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## South Australian Conference Reports.

### EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE'S REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1905.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

We purpose to give you a brief summary of the past year's work. In doing so we must acknowledge the guidance and blessing of God, in all we have attempted. It has been a year of progressive, forward work, and as a result many have been added to the churches.

#### 1. THE TENT.

This was in use for about 5 months. According to directions we received from last Conference, we attempted State evangelisation, and accordingly F. Pittman having been released from Hindmarsh, he was engaged for this particular work. Missions were held at Kadina, Broken Hill, Willunga, Prospect and Port Pirie, with great success, 81 persons being added to the churches at the above-named towns. This is very cheering news; but as finances did not permit we were not able to continue this work. We trust, however, more attention will be given to tent work during the ensuing year. Brethren, it pays handsomely.

#### 2. OUR EVANGELISTS.

In addition to F. Pittman (for 5 months), we have supported with the aid of churches 4 evangelists and subsidised 2 others. A good big undertaking, and it will be realised our work has grown largely.

G. B. Moysey has continued every week throughout the year at Kadina and Bews, doing good work. He has been successful in adding to, and building up, the church, and has retained his hold upon the people.

W. Moffit's efforts at Mcounta have been rewarded, several having been received into fellowship. He has also assisted Pt. Pirie on several occasions.

J. Weeks, at Willunga and McLaren Vale, has labored faithfully and earnestly. This is an old field. Only a few have been added, but the church there is better now than for years.

M. W. Green was engaged at conclusion of tent mission, to labor at Broken Hill. Feb. 5 he commenced his efforts, and has had an exceedingly hard and difficult task. This has proved an expensive field. The church there has given liberally. Future work should be carefully considered.

E. G. Warren, though not under the direction of your Committee, received a subsidy, and good work has accrued from his consistent labors.

G. S. Bennett, who commenced work at Goolwa during June, has also been subsidised. The outlook there is hopeful.

Reports from these brethren will be found elsewhere in this issue.

#### 3. THE COMMITTEE.

We have been fortunate in retaining the services of every member, although Wm. Charlick in June left for a holiday. Dr. Frank Magarey was elected to the vacant position of Treasurer. 14 meetings have been held. Attendances.—T. J. Gore, 14; J. Manning, 14; H. J. Horsell, 14; W. J. Harris, 11; J. Fischer, 11; T. Johnson, 11; T. H. Brooker, 9; W. Charlick, 7; F. Pittman, 9; Dr. F. Magarey, 7; A. T. Magarey, 7; A. C. Rankine, 9; A. M. Ludbrook, 6; W. Burford, 5; W. Brooker, 7. (W. Brooker has been absent on account of illness.)

#### 4. FINANCES.

There was a credit balance of £15 from last Conference. The Annual Offering on Jan. 1st was good, and to Jan. 31st the amount received was £335/1/7, as against £287/6/8 to Feb. 4 of previous year. However, out expenditure was heavier. To Feb. 4, 1904, £175/5/11 had been expended, but to Jan. 31st, 1905, £241/9/8 had been paid away. Only £40 was received during Feb. and March, whereas £118/12/1 was spent in salaries, etc., leaving but £10 in hand. In April an appeal was made, asking churches to take up an Harvest Thanksgiving Offering, as a result of the tent mission additions. The amount received fell far short of our anticipations. We should have liked to have given assistance to Port Pirie, Strathalbyn, and to have kept a State evangelist at work the whole year, but this we could not do. As funds were urgently needed another appeal had to be made, as see CHRISTIAN of July 27. We intend making a collection, and asking for promises of assistance for Home Mission work, during the Town Hall meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14th. Brethren, meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14th. Brethren, get ready. Our thanks are tendered to all who have contributed so liberally, and we ask for continued assistance; and those who have not yet given as God expects, we ask them to freely give to the Lord's work. Our

motto for the year was "£750 for Home Missions"; the amount received—see Treasurer's report.

#### IN CONCLUSION.

We desire to place on record our appreciation of the services rendered by many brethren, who so readily and ably supplied the churches at Strathalbyn and Goolwa during the past year by preaching Christ. May future work be greatly blessed, and the incoming Committee, under the guidance of God, continue the good work.

T. J. GORE, President.

H. J. HORSELL, Secretary.

### EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE OF S.A.

DIGEST OF BALANCE SHEET FROM SEPT. 6TH, 1904, TO AUG. 19, 1905.

RECEIPTS.		
From Conference ..	..	£45 15 8
Churches—		
Grote-st. ..	..	63 3 10
North Adelaide ..	..	39 5 6
Unley and Cottonville ..	..	13 9 7
Norwood ..	..	14 17 2
Hindmarsh ..	..	14 0 2
York ..	..	5 4 3
Henley Beach ..	..	3 5 9
Stirling and Aldgate Valley ..	..	15 8 3
Dalkey ..	..	15 6 6
Alma ..	..	31 7 9
Lochiel ..	..	3 10 0
Mallala ..	..	7 18 1
Nantawarra ..	..	2 0 0
Long Plain ..	..	13 4 0
Saddleworth ..	..	8 0 0
Balaklava ..	..	2 3 9
Georgetown ..	..	1 15 0
Port Pirie ..	..	4 12 9
Williamstown ..	..	2 9 3
Gawler ..	..	16 0
Moonta ..	..	6 5 0
Kadina and Bews ..	..	71 3 11
Strathalbyn ..	..	8 7 0
Milang ..	..	2 8 3
Goolwa ..	..	18 1
Point Sturt ..	..	2 13 0
Millicent ..	..	10 0
Willunga ..	..	34 18 9
Private Subscriptions ..	..	74 18 1
		£509 15 4

EXPENDITURE.		
Salaries and Subsidies		
Bro. Moysey ..	..	£167 10 0
Moffit ..	..	94 0 0
Weeks ..	..	96 0 0
Warren ..	..	25 0 0
Uren ..	..	3 15 0
Crosby ..	..	2 0 0



Bro. Green .. ..	£72 0 0
Pittman (including expenses of mission) .. ..	85 8 11
Bennett .. ..	3 0 0
Railway fares .. ..	14 19 6
Secretary's Expenses .. ..	3 18 10
Treasurer's .. ..	2 0 7
Printing .. ..	7 7 6
Conference (Rent, Advertising, Painting, Music) .. ..	24 1 2
Tent Seats .. ..	19 19 6
	£621 1 0

## DIGEST OF REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

### KADINA.

During the past year a cheering measure of success has attended the efforts of the church in this place. A notable event was the tent mission of December last conducted by J. C. F. Pittman, already reported in the AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN. As a result of that effort 13 were baptised, and the church also was greatly cheered and edified. The attendance at the gospel services generally has been excellent, and at the Lord's Table—since the tent mission—larger than at any previous period in the church's history. Valuable accessions to our speaking force have been recently received from Broken Hill and Moonta, and this has placed us in a position to render assistance to some of our weaker sister churches. The S. S. (under Bro. Traim) and the Bible Class are in a healthy condition. We have at present 9 teachers and 135 scholars on the roll. The week-night meeting is only fairly attended, partly owing to the night work of our mining brethren. In connection with the Endeavor Society a Mutual Improvement Class has been formed, from which good results are expected. The church has just celebrated its fifth anniversary, T. J. Gore assisting, the meetings all being very successful and inspiring. At the tea-meeting, probably the finest the church has ever had, the secretary reported that 29 had been added during the year—6 by letter and 23 by the obedience of faith. Present membership, 103. Amount of money raised for all purposes during the year, £100.

The church at Bews has been visited monthly by the evangelist. Three of its members have moved to the West Coast, where with other brethren they are putting up a chapel. During the year 3 have been added at Bews, and arrangements have been made for fortnightly visits by speaking brethren from Kadina. The brethren there help nobly in matters financial.

Kadina and neighborhood is still a fine field for evangelistic effort, notwithstanding difficulties arising from want of suitable building accommodation. The population is growing and there is every sign of prosperity. Looking to the past, then, we are grateful and thank God; looking to the future, we are hopeful and take courage.

