

New South Wales 25th Annual Conference.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS.

Tuesday, March 22nd.

Sisters' Auxiliary Conference.

Morning, at 10.30. Afternoon at 2. Evening at 7.30.

Wednesday, March 23rd.

C.E. Rally.

Thursday, March 24th.

Temperance and No License Demonstration.

Friday, March 25th.

9.30 a.m. General Conference.

(Lunch and Tea provided at 6d. each meal.)

7.45 p.m. Great Home Mission Demonstration.

Saturday, March 26th.

10 a.m. General Conference.

In City Temple, Campbell-st., Sydney.

7.30 p.m. Bible Schools Demonstration.

Sunday, March 27th.

3 p.m. Conference Sermon.

In City Temple, Campbell-st., Sydney.

Preacher: J. J. Franklyn.

Subject: "Are We Up to the Standard?"

Monday, March 28th.

Picnic at Parramatta Park.

8 p.m. Lantern Lecture by Thos. Hagger.
"The Divine Plea and Pleaders in Other Lands."

Tuesday, March 29th.

Foreign Missionary Rally.

Where not otherwise indicated, the meetings will be held in the Tabernacle, Metropolitan-rd., Enmore.

Executive and Home Missionary Committees' Report.

In the good providence of our heavenly Father we are permitted once more to gather in annual Conference, the 25th such gathering in this State. The reports presented cover the period March 1, 1909, to Feb. 28, 1910.

I. SISTERS' AUXILIARY CONFERENCE.

As in former years, the Sisters' Conference has co-operated with us in the work in many ways. We desire to place on record our great appreciation of their work. By special collecting they have this year handed to the Home Mission

Fund the sum of £13/15/1; besides which, the sum of £12/3/11 was cleared out of the Home Mission tea held in Sept., which the sisters managed. The collecting results show £2/7/9 more than those of last year.

II. NEW CHURCHES.

This year we have pleasure in receiving applications from two churches for admission into this co-operation; the one at Casino has been organised by Bro. Carl L. Peterson, and that at Killabakh by Bro. W. J. Williams.

III. STATISTICS.

Our statistical schedule shows 33 churches, and these report the following additions: By faith and baptism 322, by letter 183, as baptised believers 85, by restoration 12. The losses have been: By letter 149, by death 21, by discipline and revision of roll 238. The present combined membership, including 81 isolated brethren whose names are not on the roll of any N.S.W. church, is 4011. The increase for the year is 196. Of these 33 churches 18 have buildings of their own. There are 25 Bible Schools with a total of 237 teachers and 2440 scholars: an increase of 4 teachers, and a decrease of 111 scholars. There have been 69 additions to the churches from the ranks of the scholars.

IV. FINANCIAL.

The total receipts for the year have been £1000/5/1, the expenditure £925/11/5. The debit balance stands at £58/11/-, as against £133/4/8 last year. The receipts this year are £161/3/6 less than those of last year, but during the greater part of last year the churches on the Manning River supported their evangelist through this Committee, the church at Marrickville for six months paid in at the rate of £2 per week towards the support of the preacher there, and the church at Hurstville contributed £1 per week for 3 months to sustain a preacher in that district. In addition to this the Richmond-Tweed Rivers District Committee has received the sum of £46/13/7, which Committee had no existence in previous years. When all these things are considered, the past year proves to be a better one financially than any that have gone before.

V. CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS.

The Australian celebrations were held in Sydney at the conclusion of our last Conference, and were a great success: they brought the cause more prominently before the public of our State.

We would thank our brethren from the other States for their presence and help on that occasion. In America, celebrations were held at Pittsburg in October last, when between 40,000 and 50,000 brethren were in attendance: Australia was represented by some 14 brothers and sisters, three of whom went from N.S.W.

VI. FEDERAL CONFERENCE.

The sixth Federal Conference will meet in Adelaide in September next. Your incoming Committee will have as one of its duties to provide for the official representation of N.S.W. on that occasion. But it is hoped that many beside the delegates will go over for the gatherings.

VII. ISOLATED BRETHERN.

A list of such has been kept by the Organising Secretary again this year. Immediately after last Conference a circular letter was sent to all on the list, and those who replied to that have had personal letters sent. There are now 310 names on the roll, of whom 81 are not in membership with any N.S.W. church. Altogether 260 letters have been sent out. Isolated brethren have contributed £46/2/- directly to Home Missions, and other amounts have been received through the respective churches. Meetings to break the memorial loaf are held at Dubbo, Mulgoa, Hornsby, Albury, and Moulamien; at the two latter places Lord's day Schools are also conducted which have 34 and 22 scholars respectively. The example of the brethren in these five places is one that we would commend to the believers scattered abroad everywhere. At Hornsby a contract has been let for a neat brick chapel, and next year we may hope to formally receive the Hornsby church into the co-operation.

VIII. LITERATURE SALES.

Throughout the year these have been under the supervision of Bro. F. J. Burcher, to whom the thanks of the Conference are due. In October last an arrangement was made with Messrs. Morton and De Plater by which the stock is kept on their premises, and they are authorised to make sales. This is proving a great convenience to brethren, and some little of our literature is being disposed of to those outside, over the counter. The sales for the year have amounted to £34/14/9, an increase on the previous year's transactions to the extent of £4/7/11. At present there is a fair stock of our publications on hand, and the members of the various churches are urged to purchase and circulate.

IX. CONFERENCE BUILDING FUND.

The sub-committee to deal with this matter was appointed immediately after last Conference, and consisted of Bros. L. Rossell (Sec.), G. Arnott and G. T. Walden. The sum of £40 has been collected, and one church has been assisted to secure a suitable block of land. There are several churches requiring funds for buildings but the amount in hand is too small to be of much assistance, and we desire the brethren to make an effort to raise a sufficient amount during this year to enable the Committee to assist those requiring a building. One of the great difficulties in spreading the gospel is the want of suitable buildings in suitable localities. Churches can help us by taking up a special collection each year for this fund. Individual members can help by gifts of money, or by loans without interest, or by loans at a small interest, also when making a will by remembering this fund. Who will help?

X. HOME MISSION RALLY TEA.

This has been an annual event. The one for the past year was held at the City Temple, Sydney, on Sept. 14, when a goodly number sat down to tea, and the after meeting was addressed by Bros. S. G. Griffith, Chas. Watt, and A. E. Illingworth. The H.M. Fund benefited to the extent of £62/11/4½ in cash and promises.

XI. SEMI-JUBILEE.

This is the 25th annual Conference in N.S.W., and so this year is the semi-jubilee year of our co-operation for evangelistic purposes. During those years 5435 penitent believers in the Christ have been baptised, and the membership has increased from 625 to 4013. Truly the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Should we not put forth more enthusiastic efforts during the incoming year, both as an evidence of our thankfulness for past blessings, and our full confidence in the power of the plea we are urging?

XII. HOME MISSION FIELDS & WORK.

(a) *North Sydney*.—The cause in this suburb is on the upgrade, the church becoming more stable under the splendid efforts of Bro. J. Colbourne, in conjunction with the local brethren. The church now contributes 25/- per week towards the evangelist's support, an increase of 5/- per week. In addition to his work here, Bro. Colbourne has conducted a short mission at Erskineville, spent one week at Merewether, paid a visit of three weeks' duration to the Wagga-Junee district, and has helped the cause at Mosman one evening in each week; he has delivered 136 addresses, not including Bible studies, during the year, and the additions have been by faith and baptism 21 (of whom 14 were in the mission held by the State Evangelist), and 1 by restoration. Total, 22.

(b) *Erskineville*.—Bro. H. G. Payne, in co-operation with the church, has done fine work during the past year. The membership roll represents the effective strength of the church. An effort is being made to secure land for a building—a rather difficult thing in such a crowded neighborhood. The church contributes £2 per week towards the support of the evangelist. Bro. Payne has delivered 218 addresses, and the additions have been by faith and baptism, 18 (11 of whom were during the mission conducted by Bro. Colbourne), 5 as baptised believers, and 5

by restoration. Total, 28. Excellent service was also rendered by Bro. Payne as Organising Secretary during Bro. Hagger's absence from Australia.

(c) *Belmore*.—The outlook for the work here is brighter; the persistent work of Bro. G. H. Browne, the evangelist, and that of the faithful local brethren is beginning to tell. The church has an excellent Lord's day School, and so the future is assured. The sum of 25/- per week is contributed towards the evangelist's support. Bro. Browne has delivered 212 addresses, and the additions have been 6 by faith and baptism, 2 as baptised believers, and 2 restored. Total, 10.

(d) *Moree*.—Bro. E. J. Waters terminated his period of labor in this district soon after last Conference, he having accepted an engagement with the church at Inverell. For several months the field was occupied by Bro. J. Collins from Victoria, but he eventually decided to return to business life. Recently Bro. G. T. Walden visited the district, with the result that the Committee, acting for the church, has invited a brother to take up the work. He will commence, it is hoped, at an early date, and will be wholly supported by the brethren in the district.

(e) *Wagga-Junee-Marrar*.—Bro. W. B. Hayes continued as evangelist in this district till December 12, on which date he resigned. Since then the field has without an evangelist, but the Committee has been negotiating with a view to secure a brother: Bros. J. H. Wilkins and G. Birrell are holding the fort meanwhile. Wagga church promises to contribute 10/- per week to support of preacher. A tent mission will be held at Junee immediately after Conference, towards which the local church promises £30. Prospects are bright for the erection of a chapel at Marrar, one brother having offered the land and £25, and another brother having promised £25. During Bro. Hayes' term of service he delivered 169 addresses, and the additions were 9 by faith and baptism and 2 as baptised believers. Total, 11.

(f) *Auburn*.—Bro. S. H. Mudge commenced work in this place at the beginning of last May. The meetings are large and enthusiastic, and there appears to be a great future before the church. Auburn receives a subsidy of 5/- per week. Bro. Mudge has also assisted the church at Canley Vale by conducting a mission, and by a visit there each Thursday evening during the prolonged illness of Bro. Wooster. Bro. Mudge has delivered 155 addresses (not including Bible studies), and there have been since he took up work 11 additions by faith and baptism, 8 at Auburn, and 3 at Canley Vale.

(g) *Mosman*.—For the greater part of the year this church was supplied with preachers for the Sunday evening gospel services, and Bro. J. Colbourne conducted a week-evening meeting for Bible study. A tent mission has just closed, which resulted in 31 confessions and the addition of 4 baptised believers; of the 31 who confessed Christ, 22 have been or will be received into fellowship, and the remaining 9 are doubtful. Bro. Geo. D. Verco will have entered upon his labors with the church before the assembling of Conference, the Home Mission Fund finding a subsidy of £1 per week towards his support. Additions for the year: By faith and baptism, 19, as baptised believers 9, by restoration 1. Total, 29.

(h) *Richmond and Tweed Rivers*.—At last Conference it was reported that the brethren on

these rivers had promised 30/- per week towards the support of an evangelist to labor outside Lismore. We are glad to say that the brother, Carl L. Peterson, commenced work on Jan. 1, towards whose support we are paying a subsidy of 10/- per week. The church at Lismore is showing in this a splendid missionary spirit, as her members have contributed £21/8/- of the total amount received by the District Committee, and that in addition to the amount sent to our fund. A church has been organised at Casino, and we look for good results shortly.

(i) *Hurstville and Tuggerah Lakes*.—These churches have been supplied with preachers for gospel services throughout the year; to the brethren who voluntarily labor in such places the thanks of the Conference are due. Hurstville reports 2 additions by faith and baptism. It will be good when an evangelist can be located there. The brethren who have preached at Tuggerah have been drawn from Merewether as well as Sydney; it would be well to organise a circuit to include Tuggerah and put an evangelist at work therein.

(j) *State Evangelist and Organising Secretary*.—From March 1 to June 9 Bro. Thos. Hagger labored in this dual capacity, when in addition to the office work, he labored as evangelist at Auburn and North Sydney. The work was resumed by him on Jan. 16, since when he has been in the tent mission at Mosman. During the 4 months and 24 days of his work with the Committee he delivered 134 addresses, and the additions have been by faith and baptism 56, as baptised believers 11, by restoration 1. Total, 68. During Bro. Hagger's absence in Great Britain and America, Bro. H. G. Payne did the work of Organising Secretary, and did it well. Through the year the sum of £536/8/2 passed through the hands of these brethren, and hundreds of letters were written.

(k) *Summary of Additions*.—The year's H.M. work has resulted in 112 additions by faith and baptism, 25 as baptised believers, and 9 by restoration. Total, 146. The net increase in membership at those places helped through your Committee has been 152.

XIII. FUTURE WORK.

The retiring Committee feels that a forward movement should be inaugurated this year to fittingly enter upon the second quarter of a century of our co-operation, and therefore recommends:—

1. That we ask the churches for 25,000 shillings this year for N.S.W. Home Missions.
2. That the work be continued at North Sydney, Erskineville, Belmore, and Wagga.
3. That subsidies be continued to Auburn, Mosman, and Richmond-Tweed Rivers.
4. That as the past year's experience justifies the altered policy, future assistance from the Home Mission Fund, wherever practicable, be in the form of a subsidy.
5. That an effort be made to locate an evangelist at Junee to work that place and Marrar and gradually extend in the surrounding district.
6. That the claims of the Richmond-Tweed Rivers to the services of another evangelist be well considered by the incoming Committee.
7. That the incoming Committee consider the possibility of establishing the cause in some of our Western towns.

N.S.W. STATISTICAL REGISTER, 1910.

LOCATION OF CHURCH	Membership, March 1, 1909.	Church Additions				Church Losses				Increase.	Decrease.	Bible School.				Church Additions from Bible School.	Seating Capacity of Meeting House.	Isolated Members on Church Roll.	EVANGELIST.	Home Mission Contributions, including Individual Gifts. (1)	Foreign Mission Contributions, including Individual Gifts.	Amount Raised for all Purposes.
		Faith and Baptism.	Letter.	Baptised Believers.	Restored.	Letter.	Death.	Discipline and Revision of Roll.	Membership, Feb. 28, 1910			Teachers, March 1, 1909	Scholars, March 1, 1909	Teachers, Feb. 28, 1910	Scholars, Feb. 28, 1910							
1 Auburn ..	62	39	21	9		4	1	26	100	38		4	41	8	101		250	1	S. H. Mudge	22 0 6	6 2 4	235 12 7
2 Bangalow (7) ..	6								6										C. L. Peterson	2 6	2 6	
3 Belmore ..	103	6	10	2	2	3		27	93		10	14	218	16	221	2	150	10	G. H. Browne	8 3 3	9 14 6	128 6 9
4 Bungawalbyn ..	21					3			18		3	4	30	3	26		80	1	C. L. Peterson	3 19 0	2 14 6	27 0 0
5 Canley Vale ..	32	4				3		1	32			3	40	4	45	3	150	6	W. H. Wooster	5 16 11	4 7 6	40 0 0
6 Casino ..			8						8	8							300		C. L. Peterson			3 5 6
7 Corowa..	14			2	1	2	1	1	13		1						200	4		1 0 0		
8 Enmore ..	884	53	24			26	7	40	890	6		45	513	42	498	10	800		G. T. Walden	130 19 9	144 14 11	994 19 3
9 Erskineville ..	135	18	12	5	5	2	1	7	165	30		18	180	21	160	5	250	8	H. G. Payne	25 9 4	8 12 0	207 0 0
10 Hurstville ..	66	2	2			4	2	4	60		6	5	45	5	47		300	8		18 6 10	10 13 2	107 0 0
11 Inverell ..	156	14	1					36	135		21	5	65	5	58	3	250	19	E. J. Waters	22 12 5	26 2 9	
12 Junee ..	9	1							10	1										8 1 6	4 0 1	32 8 4
13 Killabakh ..			14						14	14									W. J. Williams	8 0 0	1 8 3	6 10 0
14 Lilyville ..	29	8	2						39	10		5	50	5	60	7	150		J. Fox	5 2 0	8 14 3	65 7 7
15 Lismore ..	339	19	8	21 (2)	1	14	1	11	362	23	24	13	125	14	108	2	350	120	F. T. Saunders	13 9 3	8 9 7	
16 Marrickville ..	110	8	7	1		5	1	34	86			2	10				150		Chas. Watt	9 17 9	11 7 4	164 17 7
17 Marrar ..	8								8								36			2 15 6	12 6	10 7 3
18 Merewether ..	74	12	3	11		2	2	6	90	16		8	70	8	64	5	250	7		4 2 6	3 7 0	97 15 0
19 Moree ..	54								53		1	4	43	2	10		200	6		19 11 4	19 0 9	95 17 7
20 Mungindi (7) ..	3								3											2 13 6		
21 Mosman ..	25	19	11	9	1				65	40		3	9	5	22	6	120	1	Geo. D. Verco	24 5 3	12 16 9	107 2 2
22 N. Sydney ..	131	21	6		1	5		8	146	15		5	82	6	60	1	250	8	J. Colbourne	20 16 3	6 10 1	179 13 2
23 Paddington ..	415	58	12	1		13	1	24	448	33		29 (4)	290 (4)	29 (4)	270 (4)	19	340	44	A. E. Illingworth	18 17 4	28 11 1	370 0 0
24 Petersham ..	386	18	12	2	1	19			400	14		19	310	19	300	3	400	64	J. Clydesdale	50 13 3	20 19 2	341 0 6
25 Rookwood ..	90		1			11		12	68		22	13	117	9	51		150	5	A. Brown	1 5 6	5 18 4	135 0 0
26 Seven Hills ..	7								7											1 18 1	1 0 0	
27 Sydney ..	336	12	26			13	3		358	22		13	115	10	80		500		J. J. Franklyn	79 12 7	37 12 1	
28 Sydney, Chinese ..	26								26								150		W. Jame	9 6 (6)	21 15 2	
29 Taree ..	95	2				2			95			7	45	6	45		250	19	W. J. Williams	10 4 1	7 7 0	187 10 0
30 Tuggerah Lakes ..	8								8									1		11 0	1 10 0	
31 Tyalgum (7) ..	16								16										C. L. Peterson		1 5 0	
32 Wagga Wagga ..	59	8	2	20 (2)		4			85	26		3	47	1	15	3	400	6		3 5 6	7 2 10	70 0 11
33 Wingham ..	39		1			14		1	25		14						50		W. J. Williams	1 9 0	16 0	35 3 4
Isolated members..	79								81	2				4 (5)	56 (5)				Thos. Hagger, State Evangelist			3641 17 6
Totals ..	3817	322	183	85	12	149	21	238	4013	298	102	233	2551	237	2440	69	6476	338				3620 0 1
Reported last year ..		426	185	41	19	180	29	314	3817	342	165			233	2551	100	6265	324				

(1) Amounts recorded here do not include sums sent towards support of evangelists for their own districts by assisted churches.

