

The Federal Conference.

The sessions of the Federal Conference commenced on September 21, in the Grote-st. chapel, Adelaide, the President, G. T. Walden, in the chair.

The proceedings were opened by a devotional meeting, in which several brethren took part, P. A. Dickson giving an address suitable to the occasion.

The roll of representatives was then called, when the following were found to be present:—

FEDERAL DELEGATES.

New South Wales—G. P. Jones, A. E. Illingworth, T. J. Andrews, E. Hodgson, L. Russell, J. F. Ashwood, S. Triglone, J. Frazer, Mrs. Ashwood, Mrs. L. Russell, G. T. Walden.

Queensland—J. Mudford, G. Wilson, G. Colvin, C. Stabe, W. Windorf.

South Australia—T. H. Brooker, H. J. Horsell, A. C. Rankine, W. Charlick, W. C. Brooker, J. E. Thomas, T. B. Verco, S. G. Griffith, I. A. Paternoster, J. Manning, Dr. F. Magarey, D. A. Ewers.

Tasmania—G. Manifold, W. R. C. Jarvis, C. Hale, W. J. Way.

Victoria—C. M. Gordon, H. Baker, W. C. Craigie, J. Pittman, C. Morris, G. H. Watts, F. G. Dunn, P. A. Dickson, T. B. Fischer, H. Kingsbury, H. Swain, R. Lyall, W. A. Kemp, J. Goldsworthy, N. Noble.

West Australia—H. Wright, D. M. Wilson, W. B. Blakemore.

Welcome.

J. E. Thomas, Vice-President, gave an address of welcome, to which the following brethren responded:—W. C. Craigie, H. Kingsbury, Victoria; J. I. Mudford, W. Windorf, Queensland; H. Wright, W. B. Blakemore, W. A.; L. Russell, J. F. Ashwood, N.S.W.; W. R. C. Jarvis, Geo. Manifold, Tasmania; F. M. Rains, U.S.A.

H. Wright, of W.A., sang a selection, "A Clean Heart."

F. M. Rains, in replying to the welcome to him, read the following letter of greeting from the Foreign Christian Missionary Society in U.S.A.:—

Cincinnati, Ohio,

July 19, 1910.

To the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in Australia—

The Executive Committee of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society sends earnest Christian greeting through Secretary F. M. Rains, who is about to visit you and your churches. We recall with gratitude and thanksgiving the very cordial

relations existing between this Society and our great brotherhood in your country. The substantial support extended by your churches for the work in Japan, China, and India, is gratefully recognised and warmly appreciated. We are encouraged to hope that this mutual and helpful relation may continue indefinitely and may be even enlarged and emphasised.

Permit us to express the sincere hope that there may be arranged a closer co-operation in the Foreign work done by the brethren in Australia with that of the work done through this Society, that we may present to the world the combined efforts of our people in both lands.

We feel that such an arrangement will be mutually encouraging to our churches in both of these great countries, and help to bear witness to the world of our common faith in the power of the gospel to lift up all men everywhere.

We cheerfully commission our Secretary to bear our greetings and very best wishes for your continued enlargement, and he will present to you more fully our views concerning a larger co-operation and a closer touch in the world-wide enterprise in making Jesus Christ known to every creature.

Grace, mercy and peace be with you evermore.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

A. McLEAN, President.

Chas. Morris, of Ballarat, moved, "That the letter of greeting read by Bro. Rains be suitably acknowledged." S. G. Griffith seconded the motion, which was carried with applause.

Greetings.

Greetings were read from N.S.W. Conference, and the church at Subiaco, W.A. Resolved, on the motion of W. J. Way, of Tasmania, "That the greetings be acknowledged."

Executive Committee's Report.

The paragraphs in this report, relating to Centennial celebrations and F. M. Rains' visit, were adopted without discussion.

Federal Evangelistic Work.

The Acting Executive reported that—

"In accordance with the resolution passed at the last Federal Conference—'That the claims of the work at Broken Hill should have prior consideration,'—the Committee has subsidised the work there from June 1st, of last year, to August 16th of this year, to the extent of £49/5/-. We are pleased to report that under the earnest labors of E. J. Tuck, the gospel has been successful in that somewhat difficult field, no less than 66

having been added by faith and baptism, while the Sunday School has increased by several scholars, and all departments of church work are flourishing. This success has to a large extent been made possible through the erection of a centrally situated and commodious church building early last year by the aid of the S.A. Church Building Fund.

"In response to an appeal from the Conference Committee of N.S.W. for assistance to the cause in Corowa, on the borders of N.S.W. and Victoria, a resolution was carried last May to subsidise the work there to the extent of £1 per week from the time a preacher was appointed, provided the N.S.W. Committee selected a suitable evangelist and undertook the responsibility of directing his labors. We understand they have not yet been able to proceed with the work but hope to do so shortly, and we commend this cause to the favorable consideration of the incoming Committee."

D. A. Ewers moved the adoption of this clause, and spoke of the good work which had been done at Broken Hill. E. J. Tuck seconded the motion, and acknowledged the valuable help which the brethren had given them. W. C. Beiler, who had visited Broken Hill, bore witness to the good work that had been done in that city. A. E. Illingworth and J. E. Thomas also spoke to the motion.

In regard to this clause it was resolved, on the motion of R. Lyall, that the incoming Committee be requested to continue to support the cause at Broken Hill, also to consider and assist as far as possible the cause at Corowa. Several brethren spoke in support of the resolution.

Federal Evangelistic Fund.

D. A. Ewers urged that more consideration should be given to the appeal for funds. The clause was spoken to by J. Manning, G. Colvin, T. B. Verco, and L. Russell.

Distribution of Literature.

In regard to the distribution of literature, the Acting Executive reported as follows:—

"At last Conference a resolution was passed recommending the distribution of distinctive literature. The Committee regrets that it has not been able to do a great deal in this direction, but a copy of the excellent book, 'That they All may be One,' has been sent to the Public Libraries of the various capitals. As the result of a suggestion made by the Secretary while in America, the

Hon. T. W. Phillips—the author of that able work, 'The Church of Christ'—generously donated 50 copies, carriage free, and these have been distributed to the various States on the basis of the numerical church membership in each."

This clause was spoken to by D. A. Ewers, F. G. Dunn, F. M. Rains, T. B. Vercó, J. E. Thomas, J. Manning, E. Hall, A. C. Rankine, W. C. Craigie.

In the discussion many complimentary things were said about the AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN and the great work done by the Austral Publishing Company. It was urged that as both were Federal in their character, and existed only in the interests of the brotherhood at large, they should be generously supported by all.

Home Mission Day.

The clause relating to Home Mission Day was discussed, and representatives from all the States expressed themselves favorable to the proposed change. It was agreed by the Conference that all the States be recommended to take up the Home Mission Collection on the first Sunday in February.