G. B. MOYSEY.

### MOONTA.

When we first visited this town there were 7 persons who had formerly been connected with the churches of Christ. It is twelve months last Feb. since we took up the work permanently there under the direction of the

## TWENTY-FIRST

# Annual Conference

OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST  
IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

To be Held on Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday, Sept. 12, 13, 14,

AT GROTE ST., ADELAIDE.

On Monday Evening, September 11, at 7.30, a TEMPERANCE MEETING will be held at Grote-st. Chapel. Chairman, Dr. Frank Magarey. Speakers, C. H. Nield, Jas. Delehanty, and other gentlemen. Recitation, W. Marshall Green. Special Singing.

## PROGRAMME—CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

### FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, SEPT. 12.

*Morning Session.*—10 a.m., Devotional Service, led by G. S. Bennett. 10.30, T. J. Gore (President) to take chair. Synopsis of last year's Conference proceedings. Applications to join Union. Roll-call of Delegates. Appointment of Special Committees. Reports—Evangelistic Com., Treasurer's, Church Statistics, Obituary. Notices of Motion. 11.45, H.M. Evangelists' Reports—10 min. each—G. B. Moysey, J. Weeks, W. Moffit, E. G. Warren, M. W. Green, F. Pittman. 1 p.m., Adjournment for Lunch.

*Afternoon Session.*—2 p.m., Devotional Service, led by E. G. Warren. 2.15 p.m., Introduction of Visitors. Consideration and Adoption of Reports. Nomination of Officers and Committee. 3.30, Conference Essay by B. W. Huntsman, "Missions and Our Plea." 4.30, Discussion on Sunday School Work. 5.30, Adjournment for Tea.

*Evening Session.*—Foreign Mission Meeting, Adelaide Town Hall, 7.30 p.m. Chairman, A. M. Ludbrook. Speakers, P. A. Davey, of Japan; F. M. Ludbrook, of Victoria; A. C. Rankine. Missionary Scene by Norwood Juniors. Special Singing, Combined Choir under A. J. Gard, and other Musical Items.

### SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13.

*Morning Session.*—10.15, Devotional Service, led by W. Moffit. 10.30, Elections. Digest of Letters from Churches. Reports from Special Committees. Appointments for next Conf. 1 p.m., Adjourn for Lunch.

*Afternoon Session.*—2 p.m., Devotional Service, led by J. Weeks. 2.15, "Women's Work in the Church," Paper by Miss Norman (York church); Discussion. 3, Consideration of Evangelisation. 4.30, Discussion on F.M. Work: subject, "A Forward Movement." 5.30, Adjournment for Tea.

*Evening Session.*—7.30, S.S. Demonstration. Large Combined Choir of Teachers and Scholars will render a cantata, "The Captive Maid of Israel." Town Hall Grand Organ used. Conductor, A. J. Gard.

### THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, SEPT. 14 (Show Day).

*Morning Session.*—10.15, Devotional Service, led by H. J. Horsell. 10.30, Postponed and General Business. 1 p.m., Adjournment for Lunch.

*Evening Session.*—Home Missions. A Monster Tea Meeting in Town Hall. Tea on Tables, 5.30 to 7. Tickets—Adults, 1/-; Children, 6d. Followed by a Public Meeting at 7.45. T. J. Gore will open meeting and introduce Pres. for ensuing year (T. H. Brooker), who will then occupy the chair. Speakers—A. T. Magarey, M. Wood Green, F. M. Ludbrook (President Victorian Conference). Collection and Promises for H.M. work. Large Combined Choir will render several Anthems. Conductor, A. J. Gard.

NOTE.—By special arrangement of the Committee, Luncheon and Tea will be obtainable during the Conference in Grote-st. Schoolroom at 6d. each (except at Town Hall, Thursday).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15.—Picnic at Long Gully, Belair. Drags will leave G.P.O. at 10 a.m. Fare, 2/-. All who intend to go are requested to hand in their names to F. Pittman as soon as possible.

NOTICE.—Sankey's Songs and Solos will be used at the Foreign and Home Mission Meetings. Remember to bring your S. & S. books.

H. J. HORSELL, Conf. Sec.

S.A. Committee. There have been 60 names on the church roll, 40 by confession and obedience, the others formerly baptised and by letter. Present membership, 47. During the year we paid short visits to Port Pirie and to Bews, resulting in 14 additions. The work which has been done is the result not merely of public preaching but of personal dealing, visitation, tract distribution, etc. We have been loyally assisted by the officers and members of the church. Sister Adams, appointed Bible reader and visitor, has done splendid work, to which may be largely attributed a good few of the additions. We would suggest to churches and committees the appointing of women of age, piety, nursing experience and above all, consecrated commonsense, for this work.

As it is our intention to leave the State after Conference, having accepted an invitation to labor with the church at Launceston, we wish here to offer through the CHRISTIAN a few words of thanks—to the members of the Moonta church for their great kindness during our recent serious illness, to Sisters Adams and Teague for their splendid nursing, and to Dr. Archer for his care and attention. Above all we praise the Great Physician for restoring mercies. We desire also to thank the Evangelist Committee for the consideration and kindness shown to us during our labors under their direction, and trust that the coming year will be one of great prosperity and increase to the churches of Christ in South Australia.

W. MOFFIT.

### BROKEN HILL.

My work at Broken Hill under the S.A. Committee began the first week in Feb. I was with F. Pittman on the last Sunday of the tent mission, addressing the little company of brethren in the Protestant Hall in the morning and discoursing in the tent in the afternoon, Bro. Pittman preaching at night. As the Protestant Hall had been taken till the end of August, I commenced preaching there on the second week in Feb., and continue to the present. By desire of the brethren I have also spoken every Lord's day morning. On the first Sunday in March we began a S.S., myself taking charge of the Bible Class; but the school (Bro. Doley supt.) continues very small, consisting of only two classes. I also began a weekly lecture on Wednesdays, which still continues. I started cottage meetings at Railway Town and South Broken Hill, but after a time these were discontinued, as the people did not attend. A prayer and Bible meeting was begun in Bro. Wright's restaurant on Friday evenings and still continues, with varying but often cheering attendances. The attendances on Lord's day evenings have varied much, and though I visited at many hundred houses and at the mines with handbills and personal invitations, there was no very perceptible result. We have never been able to get good meetings, and week-night lecture attendances were always poor; but in these regards all churches here make the same complaint. The Hall is uncomfortable and unsuitable; this, and Sunday work at the mines, and the intense pleasure-loving and political-partizan character of the people, are among the hindrances that make the work here very difficult.



## South Australian Statistics for the Year Ending June 30th, 1905.

NAME.	Church Additions.			Church Losses.			Membership.		School Statistics.					
	Immersion during Year.	Received from Sister Churches.	Received being formerly immersed.	Died during Year.	Removed from Church Roll.	Transferred to Sister Churches.	Present Number on Roll.	Total Number on Roll, June, 1904.	Sunday School Teachers, Male.	Sunday School Teachers, Female.	Sunday School Scholars, Male.	Sunday School Scholars, Female.	Scholars Received into the Church.	Amount Collected for all Purposes.
1 Adelaide (Grote-st.) ..	31	20	4	4		29	452	430	11	14	155	181	13	756 0 0
2 Alma ..	4	3	1	3		2	57	54						88 11 9
3 Balaklava ..	9	2		1		2	148	140	5	2	35	52	3	122 0 0
4 Broken Hill ..	12	19				2	46	23	2	2	20	30		78 0 0
5 Dalkey ..					1	3	36	40	3		11	15		33 18 1
6 Gawler South ..								6						
7 Glenelg ..	12		2			1	123	123	3	7	43	57		150 0 0
8 Goolwa ..	3	1		1		3	44	30	2	3	25	25	2	84 2 3
9 Henley Beach ..	14	8	1	6	12	17	64	66	3	4	24	18		63 17 0
10 Hindmarsh ..	23	5	2		5	2	557	569	11	11	137	164	4	468 9 0
11 Kadina & Bews ..	3			1	7	4	143	98	3	6	56	81	2	101 0 0
12 Lochiel ..	2	1					47	56	2	1	15	20	2	17 16 0
13 Long Plain ..		1				1	60	57	3	1	21	27	1	30 0 0
14 Mallala ..	6	2	2	1		1	42	42						
15 Milang ..							76	70	1					
16 Millicent ..	20	2	2	2	4	8	23	23	1	4	27	25		126 3 1
17 Moonta ..	26	15	7	2		24	47	31	2	2	13	22	7	50 0 0
18 North Adelaide & Prospect..	34	3	4	10		11	288	268	13	16	105	119	6	525 1 7
19 Norwood ..	3				4	2	613	593	15	17	201	280	13	664 12 8
20 Nantawarra ..	5		1				14	17						70 0 0
21 Point Sturt ..	33	11	2	1		2	43	37	1	2	8	7	2	50 0 0
22 Port Pirie ..							87	79	2	1	25	30	7	45 0 0
23 Queenstown ..							175	175	10	4	76	64		
24 Saddleworth ..	7	5	2		6	4	8	8						19 8 10
25 Stirling East ..		1		1			125	121	6	7	76	92	2	95 7 9
26 Strathalbyn ..	12	15	3	5		10	57	57	2	1	10	12		50 0 0
27 Unley and Cottonville ..	2					2	365	350	19	13	133	177	11	517 0 0
28 Williamstown ..	4		1			6	76	76	2	2	14	18	1	93 5 2
29 Willunga 1882 ..							36	37	2	3	7	12		40 0 0
30 Wild Horse Plain ..							5	5						
31 York ..	10	3	2	2		10	196	193	11	9	85	106	5	192 9 0
Totals ..	275	117	36	40	39	146	4048	3874	134	132	1322	1634	81	£4430 2 2