(2) A recount of the roll showed that last year's returns did not represent the full number then enrolled; this year's returns have been made correct by additions to the figures in this column.

(3) Including a small school at Cathcart st.

(4) These returns include the Woollahra school, where there are now 5 teachers and 35 scholars.

(5) Two schools, one at Albury, the other at Moulamein.

(6) Including the regular Lord's day offerings.

(7) No returns received from Secretary.

Increases:—Churches 2, church members 196, Bible Schools 2, Bible School teachers 4, amount contributed for all purposes £21/17/5.

Decrease:—Bible School scholars, 111.

Eighteen of the churches own their own buildings.

8. That consideration be given to the possibility of doing work on the McLeay River by the new Committee.

9. That, if found practicable, a Bible waggon be equipped, and a brother sent out in charge of it, to visit our scattered brethren, dispose of our literature, and, wherever possible, preach the gospel.

10. That the claims of Corowa to assistance from the Federal Evangelistic Fund be placed before the Federal Committee, and in the event of that Committee undertaking the work, the incoming Committee pay a small weekly subsidy.

11. That the State Evangelist's work be continued, that a new tent be purchased for this work, and that, if possible, a singer be secured to co-operate with and assist the State Evangelist.

XIV. MEETINGS.

Eleven meetings have been held during the year, and the attendance has been as follows:—G. T. Walden, 11; J. Stimson, 11; T. C. Walker, 10 (b); A. W. Shearston, 11; Chas. J. Lea, 10

(b); L. Rossell, 9 (a); J. Clydesdale, 10 (b); G. Stimson, 8 (a); A. E. Illingworth, 8 (a); G. Arnott, 7 (b); E. J. Hilder, 10 (b); S. G. Griffith, 3 (c); A. Brown, 4 (d); H. G. Payne, 8 (c); Thos. Hagger, 3 (f).

(a) Apologies received twice for non-attendance. (b) Apology received once for non-attendance. (c) Resigned in August. (d) Appointed in Sept. (e) Appointed Organising Secretary in July. (f) Away on missions and in Great Britain and America.

XV. THANKS.

The thanks of the Conference are due to the Home Missionary collectors in the various churches for their continued work; to the Sydney and Enmore churches for the use of their buildings; to the auditors, Bros. Scouller and Roberts; to the Sisters' Conference for the catering and many other matters; and above all to our heavenly Father for his evident leading into increased usefulness.

GEO. T. WALDEN, President.

T. C. WALKER, Secretary.

THOS. HAGGER, Organising Secretary.

HOME MISSION FUND.

From March 1, 1909, to Feb. 28, 1910.

Receipts.

Assisted Churches—

Auburn, Collectors, 4/1/7; Individual, £4/2/6; Special Offerings, £10/10/4; Annual Offering, Churches and Individuals, £3/6/1 .. £22 0 6
 Belmore, Collectors, £5/4/3; Individual, 7/6; Annual, £2/11/6 .. 8 3 3
 Erskineville, Collectors, £10/11/1; Individual, £4/3/3; Annual, £10 15/- .. 25 9 4
 Mosman, Collectors, £5/3/8; Individual, £2/2/6; Special, £14/6/7; Annual, £2/12/6 .. 24 5 3
 North Sydney, Collectors, £11/2/2; Individual, £1; Special, £4/9/1; Annual, £4/5/- .. 20 10 3
 Wagga Junee-Marrar—
 Wagga, Collectors, 15/-; Individual, £1/15/-; Annual, 15/6 ..
 Junee, Collectors, £1/5/-; Individual, £3; Annual, £3/16/6; ..
 Marrar, Special, £1/5/6; Annual, £1/10/- .. 14 2 6
 Bungawalbyn, Collectors, £2/14/-; Annual, £1/5/- .. 3 19 0

Unassisted Churches—

Canley Vale, Collectors, £3/10/11;	
Individual, £1; Annual, £1/6/-	5 10 11
Chinese Brethren, Annual, 9/6	0 9 6
Corowa, Special, £1	1 0 0
Enmore, Collectors, £56/19/3; Indi-	
vidual, £23/3/-; Annual, £50/17/6	130 19 9
Gunnedah, Special, 6/-	0 0 0
Hurstville, Collectors, £2/17/5; In-	
dividual, £8/19/-; Special, £1/0/5:	
Annual, £5/10/-	18 6 10
Inverell, Collectors, £2/14/9; Indi-	
vidual, £12/1/6; Special, £1/19/9;	
Annual, £5/16/5	22 12 5
Katoomba, Special, £1/12/0	1 12 9
Lilyville, Collectors, £2/18/-; Indi-	
vidual, £1/2/-; Annual, £1/2/-	5 2 0
Lismore, Collectors, £9/11/9; Indi-	
vidual, 2/6; Annual, £3/15/-	13 9 3
Marrickville, Collectors, 14/3; Indi-	
vidual, £6/12/6; Special, 6/-; An-	
ual, £2/5/-	9 17 9
Merewether-Hamilton—	
Merewether, Collectors, £1/5/-; In-	
dividual, 10/-; Special, £1/15/-	
Hamilton, Annual, 12/6	4 2 6
Moree-Ingleswood Forest-Boomi—	
Moree, Individual, £3; Special, £3	
15/-; Annual, £1	
Ingleswood Forest, Special, £1/2/4;	
Annual, £10	
Boomi, Annual, 14/-	19 11 4
Paddington, Collectors, £12/9/-; In-	
dividual, £1/12/6; Annual, £4/15/	
10	18 17 4
Petersham, Collectors, £33/12/-; In-	
dividual, £10; Special, **£1/6/9;	
Annual, £5/14/6	50 13 3
Rookwood, Annual, £1/5/6	1 5 6
Seven Hills, Collectors, 10/-; Annual,	
£1/8/1;	1 18 1
Strathfield Fellowship, Annual, £2	
12/6	2 12 6
Sydney, Collectors, £26/19/4; Indi-	
vidual, £33/10/-; Annual, £19/3/3	79 12 7
Taree-Wingham-Killabakh—	
Taree, Collectors, £4/2/8; Individ-	
ual, £3/10/-; Special, £2/11/5	
Wingham, Collectors, 9/-; Annual, £1	
Killabakh, Annual, 8/-	12 1 1
Tuggerah, Collectors, 9/-; Individ-	
ual, 6/6; Annual, 11/-	1 6 6
Sundry Individual, Annual, £4/7/6	4 7 6
Collectors, £199/19/1; Individual, £122	
0/3; Special, £47/6/11; Annual, £156	
1/2	525 7 5
Towards Support Evangelists—	
Auburn	£9 0 0
Belmore	67 10 0
Erskineville	101 0 0
North Sydney	64 5 0
Manning River Churches—	
Wagga, £33/7/6; June, £11/10/-;	
Marrar, 14/6	45 12 0
Miscellaneous—	
Mungindi: Remittance for Moree	6 0 0
Literature Sales	34 14 11
Annual Fees	16 0 0
Sundry Offerings—Sisters' Conf.	13 15 1
Annual Conference	22 17 10
T. Hagger's Welcome	2 2 9
Half-yearly Rally	19 15 0
Rally Tea Profit	12 3 11
Sundry Individual Contributions	40 1 0
Shilling Appeal	2 10 0
Refund Secretarial Allowance (in	
Marrickville individual)	
Plan Printing	2 2 0
Sundries	2 7 8
	£1000 5 1
Liabilities—Bank	33 11 0
Building Fund	25 0 0
	£1058 16 1

Expenditure.

Dr. Balance brought forward	£133 4 8
By Salaries	729 14 6
Subsidies—Auburn	11 0 0
Richmond and Tweed Rivers District	4 2 10
Moree	2 7 6
Miscellaneous—	
Secretarial Allowance	6 0 0
Telephone Rent—Secretary	5 0 0
Org. Sec. (one half)	2 10 0
Travelling Expenses—	
Preacher to Moree	4 5 0
Preacher to Auburn	2 15 0
Preacher to Wagga (temporary)	4 8 1
Sundry	2 2 10
Tent—Repairs, etc.	5 6 6
" Shed	9 15 0
Missions—Auburn, exps. (bal.)	10 4 10
North Sydney, exps. (bal.)	0 13 11
Mosman	33 5 10
Building Fund—Interest on loan	0 12 6
Moree—Transfer from Mungindi	6 0 0
Bank—Interest on Overdraft	10 1 10
" Current a/c charge and exch.	0 14 8
Literature	36 10 11
Advert's (due by Churches)	2 13 0
Printing, £14/14/2; Stationery, £2	
17/6	17 11 8
Collectors' Meeting Expenses	0 14 9
Postage, Telegrams, etc.—General,	
£2/7/1; Org. Secretary, £12/9/-	14 16 1
Sundries	2 4 6
	£1058 16 1

(Total Expenditure, £925/11/5.)

CHAS. J. LEA, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

J. SCOULLER.

March 7th, 1910.

E. ROBERTS.

Richmond-Tweed Rivers District
Evangelisation Committee.

Early in 1909 the urgent need of an evangelist to labor on these rivers, apart from Lismore, was borne upon the brethren, and to aid in supporting a brother, this committee was formed. It consists of three delegates from each church, with delegates for groups of not less than five isolated members, in the district, with headquarters in Lismore. After a long search for a suitable brother, A. R. Taylor, of Tasmania, arrived during November to enter upon the work, but his health failed, and he was compelled to resign after only a week in the district. During this time there had been raised in our midst a brother with qualifications for the duties, who, possessing a knowledge of the district, would not be handicapped as would one from another part. Carl L. Peterson, of Lismore, was offered the position, and from the 1st January entered upon his work. Under the Committee's direction, Casino, a large and important town, first received his attentions, and he has been able to gather the isolated brethren there together, and organise them into a church. There has, as yet, been no increase, but an interest is aroused, and we believe ere long there will be a strong church on the New Testament pattern in this old town. The Committee are grateful to the Home Mission Committee for their subsidy, which has enabled it to undertake this work, and employ the fore-runner of many evangelists on the rivers. From the Bellingr to the Tweed there is a great number of people, thirsting for the true gospel, and there is room, nay, there is a demand for many to labor in this field. At present the work which calls for immediate attention is sufficient to provide constant employment for three men, where

only one can be sent. The District Committee hopes, with the growth of its resources, to place more evangelists in the field at a future date. To this we press forward, thanking our heavenly Father for past blessings, and praying for his guidance and help for our future work.

Feb. 28, 1910.

FRED. T. SAUNDERS, Sec.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIVED TO
FEB. 28, 1910.

Bangalow Church	£4 14 0
Bungawalbyn Church	11 0 0
Casino Church	0 12 6
Tyalgum Church	8 11 0
Lismore Church	21 0 0
Lismore C.E. Society	0 8 0
Donations	0 5 0
Savings Bank Interest	0 3 1
	46 13 7

Subsidy from Home Mission Committee

3 2 10

£49 16 5

FRED. T. SAUNDERS, Sec.

Lismore, Feb. 28, 1910.

Temperance Committee's Report.

We have again the privilege of reporting the work done by your Committee during the year. While it has been comparatively a quiet year in No License circles, still we have been doing active temperance propaganda work. Starting with a splendid meeting at Conference we have held meetings with varying success in each of our church buildings where it was possible so to arrange, and also held a meeting in the Newtown Town Hall, in conjunction with the No License League. Good speakers have been secured and fine musical programmes rendered. Among the speakers (other than our own brethren who have assisted very much) have been Mr. A. Bruntnell, Mr. P. J. Stephens, Mr. Steele (President Lindfield No License League), Mr. Lawson Dash, Mr. Joseph Tarn and Dr. Roseby. We have assisted largely in open-air work. Our President is responsible for a meeting once a month on Newtown Bridge. We have helped in every way possible the N.S.W. Alliance in their work, our representatives on the Council being Bren. James Hunter, J.P., and G. W. Logan. Sister Mrs. Campbell is our representative on the Public Morals Association.

Band of Hope work has been vigorously carried on during the year. Some splendid rallies under the patronage of the Committee have been held. One new band has been started in connection with City Temple. We hope the day is not far distant when every church shall have a Band of Hope. The Committee would take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the work done by the sisters in this and every other department of the work.

Re Gambling.—We are glad to be able to report that betting and gambling other than on the racecourse has practically disappeared from the State.

Financially, this has been our best year, the Conference meeting being responsible for the splendid contribution of £11. Altogether, £24 10/11 has been raised, and £15/11/10 has been expended up to March 1st, showing a credit balance of £8/19/1. But we have arranged for a large supply of literature in view of coming poll, which will absorb the whole of this amount.

*Mission Thankofferings and Donations.

**Endeavor Society.

We purpose forwarding supplies of literature to the churches for distribution in their electorates, and purpose issuing at stated times a No License Bulletin. This year will be a very important one in the annals of No License. The second poll will be taken, and to be successful the work will require all the help, financial and otherwise, that the brethren can give. It will depend on the Christian community of our State whether we go back on the splendid gain of last poll, or make an even more pronounced forward movement and secure No License in a number of electorates. Your Committee trusts that the Church of Christ will not be behind others in this work, but will join heartily and respond liberally and quickly to any appeal that may be made for help. The traffic is alive to its danger and will fight hard and not be particular about the weapons used and will spend money freely. But, brethren, we are fighting for God, for home, and for humanity, and must win if we are faithful in doing our part.

During the year the Committee decided to ask the churches not represented on the Committee to appoint advisory representatives to assist in the work. The churches did not very largely respond. Bro. G. H. Browne, representing the church at Belmore, gave valuable help, and on the resignation of Bro. Goode, was appointed to the vacancy. We trust that this year every church will have a No License representative and so keep in touch with the Committee and the work.

Ten meetings of Committee have been held, at which the attendance has been as follows:—G. T. Walden, President, 6; G. W. Logan, V.P., 9; H. G. Payne, V.P., 6; J. Clydesdale, 6; F. Willis, 9; F. Goode, 1; Mrs. Campbell, 5; Mrs. Edwards, 6; Mrs. Clydesdale, 5; T. Morton, Sec., 10.

GEO. T. WALDEN, President.
THOMAS MORTON, Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	
March 1, 1909	£0 1 6
Collections—Public Meeting, Belmore	0 13 6
Conference Meeting	11 0 0
Petersham Meeting	0 9 2
Auburn Meeting	0 11 8
Erskineville Meeting	0 11 10
North Sydney Meeting	0 7 5
Paddington Meeting	0 8 1
Marrickville Meeting	0 12 9
Newtown Town Hall Meeting	1 1 9
Donations—City Temple Sisters	0 8 0
Church at Enmore	5 13 9
Church at Hurstville	0 3 10
Church at Sydney	1 12 8
Per Sister Edwards	0 15 0
	£24 10 11

Expenditure.

By Expenses, Public Meetings—	
Belmore	£0 6 10
Conference	0 16 0
City Temple	0 10 1
Petersham	0 7 6
North Sydney	0 7 9
Auburn	0 7 7
Erskineville	0 7 8
Paddington	0 8 2

Newtown Town Hall	1 8 0
Marrickville	0 12 3
Donation to N.S.W. Alliance	7 7 0
Donation to Public Morals Association	0 5 0
Calico Sign	0 15 0

Sundries	1 3 0
Credit Balance	8 19 1
	£24 10 11



Some of the N.S.W. Home Missionary Evangelists.

Foreign Missionary Committee's Report.

March 1, 1909, to Feb. 28, 1910.

Dear Brethren:—

Your Committee have pleasure in reporting that the work of Foreign Missions has been greatly blessed of God during the last year. In the various fields the work has been carried on with marked ability, earnestness and consecration, and in the home-land the brethren have joyously and liberally contributed of their means to the preaching of the gospel in the regions beyond.

FINANCES.

During the year we have raised the sum of £523/3/6, which is an increase of £177/14/- over last year. Of the 35 churches contributing 10 report a decrease, but some of these decreases are the result of contributions being divided this year between two points; e.g., Moree last year gave £19/17/6, but that included the Winter family of Inglewood Forest. This year the contribution of Inglewood Forest is reported separately, which shows a decrease of £16/13/2 to Moree, but Inglewood Forest contribution is £15 13/2, which if added to Moree's £3/4/4 shows £18/17/6, only £1 less than last year. Merewether shows a decrease, but when you remember the coal strike has thrown so many of our members out of work, we rejoice that Merewether has done so well. Twenty-six churches report an increase of £149/18/3, a splendid result.

A living link church is one that contributes £120 (i.e., sufficient to sustain one missionary), and Enmore has entered this list. When it is

known that of our 10,563 American churches only 130 are living link churches, that is one in every 80, we rejoice that we can report one in 35. Our churches last year averaged per member 1/10½, this year 2/8¼, a very gratifying increase.

BIBLE SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Our Bible Schools have been increasingly interested in our Mission work, and have more than doubled Children's Day offerings to supply the children with Christmas gifts, the sick and aged with necessities and comforts. Last year they gave £44/6/2, this year £93/9/9, an increase of £49/3/7. For this benevolent work our children contributed 8½d. each. The schools gave, in addition to Children's Day contributions, for the support of orphans and other benevolent work, the sum of £18/6/9, making a grand total from the schools of £112/6/6, an average of 10½d. from each scholar in New South Wales. Our Endeavorers gave £11/17/3, an increase of £5/4/9.

OUR COLLECTORS.

Again we record our grateful thanks to the collectors in our churches. Their work is invaluable. They have rendered splendid service to the mission work. Some of them have been collecting for many years, others have only just begun, but they are a noble band, and are on the nearest fighting line to our missionaries themselves. In July we had a social meeting, and talked over the work of missions.

PENTECOST ISLAND, NEW HEBRIDES.