The Federal Capital.

Information in regard to this was given by A. E. Illingworth and G. T. Walden, who suggested "starting, at this Conference, a 'Federal Capital Land and Building Fund,'" and stated "The N.S.W. brethren realise the necessity for the Churches of Christ to be adequately represented in the Federal Capital of the Commonwealth, and may be relied on to take the matter up zealously in the near future." The suggestion was adopted.

American Evangelists.

The clause in connection with the above was adopted.

Thanks.

A vote of thanks was carried unanimously to the Pirie-st. Methodist Church for the use of their building during the Conference meetings.

J. Binney gave a selection.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVES.

President—J. E. Thomas.
Vice-President—F. G. Dunn.
Treasurer—T. B. Vercó.
Secretary—W. C. Brooker.
Assistant Secretary—Ira A. Paternoster.

State Executives.

New South Wales—G. T. Walden, T. Hagger, J. Stimson, A. E. Illingworth, L. Rossell.

Queensland—T. F. Stubbin, L. Gole.

South Australia—A. C. Rankine, D. A. Ewers, S. G. Griffith, T. H. Brooker, J. Manning, J. Fischer.

Tasmania—W. R. C. Jarvis.

Victoria—W. C. Craigie, F. G. Dunn, C. Hardie, F. M. Ludbrook, R. Lyall, A. Millis.

West Australia—H. J. Banks, W. B. Blakemore.

Board of Management of the College of the Bible.

F. G. Dunn, W. C. Craigie, R. Lyall, A. Millis, F. M. Ludbrook, R. C. Edwards, C. Hardie.

Next Place of Meeting.

On the motion of W. C. Craigie, it was resolved that the next Federal Conference be held in Melbourne, at Easter, 1912.

Report of the College of the Bible.

F. G. Dunn, in moving the adoption of the report of the College of the Bible, referred to the death of C. A. Wilson, one of the former students of the College, and expressed the regret of the Board that one whose life had been so full of promise had been so suddenly removed from their midst. Reference was also made to the resignation of H. G. Harward as Principal, and the indebtedness of the Conference to him for the good work he had done. Satisfaction was expressed at the appointment of A. R. Main as Principal, and C. M. Gordon as teacher and organising secretary. Churches were requested not to offer inducements to students to leave the College before they were properly equipped for their work.

The following brethren spoke to the motion, and expressed themselves as being satisfied with the work that had been done: W. R. C. Jarvis, G. Colvin, W. B. Blakemore, D. M. Wilson, A. E. Illingworth, D. A. Ewers, F. M. Rains, G. Wilson, H. Kingsbury, J. I. Mudford, Geo. Manifold, W. C. Craigie, T. H. Brooker, S. G. Griffith, Jas. Manning, A. C. Rankine, J. E. Thomas, R. Lyall, and G. T. Walden.

The report of the Board of Management was adopted.

THE COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, from Feb. 1, 1909, to August 15, 1910.

Receipts.	
To Promises Paid and Contributions Received from Individuals and Churches—	
Victoria	£411 7 6
West Australia	202 3 4
South Australia	182 6 0
New Zealand	100 4 8
New South Wales	93 7 11
Queensland	16 16 6
Tasmania	11 9 0
£1017 14 11	
To Special Contributions Received in response to appeal by Principal to assist in defraying cost of furniture for new building	
To Students' Fees	87 9 6
To Rent	78 1 6
To Bequest by the late Miss Ethel Spotswood	69 9 6
20 0 0	

Expenditure.	
By Due Treasurer, Jan. 31, 1909 ..	
Teachers' Salaries—	
H. G. Harward	£312 0 0
A. R. Main	231 0 0
W. W. Mantell	198 0 0
£741 0 0	
Interest on Mortgage	90 0 0
Cost of Alterations necessary to meet requirements of Board of Public Health	105 8 0
Furniture	81 7 3
Printing and Advertising, including special number of the "Australian Christian"	50 9 2

Postages, Duty Stamps, and Stationery—	
Agents	£1 9 4
Organising Secretary	2 0 10
Secretary	7 15 7
Treasurer	10 17 8

Municipal & Metropolitan Board Rates	
Solicitor's Costs re Mortgage	25 3 5
Caretaker, Lygon-st.	21 10 10
Lighting and Cleaning	11 11 0
Books and Apparatus	9 0 0
Expenses of Removal	8 11 9
Insurance Premiums	8 11 1
Cheque Returned on account of death of drawer	6 6 10
Refund of Amounts Overpaid	5 17 7
Audit Fee	5 0 0
Cash on Hand	1 12 0
£1272 15 5	

Audited and found correct,
J. Barnacle, A.S.A.A., Esq.
W. C. Craigie, Treas., Melbourne, Aug. 25, 1910.

The business meetings of the Federal Conference were continued on Thursday, in the Grote-st. chapel.

A devotional service was held, at which an address was delivered by Geo. Manifold, of Tasmania.

The Conference then proceeded with unfinished business and notices of motion.

Foreign Mission Committee's Report.

T. B. Fischer, the Organising Secretary, moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by A. E. Illingworth.

Bro. Fischer dealt with the points of interest in the report, and gave valuable information in regard to the work of the Committee.

A. E. Illingworth spoke of the good work done by G. T. Walden for Foreign Missions in N.S.W.

W. R. C. Jarvis referred to the labors of T. B. Fischer as Organising Secretary, and the splendid results accruing therefrom.

A. C. Rankine said that in acknowledging services rendered, the work of R. Lyall, Treasurer of the F.M. Committee, should not be overlooked. Though a busy man, he had done much to help the work.

W. C. Craigie referred in eulogistic terms to Bro. Pittman's work in connection with the Chinese.

I. A. Paternoster, D. A. Ewers, Chas. Morris, L. Rossell, R. Lyall, J. I. Mudford, W. Burford, W. B. Blakemore, D. M. Wilson, also spoke to the report, which was adopted.

T. J. Gore gave an eloquent tribute to the memory of G. L. Wharton. He also referred to our indebtedness to G. L. Wharton and A. McLean for the missionary spirit which now prevails throughout the Commonwealth.

F. M. Rains said that the F.M. Committee in the States would be glad if the brethren in Australia would supply the *Intelligencer* with statistics of work done by them in the F.M. field. They would also be glad if Australia would send a representative at intervals to the F.M. Convention held in America.

R. Lyall, as Treasurer of the F.M. Committee, dealt with the finances, and presented

out the progress that had been made by the churches in contributing to world-wide evangelisation.

Foreign Mission Committee.