† Church disbanded. \* No S.S. returns. Last year's taken. ‡ 24 isolated members are included. ° No returns sent. Last year's taken.

With so many brethren coming to Broken Hill for work it is important that a cause should be maintained here, or they will wander and we shall lose them—in addition to the claim which so large a population has upon our Christian effort. With the 14 brethren here before the mission began, 9 gathered in during the mission, 3 baptised since, 19 whom I have sought out at their various addresses and from whom letters have been received from sister churches, the assembly here now numbers 45. Their great and imperative need is a suitable building. As Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney are so vitally interested in the mines here, and the town is in N.S.W. though so far from Sydney, it seems to be the duty of the brethren in the three States to make a combined effort to provide a building here. If this were done, thus giving to the church a local standing and a comfortable place to meet in, brethren coming here would be more willing to cast in their lot with the church, which might be able to hold its own and also make quiet, steady progress. I earnestly hope that something may be done to effectively help the cause in Broken Hill.

M. WOOD GREEN.

#### WILLUNGA.

Another year has passed in the history of the churches of Christ in this State, and the brethren will soon meet in Conference. We pray that it may be a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The church in this district is grateful to the Committee

for the help given it, without which the gospel meetings could not have been continued.

In February a gospel tent mission was held. This was not a success so far as additions were concerned, as only one made the good confession; the earnest and able addresses of our brother deserved better results, but the people turned a deaf ear to his pleadings and would not yield to the claims of the Saviour.

One pleasing feature is that two young men who came to reside here about three months ago came along to our preaching service; they were believers in Christ and had been working for the Master with the Salvation Army. After attending for a short time, and with private conversation, they saw they had not obeyed the Saviour in believer's baptism, and on a confession of their faith were immersed. One of them preached in the chapel the evening following his immersion; they both have a desire to make themselves useful in the church. For the present they are unsettled as to where they will reside, but I hope within reasonable distance of one of our churches.

The Sunday afternoon preaching service at McLaren Vale is fairly well attended; we had hoped ere this to have met for worship in the morning here as well as at Willunga, but difficulties presented themselves which as yet we have not been able to overcome. The S.S. is about the same as last year. E. Jacobs as superintendent, and Bro. Schenoweth as secretary, are both energetic

young men who with others are working in that department. May God richly bless their labors.

J. WEEKS.

#### WILLIAMSTOWN.

The work here during the past year has been difficult. The spirit of sectarianism reigns supreme. We have had good meetings on the Lord's days right throughout the year. A successful work is being done in the school. About fifteen scholars are now members of the church. We have sixteen members in the choir. The Home and Foreign Mission Band are doing a good work. The Temperance meetings have been well attended during the year. The meeting held every Tuesday evening is a great help to those who attend. God is blessing us in our work. The good seed has been sown, and we know that soon the reaping time will come.

E. G. WARREN.

It has often been said that we are saved to serve. If one does not serve he may well begin to doubt if he is saved. Let the love of Christ dwell in every heart, and there will be no limit to the sacrifices which will be made in serving those for whom he died on the cross.

S.A. Conference, Sept. 12-14.



# Foreign Missionary Board.

*Summary of Fifteenth Annual Report of the F.M. Committee of South Australia. September, 1905.*

It is with thankfulness to our heavenly Father that we are permitted to present this our fifteenth annual report of the above Committee. The success which attended our missionary demonstration, held for the first time in the Town Hall in connection with our Conference last year, prompted us to arrange for our evening session to be held in the same building on this occasion. We are sure that the brethren will use their utmost endeavors to demonstrate to the public of South Australia, by attending in large numbers our Foreign Missionary meeting, that we have caught the spirit of our divine Master, whose will is that the gospel shall be preached throughout the world.

As a Committee, we have met monthly at Grote-st. for the transaction of business. We elected the following officers: President, A. M. Ludbrook; Vice President, W. Jackson; Treasurer, T. Colebatch; Secretary, A. C. Rankine; Assistant Secretary, R. Burns. We have had good attendances generally at our meetings, sometimes having sixteen present, including representatives from the Missionary Auxiliaries of our churches, who report from time to time concerning work done.

The presence of Bro. and Sister Strutton from India at our last Conference was a great help to our cause, and their visits to individual churches were very profitable.

The Secretary, A. C. Rankine, arrived home just after last Conference from his world tour, and gave his report of visits to some of our Indian Mission Stations. This report was thankfully received by our Committee and also by the Federal Board in Victoria.

We are thankful for the interest that is being manifested by our churches in this State in world-wide missions. This interest does not stop at praying, but offerings have been cast into the treasury "to aid the triumphs of our King." We have been enabled to send various amounts to the Federal Treasurer for special work in different fields. Several of our auxiliaries are supporting boys in India in the Orphanage, and others are supporting native workers.

The Grote-st. Band has undertaken to raise £15 per year to supply Sister Tonkin in China with a Bible woman. They also support Yakub Masih, India; Grote-st. Young Men furnish £5 for orphan boy; Nth. Adelaide and Prospect S.S. supply £5 for orphan boy, India; and Unley C.E. and Young Ladies' Mission Band support two boys in India. Norwood Missionary Auxiliary also supports an Indian boy; and York Auxiliary have applied to do the same. Hindmarsh contributes £40 per year to Bro. and Sister Strutton's salary. The Junior C.E. Societies of Glenelg and Norwood, together with some of our Sunday Schools, have supplied various amounts of money to furnish medical and other comforts for children in far-off lands. That very live Missionary Auxiliary at Williamstown has contributed regular amounts during the year towards both Home and Foreign Missions.

As churches in this State we have sent our yearly amounts to aid in the support of our missionaries—Mary Thompson, Harda, India; F. E. and Mrs. Stubbin, Hatta, India; John Thompson, Kanaka Missionary, Queensland; Rose Tonkin, Shanghai, China; Percy Davey, Tokyo, Japan. At the suggestion of the Federal Committee we have dispensed with the quota system, and now send all money over our own requirements to the Federal Treasurer. We wish it, however, to be understood that all money sent to us earmarked for any special purpose will be forwarded to its proper destination.

Our Chinese Mission School is still being carried on by a staff of faithful workers under the direction of W. Jackson. Much patience is required in this work, but faithful and persistent efforts on the part of the teachers are being rewarded. One scholar was baptised during the year, and we believe others will accept Christ in like manner. The average attendance has been the best since the mission began.

Acting in conjunction with the Committees of Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia, we have been enabled to furnish Bro. Sherriff, of Bulawayo, South Africa, with monetary help to enable him to get an assistant in the work there. The brotherhood of New Zealand have for some time been sending their money for Foreign work into our Federal treasury. We shall in future be without their support, as they have decided to take over the work in South Africa and make it the nucleus of a New Zealand mission station. We pray God's blessing to rest upon their efforts.