This year has been full of activity in this field. Bro. and Sister Filmer were with us at the Federal Conference, but left soon after. We sent

a house and motor boat to them. Ground was purchased at Banmatmat, and the house erected and painted. Bro. Filmer has some ground planted with cocoanut trees, which will in the coming years be a source of revenue. Sister Filmer has borne the climate fairly well, but has had several attacks of fever, and had to be taken to the Ambrim Hospital. The work has been greatly consolidated. A Bible College has been established in which native teachers can be trained. Bro. Filmer is using his late residence for this purpose. Sister Filmer has organised a sewing class, which is largely attended. Medical work demands much time and skill; the natives easily get sick, and sores are very prevalent, and neglected by the natives, often result in loss of limb and life. Bro. and Sister Filmer have been able to render much service to these sick ones.

New Bible Schools have been opened, warlike tribes have been visited and influenced. Our native teachers are developing into forces for righteousness and winning many for Jesus.

We cannot close this note without expressing our thanks to Bro. Marcus Clark for all the help he has rendered us in connection with the shipping of our goods to Pentecost. Only your Secretary knows the time and worry saved through Bro. Clark's generous actions and Mr. Burns, Marcus Clark & Co.'s shipping clerk's unflinching courtesy.

JAPAN.

During the past year Bro. Davey's work has been educational, evangelistic and clerical. In the Bible department of our boys' school he has taught twelve hours weekly. In Tokyo he has had the oversight of the work at Koishikawa, and until November at Hongo. He has also had the oversight of the work at Chiba, Ota, Toride, Mito, and Shizuoka. He has also been doing the work of secretary and treasurer of the Land and Building Association of our mission.

Since last summer Mrs. Davey has held meetings for women and children with the help of a woman evangelist, and also visited the women in their homes. One young woman was baptised at Hongo as a result of this work. While working at Hongo she also conducted an English Bible Class on Sunday nights. Since moving to Koishikawa in January, Mrs. Davey has had charge of the woman's work there.

Besides the regular women's meetings, cooking and singing classes have been conducted. Mrs. Davey has also been called upon to provide music at various public meetings, and besides has taught a number of private pupils in her home. She has also corrected music for the new Sunday School Hymnal soon to be published. Some time has also been given to entertaining Japanese friends, and to language study.

In the fields under Bro. Davey's care there are six churches with 174 members, 16 added during the year, and seven Bible Schools with 479 scholars.

CHINA.

Sister Rosa L. Tonkin writes: "On my return to Shanghai after my furlough in Australia, I felt led to attempt a woman's class daily for reading. We started with three women, and for a while had five. The present evangelist's wife, now my Bible woman, gave an hour in the morning, and part of the time two hours in the afternoon. Three of the women in six months

learned the characters well enough to read the Gospel of Mark. The former Bible woman, Mrs. Li, resigned in March at the age of seventy-six, but still attends the meetings. The present one comes finely educated, and with a good experience in a mission school. She and I have conducted a woman's meeting at Dilankiao every Saturday afternoon, as well as at Yangtzpoo. 1200 attended our New Year's meetings. With Mrs. Hunt's help I have conducted the women's meetings at the Institute Church. I spent a few days at Poo-taung on Tsungming Island last November. The Yangtzpoo Sunday School has been a success. I have led an evening Bible study class twice a week for the Christians and enquirers, which has been a blessing to us all."

Miss Tonkin opened a girls' school of eight pupils at Yangtzpoo after Chinese New Year. Both boys' and girls' schools there have done well in Scripture and hymn recitations.

HARDA, INDIA.

We were favored with the presence of Miss Mary Thompson for several weeks during the year. She greatly helped us with our July collection. Sister Thompson returned to India in October, and is now busy in the field, Harda, where she has labored so faithfully and successfully for 22 years. The work of Miss Thompson and her Indian sister, who accompanies her in the hidden rooms, where the purda women of India live, is an unostentatious one. No one sees it; no one hears much about it; but quiet as it is, it is a powerful agency in spreading the gospel. With her helper, Sarubai, Miss Thompson regularly visited the homes of the women of Harda. A lady is able to enter homes closed to all others. God is gradually opening the hearts of these Indian women to a glad hearing of his Word. We pray for a speedy winning of them to himself.

Missionary meetings and a Bible study class have regularly been carried on among our Christian women. The Christian women have also an auxiliary to the Indian Christian Missionary Society.

The native church at Harda is presided over by Bro. M. J. Shah, who is supported by the Australian churches. He is a consecrated, earnest worker. He looks after the flock with prayer and earnestness, and has become a good and trusted leader in all church matters.

The Sunday Schools have kept up well. There are 11 schools, with 800 scholars and teachers.

There has been regular bazaar preaching. Usually the crowds have been large and the attention good. Several heathen melas were attended. Here the missionary not only preaches the Word, but sells literature; between seven and eight hundred Gospels and tracts were sold during the year.

BARAMATI, INDIA.

The work at Baramati, India, is full of encouragement. Some have been baptised. The industrial work has been increased, and the weaving done is well spoken of.

Bro. and Sister Strutton have entered into their fifth year. There is a chapel, bungalow and weaving shop, where industrial work is carried on. The weaving done commands a ready sale, and is highly spoken of by the merchants of the district.

Bro. and Sister Strutton visit the villages

within a radius of 20 miles, and conduct services monthly in the open air.

Of the work done by Ganpatrao, our Indian evangelist, Bro. Strutton says, "The efforts of Ganpatrao are meeting with a good deal of response. He is energetic and fearless in his preaching, and at the same time makes what he has to say so interesting that the audiences are held to the end. The town people hold the mission in good repute, and everything promises well for continued and permanent success."

As indicating the help success in the home land is to the workers beyond, Bro. Strutton said in a recent letter, "New South Wales is to be congratulated on its fine interest in the various Foreign Mission work in hand by the churches, and the children especially have done well this year. God bless them! We are always interested in following up your work, and praise God for all the earnestness and fruitfulness manifested there. There is nothing like home success to act as a stimulant to us here—a kind of tonic—for we know such means life, and life means fruitfulness, and reflex blessings and results in soul harvest are bound to come our way—for God will give to those who will have."

Miss Terrell is now hard at work at Baramati, and says, "God has given me my heart's desire, and I feel very happy in my work here. I have reached the reading stage in the language. The medical work is increasing. My first case was very complicated; when the patient was cured the people began to worship us, but we pointed to God, and they said, 'What a wonderful God he must be.'"

SYDNEY CHINESE MISSION.

The superintendent, Mr. F. Newby, and secretary, Mrs. Priddeth, with their band of teachers, have faithfully carried on the work of this mission. They conduct two classes a week, Tuesday and Thursday, 7.30 to 9.30, the attendance averaging about 30 teachers and 30 scholars. A meeting for breaking of bread is held every Sunday morning, and a gospel service every Sunday night. Bro. David Sing and John Sing have greatly helped in the gospel meeting. Other Chinese brethren have been zealous in the Lord's work. Bro. Jame, our Chinese evangelist, is now among us, and we feel sure that the harvest of much faithful sowing will soon be reaped.

SISTERS' CONFERENCE.

Our Sisters' Conference has rendered your Committee every assistance in the work. Sister Illingworth, the Foreign Mission convener, has established a Birthday Offering Fund, and arranged missionary rallies, at one of which Mrs. Alexander and others of the Chapman-Alexander party spoke.

WORK AMONG N.S.W. ABORIGINES.

During the year two of our members have given themselves to work among the aborigines—Miss St. Heaps and Mr. Terry, both of the Enmore church. Miss St. Heaps is laboring at Purfleet, Manning River, and Bro. A. Terry at Tangoa. In addition to these in connection with the Lismore church, Miss Azalea Harding is the faithful missionary at Dunoon. Besides these missionaries our Lismore brethren conduct services among the aborigines about Lismore, and have had many conversions.

ATTENDANCE.

Eleven Committee meetings have been held, with the following attendances: A. Brown, 1 (resigned early in the year); J. Clydesdale, 9; J. Colbourne, 8; E. Gole, 9; S. O. Gole, 8; Mrs. Illingworth, 5; Mrs. Maston, 6; Mrs. Russell, 6; A. W. Shearston, 6; W. H. Keam, 5 (appointed in A. Brown's place); G. T. Walden, 11; Advisory members: Mrs. Fox, 6; F. Newby, 3; G. Morton, 5; Miss Stella Kingsbury, 4; W. H. Hall, 4; Miss Fannie Andrews, 3. The Advisory members were not appointed till late in the year. They have attended faithfully and helped us greatly in the work.

CONCLUSION.

Your Committee are very grateful for the joy you have given them in carrying on this Foreign Mission work. We are glad that churches and individual Christians are growing in the grace of giving. The delight of the children in gathering money for their less fortunate little brothers and sisters is worthy of special mention. Some having one penny a week pocket money gave it to carry Christmas gifts to heathen children; boys receiving a half-penny a week for sweeping the yard passed the gauntlet of lolly and fruit shops to help the other boys. One girl who received sixpence as a birthday gift put it in the box to help those who never had a birthday gift of any kind. These future members of our churches are learning what the Master meant when he said, "Whosoever loses his life shall find it." They are also showing us what the giving of our churches will be in the coming years. Men and women will give till they feel it.

The coming days hold great achievements for the Lord's people. All over the world men are seriously discussing the question of reaching all the world with the gospel in this generation. The heathen world is being apportioned among God's people. The forces of the Lord are forming themselves in battle array, and some of our members may be on this side of the river when the cross and its banner will wave over all the world, when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. To this end let us work and pray and give till in glorious literal fulfilment.

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run."

E. GOLE, President.

GEO. T. WALDEN, Sec. & Treas.

Names and addresses of missionaries to the support of which New South Wales contributed last year £523/3/6:—

INDIA.—BARAMATI.—Mr. H. H. Strutton, Mrs. H. H. Strutton, Nurse Terrell, Bro. Ganpatrao, native evangelist. HARDA.—Miss Mary Thompson, Bro. Shah, native pastor. JAPAN.—Mr. Percy Davey, Mrs. Percy Davey, Bro. Wanda, student preacher. CHINA.—Miss Rosa L. Tonkin, Mrs. Li, Bible woman. CHINESE EVANGELIST, SYDNEY.—Mr. William Jame. NEW HEBRIDES.—Mr. Frank G. Filmer, Mrs. Frank G. Filmer, William Tabymacon, Samson Malatia, Simon Bolesco, Thomas Tamtum, Luke Bussar, Moses Warback, Peter Lingte, Tom Tumout, James Warong, Philip Tumarong, Joseph Bulagrew, David Bulameriss, Samuel Paspvio, Daniel Bulaverio, Abraham Tabysung, Timothy Tabycame, Willie Tabymar, Paul Marhong.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

March 1, 1909, to Feb. 28, 1910.

Receipts.

Auburn, Church, 62 members, F.M. Sunday, £1/19/8; Bible School, 41 scholars, Children's Day, £4/2/8 ..	£6	2	4
Albury, F.M. Sunday	0	15	0
Belmore, Church, 103 members, F.M. Sunday, £1/14/3; Collectors, £4/15/3; Bible School, 218 scholars, Children's Day, £3/5/-	9	14	6
Bungawalbyn, Church, 21 members, F.M. Sunday, £2/1/6; Bible School, 30 scholars, Children's Day, 13/- ..	2	14	6
Bangalow, 6 members, J. G. Snow ..	0	2	6
Boonini, Miss Marshall	0	3	3
Chinese Church, 26 members, F.M. Sunday, £6/14/3; Children's Day, £2/7/4; Collections, £12/13/7 ..	21	15	2
Canley Vale, Church, 32 members, F.M. Sunday, £2/12/-; Bible School, 40 scholars, Children's Day, £1/15/6 ..	4	7	6
Erskineville Church, 135 members, F.M. Sunday, £1/8/4; Miss G. Morton, Collector, £3/14/9; Bible School, 180 scholars, Children's Day, £3/8/11 ..	8	12	0
Enmore, Church, 884 members, F.M. Sunday, £73/13/10; Mrs. Wallace, collected £10/9/-; Miss Lottie Terry, collected £8/5/-; Mrs. Edwards collected £2/10/-; Mrs. Reid col. 13/6; Miscellaneous, £1/11/-; Mr. and Mrs. Plowman, in addition to contributing to the F.M.S., £2/7/-; Bible School, 513 scholars, Children's Day, £30/4/4; Mrs. John Lovell's Class collected for F.M. Sunday, £5/10/-, and Children's Day, 4/10/-; and since then members of the class have collected and sent to the Treasurer, £2/2/6; Support of Orphan in India, £5; Y.P.S.C.E., £1/18/9; Helping Hand Class, £6	144	14	11
Hurstville, Church, 66 members, F.M. Sunday, £4/14/2; A. Price, £2/5/-; Collectors, £2/3/3; Bible School, 45 scholars, Children's Day, £1/10/9 ..	10	13	2
Hornsby, F.M. Sunday	5	1	9
Hamilton, F.M. Sunday	0	15	6
Inglewood Forest, F.M. Sunday, £9/4/-; Special Collection, £1/2/5; Children's Day, 6/9; Mr. Peter Winter, £5 ..	15	13	2
Inverell, Church, 156 members, F.M. Sunday, £9/1/2; A. E. Burt, £1; T. G. Cosh, £11; Special Collection, 17/9; Bible School, 65 scholars, Children's Day, £4/3/10	26	2	9
June, Church, 9 members, F.M. Sunday, £3/10/-; Children's Day, 10/1 ..	4	0	1
Killabakh, F.M. Sunday, 14/-; Children's Day, 14/3	1	8	3
Lilyville, Church, 29 members, F.M. Sunday, £1/15/-; Collected by Mrs. Brooks, £2/1/9; Bible School, 50 scholars, Children's Day, £4/17/6 ..	8	14	3
Lismore, Church, 339 members, F.M. Sunday, £6/13/1; Bible School, 106 scholars, Children's Day, £1/4/-; Y.P.S.C.E., 12/6	8	9	7
Marriekville, Church, 110 members, F.M. Sunday, £1/13/4; Collector, 12/-; Mr. and Mrs. Hagger, 10/-; Support of Orphan in India, £5; Bible School, 125 scholars, Children's Day, £3/12/-; Moree, Church, 54 members, F.M. Sunday, £1; Mrs. Reeve, 5/-; Hector Reeve, 1/-; Mrs. Moffatt, 5/-; Collected Miss Thompson's meeting, 15/10; Bible School, 43 scholars, Children's Day, 17/6	11	7	4
Merewether, Church, 74 members, F.M. Sunday, £1/4/6; Special Collection, 5/-; Bible School, 70 scholars, Children's Day, £1/2/-	2	11	6
Marrar, Church, 8 members, F.M. Sunday	0	12	6
Mungindi, Church, 3 members, F.M. Sunday, £2/10/-; Children's Day, 3/6 ..	2	13	6
Mosman, Church, 25 members, F.M.			

Sunday, £5/5/-; Collected by Miss Oldfield, £4/18/-; Bible School, 9 scholars, Children's Day, £2/13/9 ..	12	16	9
North Sydney, Church, 131 members, F.M. Sunday, £2/10/-; Collected by Miss P. Messent, £2/4/-; Bible School, 82 scholars, Children's Day, £1/16/1 ..	6	10	1
Petersham, Church, 386 members, F.M. Sunday, £10/3/4; Collected by Miss Brodie, £1/11/4; Collected by Miss I. Pearce, 12/4; Collected by Miss E. Phillip, £1/17/4; Bible School, 310 scholars, Children's Day, £3/3/1; Support Japanese Bible Student, £2/5/-; Y.P.S.C.E., £1/6/9	20	19	2
Paddington, Church, 415 members, F.M. Sunday, £10/7/2; Collected by Mrs. Holder, £2/6/9; Collected by Mrs. Batt, £2/11/5; C. Brand, 10/-; Collected by Mrs. Costello, 12/6; Collected by Bro. McKnight, 12/-; Collections various—Mrs. Illingworth, Birthday Offerings, 10/-; Bible School, 290 scholars, Children's Day, £4/12/9; Men's Class, £2/4/3; Bible Class, for support of Japanese Student, £2/5/-; Y.P.S.C.E., support of Native Teacher, £1/13/3; Junior Society, 6/-	28	11	1
Rookwood, Church, 90 members, F.M. Sunday, £3/3/-; Collected by Miss Fanny Andrews, 18/10; Bible School, 117 scholars, Children's Day, £1/16/6 ..	5	18	4
Seven Hills, Church, 7 members, F.M. Sunday	1	0	0
Sydney, Church, 336 members, F.M. Sunday, £13/2/-; Collected by Miss B. Armstrong, £2/12/7; Collected by Miss Lambert, 6/8; Collected by Miss K. Elliot, £1/10/7; Collected by the above three Collectors, and received per F. Newby and W. H. Keam, £6/3/7; Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone, £2/2/-; Les. Stimson, 10/-; Mr. J. Greenhalz, £1/10/-; Bible School, 115 scholars, Children's Day, £4/5/8; Support of Orphan, India, £5	37	12	1
Tuggerah Lakes, Church, 8 members, F.M. Sunday, 10/-; Children's Day, £1	1	10	0
Tyalgum, Church, 16 members, F.M. Sunday, 5/-; Children's Day, £1 ..	1	5	0
Taree, Church, 95 members, F.M. Sunday, £4/5/-; Bible School, 45 scholars, Children's Day, £3/12/-	7	17	0
Wagga, Church, 59 members, F.M. Sunday, £1; Collected by Mrs. Callander, £1/11/10; Bible School, 47 scholars, Children's Day, £4/11/- ..	7	2	10
Wingham, Church, 39 members, F.M. Sunday	0	16	0
Sisters' Conference, Collected at F.M. Rallies, £6/4/8; Birthday Offerings, £1/7/8	7	12	4
Individual Contributions, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Vereco, £50; W. Burford, £2; A. Cheerful Giver, 7/6; C. J. Morris, £5; Mr. Alf. Ewers, 10/-; E. Ross, Werris Creek, 10/-; T. Rhodes, Tumumwal, £2; F. G. Filmer (N.S.W. stamps), 3/8	63	7	2
Miscellaneous, Sale of Missionary Literature, 8/7; Interest and Discounts, £2/18/6; Collected for Lantern and Slides for Miss Thompson, £9/10/2; Collected for Sewing Machine for Mrs. Filmer, £7/12/2; Sale of Mr. and Mrs. Filmer's Photos, 12/-	20	16	5
	523	3	6
Received from R. Lyall, Melbourne ..	105	2	5
Balance from 1908-1909	174	11	8
	£802	17	7

Expenditure.