The Acting Executive having recommended that in future the Federal Conference appoint the F.M. Committee, and the Conference having agreed to adopt its recommendation, the following brethren were elected as a Federal Foreign Mission Committee:—

F. M. Ludbrook, R. Lyall, W. A. Kemp, P. A. Dickson, T. B. Fischer, H. Kingsbury, F. M. Rains.

H. Wright again refreshed the Conference with one of his delightful solos.

H. H. Strutton referred to the beginning and enlargement of the work at Baramati, India. He discussed the various phases of the work there—evangelistic, medical, distribution of Bible literature, and industrial, and showed the splendid growth that had been made along these lines. He said that the great need of the F.M. field was the need of cultured and consecrated workers.

Mrs. D. C. McCallum, who with her husband is on her way to take up mission work in the Philippines, under the American Foreign Christian Missionary Board, gave an outline of the work they expected to do in those islands. Bro. McCallum is to conduct a College of the Bible there, and Sister McCallum will be engaged in doing mission work among the women.

Sister H. H. Strutton gave an interesting description of her work among the sick at Baramati. She referred to the good work being done by Sister Terrell, who has recently gone there. Sister Terrell is making good progress with the language, and promises to be a great assistance to the mission.

D. C. McCallum gave the reasons that decided him to go to the Philippine Islands. He said that the Filipinos had been greatly neglected by Protestant missionaries. The large population of these islands were under the domination of a corrupt Roman Catholicism, and heathen people in the islands would be richly blessed by Protestant missions.

R. Lyall moved the following resolutions at this juncture, which were most enthusiastically passed:—

"That this Federal Conference recom-

mends the Federal Foreign Missionary Committee to publish annually with their statements a summary of the work done in Foreign fields by the churches in Great Britain and America, and also to send a summary of their own work for publication in the annual statement of the American Foreign Missionary Society."

"That this Federal Conference gratefully acknowledges the kind fraternal greetings from the Foreign Christian Missionary

be long spared to continue his great work for the evangelisation of the world."

Bro. Rains said that it would give him great pleasure to convey the greetings of the Conference to all the missionaries he came in contact with during his tour of the world. He thanked the brethren most heartily for their kindness to himself and Mrs. Rains. He invited all to come to America and to come to his home—"only don't all come at once."

Bro. Paternoster moved:—
"That the Chinese mission work at present carried on in Australia by the Foreign Mission Committees, be in future in charge of the Home Mission Committees of the various States."

Jos. Pittman spoke earnestly against the motion. He said that the work among the Chinese in Australia was essentially a Foreign Missionary work. This work was really preparing for mission work in China, inasmuch as the Chinese here frequently return to China and take with them the gospel of Christ. He bore strong testimony to the character of the Chinese Christians in Melbourne. They were liberal-hearted, splendid men.

A. C. Rankine supported the motion, and affirmed that this work ought to be done by the various Home Missionary Committees. He read a communication from Bro. Colebatch, in which the latter declared that the evangelisation of the Chinese in Australia was essentially a Home Missionary work, and ought to be transferred to the Home Mission Committees.

T. B. Fischer, W. R. C. Jarvis, G. T. Walden, D. A. Ewers, G. P. Jones, R. Lyall, P. G. Dunn, L. Rossell, W. Burford spoke to the motion.

R. Lyall submitted the following amendment, which was seconded by Bro. Mudford, and carried:—"That this Federal Conference re-

quest the Foreign Missionary Committees of the various States to consider the advisability of carrying on the Chinese Mission work in Australia apart from the F.M. Committee's special work outside of Australia."

A. M. Ludbrook moved that as Sister A. Allen was about to go to India as a missionary at her own charges, this Conference wish her God-speed in her journey and in her future work. The motion was seconded by C. M. Gordon, and carried.



The Federal Acting Executive.

President, J. E. Thomas. Vice-President, F. G. Dunn. Secretary, W. C. Brooker. Assistant-Secretary, I. A. Paternoster. Treasurer, T. B. Verco (absent).

Society of the Churches of Christ in America conveyed by Bro. F. M. Rains, the senior Secretary to the Board of Management, and desires to express its great pleasure at the visit of our brother to this Commonwealth. We acknowledge the great help rendered to our churches by his splendid addresses, and trust that Bro. Rains will continue to have a prosperous journey by the will of God to the various missionaries and their stations, to whom we send Christian greetings. We hope Bro. Rains will

Federal Evangelist.

S. G. Griffith moved: "That we recommend the employment of a Federal Evangelist, and instruct the Executive to enter into negotiations with the different States' Committees to that end."

W. R. C. Jarvis, F. G. Dunn, R. Lyall, D. A. Ewers, G. Colvin, G. Manifold, spoke to the motion, which was carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Conference Fees.

Notice of motion by the Victorian Executive, "That the Constitution be amended to read that each State Conference shall contribute towards the expenses of the Federal Conference a sum of one pound sterling per annum per Conference (instead fraction of one thousand members." Carried.

On the motion of D. A. Ewers, it was decided that it be a recommendation to members to describe themselves as members of the Church of Christ in connection with the coming census.

Aged and Infirm Preachers' Fund.

G. T. Walden moved, "That the Conference take steps for the raising of a fund for the support of aged and infirm evangelists." In supporting the motion, he referred to the great need of such a fund. Preachers had little opportunity for making provision for old age, and ought to be assisted by their brethren. He suggested that an appeal be made to the preachers and churches to contribute a small amount weekly to the fund. In connection with the motion, he presented this resolution:—

"That the following committee be appointed: Jos. Stimson, Jas. Hunter, John Hindle, A. E. Illingworth, L. Rossell, J. F. Ashwood, G. T. Walden; that this committee be authorised to collect money from preachers and churches, and administer the fund; also to prepare a report for consideration at the next Federal Conference as to the best method of permanently administering the fund."

Jas. Manning seconded the motion, and W. Burford supported it. The motion was carried.

Aborigines.

T. B. Fischer moved, "That this Conference recommends to the Foreign Mission Committees of the various States the advisability of undertaking work among the aborigines." The motion was carried.

No-License.

Resolved that this Conference accord its sympathy with the efforts made by the Reform Party in N.S.W. to secure No-License at the forthcoming elections, and congratulate them on their efforts in that direction.

Bible Reading in State Schools.

Resolved that the Conference express its pleasure at the result of the referendum on Bible Reading in State Schools of Queensland, and trusts that Scripture lessons will be read in all the States of the Commonwealth.

Sectarian Teaching

F. G. Dunn moved: "That, in view of the fact that the Roman Catholic Church is endeavoring to secure State assistance in disseminating religious instruction in State schools, we, as a Federal Conference, enter our protest against this method of subsidising sectarianism." This was seconded by J. E. Thomas, and carried.

OUR BIBLE SCHOOLS.

On Thursday afternoon, the 22nd, consideration was given to various topics relating to the work of Bible Schools. Prior to the consideration of these important matters, a devotional service was conducted by W. J. Way.

Bible School Equipment.

An excellent paper on this subject was read by D. M. Wilson, of W.A. The paper contained many useful suggestions, and we expect to publish it at an early date.