Regret was expressed at the proposed Federal Conference at Melbourne falling through. We still feel there are important points that need to be settled by a Conference of representative State workers in connection with our schemes for evangelising distant countries. The establishment of an Australian mission station is still a thing of the future. Much has been said upon the subject, but nothing definite has yet been decided. Opportunity will be given to the delegates during Conference to express themselves upon the matter.

Several candidates have offered for work in the "regions beyond." We hope to be able to send at least some of them to different fields during the coming year.

Last June, prior to our annual offerings for Foreign work, we held a very successful rally in Grote-st. chapel. This was the first of its kind in our history, and the meetings were most inspiring. Fortunately for us the home coming of Percy Davey, from Japan, on furlough, gave us an opportunity to have him with us on that occasion, and his presence was a great help indeed. We are looking forward to his visit to South Australia during Conference, and as far as possible will arrange for him to visit some of the churches of this State.

We were enabled to send a large box of goods to Mary Thompson, India, last Christmas, and needless to state the children of India

rejoiced in receiving dolls, picture books, and other useful things. We thank all members and children who contributed.

As in former years, we have distributed missionary literature to several societies and auxiliaries, and this missionary intelligence has proved very helpful to many.

Our Treasurer will have to tell you that there was a falling off in contributions on the whole last year. This is not as it should be. It must be remembered that our balance sheet only dates to June 30th. There has been a better response so far this year, and we trust that the brotherhood will help us to raise our apportionment of £300 by next June. "The field is the world." Let us try and sow the "good seed" everywhere.

A. C. RANKINE, Secretary.

R. BURNS, Asst. Secretary.

## F.M. TREASURER'S REPORT.

On the 30th June, 1904, there was a balance of £57/12/0½ standing to the credit of the "Foreign Mission Fund," also a credit balance of £29/17/6 to the Kanaka Fund." During the year the Committee considered it desirable to transfer the balance standing to the "Kanaka Fund" to that of the "Foreign Mission." This does not necessarily indicate that the £29/17/6 which was contributed for the support of the Kanakas in Queensland will be appropriated for general purposes, as the object sought in bringing the two amounts into the one Fund is merely to simplify and make the account more concise.

To this must be added the contributions of the year, and it may be of interest to the Conference to know that,—City and Suburban Churches (5) with their Auxiliaries, contributed £145/15/6; Country Churches (16) contributed £32/19/7; Personal Contributions (5), £2/15/6; Miscellaneous items, Bank interest, etc., £17/11/1; aggregating a total, including the balance carried forward, of £286/11/2½.

I regret to announce that the contributions received during the year were considerably less than during the preceding year; but notwithstanding the decrease some of the churches are to be commended for having manifested special zeal and enthusiasm in so nobly supporting the cause, special praise being due to many of the Foreign Mission Bands and kindred associations.

Before passing to the expenditure side of the account, I wish to mention that several of the churches in the Union have contributed amounts direct to Foreign Mission work instead of through your Committee—notably the Hindmarsh church, which has for many years assisted to support a married missionary in India to the extent of £40 per annum; and if the various amounts thus contributed were added to the foregoing total it would be considerably increased. I wish also to refer to amounts that have been contributed for special purposes. The Grote-st. Bible Class, the North Adelaide and Prospect S.S., Unley C.E. and Unley Ladies' Band, and Norwood Society, each supporting in the field an Indian boy; the Grote-st. Foreign Mission Band is supporting an Indian Native Teacher and a Chinese Bible Woman. Perhaps the most pleasing donation of the



group is a contribution of £1 from the Children of Grote-st. to Children in India.

The total amount of Expenditure for the year a/c the "Foreign Mission Fund" was £254/8/4, as follows,—Forwarded to the Federal Treasurer, £243; Purchase of Missionary Periodicals for distribution amongst the various churches, £3/10/-; Miscellaneous local expenditure, £7/18/4; Total,—£254/8/4.

During the last four years the churches of the Union, supplemented by their auxiliaries and personal donations, have contributed approximately £1,000, equal to £250 per annum.

We trust this small beginning will rapidly grow into a work of greater magnitude in the near future.

THOS. COLEBATCH,  
Treas., F. M. Com.

#### S.A. FOREIGN MISSION BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1905.

##### RECEIPTS.

To Balance in Hand June 30, 1904	..	£57	12	0½	
Contributions from—					
City and Suburban Churches—					
N. Adelaide & Prospect &					
Auxiliaries ..	..	£30	19	10	
Grote-st. & Auxiliaries ..	..	82	5	5	
Unley ..	..	16	4	9	
Norwood ..	..	12	3	0	
Hindmarsh ..	..	4	2	6	
			145	15	6
Country Churches (16)—					
Alma ..	..	4	0	9	
Balaklava ..	..	2	8	9	
Cottonville ..	..	0	8	3	
Glenelg ..	..	0	18	7	
Henley Beach..	..	1	11	9	
Kadina ..	..	0	10	0	
Lochiel ..	..	1	13	6	
Long Plains ..	..	3	0	0	
Mallala ..	..	3	10	0	
Milang ..	..	2	4	0	
Nantawarra ..	..	1	5	0	
Owen ..	..	3	17	0	
Port Pirie ..	..	0	16	6	
Queenstown ..	..	0	10	0	
Stirling East..	..	3	1	0	
Williamstown & Auxiliaries	..	3	4	6	

##### EXPENDITURE.

Cash Remitted to the Federal Treasurer,					
South Australia's Contribution to the					
Federal Foreign Missionary Fund	£243	0	0		
Charge for Use of Adelaide Town Hall for					
Conference Meeting ..	..	4	16	0	
Periodicals Purchased for Distribution					
amongst the Churches of the Union ..	..	3	10	0	
Stationery, Exchange on Drafts and					
Country Cheques ..	..	3	2	4	
Balance in Hand ..	..	32	2	10½	
			£286	11	2½

Aug., 1905.

THOS. COLEBATCH, Treas.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION REPORT.

It is with pleasure that we present this the fourteenth annual report of the S.S.U., which while not being as favorable as it might be, has in it some things to be thankful for. We sincerely trust that the teachers

and officers of our schools will be encouraged by our successes to make still greater efforts in the future to increase their usefulness, and be admonished by our failures and endeavor to correct them, so that the year upon which we are entering may be even more fruitful in every department of our work, and may redound to the glory of God and the salvation of the precious souls under our care.

We regret that owing to the failure on the part of some of the schools to respond to our enquiries, we are unable to present any tabulated statistics of our progress for the year; and would urge upon them the necessity of the schedules being in our hands in time, so that these particulars may be included in the report to be submitted to Conference.

The competition examination was fixed by your committee to take place on 16th June, the subject chosen being the lessons for April and May in the International lessons (excepting the fourth one), and the brethren in West Australia were requested to set the questions. Owing to an unaccountable mis-carriage of the request with the instructions, necessitating a renewal of our application to them, we were compelled to postpone the examination for a month, so that it was held on July 14th instead of June 16th. Consequently the results of the examination have been delayed, but we hope to announce the list of prize-takers at an early date.

The number of competitors this year was 273, as against 182 last year, showing a very large increase and we trust a greater interest in our work. We are under very great obligation to the West Australian brethren for setting the questions for us, and desire to tender them our sincere thanks.

Our third annual marine excursion was held on Saturday, Feb. 18, and proved a very great success both socially and financially. Nearly 350 teachers, scholars and friends availed themselves of it to enjoy a few hours on the sea. The weather being favorable, and the company sociable and musical, added much to the pleasure of the afternoon.

Your Committee decided to have a cantata on the S.S. night at the Conference this year, the arrangements for which were left in the hands of Mr. A. J. Gard, who is now training a combined choir of teachers and scholars, who no doubt will give the brethren and friends an enjoyable evening on that occasion.

The arrangements with the M.B. Depot for supplies have been extended, and all Schools in the Union are able to procure their Sunday School requisites at a considerable discount, besides assisting the Union, for which purpose special terms on the gross purchase by the Union are granted.

It is with very great regret we have to report that our esteemed secretary, Bro. Jackson, intends to vacate his office at the end of the year. We are greatly indebted to him for the able manner in which he has carried out his duties, and desire to tender to him our sincere thanks. We trust that he will continue to take an active interest in S.S. work, and that we may yet have the benefit of his experience and counsel in our executive meetings.