India Mission—			
Travelling Expenses, Miss Mary Thompson, in N.S.W.	£7	10	0
Lantern and Slides for Harda, especially given for this purpose	11	10	2

Money for Miss Thompson's own use by two Enmore Sisters	0 15 0
Framing two Oil Paintings sent by Mrs. Strutton to be sold for benefit of Baramati Mission (pictures valued at £10)	1 5 0
Chinese Mission—	
Mrs. White, Cleaning Mission Room, March 7, 1909, to Feb. 28, 1910, 52 weeks at 5/- per week	13 0 0
Sydney Church, for use of gas, March 1, 1909, to Feb. 28, 1910, 52 weeks at 1/- per week	2 12 0
Japan Mission—	
P. A. Davey, Support Bible Student Pentecost Mission—	6 3 0
Salary Bro. and Sister Filmer, June, 1909, to Feb., 1910, nine months, at £10 per month	90 0 0
Salaries of Fifteen Native Teachers, nine months, at £5 per month	45 0 0
House, three rooms, kitchen and bathroom	165 8 4
Motor Launch	166 12 1
Furniture, Bedding and Linen for House (money given by S.A. brethren as a wedding gift to the Pentecost Mission Home)	28 7 10
Paint for House, and various carpenters', painters' and gardeners' tools	10 19 5
Fares—Mr. Filmer, Sydney to Adelaide and return, £6; Sister Filmer, Adelaide to Sydney, £4; Mrs. Filmer, Sydney to Pentecost, £12/10/-; Bro. Filmer, travelling to meetings in N.S.W., 17/6	23 7 6
Groceries	11 2 4
Organ	6 15 0
Sewing Machine	3 15 0
Medicines	3 19 6
Carriage and Insurance on Money sent Freight, House, Motor Boat, Furniture, etc.	77 4 3
Carriage, various Parcels sent to Bro. Filmer	4 12 7
Bibles and Testaments	3 10 0
Hymn-books	1 0 10
To Replace Boat belonging to Dr. Bowie, lost by one of our boatmen	10 0 0
Cost, Title Deeds for Land of House	9 0 0
Subscription, Ambirim Hospital	2 2 0
(Dr. Bowie, supt. of this hospital, has been exceedingly kind to our teachers and scholars.)	
Christmas Gifts for Children and aged	11 10 6
Sundries	1 5 7
Printing and Stationery	10 3 6
Children's Day Expenses—Boxes, Printing, etc.	7 16 3
Stamps, Telephone, Telegrams, Bank Charges, Interest	7 18 9
Remitted to R. Lyall, Melbourne	5 17 0
Miscellaneous—	
Missionary Maps, F.M. Leaflets for Bible Schools, Photos. of Bro. and Sister Filmer, etc., Cash and Minute Books, etc.	6 7 5
	£802 17 7

Bible School Committee's Report.

What appears to be the Committee's especial task—the examination of scholars—was conducted on July 10th, 1909, when out of 354 entries received, 225 presented themselves for the test, and 133 succeeded in satisfying the examiners as to their proficiency. The Honor Banner was again won by Canley Vale school, despite a handicap of ten per cent. incurred through having won the distinction in previous years. The prizes and certificates were presented to the successful competitors in the City Temple on November 2, before a good audience.

In pursuance of the recommendation adopted at last Conference, all the churches were written to asking them if they would take up a collection each year to aid the Committee in their efforts; but we regret to say that the response was not very satisfactory for various reasons. A glance at the balance sheet will immediately show the actual results attained.

A teachers' conference was arranged for July 15, when F. T. Webber read a splendid paper on "Twist Christ and the Child," and S. G. Griffith gave an address on "What's the Use of a Superintendent?" The meeting was well attended, but it is hoped that in future years a much greater number of teachers will be present.

On Dec. 10 a teachers' social was held at Petersham, but the attendance was greatly interfered with by the strike then in progress having necessitated the curtailment of the tram services. However, a very enjoyable evening was spent. Refreshments were provided by the Petersham teachers.

S. G. Griffith having accepted a call to another State, the office of President became vacant in September, and G. T. Walden was elected to fill the vacancy in October. Bro. Griffith's work was fully appreciated by the Committee, and general regret was expressed at his resignation.

During the year, 69 scholars have accepted Christ, and obeying him have been added to the church rolls.

The Committee joined with the Sunday School authorities of the Baptist, Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist bodies in holding a United Convention on Oct. 3, and those attending were greatly helped and blessed with an insight into fresh methods of work, including a practical demonstration in Kindergarten work, blackboard illustrations, and splendid addresses on the cradle roll, home department, and the graded school. At this Convention it was moved that the various departments approach their respective church bodies with a view to obtaining leave to discuss preliminaries for the formation of a United S.S. Union, and your Committee recommend that this Conference empower them to meet the representatives of the other churches to discuss a basis upon which such a Union may be formed, and report to next Conference for its consideration.

During the year six meetings have been held, and have been attended as follows:—S. G. Griffith, 3; G. T. Walden, 2; F. Steer, 6; F. T. Webber, 5; F. Burcher, 4; G. Stimson, 3; T. Morton, 5; R. E. Jeffery, 6.

GEO. T. WALDEN, President.
R. E. JEFFERY, Sec.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

Receipts.	
Credit balance brought forward, 1908-9	£1 0 6
Collection, Conference Demonstration	8 8 8
Church Collections—Auburn	1 3 8
Mosman	0 8 6
Rookwood	0 2 6
Belmore	0 8 9
Marrickville	0 2 6
School Contributions—Enmore	2 5 11
Lilyville	0 2 6
Petersham	1 10 0
Hurstville	0 5 0
North Sydney	0 5 0
Canley Vale	0 7 6
Collection, Distribution of Awards	4 15 0
	2 1 2

From Sydney Church for Library for	
Sydney School	1 5 0

Expenditure.

Hire Protestant Hall	£2 2 0
Certificates	3 10 0
Banner	1 0 0
Prizes	4 14 2
Stamps and Stationery	2 14 0
Printing	2 10 6
Sundries	5 4 6
Balance being to Credit carried forward	0 13 9
	2 11 10
	£19 16 3

R. E. JEFFERY, Treas.

Christian Endeavor Union Report.

In presenting the second annual report of the N.S.W. Churches of Christ C.E. Union, we do so realising that our labors have not been in vain in the Lord; for the young people of our churches have been helped in their Endeavor life, and quickened in their zeal and service for the Master.

We commenced the year with 9 societies of Y.P., having a membership of 338 active members. During the year we have lost two of our large societies, as they have ceased to exist. Our membership to-day stands at 7 societies of Y.P., with 291 active members. A special feature of the year's work was the increased activity shown in Junior work. New societies came into existence, and old ones have in many instances more than doubled their numbers. We commenced the year with 6 Junior Societies, having about 160 members; we now have 10 societies with about 310 members. We also have two Junior Societies in the country—Taree and Lismore.

On October 25 we held a united rally of Y.P. in the Tabernacle, Petersham. It was a splendid success, the Endeavorers supporting the meeting in full force. Our second rally was held in the City Temple on Jan. 22, and for the Juniors alone. Every item on the programme was given by Juniors, except the address, which was delivered by Bro. Illingworth. This was a new departure, but it has repaid us in the increased interest shown in Junior work.

The monthly council meetings have been well attended, and keen interest taken in work by the delegates. The Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the kindness of the officers and members of the City Temple for placing at the disposal of the Union their building for the Council meetings, and the Junior rally, for which we heartily thank them.

We are deeply grateful to our heavenly Father for the measure of success granted us; for his loving care and divine guidance during the past year. We are looking forward in faith and hope to our annual Conference rally, on Wednesday, March 23, when unitedly Seniors and Juniors will consecrate themselves afresh to the cause of Christ and his church.

On behalf of the N.S.W. Churches of Christ C.E. Union,

J. COLBOURNE, President.
JOHN CLYDESDALE, Hon. Sec.

Digest of Letters from Churches.

AUBURN.—Upwards of £60 has been expended on our building and seating accommodation, and now the church is fairly comfortable. The average attendance at the Lord's table is equal to about 70 per cent. of the membership, and the interest in and attendance at the gospel services have never flagged; this is quite contrary to the pessimistic forecasts of some of our neighbors, who predicted all kinds of dreadful things after the mission of last year. Bro. Mudge has not had the easiest task, but the loyalty to Christ and his church exhibited by the brethren generally is evidence of a work having been done and sustained through the Spirit of God.

BANGALOW.—No statistics or letter have come to hand from this church.

BELMORE.—The past year has been a very quiet one; the Lord's day morning meetings have kept up to the average, but the attendance at gospel and mid-week meetings has slightly fallen off. We have not been able to increase our quota towards the evangelist's support, but have considerably reduced the arrears. The debt on our property came due in Nov. last, and the Conference Building Committee has temporarily financed the matter, to which Committee the church tenders its thanks. The auxiliaries of the church are flourishing, especially the school. On the Temperance question the church is viewed as the leading religious body of the district. We have fortunately had some splendid accessions by letter. Altogether the prospects for the future are brighter than ever before.

BUNGAWALBYN.—We have united with the other small churches in these parts, and with the help of Lismore and the Home Mission Fund have secured a district evangelist. We are favored with monthly visits by the Lismore evangelist also, and are much helped thereby.

CANLEY VALE.—The church is holding her own. During the year our esteemed evangelist, W. H. Wooster, has been seriously ill and unable to preach. Brethren have come out from town on most of the Lord's days, and we have had the help of Bro. S. H. Mudge, of Auburn, one night a week.

CASINO.—Bro. Peterson has a really impossible task given him, and all the consecrated willingness in the world cannot enable him to perform it with much satisfaction; his district extends from Tyalgum to Casino, and to go from one end to the other it would require a bicycle ride of 183 miles. Unfortunately some of the brethren isolated at Casino cannot be relied on, and so the church commences its career with 8 members, and these are very much scattered. Bro. Peterson is a lion-hearted fellow, and one of the few men whose soul is equal to undertaking this gigantic task. He must sooner or later be given a smaller district. He has worked up a wonderfully good interest here, and now has to leave for other parts of his field. We firmly believe it was wise to make a start here, and are confident of the ultimate result.

COROWA.—The cause here is still low, and badly needs the assistance of the State or Federal Evangelistic Fund. We have a good chapel,

well situated, and feel that a good work could be done with a good evangelist located here.

ENMORE.—We are able to report that the year just closed has been one of progress although the net increase in membership is small. All our organisations are in a healthy condition, and all the meetings are well attended. We have lately introduced the system of penny per week contributions in special envelopes for the building fund, which is proving very successful. Our finances are in a sound condition, and we have reduced the debt on the building by £100. "The Lord hath done great things for us" in the past, and we are praying for the continuation of his abundant blessing.

ERSKINEVILLE.—We have had a splendid year; Bro. Payne has done and is doing a splendid work, ably supported by the mass of the members. All our auxiliaries are active and in good condition. Our church roll shows our real strength, for it is clean. The finances are good, seeing there has been contributed during the year the sum of £207. We are endeavoring to secure a suitable block of land for a chapel, and have £49 in hand for this purpose.

HURSTVILLE.—During the year Bro. F. Goode conducted the evening services for a period of nine months, and during that time he imparted much useful knowledge, and thus was the means of giving greater stability to the work here. Our two great needs are a church building and an evangelist. We have secured a block of land in a good position and have paid £48 of the cost. Our prospects are good, although our progress is slow.

IVERELL.—The cause at Iverell, under the faithful work of Bro. E. J. Waters, is steadily progressing. The decrease is due to a revision of the roll, which has partly been neglected in previous years. A good sum has been paid off our building debt, and a fair amount has been contributed to Home and Foreign Missions. The church is reaching out into the surrounding districts. We are thankful for all the blessings received, and through the grace of our Lord we take courage and go forward.

JUNEE.—The church has been going on in the usual quiet way. For the greater part of the year we enjoyed monthly visits from Bro. Hayes. After the tent mission we hope to be able to report greater progress.

KILLABAKH.—Meetings have been held here for some time under the guidance of Wingham church, but during the past year we were organised into an independent congregation. There have been no additions, but the church meets regularly for breaking of bread. We enjoy visits from Bro. W. J. Williams, the Manning River evangelist, and several other faithful brethren from Taree church. Opposition is strong, but we hope soon to win a few more.

LILYVILLE.—The church moves along steadily, the preaching being largely done by Bro. J. Fox. There should be a strong cause here in the future, as we are the first religious body on the ground.

LISMORE.—Things are moving along with Bro. F. T. Saunders as evangelist. Regular gospel services are now held at places in the adjacent districts. We have also helped through the District Evangelistic Committee, to secure an

evangelist to work among the smaller churches from Tyalgum to Casino and Bungawalbyn. The aborigines mission is now conducted under much better circumstances on the reservation at Du-noon.

MARRICKVILLE.—The reduction in our membership is due to a strict revision of the roll. The average attendance on Lord's day mornings is 55, and in the evenings 70. Bro. Watt's work with the church during the past 7 months has been productive of excellent results; his fine teaching will tell yet more in the near future. One special feature is the work among the young men; Bro. Watt's class has an average of 12 in attendance each Lord's day afternoon, and just recently 4 young men have confessed Christ. The auxiliaries are all in a healthy condition. Our present building severely hampers us, but we are all working harmoniously for the great cause.

MARRAR.—The church has met every Lord's day throughout the year for breaking the loaf. Monthly visits were paid by the Wagga evangelist till the end of 1909, since when we have had no gospel services. We badly need a brother among us who can speak to the church and conduct gospel meetings. The Lord's day School has been closed. Prospects are bright for the erection of a chapel, and we are looking to the Home Mission Fund to send a man to work Junee, Marrar, and the surrounding districts.

MEREWETHER.—The past year has been a fairly good one; Bro. E. Neville laboring as evangelist. Some additions have been made, and a fine spiritual feeling evidenced in the church. We enjoyed a visit of one week from Bro. Colbourne during the year. We have started meetings for breaking of bread and gospel proclamation at Hamilton, and are looking for the tent to come along and a large ingathering to take place.

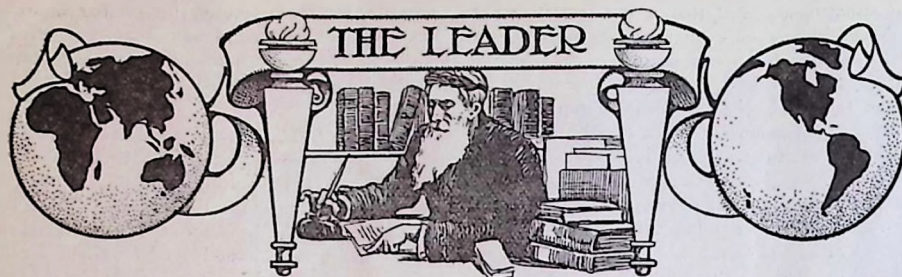
MOREE.—The church is now without an evangelist, and so things are very quiet. We trust that it will not be long before a brother is here, filling that office, and good progress will then be made. We have sustained a great loss during the year by the death of Bro. Winter sent.

MUNGINDI.—No report has been received from this church.

MOSMAN.—As will be seen by the statistical register our numbers have increased during the year by 40. A very successful tent mission has just been conducted by Bro. Thos. Hagger, which resulted in 30 confessions, 16 of whom have been received into fellowship at the time of writing. We are glad to report that, aided by the Home Mission Fund, we were able to secure Bro. Geo. D. Verco as evangelist in this district.

NORTH SYDNEY.—The meetings and general work of the church are on the up-grade. It is confessedly a hard field, but during the year 21 have been added by faith and baptism, the larger number of whom came in during the mission held by Bro. Hagger. Some of the members who had been lax in their attendance are now attending more regularly. A number of useful brethren from other places have come to reside in our district, and consequently our prospects have brightened. During the year the brethren have subscribed liberally to Home and Foreign

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A NEW ERA IN BIBLE SCHOOL WORK.

One of the prominent subjects which received attention at the recent Centennial Convention at Pittsburg was the work of the Bible School. By Bible School we mean, of course, the Sunday School. It is not often that a new name is superior to the old, but in this case we think the new name better expresses the purpose which such schools were intended to serve. The object of such schools is to make our young people better acquainted with the Bible, and to so educate them that they will get a firm and lasting grasp of the great truths which it reveals. Bible School, therefore, is an appropriate name for such an institution, and there is no law that we know of to prevent us using the designation if we desire to do so. The name, however, is of little importance so long as the work indicated is properly and effectively done. In the past a great deal has been written and said about the work of the Bible School; but notwithstanding the multitude of essays which have been written upon the subject, it has to be confessed that, in Australasia at any rate, the Bible School is not the powerful and effective institution it ought to be. Indeed, so much has been said and written upon the subject, and almost every conceivable point touched upon, that we may venture to say that the period of essay writing might with very great advantage give place to the period of action.

More practice, less theory.

As a matter of fact, there are very few who take the trouble to read essays on such subjects as, for example, "The best way to conduct a Sunday School." There has been a surfeit of this kind of literature, and such essays as have been published are not easily distributed, especially if anything in the shape of a small charge is made for them. Now, these essays are admirable enough in their way, and possibly have done some good, but we think the time has come when theorising should give place to something more tangible. In other words, the Bible School should be taken more seriously than it is, and instead of being regarded as a separate branch of church work, should be regarded as identical with it and deserving of, at least, equal attention as any other branch of its work. In the matter of finance, for example, the churches will have to assume greater obligations than they have done in the past if

the Bible School is to be as effective as it ought to be. After the most calm deliberation, says a writer in the *Christian-Evangelist*, the church is coming to the conclusion that the Bible School is its most profitable field for investment. Twenty-five years ago Isaac Errett said, "Here our money and our toil will yield larger results, be more beneficial and far reaching in their influence, than in any other field of benevolent activity."

A great movement.