The following brethren took part in the discussion which followed, namely, F. M. Rains, H. Kingsbury, T. H. Brooker, Ross Manning, G. Manifold and S. G. Griffith.

School Departments.

H. Swain, of Victoria, spoke of "School Departments," in which he advocated the adoption of the graded system of lessons as indicated by the Supplemental Bible Lessons.

W. B. Blakemore, H. Wright, W. Burford, and A. L. Read spoke to the question.

Kindergarten Work.

Miss Norman, of S.A., gave a paper on Kindergarten work.

Miss Wright, of W.A., sang "Nearer, my God, to Thee."

H. J. Horsell, J. E. Thomas, W. C. Craigie, T. H. Brooker, T. J. Gore, and W. Brooker spoke in reference to Kindergarten work, and expressed their appreciation of the very fine paper given by Miss Norman.

Adult Classes.

W. B. Blakemore, of W.A., dealt with the subject of Adult Classes.

C. Caldicott, E. G. Warren, G. Manifold, H. Wright, Ross Manning, and Dr. F. Magarey spoke to the subject. A very interesting discussion took place on this important department of Bible School work.

Teacher Training Classes.

C. M. Gordon introduced the question of Teacher Training Classes, and emphasised their need in maintaining an efficient supply of teachers.

E. Griffiths, D. A. Ewers, W. B. Blakemore, H. Swain, T. B. Verco, D. M. Wilson, R. Impett and G. T. Walden spoke to the subject and expressed themselves as being in agreement with Bro. Gordon's estimate of the importance of Teacher Training Classes.

The Supreme Object.

H. Kingsbury gave the closing address of the series on Bible School topics, his topic being "The Supreme Object of the

Bible School." It was a fitting climax to a most interesting symposium on Bible School work.

The attendance at the afternoon's meeting was the largest of any of the business sessions of the Conference, and proved the deep interest that is taken in this branch of church work.

VOTES OF THANKS.

T. J. Gore proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors, and said how thankful the brethren of South Australia were to have them in their midst. He specially mentioned Bro. Rains, their distinguished visitor from America. This was seconded by D. A. Ewers. W. C. Craigie responded on behalf of Victoria; G. Manifold, Tasmania; G. Colvin, Queensland; Mrs. Maston, N.S.W.; W. B. Blakemore, W.A.; D. C. McCallum and F. M. Rains, America.

F. G. Dunn, on behalf of the visitors, moved a vote of thanks to the hosts and Hospitality Committee, the ladies, and the Press of Adelaide. This was seconded by D. M. Wilson, and endorsed by all the visitors present.

GREETINGS FROM THE BAPTIST CONFERENCE.

A. C. Rankine conveyed the greetings of the Baptist Conference to the Conference of the Churches of Christ. F. M. Rains and R. Lyall had visited the Baptist Conference and had been cordially received.

On the motion of W. R. C. Jarvis, of Tasmania, a vote of thanks was given to the chairman, G. T. Walden.

After singing "Blest be the tie that binds," and pronouncing the Benediction, the business part of the Conference came to an end.

FEDERAL FOREIGN MISSION DEMONSTRATION.

The Federal Foreign Mission Demonstration was held in the Pirie-st. Methodist Church on Wednesday evening.

The chair was taken by G. T. Walden.

H. Strutton led the meeting in prayer.

In a vigorous speech the chairman showed how the heathen world called for our sympathy and our help. Those who do not take deep interest in Foreign Missions and work for them, he said, will not do the best work for their own churches. It is the supreme work of the church to preach the gospel of Christ. Voices from the heathen world are calling to us. Let us answer, Yes.

D. C. McCallum delivered a splendid stirring address. He spoke of the two great difficulties of missionary work, the multiplicity of languages and dialects in the different countries, and the opposition of the great heathen religions — Confucianism, Buddhism and Mohammedanism. Some of these religions are rooted in profound philosophical speculation, and we need something strong and convincing to oppose them. Mohammedanism is terrible in its mighty strength; it is missionary in spirit

and is striving for supremacy in Africa and other places, and Christianity has only touched the fringe of Mohammedan lands. In the East, at the present time, it is a great question whether those lands will adopt a Christian or unchristian civilisation. The worst man in the East is not the degraded Chinaman, but the evil white man, and we need to show them what a Christian really is.

F. M. Rains spoke of the incident in New Testament history, when Paul at Troas had a vision and saw a man in need. We

land of hope, we have an orphanage and a college; they are ours. Our Bro. G. L. Wharton had a vision. In China our brethren are doing a good work; upon the evidence of others, Dr. Macklin is the greatest man in China. Those who spoke of the native converts as rice Christians should be ashamed of themselves. In the year 1900, just ten years ago, the martyrdom of the early centuries was repeated, when 10,000 natives laid down their lives for Christ. One of the problems of missionary societies was the care of the widows of missionaries

resolved to send our Christian greetings to all our missionaries, and also to Sister G. L. Wharton and A. McLean.

FEDERAL FORWARD MOVEMENT DEMONSTRATION.

This was the final meeting of the Federal Conference, and was held in the Pirie-st. Methodist Church.

G. T. Walden, President of the Conference, occupied the chair, and in his opening remarks urged the necessity of the Church



Federal Conference Representatives.

can do very little in the way of business enterprise unless we have a vision. The possession or lack of this means success or failure, as the case may be, and in our work for God we need to have a vision, and in that vision we will see a man, and that man in need. In the State of Oklahoma in U.S. America, our brethren were the strongest Protestant body at the present time; that was because the pioneers in that State had visions. We were a poor people until the time of that grand man, G. L. Wharton. Up to that time we had not a single missionary in the Foreign field, but now, said the speaker, "I sometimes wake up at night, and as I think of how we have progressed I feel like getting up and sitting on the side of the bed and shouting some." In India, the land of degradation, and yet the

and their children, but he was pleased to say that the matter was receiving good attention. "Remember these men out on the firing line of the world. I do not expect to see you again in this world, but pray for us, and I will pray for you."

The music of the evening was rendered by the Hindmarsh choir, under the leadership of O. H. Finlayson. The singing was of the best quality.

Bro. and Sister H. H. Strutton, who were dressed in Indian costume, each spoke a few words concerning their work at Baranmati, and emphasised the need of more workers among the teeming millions of India.

Message to our Missionaries.

On the motion of J. E. Thomas, it was

ches of Christ making a forward movement in social reform. He drew attention to such evils as intemperance, and urged that it was the duty of the church to help all movements that were attempting to make it easy for men to do right and difficult to do wrong.

Reciprocal Greetings.

Mr. R. J. Lavis, ex-President of the Baptist Union, reciprocated the greetings extended to that body by three members of the Federal Conference. He was pleased that the Churches of Christ were taking such an active part in mission work, and were alive to their duties in that direction. He could assure the Conference that the Baptists entertained the friendliest feelings towards the Churches of Christ.