The annual social was, at the invitation of the N. Adelaide and Prospect Schools, held

in the Prospect chapel on Aug. 14. There was a splendid attendance and a good programme.

The election of officers for the year was held at the same time with the following result:—President, T. H. Brooker; Vice-President, F. Pittman; Secretary, W. Mathews; Assistant Secretary, W. Jackson; Treasurer, J. Fischer.

In conclusion, we would urge on all engaged in this work to thank God for the past and take courage for the future. His promises are the same to the end. He has been and will be faithful. If we do our part, his reward is sure. That we may do so and have very many souls for our hire is our sincere prayer.

T. H. BROOKER, Pres.  
W. MATHEWS, Sec.

### S.A. Home Missions.

The Committee, at date of writing, is nearly £100 behind. The Committee is desirous of enlarging, not narrowing the work, and of making the Tent Mission continuous and permanent. Larger offerings are needed. Let every member think and pray about this. Let every member answer the following:

"How much ought I to give towards this work?"

(a) If I give nothing, I practically cast a ballot in favor of no work being done.

(b) If I give the same as last year, I vote to have the work just hold its own.

(c) If I give more than last year, I favor a forward movement.

(d) If I give twice as much as before, I practically say that I want twice as much good done, twice as many souls saved."

Brother! sister! what shall the answer be? Don't wait a day, but send at once promise or cash. Dr. F. Magarey, North Terrace, Adelaide, is Treasurer.

### From the Field

*The field is the world.—Matt. 13 : 38*  
—O—

#### Queensland

BOONAH.—During the month of July we had six additions, five by faith and immersion, and one formerly immersed. Among these was a sister over seventy years of age. The meetings are very well attended.

Aug. 15.

W. G. ALCORN.

#### West Australia

BUNBURY.—Crowded gospel meetings. One confession at prayer meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 9.

Aug. 12.

T. H. S.

MENZIES.—Aug. 13, ten brethren broke bread with us. We took up a special offering for Home Missions, realising £2/3/6. May God richly bless his cause here.

Aug. 16.

K. M. CAMPBELL.



**SUBIACO.**—Sunday, 13th, Leo. Price, only son of Alan Price, made the good confession. H. J. Banks has accepted an engagement as evangelist for another two years. Church work is progressing. Successful cottage prayer meetings have been held in different parts of Subiaco. Good gatherings on Wednesday nights for prayer. Great interest is still maintained at the Saturday night open-air meetings, which have been kept going from the commencement, two years ago.

Aug. 15.

H.P.S.

**NORTH PERTH.**—At the baptismal service last Wednesday evening two young men confessed their faith in Christ, and were baptised straight away Aug. 13. All meetings were well attended. At the close of Bro. Cumming's address in the evening, one young man made the good confession.

Aug. 16.

S.M.

**COOLGARDIE.**—Gospel mission commenced here July 16th, and continued until Aug. 10, Thos. Hagger, State evangelist, being the preacher. Town Hall engaged for Sunday afternoon and night services; all other meetings held in chapel. Good audiences throughout. Keen interest shown. Many under conviction, but slow to surrender all to Christ. Special feature of mission was Sunday afternoon meetings, viz.:—(1) Meeting for men only; subject, "Australia's Dangers." (2) Meeting to injure liquor traffic; subject, "A Gigantic Octopus." (3) "Protestants' Present Day Needs." (4) Ladies only, subject, "A Woman's Adornment." These meetings were productive of large audiences, and thus helped our mission work. The brethren heartily co-operated with Bro. Hagger, who labored unceasingly, and presented our plea in a clear, unmistakable manner. Bro. Hagger considers that good results would accrue from consistent evangelistic effort in Coolgardie. Results of mission—7 by faith and obedience, 1 by restoration, 1 formerly immersed; total, 9.

Aug. 16.

J. B.

## Victoria

**TERANG.**—Meetings are all well attended. Bren. McArthur and Free take the gospel meetings alternately. The interest and attendance at these services are splendid. To-night we had a record attendance. A pleasing and hopeful feature is the large number of young men who regularly attend.

Aug. 27.

EDWIN RODGERS.

**N. CARLTON.**—The mission under Bren. Harward and Pittman was brought to a close on Sunday night last, when we had the largest attendance of any gospel meeting since we started the work here. Two young ladies made the good confession at the close of the meeting, making a total of ten for the mission. Our membership stands at present at 97.

Aug. 28.

J.M.H.

**BCHUCA.**—Our Junior and Senior C.E. societies met for a social evening on the 11th, and invited all church members and friends. A very large number attended, and a long programme and refreshments were much enjoyed. Since last report, one, baptised some time ago, has been received into the church. Splendid attendances at meetings yesterday, and we believe the results will soon be seen. We close our work here the end of this month.

Aug. 21.

J. W. PARSLAW.

## South Australia

**PROSPECT.**—Our meetings are keeping up well, quite a number being interested. We received 3 by

letter this morning, Sister McRea from Brim, Victoria, and Bro. and Sister Piller, from the church at Alma, S.A.

Aug. 20.

J.C.W.

**WILLIAMSTOWN.**—Last Lord's day morning two young women were received into fellowship. They were baptised on the evening of the 15th. At the close of the writer's address last Lord's day evening, another young girl made the good confession. We held our Foreign Mission Band meeting last Thursday evening. There were 21 members present. The offering amounted to 17/-. The more we love Christ, the more we will give to the Lord's work.

Aug. 25.

ERNEST G. WARREN.

**S.S. UNION.**—The annual social was held in the new chapel at Prospect on Aug. 14, about 250 teachers and friends being present. Musical items were given by the N. Adelaide and York schools. Miss Jarvis of York, and W. J. Manning of Grote-st., gave recitations. Addresses were given by the retiring president, J. W. Cosh, by the president elect, T. H. Brooker, and by J. C. F. Pittman. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, T. H. Brooker; vice-president, J. C. F. Pittman; secretary, W. Mathews; assistant secretary, W. Jackson; treasurer, J. Fischer. Bro. Brooker proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, especially eulogising the work of Bro. Jackson. Bro. Brooker also announced that a paper would be read at the Conference on "How Best to Retain the Senior Scholars in Our Schools," and asked the teachers to be prepared to discuss the subject. Refreshments were provided by the Prospect friends.

Aug. 18.

W. MATHEWS.

## New Zealand

**OAMARU.**—The church has lost several members who have left the district, Bro. Wickland and family having gone to Dunedin and M. Galt to Maitaia. Bro. Galt will be missed specially in the Sunday School, where he has taken a prominent part.

Aug. 18.

W.K.

## New South Wales

**ROOKWOOD.**—On Aug. 7, we had a splendid cottage meeting in Auburn at the home of Bro. and Sister Froud, there being 25 present. These meetings are creating a stir amongst the people around us, and we believe will be the means of bringing good congregations in the coming mission. Good meeting on Sunday. Bro. Browne gave a splendid address at the gospel service, and took the confession of faith from his daughter Nellie.

Aug. 14.

A. ALLEN.

**LISMORE.**—The visit of P. A. Davey was anticipated with pleasure, and was worked and prayed for. Nor were we disappointed. Every meeting, and we had four in two days; was well attended; in fact, each meeting seemed better than the last. The cause here has received a missionary impulse that will tell on ages, and tell for God. We thank Bro. Davey for coming, and the F.M. Committee for sending him. We more than paid all expenses, and will cherish the memory of his helpful addresses.

T.B.F.