The churches in the United States have awakened to the reality of the fact that the Bible School is the church's most profitable field for investment. With them theory is giving place to practice, and in recent years there has been an amazing development in the region of Bible School work. Writing of this, the *Christian-Evangelist* says: "The future historian of the church will hardly fail to notice the coming in, within the past few years, of a new era in Sunday School, or as we prefer to call it, Bible School work. True, this growth of interest in Bible School work has been gradual, but in the last few years it has assumed dimensions which have revolutionised, or are revolutionising, the methods of the Bible School. It was not, however, until the Bible School itself came to be regarded as a co-ordinate branch of the work of the church, along with its public worship, as the teaching function of the church, that men became interested in the question of how it could best fulfil this important function. It was soon discovered that our methods were more or less antiquated, and needed a thorough revision. Teaching as an art has made great advance in recent years. Teaching the Bible and religious truth is not essentially different, as to the principles which underlie it, from any other kind of teaching.... Another feature of this revival in Sunday School methods is the high standard that is being raised for the teacher in the Bible School. This has led to teacher-training."

Trained teachers.

So far as we can gather, this revival in Bible School work in the United States has been coincident with the establishment of teacher training classes. It was realised that no matter how good the other branches of Sunday School work might be, if the teaching faculty was inefficient there was

bound to be a considerable loss of power. The efficiency, therefore, of the teaching staff came to be regarded as a matter of primary importance. G. A. Miller in his Centennial address said: "I consider the greatest work of our church at the beginning of this new century of history that of teacher-training. It is greatest because it has before it the greatest possibilities. It will tell for the future more than any other effort of the present. This is but fulfilling the century-old call, 'To the law and to the testimony.' We as a people can never remain true to this call, unless we become more familiar with that law and testimony as it is revealed in the divine Word. The need of to-day in all the Christian world is a better knowledge of the inspired Word of God.... The lack of these (trained teachers) is the greatest hindrance to our work at the present time. 'The attendance of our schools could be easily doubled if we had trained teachers to instruct them.' The training of teachers, therefore, came to be regarded by our brethren in the United States as a matter of supreme importance, and what is more to the point, was carried into effect with the most splendid results.

Training classes.

It has been said that with the hour comes the man. It was so in this case at any rate. The trained teacher was wanted, and as the want was realised, H. Moninger appeared upon the scene with his splendid little book, "Training for Service." With its appearance, training classes were established throughout the United States, and as a consequence there set in a great revival in Bible School work. When the history of H. Moninger and his little book is written, it will form one of the most wonderful chapters in the church's history. It seemed for a time as if the movement in the United States would extend throughout Australasia, but with the exception of West Australia it does not seem as if any other State had taken hold of the matter seriously. We regret that it is so, but see no reason why there should not be now a general movement in the direction of forming teacher training classes throughout the whole of Australasia. The value of Moninger's book is that it is a simple yet comprehensive text book for guidance in the study of the Bible. It will help the teacher to rightly divide the Word of God, and lead him along those lines of study that will help him to grasp the contents of the Book, and have before him the scheme of revelation as it unfolds itself from Genesis to Revelation.

Systematic study.

Systematic study is what our teachers require, and this they can get under the auspices of the training classes. These classes need not be confined to teachers of the Bible School, but might be open to all who would like to be systematic students of the Word. In our view, these classes

offer great possibilities for effective service. They would be of untold benefit to the churches, not only in developing a knowledge of the Bible, but also in laying broad and deep the foundations of spiritual life. It would be a call to the young men and women of our churches to a more complete dedication of themselves to the service of the Master, and would give greater permanence and stability to the movement which seeks for a return to Christianity as it was at the first. We suggest the establishment of teacher training classes, as one important means by which the Bible School may "come to its own" and usher in a new era of Bible School enterprise.

Editorial Notes.

N.S.W. Conference Statistics.

New South Wales brethren are to be congratulated on their progress as shown by their Conference reports. With a net increase of nearly 200 and a membership of over 4000, and with two new churches and two Sunday Schools, they have no reason to feel discouraged. The receipts for Home Missions show a decrease as compared with last year's report, but if the amounts contributed each year by churches for the support of evangelists in their own districts be taken out, it will be found there is a material increase. The sum of £519 for Foreign Missions also indicates the growth of the missionary sentiment. The outlook is bright, and if the prosperity of the past few years is maintained it appears not unlikely that N.S.W. with the largest population will also have the largest number of members of any State in the Commonwealth. Victoria and South Australia will have to look to their laurels.

Coming Elections.

This paper is not concerned about the question of freetrade or protection, nor does it take sides on the matters in discussion between the Conservatives and the Liberals, or the Ministry and the Labor Party. We have no axe to grind in favor of any political party or programme, but there are a few general principles which should influence electors who desire the prosperity of our land. In the first place, no one who favors righteousness should vote for a man of disreputable character. Bad men cannot be trusted to make good laws. The "righteousness which exalteth a nation" can never be advanced by the return of men whose lives are not pure. The man who votes for a candidate with a besmirched reputation simply because he belongs to his party is elevating politics above religious principle. Let us have clean men, men whose convictions are formed and whose lives are moulded by the highest of authority. We have no objection to a Roman Catholic as such. Many Roman Catholics make worthy and estim-

able citizens. But we doubt the wisdom of placing parliamentary power in their hands. History shows that such power has almost invariably been used to further the ends of their religious party. The object of all legislation should be "to make it easy to do right and hard to do wrong." This being so, Christian electors should vote for those candidates of good reputation who favor such measures as are calculated to bring about this result. Anything that will tend to minimise poverty or to remove or diminish its sources; that will tend to morality and righteousness, and that discredits the advocacy of the spirit of militarism or war, should appeal to the sympathies of those who desire the future welfare of our fair country.

"The Theology of the Future."

At the induction of Dr. Bevan as Principal of the Parkin Congregational College for the training of ministers in Adelaide last week, the Doctor delivered an able but somewhat hazy lecture on "The Theology of the Future." In the course of his remarks he stated, "The churches must come together to supply the theology of the future. Nay, they might have to disappear before they received it that they might make way for the kingdom of God." This is rather rough on the churches. The worthy lecturer evidently considers there is a broad distinction between the churches and the kingdom, a distinction so marked that there may be no room for the kingdom of God to live while the churches continue to exist. There seems, however, to be an alternative. If "they come together to supply the theology of the future" they may escape annihilation. But when Dr. Bevan comes to the foundation of true theology he gets on to firmer ground. "They must answer the question, 'What is the Christ? What think ye of him?' Humanity could only be interpreted in the light of the man Christ Jesus." And again, "The question to be answered was whether that living Lord was Christ. Was he the real dynamic of the world? What did he mean when he said that he would bestow the Spirit of God, and the Spirit would take of what belonged to him and reveal to his followers? Was he the sun, the very breath of all being, the essence of all man's true vitality? With such a theme theology must be a living science, the queen of the sciences." The theology that recognises Jesus of Nazareth as the Son of God and acknowledges him as "head over all things to his body the church," that bows in submission before his statement, "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth," and honors him by an unreserved acceptance of his teaching, is the only "theology of the future" the disciples of Christ can advocate. If the churches instead of "coming together to supply the theology of the future" would come together in submission to the theology already supplied, there would be no need to fear their disappearance to make way for the kingdom of God.

A Forward Movement in Sunday Schools.

As noticed in our "Leader," our American brethren are paying increased attention to Sunday School, or as many of them prefer to call it, Bible School work. It is being realised that the school is the most effective machinery for church growth, and thousands of dollars are now being expended where a few years ago hundreds would have been considered sufficient. Two Sunday Schools in Kansas, Missouri, have recently received 105,000 dollars (£21,000) from R. A. Long, who has made so many princely donations to our American work of late. Mr. Long is a keen business man who is very careful how he distributes his wealth, and the fact that he has given so largely to the schools of his own town shows his estimate of the value of Sunday School work. Nor is he alone in this conviction. Great sums are now being spent in up-to-date school buildings, and adults attend freely. A South Australian brother who visited America recently says he attended school every Lord's day while there, except during the Centennial celebrations, and the one thing that surprised him most was the attendance of adults. In every school of the several he visited adults were fully as numerous as the children. Parents do not send their children, but take them. In Broadway, Lexington, for example, there were at least six adult classes, and in the one class he attended over 120 names were on the roll. In Australia, as the boys begin to feel manly, they generally leave school just when they most need its influence. As "the wisest gosling gangs after geese" they naturally walk in their parents' steps. If the parents attend, there will be little difficulty in getting the growing children to do so. Let the parents say "Come" instead of "Go" and the problem is solved. The custom of having school in the States in the morning before the church service instead of in the afternoon may make it easier there; but it is doubtful whether adults in this country would be more likely to attend school at 10 than at 3. By some means the American brethren have largely outgrown the idea that the Bible School is merely for children. Would it not be possible to initiate a forward movement here in the direction of adult attendance? Surely the average Australian is as likely to respond as the average American, and in America the adult class movement, so vigorously prosecuted of late, has been remarkably successful. We commend the idea to our various Sunday School Unions. It requires push and perseverance, but if vigorously conducted we are persuaded that such a campaign would pay handsomely. It is worth the trial.

There are struggles which we must meet—struggles to be pure and brave, and true and holy. The shadow of his cross, falling on them, is not obliteration, but inspiration. We cannot be spared the doing of them by him, but we can do them by him, and that is better.—Phillips Brooks.

N.S.W. CONFERENCE REPORTS.

Digest of Letters—continued.

Missions, and, largely through the help of the sisters, our chapel has been renovated. Peace and harmony reign.

PADDINGTON.—Bro. Illingworth has labored faithfully and earnestly during the year, and his labors have been greatly blessed in the salvation of so many precious souls; while the Lord's day morning addresses have been beneficial to the church. The attendances at the gospel services are splendid. We are looking for a continuation of our present success in the new year, as the church is working unitedly.

ROOKWOOD.—Throughout the year we have been without an evangelist devoting his whole time to the work; in the early part we were favored by various brethren, and desire to thank them. For some months past now Bro. A. Brown, of Petersham, has been preaching each Lord's day evening, conducting the mid-week meeting, and visiting one day a week. Bro. Brown has faithfully preached the Word, and we believe that results must follow. We would like a tent mission in the near future, believing that it would strengthen the church numerically and spiritually.

SYDNEY.—In Sept. last Bro. S. G. Griffith resigned his work as evangelist with us, when we secured Bro. J. J. Franklyn, from New Zealand. Bro. Franklyn has commenced a splendid Bible Class on Sunday afternoons and a Berean Class which meets on Monday evenings. A Band of Hope has also been inaugurated, and Saturday evening open-air meetings at the Haymarket have been begun. The attendances at all the meetings are good, and better still, are on the increase, especially is this true of the mid-week and Sunday evening meetings. The future is bright with promise.

SYDNEY (CHINESE).—The church has kept wonderfully well together without an evangelist for fully two years; now that Bro. Jame is with us for a season we are looking forward to stirring meetings and good results.

SEVEN HILLS.—Things here are just going along in the same quiet way, with the assistance of brethren from Rookwood. If we had a small building in which to hold gospel services we believe progress would be made. We are putting money by in the hope of being able to hold a tent mission in the future.

TAREE.—We have made very little progress during the year, but four others have been baptised, but have not yet been welcomed at the table of the Lord. The preaching of the gospel has been faithfully carried on by our beloved Bro. Williams, and some of the local brethren; at some of the outside preaching stations several have confessed Christ, whom we expect soon to baptise into the ever-blessed Name. We are looking forward to greater results in the incoming year.

TUGGERAH.—Meetings have been held as usual throughout the year, the breaking of bread each Lord's day, and once a month gospel services, when we have been helped by brethren from Sydney and Merewether, for which help we are very thankful. The local Sunday School is supposed to be a Union school, but is run

solely by the members of the Church of Christ at present, Bro. C. Stimson being supt. We are looking forward to better times during the coming year.

TYALGUM.—Neither statistics nor letter have reached us.

WAGGA WAGGA.—The church here is at present in a poor state; since the resignation of the evangelist Bro. Wilkins has been holding mid-week services, but he is not here over the Lord's days, and so the work falls largely on the

shoulders of the secretary, Bro. G. Birrell. Bro. Colbourne's visit a little back did us much good. We are looking forward to better times when another evangelist is in the field.

WINGHAM.—Those of our members who are living at Killabakh have been organised into a separate church during the year, hence the reduction in our numbers. We keep on our way and look for results in the future. Bro. W. J. Williams helps the church much by his visits.



Tasmania.

MOLE CREEK.—Since last report the usual services have been held with good results. At Caveside, one confession; Mersey Bridge, one, and two at Circular Ponds, all of whom were immersed by Jabez Byard in the Mersey River.—W. J. Way.

Queensland.

BOONAH.—Since last report the writer has preached at Carney's Creek, between 30 and 40 persons being present in the house of J. Alcorn. The members there are applying for the use of the Government school. The writer has been asked by the church to remain for another term, but has decided not to stay after the expiration of his engagement.—W. Uren, March 9.

New Zealand.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.—Last Lord's day evening the building was full, a lot of strangers being present. Bro. Wilson gave a splendid address on "The Church and the Holy Spirit." *Glad Tidings*, our church magazine, is a means of bringing many strangers. Tuesday evening we held our half-yearly business meeting. Reports showed that the interest is still as keen as ever in the various branches of the work, and the treasurer's report showed a credit balance.—H.M.H., March 3.

ASHBURTON.—The annual business meeting was held last month, and was most harmonious and enthusiastic. It was resolved to invite the Associated Churches of the South Island to hold the Conference of 1911 at Ashburton. Unanimously agreed to promise 30/- per week, and £2 if at all possible, to the Home Mission Committee to retain Bro. Greenwood's services for another year. Bro. Greenwood has just closed a two weeks' mission, which has proved a great blessing to the church. We are also rejoicing over five who have confessed Christ. On Tuesday a social was held, which proved the largest and best yet. Sister Munson was presented with a lady's purse, containing £2/10/- as a mark of esteem for her faithful labors in cleaning the church and other work. Last night Sister Greenwood's Sunday School class gave her a surprise party. The affair was well conceived and carried through. During the evening the girls presented Sister Greenwood with a beautiful jardiniere as a mark of their appreciation of her deep interest in their spiritual welfare. The meetings are well attended and a splendid interest is aroused.—G., March 5.

DUNEDIN.—The Bible School teachers of Dunedin and suburban churches of Christ held a Conference on Feb. 28, in the new chapel at N.E. Valley. W. J. Lowe presided. A paper upon "The Cradle Roll" was read and illustrated by Miss J. Lowe, and W. J. Hastic spoke upon "The Home Department." A discussion followed. A cradle roll and sand table are in use in each of the Tabernacle and N.E. Valley schools. Yesterday afternoon the Tabernacle school was addressed by Mr. Burton, Methodist preacher from Auckland. One confession at the Tabernacle on each of the last two Sunday evenings.—L.C.J.S., March 7.

OAMARU.—Recently a ballot was taken in connection with Bro. Mathieson's engagement, resulting in practically a unanimous vote in favor of re-engagement for an indefinite period. Our building campaign commenced on March 2. Bro. Mathieson showed plans and views of the proposed building by lantern slides. We are much indebted to C. F. McDonald, Dunedin, for his kindness in preparing designs. The meeting was very enthusiastic, and adopted the plans at a cost of £1500. Promises of about £200, payable in six months, were received. The building will be one of the best among the New Zealand churches.—W.K., March 4.

MATAURA.—On March 2, a complimentary social was tendered to Bro. and Sister W. M. Pryde, on Bro. Pryde's retirement from the superintendency of the Bible School. Bro. Pryde has been connected with the school for between 30 and 40 years. He has also been an office-bearer in the church since his earliest connection therewith, and held the position of treasurer and secretary for over 25 years. The home of Bro. and Sister Pryde is noted for its Christian hospitality, and the church members expressed appreciation of their long and faithful service by presenting them with a beautiful illuminated address. This morning a roll-call of members took place after the Lord's Supper. Bro. Bull has entered upon a fifth year of service as preacher with the church here.—B., March 6.

West Australia.

KALGOORLIE.—Bro. Blakemore, of Perth, commenced a mission here on March 3, and the meetings to date are full of interest. Yesterday 42 broke bread. In the evening our building was packed. Bro. Blakemore addressed a men's meeting in the Wesley Guild Hall in the afternoon, and gave a splendid talk on "The New Order of Chivalry." This meeting was in connection with the Y.M.C.A. movement. It is with our deepest regret that we have to announce the death of our Sister Mrs. Organ, who passed away last night. Our sister, who a week or so ago looked to be in the most perfect health, has

now gone to her reward. Our prayers are with our dear Bro. Organ and his sorrowing family, and we trust that God in his great goodness and mercy will bless them in their sad hour of trial. "No burdens yonder."—J.S.M., March 7.

BROOKTON.—The first Conference of the Brookton and Pingelly districts was held in the hall at Brookton on Feb. 15, at which gathering were present, besides members of Brookton church, Bren. Moysey, Banks, Manning, Ewers and W. E. Vinicombe, as well as brethren from East Pingelly and other centres. Short addresses were given showing the opportunities for future work in several outlying districts, and after the business session Bren. Moysey and Banks spoke on behalf of the Home Mission Committee. Bro. Moysey also gave an interesting account of his visit to the great Centennial at Pittsburg. In the evening a public meeting was held, when we had the pleasure of listening to three really fine addresses, the theme of the evening being "The Cause We Advocate": "Its Rise and Development," G. B. Moysey; "Its Plea for Union," H. P. Manning; "Its Evangelism," H. J. Banks. The mission conducted by H. P. Manning commenced on Feb. 16, and continued until Feb. 27, closing with 5 confessions. We feel that the church is strengthened spiritually. At the last night there was a record attendance, there being about 70 present. We are very grateful to Bren. Manning and W. L. Ewers for their untiring efforts. The work has reached the time when, if it is to prosper, there must be an evangelist stationed in its midst. The church membership now reaches 39, and we hope that number will very soon be greatly increased. On March 1 a thanksgiving service was held.—F.D.J., March 2.

KALGOORLIE.—The Eastern Goldfields Churches of Christ Conference has now ended, and we go forward with renewed vigor for a year's work. The meetings opened on Monday evening, Feb. 28, with a devotional service, after which J. Richardson, of Boulder, took the chair. After Bro. Mill had made the Conference introductory, the following subjects were dealt with, either by speeches or papers:—"Who are we?" "Why are we?" "Failures of the past," "What are we doing to evangelise the Goldfields?" "What we ought to do"; "How are we going to do it?" and "The future of our plea." This was a most satisfactory meeting. The second meeting was also opened with a devotional meeting, after which important matters were discussed, such as the urgent necessity for a second evangelist on the Goldfields; the advisability of engaging evangelists for Goldfields churches to spend a period of at least five years with a church; the refraining of criticism of all kinds both of evangelists and members; that evangelists should have a thorough knowledge of up-to-date Bible School ideas, and various other motions. On the third night we held a grand reunion tea. We had six tables, at which Perth, Boulder, Donnybrook, North Perth, Bunbury, Subiaco and Kalgoorlie churches were represented. After the tea W. B. Blakemore, B.A., of Perth, delivered an address at the Sunday School session on the subject, "What is being done on the front line of Sunday School Work." This was a most eloquent address, and Bro. Blakemore received the well merited vote of thanks of the meeting.—J. A. Maloney, March 3.