A Forward Movement in Bible Schools.

W. B. Blakemore, of W.A., said that the time had come for making a forward movement in Bible Schools. Twenty-five years ago Bible Schools were regarded with indifference, now they were looked upon as great factors in religious education. Thoughtful and prominent men of to-day put the Bible School in the forefront as an educational factor. It was great to have a Bible School vision. He had studied the Bible School movement in Australia, but while he saw much to approve in our methods, he was compelled to say that we had not kept pace with the times. What was required was a larger vision. Wannamaker, a great merchant prince of America, had built up the largest Bible School in the world, and regarded it as the best work of his life. He believed from what he had heard in the Federal Conference, that Australia meant to adopt the best possible methods in Bible School work, and that the brethren in the Commonwealth had seen the larger vision and would eventually realise it.

A Forward Movement with our Bible College.

C. M. Gordon, in speaking to this theme, said this was the day of education and of culture. We were surrounded by all kinds of educational establishments, and the man who was not educated in these days had only himself to blame. In recognition of the spirit of education which was abroad the Churches of Christ had inaugurated the College of the Bible in order to equip our young men for the work of preaching. He thought that the establishing of this institution was a move in the right direction. He had a great respect and admiration for American Colleges, but thought that all would admit that it was desirable that we should educate our young men in our own land. The reasons for this were obvious. They had now a magnificent building, with a splendid environment. The new Principal of the College was a man of high education—one of whom we might be justly proud. The College of the Bible did not belie its name. It made the Bible its principal text-book, and in other branches had similar text-books to those of the colleges in the United States. The College of the Bible was an Australasian institution, and was therefore Federal in its character and should be considered and supported in a Federal spirit. It was sometimes objected that positions could not be found for all the preachers graduating from the college. There was no ground for this objection. It was quite certain that the college could not meet all the demands which were being made by Australasia for preachers. In conclusion, he commended the college to the sympathy and support of the brotherhood of Australasia.

A Forward Movement in Evangelisation.

J. E. Thomas said that before he entered upon his subject he wished to thank the brethren for the great honor they had done

him in appointing him as President of the Federal Conference. He wanted to speak to them about the great theme of the evangelisation of the world. It was the greatest theme he could speak about. They were concerned about the living Christ as the Saviour of the world. The message of the Christ had not been given to angels, but to the church, consisting of men and women who were to carry the message of salvation to all the world. This message was not delivered to any special order of men, but to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ. The message which they had to deliver was not a new one. It was as old as the apostles. But though old, it was ever new, and no message which the world could receive could possibly supersede it.

In pleading for a forward movement, he was not pleading for sensationalism. Sensationalism did not produce lasting results. What he urged was a dignified and sane evangelism. We ought to be willing to sow and not to be too impatient for results. Our work should be constructive. He thought we had not only a mission to the world, but also a mission to the church. In the latter we must try to speak the truth in love, so as not to antagonise needlessly. The delivery of this message was also a personal one. The responsibility rested on the individual. In this forward movement a demand was made upon our faith. We often failed because we had not sufficient faith. He would therefore plead for the coming year that we find the men, and find the money, and enter into a glorious campaign for Christ.

During the evening musical selections were rendered by the Grote st. choir, under the leadership of A. J. Gard. H. Wright, of W.A., also sang a solo, and received an encore.

F. M. Rains says Farewell.

F. M. Rains said he would not make a speech, but would emphasise the great speeches they had just listened to. They had been taken up to the heights, and were planning great things. He would urge them to continue to plead for Christian unity, and to be courteous and kind to their religious neighbors, without sacrificing truth. They were moving on to the conquest of the world.

Thanks were expressed to the trustees of the building and to the organist, Mr. Jones, and D. A. Ewers as Secretary.

CONFERENCE PICNIC.

On Friday, the 23rd, a Conference Picnic was held at Long Gully, in the beautiful hills of Adelaide. It was a record Conference Picnic, about 500 persons taking advantage of the opportunity of sharing in the final function of the Conference. Quite a number of "caucus" meetings were held during the day, but there was no secrecy about them, and they were all for the general good.

"K.U."

These mystic letters stand for Kentucky University. Old students speak of their Alma Mater thus briefly, familiarly and affectionately. Through the hospitality of Bro. and Sister J. E. Thomas, the "boys" in Australia at the Federal Conference had a social re-union. Bro. and Sister Thomas entertained the Kentucky boys and some other "boys" and their wives at Balfour's Cafe, on Thursday evening. It was a unique event. There were present, in addition to old students of "K.U.," some from other universities. Dr. Frank Magarey represented Sydney University; R. Harkness, Adelaide University; Mr. Marshall, Baptist preacher of Adelaide, represented a Canadian University, and F. G. Dunn represented the College of the Bible, Melbourne. Of course F. M. Rains was there as an old Kentucky boy. He would have been there anyhow, for no function of the Conference was considered complete unless he were there and his voice was heard. J. E. Thomas made a splendid chairman, and with the assistance of other students revived memories of old Kentucky days. To see these gentlemen on the platform on Sunday morning, so sedate and correct in their deportment, would scarcely help one to believe that they could by any possible chance indulge in the "goings on" which the evening's reminiscences revealed. F. M. Rains, in a few well-chosen words, paid a tribute to the work of Professors McGarvey and Grubbs, men who had made the college what it is, but who now, through the advance of years, had retired from the scene of their labors. In Australia, we may add, the name of McGarvey is inseparably connected with the College of the Bible, Kentucky. There is no brother in America whose name is more honored in Australasia than that of Bro. McGarvey. Both he and Bro. Grubbs have earned their rest. May they live many years to enjoy it.

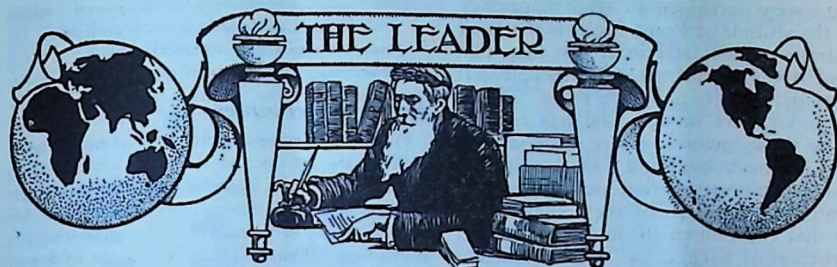
It Takes So Little.

It takes so little to make us sad,
Just a slighting word or a doubting sneer,
Just a scornful smile on some lips held dear;
And our footsteps lag, though the goal seemed
near,
And we lose the courage and hope we had—
So little it takes to make us sad.

