effusion of blood on the brain. She was in her 80th year, and was like a sheaf of corn, fully ripe. Sister McGregor was born at Northumberland, in the County of Durham, England, in the year 1823. She was married to her late husband, W. McGregor, in 1846. She was baptised into Christ in 1848, and thus spent 55 years of her life as a useful member of the body of Christ. Sister McGregor accompanied her husband to Victoria in 1854, and the following year they became members with the church then meeting in the Mechanics' Institute, Russell-street, Melbourne. She had therefore seen all the changes of church life which that congregation passed through afterwards in Manchester Unity Hall and later in the present building in Swanston-street. After her husband's death, 19 years ago, she was associated first with North Fitzroy, and later with the Malvern church. For very many years her home was devoted to the entertaining of visiting brethren and sisters, for the social bonds have always been strong among the pioneers of the churches. Bible classes, prayer meetings, and young people's meetings were constantly held in her house, but these were simply pleasant aids to encourage all her family to follow Christ. Of her 12 children, the following are still in our churches, the only survivors of her family: James and Andrew McGregor, Mrs. B. Huntsman, Mrs. C. W. Mitchell, Mrs. F. Illingworth. Sister McGregor has had 33 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. B. W. Huntsman, now a successful evangelist in America, is one of her grandsons. Sister McGregor was one of the prominent figures at the pioneer gathering at our recent Jubilee, and she was present during all meetings at our Jubilee Conference. She was a true gentlewoman, thoroughly conversant with the Bible, her Saviour, and all who love our Lord Jesus. She delighted in every effort for the spread of the gospel and the increase and activity of the churches. With her religion was a constant growth in grace and holiness, so that she was truly prepared to be with Christ. May the Lord of life and glory uphold all her children and descendants, so that they may have perfect holiness in the fear of God, and be heirs of eternal glory. A large company of representatives from the church were present when her body was laid beside her husband's in Melbourne Cemetery. H. D. Smith and Jas. Johnston conducted the funeral service. S.

McPHEE.—On April 14th, at the parents' residence, Grote-st., Adelaide Ruby, youngest and much-beloved daughter of Bro. and Sister McPhee, passed peacefully away to rest at the early age of fifteen years, after several months of patient suffering. She had from a babe known the sacred writings, which made her wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. On September 22nd, 1901, at the close of H. D. Smith's address at the Grote-st. chapel, Ruby, with her dear friend and companion Violet Roberts, confessed her faith in Jesus, and they were buried with their Lord in baptism on December 22nd. Ruby loved to be present at the services of the church and Sunday School, and as long as her strength would allow was regular in her attendance. In our S.S. Scripture examinations she was always in

the front rank in her division. As a Christian she exercised an influence for good in the home and with her companions. The visits of our friend and brother, T. J. Gore, were a great comfort to her. 2 Cor. 5 was a very precious portion of the Word to her, especially the eighth verse—"Absent from the body, at home with the Lord." Just a few minutes before she passed away she said that Jesus was with her, and very precious to her, so that even through the valley of the shadow of death she was not afraid. She said, "Good-bye! Good night!" to the loved ones at her bedside, and fell asleep. We laid her poor, wasted body to rest in the West Terrace Cemetery, with a sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. James Manning conducted the service at the grave. A large number of teachers and scholars and friends were present to show their last tribute of love and sympathy.

Thou art gone to the grave, but we will not deplore thee,

Though sorrow and darkness encompass the tomb;
The Saviour has passed through its portals before thee,

And the lamp of his love was thy light through the gloom.

Grote-st.

E.M.P.

BENNETT.—Our Sister Olive Bennett passed to her reward on May 19th. Some six months ago she came from S.A. to reside with her sister in this town, and on Feb. 22nd last was received into the fellowship of the local church. Her decease was very unexpected. She had been ailing for some little time, and at last was taken to the hospital, where after the lapse of about a week she was called to her Saviour. Amid many discouragements she boldly confessed Christ some 14 months ago, and was buried with her Lord in baptism in the chapel at York, S.A., by the writer. Indeed she was his last convert in the district. She was a conscientious young Christian, and by her earnest endeavors to learn of and serve her Master, adorned his doctrine. Her relatives, who mourn their loss, are assured of the sincere sympathy of God's people here.

Kalgoorlie, W.A.

LAWSON CAMPBELL.

GOOD.—It is with deep sorrow that we announce the departure from this life of Ezekiel Good. Our beloved brother was in his usual health till a few days before his death, when he became very unwell, though nothing of a serious character was suspected. When a doctor was called in he pronounced the case to be blood-poisoning, and, though he did all in his power for the patient, medical skill was unavailing, and our brother quietly passed away on the morning of May 30th. Little did we think when we opened our new church building with rejoicing three weeks ago that such a great sorrow was so near. The church at

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