New South Wales.

PADDINGTON.—We were favored to-day with a visit from Linley Gordon. He preached a fine discourse to-night on "Is the Church Essential?" Very good attendance. Bro. Colbourne of North Sydney was with us in the morning and exhorted the church.—A.E.I., March 13.

MARRICKVILLE.—Splendid meetings Lord's day. J. J. Franklyn exhorted the church. Chas. Watt delivered a masterly sermon to a good audience in the evening; topic, "The Book." The discourse was in the interests of the British and Foreign Bible Society. An offering is to be taken next Lord's day to help further the work of the Bible Society. Lord's day School anni-

versary, 20th inst. Presentation of prizes, 21st.—T. C. Walker, March 13.

PETERSHAM.—A. Brown, who has been superintendent of the S.S. for four years, has resigned, his place being taken by T. C. Walker of Marrickville. A special church business meeting was held last Wednesday to consider the resignation of Bro. Clydesdale, and after being put to the ballot, it was decided to ask him to stay, but he said his mind was fully made up before the meeting to go in three months' time.—S.B.

AUBURN.—Social in connection with anniversary services took place on the 8th, the attendance being good. G. T. Walden, President Federal and Home Mission Committees, occupied the chair. Thos. Hagger, State Evangelist, and metropolitan evangelists were also among those present. An enjoyable programme was rendered by friends from the Enmore Tabernacle. During the evening prizes were distributed to members of the Lord's day School.—A.W., March 14.

CHINESE MISSION, SYDNEY.—A tea and public meeting was held on March 1 in the City Temple to welcome our Chinese evangelist, Bro. Jame. There was a good attendance. We are pleased to notice the increased attendance at both Lord's day services, and are praying that much good may be derived from Bro. Jame's efforts.—E. J. Priddeth, March 3.

MOSMAN.—Good meetings last Sunday. T. Morton, from Belmore, spoke at the breaking of bread, and one lady was received into membership. A Bible Class was started on Sunday, 6th, when Bro. Mudge, of Auburn, took charge. Last Sunday Bro. Hagger took charge of Bible Class at 3, and gospel service at night, when there was a splendid audience.—G.H.O., March 12.

ENMORE.—Sunday, March 13, a large gathering assembled morning and evening to hear George Verco. He delighted the church with his glorious message. Many were deeply impressed with his earnestness. Bro. Verco has been absent for six years, and returns to Sydney full of vim and vigor. We congratulate Mosman on their selected preacher. Linley Gordon was a visitor to the morning meeting. The choir now numbers 50, and rendered two anthems at the evening service, which were much appreciated.—W. D. Rankine, March 14.

BROKEN HILL.—Four were received into fellowship on the 26th Feb. Last Lord's day we celebrated our church anniversary. Bro. Wright spoke in the morning, a large number of members being present. Bro. Tuck spoke in the evening to a large congregation. Wednesday a public tea was held, well attended by members and friends, followed by a public meeting, presided over by Bro. Tuck. Addresses were given by the chairman and Mr. French (Methodist). Recitations by Bro. Greeves and Sister Litchfield. Secretary's report was very encouraging. Confessions for year, 105; baptised, 78; received into fellowship, 98; died, 1; transferred, 9; increase for year, 88; total number on roll, 135. Treasurer's report showed a small balance in hand. Building fund treasurer's report showed that same had been reduced from £710 to £622/17/6. Sunday School has grown from 52 to 109, C.E. Society from 37 to 83. Several anthems were sung by the choir under the guidance of Bro. Wright.—R. J. House, March 11.

South Australia.

BALAKLAVA.—Last Thursday evening a social was tendered G. H. Stevens, wife and family, also J. Helleur, wife and family, prior to their leaving the district. A good number of church members availed themselves of the opportunity of bidding departing brethren God-speed. Last evening Bro. Day preached a powerful sermon to large congregation, and there were two confessions.—A. W. Paterson, March 14.

QUEENSTOWN.—Lord's day, March 13, a good attendance at morning meeting. W. C.

Brooker exhorted. About 80 broke bread. At the gospel service, which took the form of a Harvest Thanksgiving, there was a large display of fruit, vegetables, etc. Bro. Gore, from Unley, delivered a fine address, the chapel being filled. Special singing by the choir under Bro. Pilkington. Our mid-weekly meeting still improving.—A.P.B., March 14.

SEMAPHORE.—Attendance at the morning meetings well maintained. 26 broke bread. Bro. Collins, from Norwood, exhorted. Home Mission collection, £3/12/9. We have every prospect of a bright future, both as regards meeting and Sunday School.—A.P.B., March 14.

GOOLWA.—Good meetings to-day. One decision at gospel service. Anniversary next Lord's day, when we expect J. E. Thomas, from Grote-st. We hold our tea the following Tuesday.—J.T.

HINDMARSH.—March 10, T. H. Brooker, supt. of the S.S., and his wife, entertained the active workers and the friends who had rendered assistance at the recent anniversary and picnic. T. H. Brooker spoke on the past and future work of the school, and thanked all those who had so willingly given their services to make the recent picnic a success. A. Dodson, supt. of the West-st. Mission S.S., spoke on behalf of the mission, and G. Duncan and I. A. Paternoster also spoke on S.S. work. D. Battersby gave selections on the gramophone, and A. Dodson a solo, the Miss Doleys a duet. Special reference was made to the work of F. Milton, the sec. of the school, and he was heartily thanked for his untiring efforts on their behalf. A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Brooker concluded a very pleasant evening. Sunday, March 12, we had the pleasure of a visit from E. Hall, an old scholar of the Robert-st. S.S., now in charge of the Milang church, who gave a very good address at the morning service.—J. W. Snook.

Victoria.

WILLIAMSTOWN.—The quarterly business meeting of the church was held last Thursday, when a large number of members attended. The church was unanimous in their desire for Bro. and Sister Enniss to labor with us for an indefinite period, and we are exceedingly pleased that they have consented to do so. This morning three were received by faith and obedience, and one by letter. Grand meeting this evening, when a young lad made the good confession.—S.R.F., March 6.

MEREDITH.—Good meetings last Lord's day morning and evening. Bro. Shipway spoke on "The Name above Every Name." Good interest. A young lady was baptised.—A. McKay, March 14.

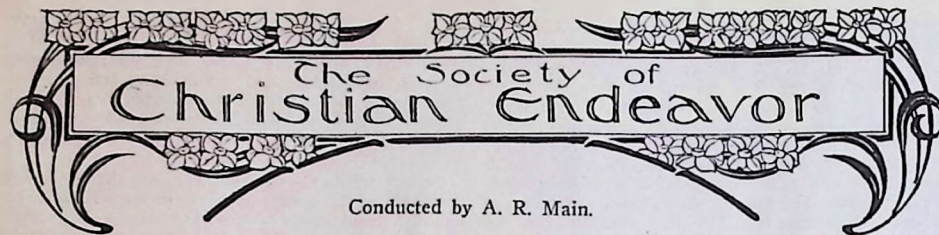
CASTLEMAINE.—Annual business meeting and social held March 2. Splendid attendance. The following officers were appointed: Deacons, J. Taylor, A. Spicer, G. Spicer, F. Jermyn, A. Andrews; sec., F. Jermyn. The work for the past year was very encouraging, and a resolution was passed asking the Home Mission Committee to send the present evangelist back for another term.—E.C., March 14.

CHELtenham.—Splendid meetings. Bro. Sears, of W.A., exhorted. In the afternoon the school rendered a missionary service before a full building; £1/16/- contributed for benevolence among the heathen. At night we had the privilege of taking the confession of Miss Doris Bryce and Miss Victoria Organ.—T.B.F.

EMERALD.—Bro. Comer is still with us, visiting and preaching. Fine meeting last night. At the close three made the confession.—W. Bolduan, March 14.

NORTH FITZROY.—Three confessions on Sunday evening week, J. W. Baker preaching. A splendid interest is still maintained in the services. Average attendance at Lord's table last year, 206; at gospel services, about 350. 36 admissions from Sunday School.

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CHRIST OUR TEACHER.

Topic for April 3.

Suggested Subjects and Readings.

A lesson on the kingdom—Matt. 5: 1-11.

On righteousness—Matt. 5: 20-30.

On prayer—Matt. 6: 5-15.

On fear-thought—Matt. 6: 25-34.

On service—John 13: 1-17.

On obedience—John 14: 15-24.

Topic—Christ our teacher—John 12: 44-50. (Consecration Meeting.)

Jesus Christ is the incomparable Teacher. "Never man spake like this man." They who spoke thus were not his friends, but his enemies. The world has agreed with their decision. Think of the influence of his words. All his preserved words together, as Stalker has remarked, would not take up more space than a dozen ordinary sermons; yet they are the most precious literary heritage of the race. We would lose everything rather than the Master's words. Think of all that has been written on those comparatively few words. Consider the comparative merits of the words themselves and the human annotations. Reflect on their adaptability to human need. The simplest, humblest and most ignorant understand enough to supply their souls' hunger; the great Christian philosopher has not sounded the depths of meaning. "Many have uttered wise words, and written noble books; but either they have soon been comparatively forgotten, or have only reached the few. The simplest words of Christ have been as arrows of lightnings which still quiver in the hearts of millions of every race, as they have done in every age, and which are blessedly powerful to heal the very wounds which they inflict on the awakened consciences of men."

Qualities of the Teacher.

In his fine summary Stalker points out four qualities which arrested the attention of the people of Christ's own day. (1) *Authority*. Matthew, at the close of the sermon on the mount, tells us that the people were astonished, for he spake as one having authority. The imperious "I say unto you," whatever was said of old, arrested their attention. The folk had been used to appeals to rabbinical authority; here was one who posed as an authority himself. The Teacher they now listened to was one who calmly declared that the final destiny of men was determined by their attitude to his words, who calmly classified men—or rather said men classified themselves—as wise and foolish, according as they obeyed or disobeyed his word. Our reading

from John implies this also. The words of Jesus are claimed as that by which men will stand or fall at last. The claim is that no one can get beyond his word; no one to whom it comes can afterwards be the same, can afterwards be as though it had not come to him. Let him accept or reject, alike the word does its work. So potent is this Teacher that no word of his can fall fruitless. It must do its destined work. (2) *Boldness*. The people said, "Lo, he speaketh boldly." Remember his attack on wickedness in high places, on hypocritical religious leaders. (3) *Graciousness*. The listeners in the synagogue "wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth." This is not out of harmony with his strong denunciation of hypocrisy. Those who heard the philippic of Matt. 23 may have marvelled at the boldness chiefly, but I think the loving graciousness of the close also impressed them. (4) *Power*. "His word was with power." Our teaching seems here to be lacking. Perhaps we are not like the Master, not close enough to him, not filled enough with his Spirit.

Qualities of style.

One of the striking things about the teaching of Jesus is that it did not exhibit a chain of reasoning, but in great part consisted of concise sayings. Into these he put "a depth of spiritual meaning which finds no parallel in any other form of proverbial instruction." Every one "contained the greatest possible amount of truth in the smallest possible compass, and was expressed in language so concise and pointed as to stick in the memory like an arrow." See, for instance: "They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick"; "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." Of such sayings Farrar says, "They have the illuminating force of the lightning; they compress words of wisdom into a single line."

We find Jesus' teaching full of figures of speech. "He thought in images." "There were no abstract statements in it; they were all changed into pictures." This constant illustration of his truth was one of the secrets of Jesus' charm. Of course we remember that his illustrations illustrated. The person who regularly divides his subject into three heads, each with a text of Scripture, an anecdote and a verse of poetry, does not necessarily adopt the Master's method. Jesus used the parabolic form. The words of Bacon seem to be applicable: "A parable has a double use—it tends to veil, and it tends to illustrate a truth. In the latter case it seems designed to teach; in the former to conceal." Christ used this method of teaching to men of no erudition, the humblest Christians rejoice in the beautiful simplicity of some of the parables; yet see Mark 4: 12. Of the parables, Farrar says that they "remain as the most winning, yet at the same time the richest and

divinest sources of moral and spiritual guidance"; and of one of these, the same writer asks: "Were we to be asked to name one page of all the literature of all the world since time began, which had caused the deepest blessings, and kindled in the hearts of men the most effectual belief in the possibility and efficacy of repentance, would any one hesitate to name the Parable of the Prodigal Son?" Jeremy Taylor speaks of his "parables under which were hid mysterious senses, which shined through the veil, like a bright sun through an eye closed with a thin eyelid." Was it strange, asks Trapp, that all the people "hanged on him as the bee doth on the flower, the babe on the breast, the little bird on the bill of her dam; Christ drew the people after him by the golden chain of his heavenly eloquence."

OUR Teacher.

Is it so? The study is intended to help us to be more truly the Master's disciples. Disciples are learners—not learners *about* Christ, but learners *of* him, pupils in his school, who sat at his feet as Mary did, who drink in his word as Saul imbibed instruction at the feet of Gamaliel. Christ is the world's supreme Teacher—that is a great, a splendid fact for us; but it is not a tenth part so important as the fact that we are willing for him to teach us.

The Great Teacher is stringent in his requirements. Lazy, idle scholars are not wanted. Quick, diligent, obedient pupils are desired. The folk of old were impressed with the Teacher's authority; that trait is still his. His "I say unto you" means our closest attention and instant acceptance. To call him Lord and Master implies that we do the things he says.

When folk go to school, they are generally prepared to spend a fair amount of time in class and home study. If we profess to belong to the school of Christ, if he is our Teacher, we should spend as much time as possible with him, in conning his lessons and getting them by heart. He is ever available, his text-book is in our hands. Let us study it and learn of him.

Thoughts.

Christ's teaching is not of new works done, but a new man to do them; not another life only, but another birth.—*Luther*.

Tradition spoke of the manna tasting according to the desire of the soul. The message of Jesus is perfectly adapted for all sorts and conditions of men.

How considerate is Jesus! "I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot hear them now." Jesus is saying this to-day. He considers the frailty of our frame.

How patient is Jesus as a Teacher! The dullness of the disciples must often have vexed Jesus, yet how he bore with them! We are not less dull, and we also have a patient Teacher.

The monthly Foreign Missionary meeting of the Norwood, S.A., Church of Christ Y.P.S.C.E. was held on Feb. 28, and was largely attended. Mr. Neil, a missionary on furlough from Samoa, was present, and addressed the gathering. Several musical items were rendered by Endeavorers. A bright, cheerful, missionary spirit prevailed throughout the meeting.

Sisters' Department.

VICTORIA.

Conference.—The sisters' annual Conference will be held on Wednesday, 23rd inst., at Lygon-st. (kindly lent by the officers), commencing at 10.30 a.m. The morning session will be devoted to business, election of officers, committees, etc. Sisters will bring their own luncheon, but tea may be obtained at a small charge in the school hall. The afternoon meeting will start at 2.30 prompt. Mrs. Davies will give the Presidential address; reports of committee work; essay, "Women of the Kingdom," by Mrs. Harward. The evening meeting will commence at 7.30. Roll-call of churches; Foreign Mission report by Mrs. Ludbrook; notes on sisters' work in other lands, Mrs. F. Pittman; paper, Miss V. Lee; (Hon. President's (Mrs. C. L. Thurgood) message; vocal solos, etc. So that all sisters may be free to attend the afternoon meeting, it has been decided to have tea catered for at 9d. per head. We hope every sister will do her best to be present and make our Conference of 1910 a great success.

Executive.—The devotions were led by President, Mrs. J. Pittman leading in prayer. We were glad to have Sisters F. M. Ludbrook and Walker present, both having been absent through illness. Mrs. Webster, of Brisbane, presented a letter of introduction and greeting from the Dorcas Society, and was welcomed. Our sister in a few well-chosen words made suitable reply. The programme for Conference was approved, and it was resolved to spend £3 on necessary articles for Conference. Reported additions from Sunday Schools: Middle Park, 1; Windsor, 1; Ascot Vale, 4; South Richmond, 1; Hawthorn, 2; Malvern, 1; North Richmond, 2. Next meeting will be held on Friday, April 1, when all new representatives are asked to be present.

Foreign Missions.—All the missionaries reported well. Mrs. F. Filmer, at Pentecost, had had fever, but was better. Miss Tonkin reported having adopted four daughters, and wished to know if it would be possible for Sunday Schools to undertake the expense of one. The cost would be about £3/10/- per year. They are to be trained for Bible women. When their education is finished they will teach and refund the money. Mr. and Mrs. Davey report themselves well, and feel a great responsibility in their work. The work at Baramati is prospering. Mr. Purdy, from the Island of Oba, near Pentecost, is now in Melbourne, and we advise all who can to hear his lecture.—L. J. Lyall.

Hospital Visitation.—Mrs. Cameron: Old Folks' Home, 2 visits; 35 books given away. Alfred Hospital, 1 visit; 40 books distributed and a parcel of toys. Mrs. Morris: Queen Victoria Hospital, 1 visit, and 2 visits to Austin Hospital; 20 books given away, and home comforts. Miss Jerrems: Children's Hospital, 2 visits; 100 books distributed. Homeopathic Hospital, 2 visits; Benevolent Asylum, 4 visits, 20 books distributed. Mrs. Thurgood: Melbourne Hospital, 3 visits; Homeopathic Hospital, 2 visits; books distributed, 136. Members of following churches visited: Collingwood, Footscray, North Carlton, Preston, Newmarket, Hawthorn, Swanston-st. Thanks to the following for gifts of books, illus-

trated papers, and old linen: Sisters Terrell, Dent, Chown, Zelius, Roy Thompson, A. J. Hagger, Craigie, Lygon-st. School, and Mrs. Gladstone.—E. C. Thurgood.