**INVERELL.**—The members of the church of Christ here, having decided a short time ago to organise themselves for the furtherance of the cause, wrote to Bro. Winter, of Inglewood, Moree, asking him if he

would come and assist them on Lord's day, Aug. 20. He promptly accepted the invitation, bringing with him Sisters Winter, Hadson and their daughters. On Lord's day morning 22 Christians met together at Sister Harding's senr. (late of South Australia), to commemorate our Lord's death. Bro. Winter presided and exhorted the church. Bro. Uren also spoke. The brethren wishing to have everything in order, appointed elders, deacons, etc., thus putting the church in working order. We were delighted and greatly edified at the exhortations of our venerable Bro. Winter, and we all feel deeply grateful to him for coming so far to assist and further the cause here. We commence with 18, and if the meeting is to be taken as a good augury for its future, then with God's blessing and approval a strong church should be the outcome. Although we have a fair membership to start, they are not all bread winners. I would therefore appeal to the brethren through the Commonwealth to assist us with a donation for the purpose of building a suitable place to preach the gospel in. I do not think they will regret helping, as the probabilities are that we shall be able in the not far distant to give our mite towards helping another cause in the same position as ourselves. If the brethren are inclined to assist, donations may be sent to me and will be duly acknowledged through the CHRISTIAN. We are in rather a bad position, as we cannot secure a place to preach in, therefore must try and build.

Aug. 21.

H. E. TEWKSBURY.

**PADDINGTON.**—On Tuesday evening, Aug. 15, a complimentary tea meeting was tendered to Bro. and Sister Bagley, our departing evangelist and his wife. The meeting was splendidly attended, and was in every way a fitting termination to the work of Bro. Bagley at Paddington. Short addresses were given by G. T. Walden, P. A. Dickson, A. E. Illingworth and James Hunter, each of whom referred to the great work accomplished by Bro. Bagley, and wished him God-speed in his new sphere of labor as State evangelist. When Bro. Bagley was first placed here by the N.S.W. Conference Committee, there were about 30 members, and the meetings were held in the Oddfellows' Hall. God prospered his ministry, and within 2 years the church was self-supporting, and had released the Conference from further liability. The membership now is considerably over 300. During his service a substantial two-storied building has been erected. Bro. Walden referred to it as a monument to the energy and wholeheartedness of Bro. Bagley, and remarked that it was a splendid record to come to a small mission church and after seven years leave it one of the strong churches of Australia. G. P. Jones (chairman), on behalf of the members, presented Mr. Bagley with an illuminated address and a purse containing £15/10/-. Mr. Bagley in responding thanked the church for their gift, and said the years he had spent at Paddington were very happy ones. The brethren had always extended him hearty support and ready sympathy, and he felt very much the parting. He prayed that God would abundantly bless the work of the church in the future, and that through our new evangelist, Mr. Hagger, very many souls might be won for Christ. Anthems by the choir, a duet by Messrs. Reimenschneider and Whately, recitations by Messrs. Poole and Bagley, and solos by Miss Fancourt, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Reg. Reimenschneider, formed the lighter part of the programme. The illuminated address was the work of one of our young members, Mr. S. Goddard, and was prompted by his kindness of heart and his great love for Mr. Bagley.

R. K. WHATELY



## Here and There

*Here a little, there a little.—Isaiah 28:10*

Three confessions at Enmore on Sunday night.

There was one baptism at Horsham on Aug. 24.

A mission starts a Maylands (W. A.) on Sept. 10.

There was one confession at Williamstown, Vic., on Sunday evening last.

A lot of church news and other matter held over till next week.

J. Greenhill's address is now c/o Mrs Griffen, White Horse-rd., Box Hill, Vic.

The N.S.W. Bible School Union Treasurer is S. Trigione, 47 Pitt-st., Redfern, Sydney.

Three scholars from the Sunday School confessed Christ at Footscray last Sunday night.

Wm. Wilson, P. O., Box 5184, Johannesburg, South Africa, is now the secretary of the church in that city.

Point Sturt church, S.A., will celebrate its jubilee on October 15 and 17 by holding special meetings and a public tea.

W. Moffit, of Moonta, S.A., expects to take up the preaching work in Launceston, Tasmania, about the end of September.

A Subscriber asks: "Were the twelve apostles immersed? if so, by whom?" We have no record of the apostles' baptism.

Kalgoorlie (W.A.) mission commenced on Aug. 15th with good meetings. Bro. McCrackett took his first confession there the previous Lord's day.

The Treasurer of East Suburban Tent Fund acknowledges with thanks the receipt of 10/- from church at Blackburn, and 3/- from H. G. Payne, Sth. Richmond.

A. E. Fairbrother, of Palmerston North, N.Z., reports that they now have eleven members meeting in that place, and that they have pleasant and enjoyable gatherings.

We understand that Bro. Ewers' engagement with the church in Lake-st., Perth, terminates at the end of this year, when he will be open to engage in labors elsewhere.

The church at Rookwood, N.S.W., is about to start a mission, with A. E. Illingworth as preacher. They ask the brethren everywhere to become interested in the same.

We are sorry to state that Sister H. D. Smith died at her home in Doncaster last Monday morning. We are sure that all our readers will join in sympathy with Bro. Smith in this his great loss.

The S.A. Home Mission Committee thank those churches who have given special offerings to H.M. work, and urge those who have not done so to try and assist in like manner, as soon as possible.

John Orr, of Tasmania, who has left for a three years' course in Oxford University, has promised to send us a letter occasionally for the CHRISTIAN. He will write about things of general interest to our readers.

John Sherriff, writing from Bulawayo, South Africa, says:—"Last Lord's day, four baptisms, eight native confessions, and one white lady decided to obey the Lord. All's well, but an evangelistic missionary is wanted."

Will all those owing the Austral Publishing Co. for the "Christian" or other things please remember that we are looking to them to enable us to pay our accounts from week to week. Please pay.

To most of our agents in South Australia we are sending this week a few extra copies of the CHRISTIAN. This is being done at the request of the South Australian Home Mission Committee, that those who do not take the paper may be informed on Home Mission matters.

"Coolgardie (W.A.) mission was brought to a close on August 10th with a thanksgiving rally, at which J. Burt, D. McCrackett, T. Argus and Thos. Hagger gave addresses. There was a fine attendance. The brethren gave £6/15/6 as a thankoffering to Home Missions."

Bro. James, our Chinese evangelist, leaves next week for Adelaide, where he expects to labor for a time amongst his countrymen in that city. During the past six months there have been six Chinese baptised in Melbourne. The Chinese brethren gave Bro. James a farewell social last week.

R. J. Clow, preacher for the churches at Alma and Balaklava, S.A., is about to relinquish work in those districts, and has accepted an engagement in Victoria. Bro. Clow has done good work in the northern districts of S.A. The S.A. Evangelistic Committee wish him every success in his new field of labor.

"A week of special prayer was ushered in on Lord's day evening week with a special address by F. W. Greenwood at Hawthorn, "Does God answer Prayer?" and his own reply was so forcible and satisfying that great blessings are anticipated from the many earnest prayers offered up at the week-night services.—W.P."

S. Wong, of Sydney, is at present in Melbourne, having come over on a deputation to the Prime Minister on the opium traffic. On Thursday evening last the brethren of the Chinese church in Queensberry-st., Carlton, gave Bro. and Sister Wong a social. Bro. Wong has lately been elected a deacon in the church at Campbell-st., Sydney.

H. P. Leng writes from Narracoorte, S.A.: "The mission is now entering on its fourth week. The weather is very wet and rough for tent work. Still, the interest is good. The visible results so far have been five confessions and one restored, with many others interested. We thank God and take courage, and trust that many others may be added to the saved ere the mission closes."

### FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

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There are schools with histories of nothing but successes, and others that have survived under difficulties. The Prahran school has had its ups and downs, prosperity and adversity. To-day mediocrity describes it, but under its present management, and staff, it is on the up-grade. E. F. Ryall is the superintendent, R. Pittman secretary. Aug. 27 there were present 145 scholars and 17 teachers. A morning school is held; boys' and girls' clubs; scholars' socials periodically. Curtains on brass rods, separating each class, are a great improvement, shutting out sight and sound, helping the teacher materially.—B. J. K., S.S.U. visitor.

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### Coming Events.

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J. O. HART.

SEPTEMBER 18.—S.S. Union. Teachers' Social in the Christian Chapel, Lygon-st. Reserve this date.

J. Y. POTTS, Hon. Sec.

SEPT. 19.—A Service of Song entitled "He Careth for Thee" will be rendered by the Brunswick Choir in the Chapel, Glenlyon-rd. Connective Readings by J. G. Barrett, Esq. Leader, J. H. Barnden. Tickets, Sixpence.

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### MARRIAGE.