It takes so little to make us glad,
Just a cheering clasp of a friendly hand,
Just a word from one who can understand;
And we finish the task we long had planned,
And we lose the doubt and the fear we had—
So little it takes to make us glad.

—British Hymns

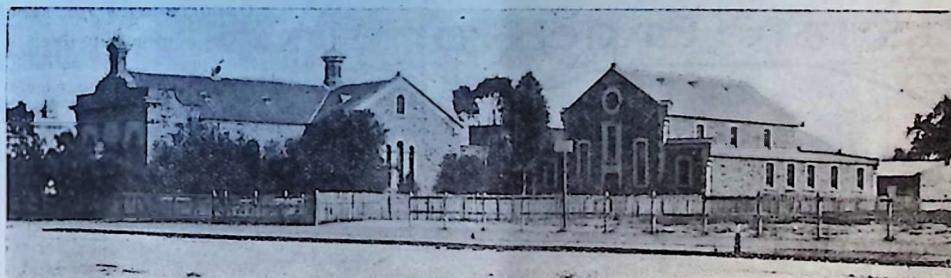
Is not this the reason that some lives are so fruitless? They have allowed the world to come between them and Christ, and their source of light is cut off. So they are unable to shine for others.—R. A. Hiltz.



STATE AID TO RELIGION.

The reason why.

One of the resolutions carried at the Federal Conference has excited more attention than the mover of it expected it to receive. The resolution referred to is as follows:— "That in view of the fact that the Roman Catholic Church is endeavoring to secure State assistance for disseminating religious instruction in State Schools, we, as a Federal Conference, enter our protest against this method of subsidising sectarianism." Some publicity was given to this resolution by its appearance in the Melbourne papers, and by the fact of its being made a matter of question in the South Australian Parliament. In view of this it seems necessary to give the reason why the motion was moved and to substantiate the grounds on which it was made. The more especially as it has been impugned by a South Australian legislator. The position of affairs will be better understood when the following extract from the Adelaide daily papers is read:—



Grote-st. Chapel, Adelaide,

where the Business Sessions of the Conference were held.

"The Hon. J. V. O'Loughlin directed the attention of the Minister of Education to a paragraph in the *Advertiser* on Friday last, headed, 'State Aid to Religion.' The item purported to cover a resolution passed by the Church of Christ Conference on the previous day. The paragraph stated: 'The Rev. G. Dunn (Victoria) moved—'That in view of the fact that the Roman Catholic Church is endeavoring to secure State assistance in disseminating instruction in State schools, we, as a Federal Conference, enter our protest against this method of subsidising sectarianism.' He would not quote the mendacious and insulting remarks which accompanied the resolution, but content himself with asking whether there was any truth in the statement that the Roman Catholic Church was endeavoring to secure assistance in the direction indicated, and whether there was any foundation for the statement made? The Minister of Education said he had not seen the paragraph, but, having heard it read, he wished to say that to his knowledge no application had been made in any shape or form in South Australia for anything of the kind."

The daily press is, generally speaking, fairly correct in its reports, and as far as the Adelaide papers are concerned, we have nothing but praise to say in regard to their fairness and courtesy. In bestowing an ecclesiastical title upon the mover of the motion, however, they made a mistake. This by the way. In regard to the question asked by the Hon. J. V. O'Loughlin, it is necessary to say that the mover of the resolution did not refer to South Australia, and therefore the answer of the Premier did not touch the question at issue. As a matter of fact the motion was directed against the attempt of the Roman Catholic Church in Victoria to incorporate, under certain conditions, their schools into the educa-

teachers appointed by the Catholic Church, in the dogmas of the Catholic Church. In return for this concession it would do no more than what it is doing now, namely, "undertake to build and provide for the upkeep of their own schools." Now those who know anything about the Church of Rome will readily understand that it is not seeking incorporation into the State school system for merely sentimental reasons. It expects to make a substantial gain by the transaction. For one thing it would have the supervision of its schools at the expense of the State, and the right of sending its children to the Continuation School, likewise at the expense of the State. In view of this the Federal Conference was quite within its right in entering its protest against "this method of subsidising sectarianism." The money part of the question, however, is, comparatively speaking, a small thing. It only assumes importance when it involves the recognition of a principle which has received general condemnation. Denominational teaching in State schools is the principle involved, and it is this vicious principle that the Catholic Church is seeking to revive. We are opposed to denominational teaching in our State schools. If any other religious body sought to introduce the same

thing, they would also meet with our strenuous opposition. We therefore oppose the Roman Catholic Church in its efforts to subvert our educational system, and do so all the more earnestly because of its political intriguing and its strong political aspirations.

tional system of that State. It is only a little while ago that Archbishop Carr waited upon the Premier of Victoria with this object in view. What the Archbishop then asked for is substantially expressed in a sermon delivered by him, and reported in the *Age* of Sept. 19. In this he said "that on a former occasion he had pointed out one means by which a full course of religious instruction might be given in all schools—State schools as well as registered schools—without giving offence to anyone. That was by the State taking over the management of the Catholic schools and conducting them in the same way as the State schools in all respects save that the church would have the right of presentation of all teachers for appointment."

What it means.

The meaning of the latter clause is quite clear. It means that under the State system of education in Victoria, Catholic schools should be distinct from Protestant schools, and should be taught by Catholic

"Mendacious and Insulting."

Having given the Hon. J. V. O'Loughlin the facts which caused the resolution to be moved at the Federal Conference, we may now turn to the remarks he made when submitting his question to the Premier of South Australia. Referring to what had been said when the Conference resolution was moved, but without giving quotations, he denounced them as "mendacious and insulting." It would have been more to the point if Mr. O'Loughlin had informed the Premier what these remarks were, and in what respect they were "mendacious and insulting." All that was said that could be possibly so construed was a reference to the political character of the Romish Church and its policy of keeping its people, as far as possible, in a state of ignorance. If true, it was not mendacious, nor properly regarded should it be looked upon as insulting. It is rather late in the day to attempt to prove that the Church of Rome is a religious-political institution aiming at

universal dominion. It is because of its political ambition that Protestants feel bound to oppose it. Once it is made quite clear that the Roman Church has absolutely abandoned its claims to sovereignty in temporal matters, Protestants will be content to treat it as they do other religious bodies with whose religious teaching they do not altogether agree. In the meantime they have seen enough of Romish political intrigue to make them watchful of its designs. It is not without reason that Italy and France, once the strongholds of the Papacy, have issued their stern mandates that the Church of Rome shall no longer dominate the situation. Nor that Spain, the home of the Inquisition, is now in open rebellion against its iron rule.

The friend of ignorance.