Dorcas Report.—Our last meeting was held on Feb. 17, 14 sisters being present. Eight garments were finished. Garments to the value of 2/6, also piece of print to the value of 4/-, were sold. Ten garments and one quilt were made and sent to the Free Kindergarten. £1 was received from the North Fitzroy Dorcas, per Mrs. Forbes. This being my last report before Conference, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the sisters for the kind support they have given me during my year of office, and would bespeak for the next superintendent the same consideration.—M. Craigie.

Prayer Meetings.—The Prayer Committee visited South Yarra Mothers' Meeting on Feb. 23. Mrs. Trinnick presided. Sisters Kelson, and Potts led in prayer. The presiding sister read from Malachi, also reading a very helpful paper. We were glad to have with us Sister Mrs. Davies, who gave a very able address, which we hope will prove a blessing to the sisters and mothers present. Sister Lee favored us with a solo, after which Sisters Chown and Forbes led in prayer. We were pleased to have with us Sister Webster, from Brisbane.—A. Nightingale.

North Fitzroy.—The North Fitzroy sisters held their usual weekly meeting on the 3rd inst. They were helped by the presence of Mrs. Webster, from Brisbane, who kindly led the meeting, taking for her lesson John 15, and commenting upon it.—L. Trinnick, Supt.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The Executive met on March 3. Devotional exercises led by Mrs. Mauger. Subject of remarks, "The Christian Race." Interesting letters were read from Misses Thompson and Terrell, telling of their work in India. We were pleased to welcome Miss Allan, from the Victorian Sisters' Executive. Sunday School additions: York, 1; Prospect, 1.

Obituary.—Sister Agnes Anderson, of the Owen church, and Sister Mary Ann Norris, of the Glenelg church, had received the home call during the month.

Roll-call of Churches.—Grote-st., 7; Hindmarsh, 8; Unley and Cottonville, 6; Norwood, 9; North Adelaide and Prospect, 5; Queenstown, 4; York, 5; Glenelg, 2; Henley Beach, 1; Mile End, 4.

Roll-call of Delegates.—Present, 24. Collection, 11/5½.

Hospital Committee.—Good work has been carried out. Fruit, flowers, cakes, home comforts and literature have been distributed. Some whom we have visited have passed away. Adelaide Hospital, 14 visits; Destitute Asylum, 9; Consumptive Home, 5; Home for Incurables, 5; Children's Hospital, 1; Sick and Aged, 23; Magazines distributed, 279.—E. Brooker, Supt.

Prayer Meeting.—On Feb. 17, the Prayer and Foreign Mission Committees visited York church. The annual meeting of the C.E. Society made the evening a very profitable one. There was a good attendance of young people, and the sisters received a hearty reception. On March 2 the same committees visited the Henley Beach church. There was a fairly good attendance. The sisters at both of these meetings put forth

the claims of prayer and Foreign Missions.—Mrs. Mauger, Supt.

Home Missions.—In reply to the letter sent to Kadina, they are unable at present to collect for Home Missions on account of collecting for the debt on their church. They hope later on to help us. Whilst visiting the Southern Conference at Milang, I was able to distribute some mite-boxes, and since my return they have asked for 8 more to be sent, making a total of 18. We expect to hold a Home Mission meeting at Unley very shortly. The brethren at Mile End intend holding a mission, commencing first Sunday in April, and our prayers and presence will greatly help them in their effort.

Leader for next devotional meeting, Mrs. Haverland. Proposed by Mrs. Hayward, seconded by Mrs. Haverland, That greetings be sent to the Victorian, New South Wales and West Australian Conferences. Proposed by Miss Norman, seconded by Mrs. Bond, That the Maylands church be asked to appoint delegates to attend the Sisters' Executive.

Amounts for Home Missions.—Grote-st., £1 0/2; Norwood, 8/-; Queenstown, 10/8; York, 15/4; Mile End, 12/6; Unley, 16/5; Glenelg, £1 5/6; total, £5/8/7.

Amounts for Foreign Missions.—Hindmarsh, 5/4; Norwood, 12/2; Unley, £1/9/4; Queenstown, £1/2/9; York, 7/6; North Adelaide, 6/1; Donation, 5/-; total, £4/8/2.—A. E. Manning, Sec., North Parade, Torrens-ville.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Monthly meeting held in City Temple. President, Miss Marshman. Scripture lesson read by Mrs. Hagger.

Bible School.—Mrs. Espular reported visiting Belmore, 182 present; Hurstville, 42 present; Canley Vale, 34; Auburn, Paddington, Erskineville, Mosman, and Woollahra.

Hospital.—Mrs. Potter reported 6 visits to Sydney Hospital; distributed 170 books, 150 text-cards; also 2 visits, 190 books; 100 text-cards. Visit to Little Bay: given 56 books, 56 cards; North Sydney Hospital, Mrs. Jones gave 3/- in text-cards, Miss E. Jones 143 books. Feb. 1, visited Newington, gave 9 lbs. tea, 24lbs. sugar, etc., 186 books. Balance in hand, 16/-; expenditure, 6/11.

Dorcas.—Mrs. Clydesdale reported visits to Rookwood, Belmore, Marrickville, and Auburn prayer meetings. Mrs. Fox reported meeting held at Enmore, Jan. 18; fair attendance; speaker, Mr. Walden; solo by Mrs. W. Fox; Sister Marshman presided, and several sisters joined in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report.—Mrs. Morrison. Balance from last year, £2/15/1; Home Mission Collection, Enmore, 17/3; Interest on money in bank, 4/7; total, £3/16/11. Paid to Home Mission Supt., 17/3; balance in hand, £2/19/11. Paid to Mrs. Gole, for rescue work, £1; balance in hand for rescue work, £12/3/6.

Social.—Mrs. Mitchellhill reported programme complete for Conference. It was decided on the motion of Mrs. Campbell to write to General Conference to see what steps had been taken regarding the Federal capital. It was decided to send greetings to sisters in other States holding their Conferences—Western Australia and Queensland, Mrs. Shearston being asked to take the greetings to Victoria.—E. Shearston.

From the Field—Continued.

BERWICK.—Bro. Noble spoke twice on Sunday, Bro. Johnson being at Ballarat.—E.E.H., March 13.

WILLIAMSTOWN.—This morning we had several visitors. W. A. Kemp exhorted. This evening a fine meeting, when two ladies came out on the Lord's side, making nine confessions since Jan. 1.—S.R.F., March 13.

HAWTHORN.—Anniversary services on the 13th were very successful. Good meeting in the morning to welcome Bro. Dickson back from his holiday. In the afternoon Bro. Fischer addressed the children and parents, who assembled in force to hear him and the children sing, and at night a crowded house, when Bro. Dickson spoke on "Child Character." On the 15th, prizes will be distributed, and various exercises negated in.—T. H. Parkes, March 14.

MELBOURNE (Swanston-st.).—At the meeting last Lord's day week F. M. Ludbrook delivered a beautiful address on the "Shepherd Psalm." Linley Gordon preached a splendid discourse on "The Gradual Harvest." This was Bro. Linley Gordon's farewell address in Victoria previous to leaving for Kentucky, U.S.A. We wish him abundant success in his future sphere of labor. Last Lord's day we had Bro. Leng, Home Missionary from Castlemaine, who spoke both morning and evening with great acceptance, delivering very fine addresses. Bro. and Sister Purdy, missionaries of Oba, New Hebrides, were received into membership. We expect C. M. Gordon to resume work next Lord's day, after a fortnight's holiday.

GEELONG.—On Sunday morning we had Sister Jane, from Lygon-st., and Bro. Mulvogue addressed the church. In the evening our evangelist occupied the platform, and a collection was taken up on behalf of the local Sailors' Home, and a good sum realised. Bro. Edwards closes his labors with the church here at the end of the month, having accepted an engagement with the Narracoorte church under the S.A. Home Mission Committee. Gifford Gordon, of Doncaster, succeeds him.—H. Loft.

BRIGHT.—The meeting for breaking of bread is now held in the house of Joseph Bunn, Freeburgh-rd. We regret to say that three baptised believers have withdrawn their support owing to difference of views, but this loss has been more than made good by the discovery of several real disciples. I am indebted to Bro. and Sister H. Tewkesbury, N.S.W., who visited these parts recently, for information, encouragement, and advice. Had the pleasure of addressing a large and attentive audience last Sunday night in Freeburgh Union Chapel on "Christian Union."—R. C. Beard, March 6.

EMERALD.—The chapel was crowded on Thursday last, the occasion being the wedding of J. E. Allan, evangelist of the Footscray church, and Miss E. G. Wright, our organist, and one of the most highly esteemed members. T. B. Fischer officiated. The breakfast was attended by about 70 friends at "Avonsleigh House," the home of the bride's parents.

CARLTON (Lygon-st.).—F. G. Dunn spoke in the morning. Sister Webster and daughter, from Brisbane, fellowshiped with us. Horace Kingsbury's subject at night was "No Thoroughfare." Another splendid meeting. Last Thursday evening we had the pleasure of an interesting address from Bro. Purdy upon his work in the New Hebrides. Bro. Verco, who takes up the work at Mosman, N.S.W., took part in the meeting.—J. McC.

LILLIMUR.—After a splendid exhortation from Bro. Benn yesterday morning, we were cheered by the youngest daughter of the writer coming forward and confessing Christ.—B.J.L., March 14.

PAKENHAM.—On March 14 a young man made the confession and was baptised. The church has engaged J. Binney as preacher for six months. We pray that his work may be blessed. Visitors present yesterday from Fremantle and Swanston-st. churches.—H. S. R., March 15.

Here & There.

Decisions reported in this issue, 32.

Tent mission will start at Junee (N.S.W.) on April 3.

H. G. Payne is on a two weeks' visit to the Wagga (N.S.W.) district.

A. C. Rankine is now conducting a mission at Sheridan, Indiana, U.S.A.

The present issue of the *CHRISTIAN* has four additional pages of reading matter.

We were pleased to have a call from A. M. Ludbrook. He has been spending a short holiday in Victoria.

In the absence of C. M. Gordon, the evening services in Swanston-st. chapel were taken by Linley Gordon and H. Leng.

Geo. D. Verco arrived in Sydney on Saturday last, and preached on Lord's day at Enmore; he will commence work at Mosman next Lord's day.

A. W. Jinks has asked the N.S.W. Home Missionary Committee to release him from his engagement to Moree in order to accept a call to Ballarat; this has been done.

A very fine attendance at the gospel meeting at Brisbane, Q., on Sunday evening, 6th inst. One who previously confessed Christ was baptised. Another—a young man—made the good confession.

Victorian C.E. Society secretaries will please note that 3d. per senior member, and 1d. per junior member, is due by them for their share towards the expenses of the rally on Easter Monday night.

The great Endeavor Convention recently held in Agra, India, is said to have been "surprisingly good, surprisingly large, and surprisingly enthusiastic." There are 1300 societies in India, with a membership of 40,000.

The Foreign Missionary Committee of Victoria intend displaying biograph films on China, India, Japan, Africa and Palestine at the Missionary session of the Conference. It is a new departure, but we think a very good one.

A correspondent in New Zealand complains that he is called upon frequently to pay fines for insufficient postage on letters posted to him from Victoria. He desires us to mention the fact that the postage from Victoria to New Zealand is 2d. under the half ounce.

Australian missions make possible missions everywhere. More churches in Australia means more churches in India and the New Hebrides. We must, therefore, not do less to-day for Foreign Missions, but more for Home Missions, and then to-morrow we shall be able to do more in the great fields ahead.

Under the title of "Gospel Light" we have just published a neat booklet consisting of twenty-five selected tracts. This forms a handy little volume to give to any enquirers after the way of salvation, and will be kept and read when the single tract would be thrown away. Price 3d., posted 4d. One dozen sent for 3/6.

The largest men's Bible Class in any of our American schools is that at Nelsonville, Ohio, with an enrolment of nearly 500. There are in this school six adult classes, two of men and four of women. It would be interesting to know which school in Australia has the largest adult class. Let us hear from the schools.

F. J. Purdy and Mrs. Purdy, who have been conducting missionary work on the island of Oba, New Hebrides, close to Pentecost, where Bro. and Sister Filmer are stationed, were last Lord's day received into membership at the church at Swanston-st., Melb. Bro. Purdy was immersed several years ago, and worked amongst the Kanakas in Queensland until their deportation to the South Sea Islands. He followed many of his converts to Oba, and has established a successful mission there. There are about 50 schools and churches and about 450 members,

all of whom are immersed believers. Bro. Purdy finds himself in agreement with the position the Churches of Christ take, and will in future advocate the New Testament teaching and practice with even more enthusiasm than before. He has offered to place the work under the control and auspices of our Foreign Missionary Committee, and the matter is now receiving consideration. We wish Bro. and Sister Purdy much success under the blessing of God in the future.

In answer to a query by a correspondent as to whether a Christian is justified in instituting legal proceedings to get payment of a debt, which the alleged debtor does not consider he owes, our reply is No. This is a matter that should be submitted to the arbitration of the brethren, and their decision should be accepted as final.

Mosman church has held her mid-week service in the Town Hall since the mission; on the first evening there was one confession. On Lord's day, March 6, S. H. Mudge addressed the church in the morning and preached in the evening to a fine audience; in the afternoon a start was made with a Bible Class in connection with the school.

Splendid missionary work is being done by the churches at Inverell, Lismore, and Taree, N.S.W. A number of preaching stations have been established in the surrounding country. This should be done by all churches in country towns. Of these it should be written, "For from you hath sounded out the word of the Lord" in all the adjacent districts. Many of these preaching stations will eventually grow into churches.

Isaac Errett's "Letters to a young Christian," new edition, now ready. This little volume consists of a series of articles addressed to young disciples, as a help to the many just entering on the path of the Christian life. The writer has drawn from his own experience of his early Christian life, such suggestions as he thought would be most helpful to young Christians. The new edition is neatly bound in stiff paper covers, and is published at 6d., post free 8d.

A. J. Saunders, one of our Australian boys, having completed his studies in the United States, has now returned home with the full intention of devoting his life to the work of the gospel in Australasia. Bro. Saunders was an acceptable speaker before leaving for America, and should have improved considerably by his subsequent education and experience. He is open to engagement, and letters addressed to him, c/o Mr. Frank Cadd, Perth, W.A., will find him.

The Victorian Conference picnic will be held on Easter Monday at Glen Iris, on the grounds of the Bible College. This will be a good opportunity for members to see the College building. Arrangements have been made for special trains. Going, the special will leave Flinders-st. at 10.55 a.m. Returning, the special will leave at 6.20 p.m. They stop at Richmond and Burnley going and returning. Return tickets will be sold at Conference meetings, 7½d., available for either special or ordinary trains.

The donation of £20,000 to one school and £1000 to another, mentioned in our Editorial Note, was made by R. A. Long, of Kansas, Missouri, to schools of that city. The Independence Boulevard school, which receives the larger sum, was promised £10,000 if the attendance during the latter part of last year averaged 1000. From September to the end of December there was an average of 1054. Bro. Long has increased the amount, and with the £20,000 available an annex will be erected with an assembly room seating 2000, and 60 class rooms with a capacity ranging from 20 to 400. Of the scholars, about 500 are not members, and about 200 of these are adults.

The Victorian Church Extension Committee, of which W. C. Craigie, A. Millis, C. Hardie and R. Lyall are members, have recently given attention to the appeal made by the church at Colac for help to secure a chapel in place of renting a hall, as they have been compelled to do hitherto. As the result of an appeal to the members in Victoria, over £400 has been subscribed in loans and donations to the Church Extension Fund. The church at Colac had se-

cured a block of land, but on recommendation of the Committee it was sold and a splendid block on a main street has been purchased instead. Bro. W. Meekison, of the church at Middle Park, as honorary architect to the Committee, has prepared plans and specifications for the building, and tenders will shortly be called. It is expected the chapel will cost about £450, and those brethren who intend to assist the Church Extension Fund by loan or gift may now send in the offering, and an excellent use will be made of the same. These may be sent to W. C. Craigie or to R. Lyall.

Sunday School Union, Vic.—Annual Examination for 1910. Special notice. At a meeting of the General Committee, held on Feb. 28, it was unanimously resolved to hold the annual examination of teachers and scholars connected with Union schools, on Monday evening, August 15, and that questions set are to be prepared from the undermentioned subjects as contained in the International Lessons for the months of June and July:—June 5, Jesus Walks on the Sea, Matt. 14: 22-36; June 12, The Canaanish Woman, Matt. 15: 21-28; June 19, Parable of the Sower, Matt. 13: 1-9, 18-23; June 26, Parable of the Tares, Matt. 13: 24-30, 36-43; July 3, Pictures of the Kingdom, Matt. 13: 31-33, 44-52; July 17, Peter's Confession, Matt. 16: 13-28; July 24, The Transfiguration, Matt. 17: 1-8, 14-20; July 31, A Lesson on Forgiveness, Matt. 18: 21-35. Printed forms giving full particulars as to terms of competition, prizes, etc., will be forwarded to all secretaries of Union schools about May 14. Applications from secretaries of non-Union schools desirous of affiliation will also receive these, if notification of same is sent to the Union Secretary, on or before April 30.—J.Y. Potts, Hon. Sec., 94 The Parade, Ascot Vale.

At the recent meetings of the Methodist Conference (Vic.) the question of infant membership was discussed. The following is the *Argus* report of the discussion:—A proposal which has given rise to a good deal of discussion at the Conference was finally dealt with. The Rev. F. Dethridge had moved that, inasmuch as infant children were members of the kingdom of God, it should be a recommendation to the General Conference that, in addition to junior and adult rolls of membership, an infant roll be adopted, the names of baptised children of Methodists to be placed on it, and a ticket of membership issued, on which the relationship of the child to the church of God should be stated. Rev. H. Yeo, in speaking against the motion, asserted that there were a number of names on the members' roll which he was quite sure John Wesley would strike off, and it could be done without interfering with the effective membership of the church. There were scores of members who never took sacrament, never went to a week-night meeting, and attended church only once on Sundays. By Mr. Dethridge's proposal they would increase the number of ineffective members. The motion was negatived.