WILLIAMS—McCALLUM.—On July 19, at the residence of the bride's parents, Kaniva, by Mr. H. P. Leng, Richard M., third son of C. Williams, Sandmere, to Elizabeth Adeline, eldest daughter of J. McCallum, Kaniva, Victoria.

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## The Great Surrender.

Topic for September 17.

### SUGGESTED SUBJECTS AND READINGS.

The surrender of self-will	... Luke 22: 39-42
Of self-dependence	... Prov. 3: 1-7
Of vengeance	... Rom. 12: 16-20
Of ambition	... Gal. 1: 10-17
The great refusal	... Matt. 19: 16-22
The great example	... 1 Pet. 3: 17-22
Topic.—The great surrender	... Acts 9: 1-22
	Rom. 6: 16-23

THAT great surrender of Saul of Tarsus—the change from Saul to Paul—is one of the strong evidences for Christianity. Why did he give up so much? His own answer is the only tenable one. It was the story of Paul's conversion that conquered the scepticism of Lord Lyttleton. He and his friend Gilbert West had selected two things for hostile criticism—West the resurrection of Jesus and Lord Lyttleton the conversion of Paul. "At the end they came together, not as they expected, to exult over an imposture exposed, but to lament their own folly, and to congratulate each other that they had satisfied themselves, and could evidence to others that the Bible was the Word of God."

Consider what Paul gave up for Christ. Everything. Read Phil. 3: 4-11. In one sense Paul gave up no more than other disciples who left their nets; each gave his all, but intrinsically Paul had much more to leave. What we like about the apostle's great renunciation is that he was not overwhelmed by a sense of his own self-sacrificing disposition. Paul believed he gained infinitely by the surrender. The merchant who gave all his pearls for the one of great price was certainly no poorer after the transaction. There is a gain in losing. Livingstone we remember reckoned he never made a sacrifice for Christ; the compensation was so great.

Think of some of the terms used by Paul to describe his submission to Jesus. He loved to call himself the slave of Christ—belonging to him, wholly subject to his will. He had been "apprehended" of Jesus Christ. He was "branded." Christ had led him in triumph—just as when a Roman general celebrating his "triumph" had by his chariot walking, in chains, those of his enemies whose lives had been spared partly to grace his triumph and shew forth the greatness of his victories. "Whose I am, whom I serve," might well be taken as Paul's life motto.

Of Paul's turning, J. T. L. Maggs well says: "Such a conversion is an ideal after which we ought to strive. Its miraculous accompaniments may never be repeated, but there are points in which it may be the lot of all Christ's people. The spirit of this spiritual crisis may be reproduced in us, we may be branded with the marks of Jesus. Some may even bear in the body the evidence of some eventful hour, or the scars of some perilous service. But spiritually all may become the branded servants of Jesus. His absolute lordship ought to

be recognised. To him and his service we ought individually to be surrendered, by vows that cannot be revoked. This indelible consecration we ought each to experience. Conversion is not a process to be often repeated—a state now vanishing, and again reappearing; it should be the immovable foundation upon which a superstructure of grace is ever being raised."

Obedience to the heavenly vision marked the beginning of a surrendered life. Paul's surrender was not an act merely. "As a line is made up of a number of dots," says F. B. Meyer, "every Christian life is made up of a number of surrenders to God." Paul at the end was no less willing to submit to Christ than at the beginning. Happy is he who can "ratify and confirm the great surrender; who, having for Christ's sake surrendered all, and reckoned all loss, can pass through the discipline of life, through all that Christ's service may have involved, and yet in the end can say with Paul, 'Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss.' How many have failed after the renunciation! In how many eyes have the 'gains,' which once were counted loss, regained their value, until the great renunciation has been itself renounced!" Let it be otherwise with us:

"High heaven that heard the solemn vow,  
That vow renewed shall daily hear,  
Till in life's latest hour I bow,  
And bless in death a bond so dear."

Paul was faithful unto the end. Read 2 Tim. 4: 6.

"Look in, and see Christ's chosen saint  
In triumph wear his Christ-like chain;  
No fear lest he should swerve or faint:  
His life is Christ, his death is gain."

Before to die is gain, to live must be Christ. The cross comes before the crown. The great renunciation must be made, gains must be counted as loss.

"But if there be, who follows Paul  
As Paul his Lord, in life and death,  
Where'er an aching heart may call,  
Ready to speed and take no breath.

Whose joy is to the wandering sheep  
To tell of the great Shepherd's love;  
To learn of mourners when they weep  
The music that makes mirth above:

Who makes the Saviour all his theme,  
The gospel all his pride and praise,—  
Approach: for thou canst feel the gleam  
That round the martyr's death-bed plays."

### Spiritual Phonographs.

Several years since, Colonel Gourrand, of London, invited three famous men to utter a brief message to the world through his phonograph, with the understanding that they were not to be repeated till their authors were dead. These men were William E. Gladstone, Lord Tennyson and Cardinal Manning.

About two years after the death of the Cardinal a select and distinguished company was invited to hear the solemn message from the grave. Every face was pale and every heart was peculiarly im-

pressed with the solemnity of the time and place, when they were to actually hear a voice from the dead. And when all was silent and hushed as the tomb, the faithful phonograph slowly repeated these words: "I hope that no word of mine, written or spoken in my life, will be found to have done harm when I am dead."

Are we not all speaking by word and deed in phonographs which will faithfully repeat our message, both while we live, and after we are dead? Abel is not the only one who, though dead, "yet speaketh." All the dead speak. How many who read these words can now hear the sweet tones of a mother's voice, and yet that mother has long since gone home to God? How many can hear a father's manly counsel, even though the lips which uttered it have for years been hushed in death? How many can hear the innocent prattle of a child which is now safe in the arms of the child-loving Saviour? And how these messages still move our hearts and mould our lives. Heaven help us to remember that though our bodies die, our influence lives; and that it lives for good or for evil, for the making or the marring of men. Longfellow never wrote anything truer, or more important than these beautiful words:

"I shot an arrow into the air,  
It fell to earth, I knew not where;  
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight  
Could not follow it in its flight.

"I breathed a song into the air,  
It fell to earth, I knew not where;  
For who has sight so keen and strong,  
That it can follow the flight of song?

"Long, long afterward, in an oak  
I found the arrow, still unbroke;  
And the song, from beginning to end,  
I found again in the heart of a friend."

—M. M. Davis.

### Convinced by Cheerfulness.

In the neighborhood of a church which I once served as pastor there resided a very brilliant and wealthy young physician. He himself was not a Christian, indeed, had the reputation of being an agnostic; and, as the other members of his family belonged to another congregation, I did not come into any close touch with him. For four years I met him on the street nearly every day, and spoke to him, and, as we came to know each other's faces better, often waved my hand to him or threw after him a laughing word of greeting.

I moved away to a distant part of the city to become pastor of another church. About a year later I received a letter from this man's wife, telling me that the doctor was ill, that his life was despaired of, and that he greatly desired that I should come and talk with him. I was very much surprised, and went at once to see him.

He said to me: "You may be astonished that I wanted you to come when we have known each other so little. But," said he, "I have seen you almost every day for four years, and your cheerful smile and hopeful look never failed once. I came to believe absolutely in your religion because you were always cheerful. I have doubted everything; but now, as I get near the end, I feel as if I want the religion that has made you so cheerful."

I was able, by God's grace, to point him the way into that religion, and after several happy and cheerful weeks, in spite of pain, his end was peace.

—L. A. Banks.



# The State for Christ. \* B. W. Huntsman.

The divine order of Christ in sending out the apostles was that they were to begin at the capital city of Jerusalem, then to preach in the surrounding country of Judea; afterwards in the districts of Samaria, containing a mixed race; and finally the gospel was to be taken to the remotest parts of the earth. This system of evangelisation was thoroughly carried out by the apostles. In their missionary tours they visited first the synagogues and preached to the men of their own nationality. It was when the Jews rejected the gospel and persecuted the church that the disciples turned their attention to the conversion of the heathen, but the point to be noticed is that, in the programme of Christ, State work came first. Jesus himself had set the example for this. "He came unto his own," even though they did not receive him as a nation. The children of Israel must first be fed. And when the man possessed with many demons had been healed, he besought Jesus that he might be with him, and he suffered him not, but said unto him, "Go to thy house, unto thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."