Anyone who disputes the statement that the policy of Rome is to keep its people in a state of ignorance, himself exemplifies the truth of the statement. He is ignorant of the attitude of Rome to what is called "modernism." It is only recently that we were informed by cable that certain of its

clergy were forbidden to read magazines. But the attitude of Rome towards the Bible illustrates most strikingly its fear that knowledge may emancipate its people. It is opposed to a free and open Bible. If further proof were needed, one has only to look at those countries where the power of Rome has made itself felt. In those places ignorance and superstition are marked features of the condition of the people. It is true that the Church of Rome believes in instruction of a kind, but it is instruction of a very modified sort—one that it must always keep in its own hands, and be made to run in the narrow groove of its own policy. In saying these things, we entertain the kindest of feelings towards our Catholic fellow citizens, and only oppose what we consider as defects in their religious system. We deeply regret that the policy pursued by their church is one that seeks to widen the breach between Catholics and Protestants. This breach must always exist while political as well as religious supremacy is the ideal which the Church of Rome is striving to reach.

Save death: but those who doubt and hesitate
Condemned to failure, penury and woe,
Seek me in vain and uselessly implore;
I answer not, and I return no more!

Make opportunities.

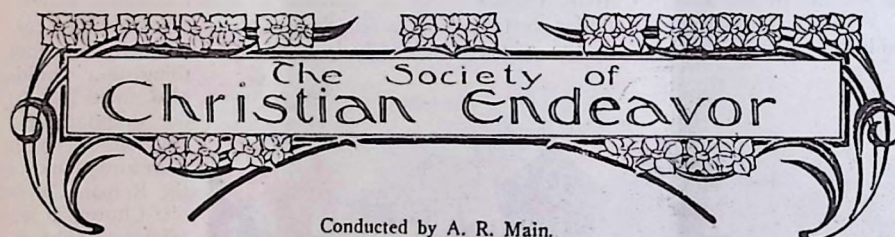
Folk who earnestly make up their minds to do a thing are apt to find the opportunity. Many blame their lack of opportunity, when they ought to blush for their laziness. What one calls "no chance" is seized by another, who makes of it a golden opportunity. There is a poem of a man who could have fought bravely if he only had a better sword; and the king's son, who picked up the broken fragment that the grumbler had thrown away, and with it fought so successfully that he turned defeat into victory. Many of the world's greatest men started out in apparently the least favorable circumstances. It has been oft noted that the greater part of the great missionary heroes of the world were prepared for their future conflicts by early privations. Their faithful use of meagre opportunity made them fit for the greater when they came. We think of Paton, working sixteen hours a day, yet finding time to study Latin and Greek. All have opportunities, but not all use them. Remember Cobbet on sixpence per day diligently studying to fit himself for greater things. "Resolve," said Franklin, "to perform what you ought, and perform without fail what you resolve."

Opportunities for service.

One is tempted to dwell on the peril of missing the opportunity to accept Christ. But probably every reader of this page is a Christian. Well, it is our duty to get others to seize the occasion, to tell them "now is the day of salvation." Year after year, millions pass to Christless graves. In our own land, think of the numbers who die without hope, many of whom trusted some day to accept Christ. Last Lord's day, some who believe that Jesus died for them, decided ere long to accept Christ as Lord, but the opportunity passed never to return. The "more convenient season" hardly ever comes.

Our topic, then, is meant chiefly to be a call to us as Christians to work more earnestly, to seize the opportunities which present themselves for Christian service. We all believe in sins of commission and sins of omission. Do we realise the heinousness of the latter? There is one you can help to Christ. What about the attempt? Think of the Master's life, of him who went about doing good, who sought, tactfully and lovingly, to lead others to higher and better things. Many wait for the word we carelessly withhold.

C. G. Trumbull's book on "Taking Men Alive" should be read by those who would qualify for the using of opportunities. He says: "If we let ourselves ever admit that any opportunity may be too trifling to use, we are sure to miss real opportunities that are close by us. It is only by persistent practice in seizing every opportunity that we shall gain the keenness that can see an opportunity where most people would see none. We need not be afraid of seeing too many. For we miss so many!" Again, "There is no such thing as a 'trifling' opportunity in the work of soul-winning; no opportunity so slight that it may safely be passed by as not worth improving." Many striking examples are given in this remarkable book, leading to an appreciation of the



Conducted by A. R. Main.

CHANCES WE MISS.

Topic for October 24.

Suggested Subjects and Readings.

A chance passing by—Luke 18: 35-43.

Every-day opportunities—Matt. 25: 41-45.

Almost persuaded—Acts 26: 27-32.

A great chance lost—John 19: 4-16.

A chance to confess—Mark 14: 66-72.

A chance missed and taken—Luke 23.

Topic—The chances we miss—Gal. 6: 1-10.

What might have been! Well have they been called the saddest of words. There is meaning enough in them, and they are applicable enough to each of our lives to make us all uncomfortable. If we had only done what we had the opportunity of doing! Surely the finest epitaph ever given is "She hath done what she could." No chances missed.

"Now is the accepted time."

In one of the Greek cities there stood long ago a statue. Every trace of it has vanished, but there still survives an epigram concerning it. It is in the form of a dialogue between the traveller and the statue.

"What is thy name, O statue?"

"I am called Opportunity."

"Who made thee?"

"Lysippus made me."

"Why art thou standing on thy toes?"

"To show that I stay but for a moment."

"Why hast thou wings on thy feet?"

"To show how quickly I pass by."

"Why is thy hair so long on thy forehead?"

"That men may seize me when they meet me."

"Why, then, art thou so bald behind?"

"To show that once passed by I may not be caught."

E. W. Worth says: "Opportunities are like Yale locks and keys, each after a pattern." They will fit the present moment, but no other. To-day's chances do not return to-morrow. Says Macbeth:

"To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow,
Creeps on this petty pace from day to day,
To the last syllable of recorded time;
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools
The way to dusty death."

Peloubet's Commentary says that in the office wherein President Roosevelt worked there were but two ornaments. One was a rude picture of Lincoln. The other was the signed manuscript copy of Ingall's poem on "Opportunity":—

Master of human destinies am I!

Fame, love and fortune on my footsteps wait.

Cities and fields I walk: I penetrate

Deserts and seas remote, and passing by

Hovel and mart, and palace, soon or late

I knock unbidden at every gate!

If sleeping, wake: if feasting, rise before

I turn away. It is the hour of fate,

And they who follow me reach every state

Mortals desire, and conquer every foe,

value of the personal word and contact. "As John B. Gough said of the one loving word of Joel Stratton that won him: 'My friend, it may be a small matter for you to speak the one word for Christ that wins a needy soul—a small matter to you, but it is everything to him.' It is forgetting this truth that causes personal work to be neglected."

Numerous instances of the ability to make opportunities might be given. It is told of H. C. Trumbull that he once came into contact with a young agnostic of scholarly scientific interests. Trumbull wished to win him for Christ. But "there was no common ground at all, in spiritual matters, to begin with. The oldest man, however, learned—by making it his business to learn—that the younger student was deeply interested in a certain line of scientific study. Promptly he set out to know something of that subject himself." He spent some weeks in reading it up, bought books and put them by. One day he told the young man that he had some books at his office which dealt with the subject, and told him to avail himself or their help whenever he cared to look over them. The costly sacrifice of time and money was the means to the introduction of the great themes of the gospel, and to the winning of the man to Christ.