F. T. Saunders, of Lismore, N.S.W., writes:—"I beg permission through your columns to draw attention to a matter of extreme urgency. Owing to circumstances entirely unforeseen, Bro. Carl L. Peterson has resigned from the position of district evangelist on the Richmond and Tweed Rivers. A successor is urgently wanted. For 12 months we waited for an evangelist, and after two months, we are again seeking one. The North Coast district of New South Wales is the most fertile in the State, one might almost say, in the Commonwealth. It has been described as a veritable "Garden of Eden": the name "Lismore" means "a big garden," and so it is. The population is dense. Last year the population was, on the Richmond, 42,500; Tweed, 11,070; Dorrigo and Bellinger, 25,483; Clarence, 20,870; total, 99,923. In this district there are towns as Lismore with a population of nearly 8,000, Grafton, 5,250, Casino, 4,300, besides the growing towns of Ballina, Coraki, Bangalow, Murwillumbah, etc. To this district we invite a brother to labor. The conditions of his work require a single man, who will be energetic and tactful. Who will come to this rich and ripe field? The harvest

is truly plenteous. The Home Missionary Committee, on behalf of the District Committee, has the matter in hand, and I write to state the conditions that brethren may know our need. Applications should be sent to T. Hagger, "Biginia," Francis-st., Marrickville. We could use twelve men had we the means to support them."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

VICTORIAN MISSION FUND.

Conference Fees—Warragul, 10/-; Preston, 10/-; Footscray, 20/-; Fitzroy, 20/-; Dandenong, 10/-; Lillimur, 10/-; Taradale, 10/-; Emerald, 10/-; Swanston-st., 20/-; North Fitzroy, 20/-; Prahran, 10/-; Windsor, 20/-; Kyneton, 10/-; Lancefield, 10/-; W. Baird, 20/-; Mrs. Craigie, 20/-; T. R. Nall, 5/-; T. R. Morris, 60/-; E. Edwards, 20/-; A. Bailey, 5/-; Miss Olney, 10/-; Church at Doncaster, per Miss Vera Petty, 44/4; Swanston-st., per Miss Lawson, £12/10/-; Polkennett, per Miss McDonald, 12/-; Hawthorn, per Miss Jermyn, 33/10; Brim, £37/10/-; Colac, £6; Shepparton, 90/-; Lygon-st. mite box, 2/-; Castlemaine, £20; Wilkur, £35; Kaniva, £27/10; Wampony, £14; Bordertown, £8/15/-; Lillimur, £8/5/-; Windsor, 2/-; Dandenong, Thankoffering, £8/13/-; Brunswick, mite boxes, 17/11..

ANNUAL COLLECTIONS.

Church, Hawthorn, £2/9/4; Harcourt, £1/16/-; Drummond, £2/10/-; Lygon-st., additional, 20/7. Total Annual Collections to date, £251/17/11.

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COMING EVENTS.

MARCH 23.—Annual Conference of the Northern Churches of Christ of South Australia, at Balaklava. Essays: D. A. Ewers, E. G. Warren and S. G. Griffith. Addresses: D. A. Ewers, S. G. Griffith, Jas. E. Thomas. Visitors requiring accommodation write early to A. G. Day, Balaklava, S.A. Luncheon, 1/-; Tea, 1/-.

MARCH 23 (Wednesday).—Sisters' Annual Conference, Lygon-st. Chapel. Morning Session, 10.30. Election of Officers and Committees, 2.30. Reports; President's Address; Essay, Mrs. Harward, "Women of the Kingdom." Evening, 7.30. Social. Foreign Mission Report; Travel Notes, Mrs. F. Pittman; Paper, Miss V. Lee, "The Human Influence of the Psalms"; Solos, etc. All Sisters welcome.

VICTORIAN CONFERENCE MEETINGS.

March 24 (Thursday).—Temperance Demonstration, Masonic Hall, Collins-st., 7.30

March 25 (Friday).—GENERAL CONFERENCE begins at 9.30. HOME MISSION NIGHT in Lygon-st. Chapel, 7.30.

March 26 (Saturday).—Continuance of Conference, 9.30. FOREIGN MISSION NIGHT in Lygon-st. Chapel, 7.30.

March 27 (Sunday).—Conference Sermon. Preacher, Gifford Gordon. Subject, "The Ideal Church." Lygon-st. Chapel at 3.

March 28 (Monday).—Conference Picnic at GLEN IRIS, Bible College Grounds. Trains leave Flinders-st. Station as follows:—Ordinary, 8.38 and 10.5; Special train, 10.55. Returning: Ordinary, 4.47, 6.5 and 6.55; Special, 6.20. Return tickets, 7/6d., available for either ordinary or special, obtainable at Conference meetings. Christian Endeavor Demonstration, Lygon-st. Chapel, at 7.30.

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DEATH.

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Continued.

The song was ended, and Patty slipped from the tent. She could not stay longer; but she had had her message, the one God had sent her, and her heart was jubilant with the thought. She did not have to do the holding. Christ would hold her fast. Hers was the trusting, trusting. And she would, she would.

"Christ will hold me fast," was the refrain that sung in her heart all through the long, lonely journey. She was going to surprise Whitney; she knew his business was harassing; she would not let them wire him; and at last she stepped out upon the platform of the pretty stone station, and to her astonishment Jim was waiting with the cart. He grinned joyously, and seized her bags from the porter.

"Now, Mis' Patty, don't you git mad. Dey ain't a soul knows dis yere 'prise but jes' 'Li'l Lady, 'n' me. How'd we know? Why, de Madame, she dun tell de doctor up yander ter sen' word ter 'Li'l Lady.' Lawsy, Mis' Patty, she jes' de knowines' t'ing. Marse Jack—" Jim clapped his black hand over his mouth, dropping one of the suit cases to do so; but his young mistress did not heed his accident, and he followed her to the cart, chuckling softly to himself, "I mos' s'piled the s'prise party; I shuah did."

It was a "s'prise party," sure enough, and for a time "Li'l Lady" thought she had been a foolish woman. But after the first excitement was over, and Jackson, white and thin, but joyful, lay back in the big chair, his hand on Patty's arm, her radiant eyes full of an unspeakable thankfulness, she knew that all was well, and stole gently from the room to sit awhile with her lover of twenty-five years.

The Lord had let her have the joy of paying her own great debt. She had given to Patty the precious life of her brother. She scarcely knew that she was tired, that her feet were worn and weary and her back ached; that young chap in his feverish delirium had not been an easy patient; and, as she sat down in the easy chair in the lovely room, and nestled her hand in her husband's, she breathed a sigh of relief and closed her tired eyes; she could rest now.

It was great that night to see Whitney enter the diningroom, then stand on the threshold, amazed. And small wonder. Instead of "Li'l Lady," in her demure grey gown, behind the big silver coffee-urn, there sat a radiant vision of blue and gold and crimson, which sat for a moment enjoying his bewilderment, then flashed across the room and resolved itself into a pair of soft white arms that were thrown tempestuously about him, a dimple that was perilously near, and a voice that asked breathlessly,

"Aren't surprises lovely?"

CHAPTER VII.

PATTY'S ANSWERED PRAYER.

"Helen, O Helen!" called a sweet, clear voice; and Helen March leaned over the broad balustrade, and looked down upon the girl in seal-skin coat and cap, tossing her great muff back and forth to the wee chap, who was laughing uproariously as the big, soft thing hit his small, sturdy body. She smilingly watched the two for a few moments, then came swiftly down the stairs. Patty lifted the wee chap in her strong young arms, gave him a "bear hug," then turned eagerly to his mother. "O, I'm so glad you're at home! Whitney has telephoned up for me to come down to the office. Mr. Holbrook has the plans all ready. I'm so anxious to see them; hurry!"

And Helen hurried; she too was anxious to see them; they had had many a talk concerning them; and she soon came down the stairs again, coat and hat on. Another moment, and they were in the handsome car, speeding down the smooth, hard road.

Helen March's face was bright and radiant, her laugh good to hear. She did not seem to care that her coat was only a thick, warm beaver, her furs a simple stole, while Patty's seal coat and cap were from the latest models. Why should she care? She was the daughter of a King, "all glorious within"; it was enough for her that her browns were soft and harmonious, that her simple dress fitted to perfection, and the red roses in her hat were a match for her brilliant cheeks. It was a pleasure to look at her, and Patty slipped her hand out of the great muff into the smaller one, and gave the brown-gloved hand a squeeze.

"O, Helen, if it hadn't been for that little bit of pasteboard! I think of it so many times, what small things God uses sometimes! If Mrs. March's address had been on her card that time, we wouldn't be here together, would we? How many things would be different if I had not made that blessed mistake!" There was a little silence for a bit, while the two hands in the muff held each other in a firm, warm clasp; then Patty went on:

"We never should have had our glorious summer up in the woods, Whitney and I, and instead of knowing each other better we should have been drifting apart. We were beginning; I felt it. I knew that if Whitney was elected our life would be a public affair. I couldn't stand it. He is glad now. Then I never should have known and loved Mother Baldwin. Isn't it wonderful, Helen? I knew she'd like you, if only her pride would let her confess it. And Mr. and Mrs. Rogers would not have had their lovely summer. God bless her for what she did for me. Jackson writes me that he is feeling like a new man; hasn't been so fit for years. O, it's all just wonderful! And the most wonderful

is"—Patty's voice was very soft and reverent—"my Saviour. O Helen, do you think Whitney will ever know him?"

"Don't stop praying," sang Helen softly, with a little firmer clasp of the hand; and, as Patty whispered back, "I never will," the car stopped before the big business block, and they went swiftly up to Baldwin's office.

In a short time they were all around the table, where a set of plans was spread out and Whitney was explaining them to his delighted auditors.

"They are all different, as you see. One has a porch on the side; another, on the front; another, only the broad steps. There are five rooms in each, but all differently arranged, living room, diningroom, kitchen, two bedrooms, pantry, and bath. Each house will have a small lawn—not too much to take care of, you know—and a small back yard, where they can have a little garden if they wish. There will be electric lights, and I will put up shades; the rest will be their own furnishing. Now, Lady Bountiful, do they suit?" He looked across the table inquiringly at the flushed, radiant face of his young wife.

"Suit? I think they are lovely, perfect!"

Her enthusiasm was delightful to see; and the cold, dignified architect who had drawn up the plans smiled involuntarily at her evident delight.

"I drew the plans with unusual pleasure, Mrs. Baldwin, and with more than ordinary interest. My father was a returned missionary, out of health and means. He and my mother would have been very happy in such a home, and I might not have been without them so soon. It is a beautiful thought. I wish there were more such all over the land. And now may I ask a great favor? May I give my work as my contribution to your—"

Whitney opened his lips hurriedly, but Patty's soft touch on his arm stopped his words. She divined so much, this soft-voiced, grey-eyed girl, especially since she had given her best to the Master for his use. The famous architect bowed gravely.

"You understand, Mrs. Baldwin, and I thank you. It will be a pleasure to me to be connected with such an undertaking, a small tribute to my father and mother. It is a beautiful thought," he repeated again. "I only wish there were a hundred houses instead of ten."

"There will be others as these are filled," said Patty brightly. "It is a large piece of ground. I'm so glad there are trees! O, I can hardly wait for the work to begin. Can't you just see dear Mr. and Mrs. Rogers in their own little home? They're to have the one with the west porch, Helen, and the biggest tree. They don't know yet, and are planning to enter that old institution this summer. And, O, Whitney, Jackson is going to put in gas ranges and pay the gas bills! I had a letter from him to-day. Isn't that great?"

Helen March lifted her eyes from the drawings; clear, honest, thoughtful brown eyes they were.

"I see there is to be a fire-place in each of the living-rooms. If you will leave a bare place over them, I will work out a motto for each. They will give a 'hony' look, and will be rather pretty, I think."

To be continued.

Obituary.

PIKE—On Nov. 18 last, Sister Mrs. Pike passed to her rest at the ripe age of 91. Our late beloved sister was a native of Scotland, where she was born in 1818. She came to Australia with her husband over half a century ago. Forty-three years prior to her death her husband had been taken from her side. For thirty-seven years she had been a member of the church, having been baptised by Bro. Earl. For a number of years she was associated with the church at Lygon-st.; from thence she removed to North Richmond, where she remained in fellowship until the time of her death. Her last days were made bright by the presence of the Christ, whom she loved, and her

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E.D.

KELLY—The church at Brighton, who greatly miss him, have been called upon to part with the beloved fellowship and extremely helpful service of one of our most popular and promising young men in the person of Bro. Charles Arthur Kelly, the privilege of whose membership we have enjoyed since the "Illingworth" tent mission two and a half years ago. Especially is he missed in the Young Men's Class, where his endeavors to become a public speaker met with unusual success, and developed remarkable lecturing ability. It was while on a lecturing tour in Gippsland that Bro. Kelly contracted typhoid fever, which caused him to become a patient in the Homeopathic Hospital, where on Feb. 17, nine days after his 21st birthday, he passed unconsciously away. Bro. Kelly was possessed of remarkable individuality, which won for him the hearts of those with whom he associated. In factory life the excellent influence he exerted over his fellow-workers is hard to calculate; it entirely changed the life of some of his companions. The attendance at the burial service in the Melbourne Cemetery, conducted by Bren. Ludbrook and Baker (North Fitzroy), and the large congregation present at the memorial service at Brighton, bear testimony to the love and esteem in which he was held. The deepest sympathy of the church and the Young Men's Class rests with the sorrowing parents, sisters and brother. We have many sweet memories of Charlie; we have also his photo.; we

have even the record of his voice; but we thank our heavenly Father that Jesus has his soul.
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BELL—On Feb. 7, 1910, at his mother's residence, Hutt-st., North Perth, Bro. James Bell, late of Kalgoorlie, passed to his reward, after an illness extending over many months. Bro. Bell's connection with the work in Western Australia dates back to the early days of the cause here, and his interest and assistance increased with the passing of the years. Bro. Bell was not a speaker, but his life proclaimed Christ, and his

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time and money were willingly used in the interests of the church, and during a residence of 12 years on the Eastern Goldfields he materially assisted in establishing the churches there. Throughout an acquaintance of many years the writer found him a kind, courteous, unassuming Christian gentleman, always ready to help in a deserving cause, and wonderfully patient under the hand of affliction. He has gone from us, but his works do follow him, and he will be lovingly remembered by those who knew him in life. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Karra Katta in the presence of a large concourse of friends and members, H. J. Banks, assisted by Bren. Blakemore and Moysey, officiating at the grave. He leaves a wife and son, who, with his aged mother and brothers and sister, remain to treasure his memory until they also pass into the presence chamber of the King. We extend our Christian sympathy to the bereaved in the loss they have sustained, and commend them to the God of all comfort for consolation in this trying hour.

Subiaco, W.A. H. J. BANKS.

CRITTENDEN.—The infant church at Port Germein was called upon to suffer its first loss by death on Feb. 5, when Sister Mrs. Eliza Crittenden was called home. Our sister was immersed over thirty years ago by the late Wm. Judd, at Willunga, and she has ever remained a faithful member of the body of Christ. About seventeen years ago she removed from her old home at Noarlunga, and took up her residence at Baroota, in this district. For over sixteen years she was separated from church fellowship, but when, about twelve months ago, the cause was started at Germein, she became one of the foundation members, and until she was laid aside by sickness, she worked most heartily in the church's interests. For several months she languished, and was at length called home in the fiftieth year of her age. She leaves five children to mourn their loss.

Port Germein, S.A. GEO. WILSON.

SMETHURST.—Sister Rubina Smethurst fell asleep in Jesus on Feb. 14, her husband, Bro. W. Smethurst, having predeceased her 18 years ago. Our sister was born at Coburg. Shortly afterwards her parents removed to Emerald. In November, 1881, she became obedient to the truth, and all through life Jesus was precious to her soul. The call came sudden. She was seized with a paralytic stroke, from which she never regained consciousness, but passed away within 48 hours, at the age of 57 years. She leaves seven grown-up children to mourn the loss of a good mother. Her mortal remains were laid to rest on the 16th, Bro. P. A. Dickson conducting the service in the presence of a large concourse of people.

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Than thine approval; this the boon I ask,
Thy light to go before.

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POWELL.—On Feb. 6, at the Children's Hospital, Perth, Amy E. Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Powell, of Yorkkrake, West Australia, was called to her rest at the age of 10 years and 7 months. Her death was caused through a sad burning accident which occurred on Jan. 18, when the child was in the field where her father was "burning off." We commend the sorrowing parents and relatives to our heavenly Father in this the hour of their need.

Subiaco, W.A. H. J. BANKS.

JONES.—On Feb. 21, Bro. William Jones, of Thomas-st., Unley, passed to his rest. He had reached the age of 83 years. He was born in Gloucestershire, England, on Nov. 28, 1826. He, with his wife, arrived in South Australia in Jan. 1854. He was a farmer at Virginia and Wild Horse Plains for many years. He and Sister Jones were baptised at Malalla by Bro. R. Woolcock. He came to Unley to live and, with his

wife, was received into the church at Park-st. on April 27, 1884. Bro. Jones was, for many years, a deacon of the church in Park-st., and was greatly esteemed by the church. He was faithful in all his duties, and was a wise man in the counsels of the church. He was a fine type of the good old English gentleman, wishing everybody well and nobody ill. He was quaint in some of his expressions, and excellent and entertaining company. He was liberal, kindly, and genial. He was always in his place in the Lord's house, as long as health and strength permitted. He has felt for some time that in bodily powers he was failing. As a good soldier of the cross he was prepared for the summons. He loved the church and the brotherhood. A good man, full of faith and good deeds, has gone to his reward. Bro. and Sister Jones had ten children, of whom four sons survive—W. H. Jones, of Brookton, West Australia; and Albert W., Allan, and F. G. Jones, who are farming in Victoria. There are also 38 grandchildren. Recently they lost their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Mannel. Not long since they celebrated their golden wedding in the Park-st. chapel. In the presence of loving friends we laid the remains of our brother in the cemetery at Mitcham, in the glorious hope of the resurrection. Our sympathies are with Sister Jones, who is greatly esteemed in the church, and all her family.

Unley, S.A. T.J.G.

ROSE.—With deep regret we record the death of Reuben Rose, who was called away to be with Jesus last Wednesday morning at the early age of 17 years. The call was very sudden, peritonitis supervening after an operation for appendicitis. When H. G. Harward conducted a tent mission at South Yarra five years ago, Reuben was one of the first to respond to the invitation and follow Jesus, so that "we sorrow not as those who have no hope," and lovingly

commit him to the care of our heavenly Father. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing parents and brothers, who are all members with us in the body of Christ. May the dear Lord heal the wounded hearts and lead them through the hour of trial.
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