State missions lie at the foundation of all other missions. The fascinating and much beloved work of foreign missions can only be maintained and carried forward by strengthening the local work. If the home work languishes, the larger enterprises are bound to suffer. Every vigorous and progressive congregation formed in the State field is an additional help and inspiration to every department of work for Jesus Christ. Every pound put into well directed State work is money well invested, and will pay large returns to every form of Christian activity. State work is the rock upon which is built the lighthouse of missionary enterprise, from which the light of the gospel shines across the waters of sin and error.

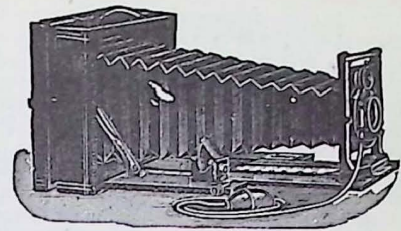
State missions also form one of the very best means of successfully meeting present day social evils. There are many pressing problems in our modern life, and the question is, How are they to be solved? The spirit of gambling, the great evil of intemperance, the hindrance of a divided church. How shall they be overcome? Legislation has its part in the suppression of evils, but many times it is most disappointing and sometimes harmful. Culture has a large

place in moral development, the value of education cannot be over estimated, but by itself it is most incomplete. The home has a tremendous influence for good, but in many cases this sacred institution is abused, so we come to this fact, that the most perfect remedy for all forms of evil is the simple gospel of Jesus Christ. This is God's great power unto salvation. Paul was not ashamed of it. In voluptuous Corinth, he "determined to know nothing, save Jesus Christ and him crucified." Nothing will so perfectly reform the State, transform the family and save the individual as the message of the gospel. With this the apostles met the shallowness and formality of Judaism, with this they faced the culture of Greece, where religion was not only idolatrous but saturated with immorality, with this they entered imperial Rome, where every form of vice was mingled with abundant wealth and military power. But in every place the gospel won its way. To the banner of the cross men everywhere rallied and enlisted in the service of our King. And that same gospel has lost none of its primitive powers. Our State needs it and can be saved by it, as were the nations of the past. It is folly to wait in idleness for legislative or even educational reform; the quickest and surest way to save the State is to bring to the hearts and consciences of the people the simple gospel of Christ. In this sunny land of South Australia with all its history of religious teaching and influence there is still "much land to be possessed" by the primitive gospel. Growing towns and thickly populated suburbs are untouched with our message. Our advantageous position as a people increases our responsibility: we have been blessed with great privileges and a large amount of freedom, we have ever come to the fountain head of divine truth, we have not been hampered by systems of theology or tests of faith, and we have made large claims for ourselves, therefore we ought to

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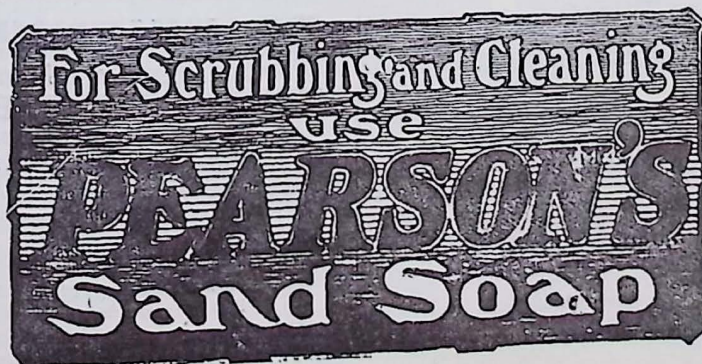
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Now, what shall the answer be? We as a Union want you to say, The Lord's day School; and if you say that, we want your prayers, sympathy, and practical help. We specially want the members of the church who may be scattered in the country districts to start a Lord's day School. Too often some ten or twenty or less members located in a country town send an appeal to the Home Mission Committee for an evangelist, to preach the gospel in their district. We say to any who may read this, One step at a time; first meet for breaking of break, prayer and mutual edification; second, start a Lord's day School; if you only start with a few, do so. Some may say, "But you do not know the difficulty in the country." We can only say, Have you tried to overcome that difficulty, or is it not one of imagination? If any members in the country districts of N.S.W. are desirous of doing as we suggest, any information we can give or get for them, or any matter we are able to attend to, just write to us enclosing stamp for reply, and we would do our best to help you.

Now, who will be the first of our isolated members in N.S.W. to set a good example by starting a Lord's day School? Watch the N.S.W. items each week for report.

R. STEER, Sec.

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## West Australian Letter

D. A. Ewers

At last Conference the Executive was instructed to invite churches to send sisters to hold a meeting with them, with a view to the organisation of a Sisters' Conference if deemed desirable. I am informed that two meetings have been held, and at the last officers were appointed *pro tem* and arrangements made to call a West Australian Sisters' Conference on the Wednesday before Good Friday next year.

Claremont is midway between Perth and Fremantle, and six miles from either, a flourishing suburb on the Swan river, and destined to become a great place. For some time we have had a few brethren residing in the district, and recently after a conference with the officers of the Subiaco church they decided to organise. They have secured the Municipal Hall for Sundays, and one other night weekly, and Bro. Banks will formally organise the church there next Lord's day, the 20th. Bro. Price preaches that night. J. Inverarity is secretary, and Bro. Brockway, the town clerk, treasurer. I believe there are over a dozen members in the locality, and there should be a good future. This makes the tenth church within the Metropolitan area, from Fremantle to Midland Junction. Four years ago, when I came, there were but three. The work is of God.

I hear the church at Subiaco has decided to borrow the money and finish its building. This means a porch in front, and vestries at the back, and the total cost will be about £200. Bro. Banks has consented to remain with them for two years after the termination of his present engagement, which lasts until the end of the year.

The work in most of our churches about Perth is rather quiet so far as conversions are concerned, the exception being N. Perth. The work there has been booming ever since Bro. Hagger's mission. Quite a number of young men and women have confessed Christ under Bro. Cumming's preaching. Last week three were baptised, and another this week.

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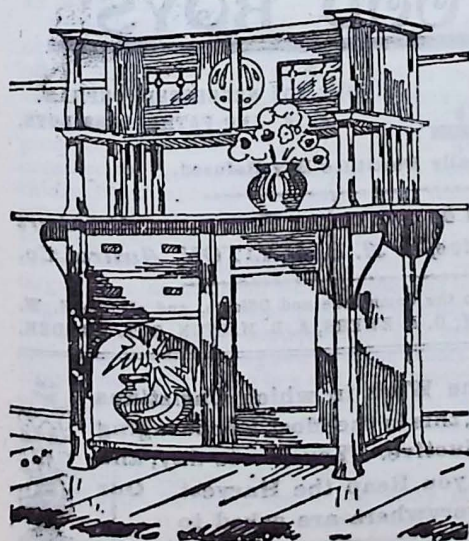
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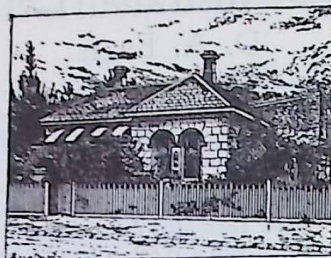
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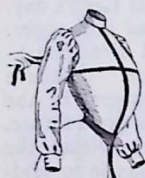


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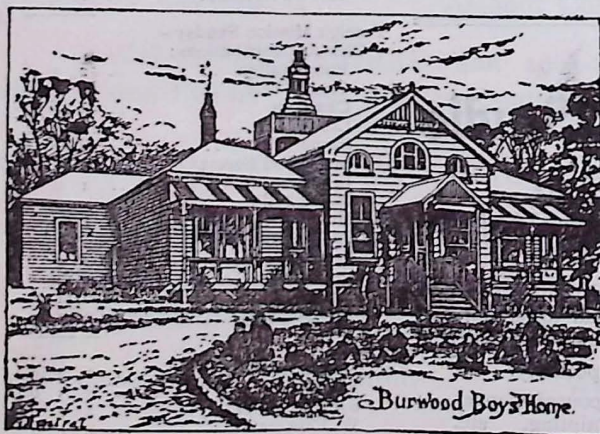
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