A Picture of Opportunities.

We are continually coming up to doors which stand open for a while, and then are shut. An artist has tried to teach this in a picture.

Father Time is there with inverted hour-glass. A young man is lying at his ease on a luxurious couch, while beside him is a table spread with rich fruits and viands. Passing by him toward an open door are certain figures which represent Opportunities; they come to invite the young man to nobleness, to manliness, to usefulness, to worth.

First is a rugged, sun-browned form, carrying a flail. 'This is Labor.' He invites the youth to toil. He has already passed far by unheeded.

Next is a Philosopher, with open book, inviting the young man to thought and study, that he may master the secrets in the mystic volume. But this Opportunity, too, is disregarded.

Close behind the Philosopher comes a woman with bowed form, carrying a child. Her dress betokens widowhood and poverty. Her hand is stretched out appealingly. She craves Charity. Looking closely at the picture we see that the young man holds money in his hand. But he is clasping it tightly, and the poor woman's pleading is in vain.

Still another figure passes, endeavoring to lure and woo him from his idle ease. It is the form of a beautiful woman, who seeks by Love to awaken in him noble purposes worthy of his powers, and to inspire him for ambitious efforts.

One by one these Opportunities have passed with their calls and invitations, only to be unheeded. At last he is aroused to seize them, but it is too late; they are vanishing from sight, and the door is closing.

This is a true picture of what is going on all the time in the world. Opportunities come to every young person, offering beautiful things, rich blessings, brilliant honors. (Neglected, door after door is shut.)—J. R. Miller.

N.S.W. Home Missions.

By Thos. Hagger.

J. Colbourne has passed away to a well-earned reward. Hugh Rodger has been helping at North Sydney; he preached one night at Enmore, with one confession.

H. G. Payne and G. H. Browne are still paying fortnightly visits to Hurstville.

The adult class at Erskineville has now forty names enrolled; the Bible School, as a whole, is forging ahead.

Belmore sustains a loss in the removal of Bro. and Sister W. H. Hall and Bro. C. Hall to Marrickville.

Prospects are brightening at Wagga, and Bro. Clydesdale is being encouraged by improving attendances.

The four who confessed Christ at Junee last month have been baptised. H. Cust has commenced a week-night Bible study class at Marrar.

S. H. Mudge has resigned the work at Auburn, and the Committee has asked him to go to North Sydney.

The tent mission at Lismore yielded 22 confes-

Seventh Day Adventism.

A correspondent writes that some of the Seventh Day Adventists are saying that D. M. Canright has renounced his book exposing the fallacies of Seventh Day Adventism. This is absolutely false. In the preface to the Eleventh Edition of his book, "Seventh Day Adventism Renounced," he writes:—

"In all these years they have continued to report that I have offered to go back to them, having repented leaving them, have been expelled from my church, have become an infidel, gone to wreck, etc. Every one of these assertions from first to last is utterly false. I stand now just as I did when I wrote the book, and now re-affirm all the statements of this work.

"The following editorial just clipped from the *Baptist Christian Herald*, Detroit, Mich., November 23, 1905, will show how I stand up to date:—

"It has been reported by his bitter opponents, the Adventists, that Rev. D. M. Canright, of Grand Rapids, had renounced his renunciation of Adventism, and returned to that denomination.

In justice to this faithful and devout servant of the truth, we wish to say that this rumor is absolutely without any foundation in fact, and has been given circulation to bolster up the tottering faith of those who are sincerely inquiring for light upon the doctrines of Adventism. Bro. Canright's health is rather feeble, and he is unable, owing to this, to do much preaching, but he is a welcome supply to many of our churches when his physical condition will permit of his rendering service."

Our mother loved flowers, and her little garden was always ablaze with the brightest and sweetest. It seems to me now that her delight in their fragrance and color was characteristic, and that she was always watching for a chance to drop them before us on the

straight and narrow road, thus making it more alluring to our beauty-loving eyes. Dear human children we were to her—not angels, and not fallen beings born under the curse, with the trail of the serpent over us all—but little ones to be taken into her great motherly arms and brought to Jesus for his blessing. Brought, that was it, not driven. And so when we stood, a large weeping band, around her grave, heaven seemed very near and dear, very homelike to us, because she was there; and I doubt whether even to this day, there is one of us who does not look forward to her warm welcome, if perchance we may go to her, with something of the yearning with which, as little ones, we used to anticipate a visit to her sunny home here.—Sarah Stuart Robbins.

He who opens a school, closes a prison.—Victor Hugo.

O, when we are journeying through the murky night and the dark woods of affliction and sorrow, it is something to find here and there a spray broken or a leafy stem bent down with the tread of Christ's foot and the brush of his hand as he passed.—Dr. Maclaren.



Exhibition Building, Adelaide.

sions, and one baptised believer added; of this number 18 have so far been received into fellowship, and one other who was baptised has gone to Sydney.

W. Rothery reports splendid interest at Bungawalbin; a branch Sunday School has been established; an effort is to be made to enlarge the chapel and improve the seating.

Five additions by faith and baptism during the week's mission at Tyalgum—all males: W. Rothery followed up the work there.

W. A. Strongman is working hard in the Hamilton-Merewether district. A Sunday School has been started at Hamilton. He is visiting from house to house and trying to work up interest in the coming tent mission at Hamilton.

An engagement has been offered to Lionel Johnston, from the Bible College, to labor in the Rookwood-Canley Vale district.

Financial comparisons worth studying:—

Receipts, March 1 to Sept. 19, 1909	£394 17 8
Receipts, March 1 to Sept. 19, 1910	850 18 2
Expenditure, March 1 to Sept. 19, 1909	408 18 2
Expenditure, March 1 to Sept. 19, 1910	1031 8 7
Debit Balance, Sept. 19, 1909	237 5 2
Debit Balance, Sept. 19, 1910	230 1 5

So that in spite of the very heavy expenditure this year we are £7/3/9 better off than at this time last year. But to keep up the work your offering is needed. Send to the Organising Secretary, "Digina," Francis-st., Marrickville, at once.

No-License in N.S.W.

Brethren,—The coming State election will bring with it another opportunity to strike a blow at the liquor traffic, a traffic that has cursed practically every nation under heaven, and is to-day the greatest evil in the social life of our State. As evidence of this is the fact that 28,000 convictions for drunkenness were recorded in New South Wales last year, 5000 convictions being against women. What this represents in impoverished homes, neglected children, and broken hearts God alone knows. We spent £5,000,000 last year in liquor, about £1,000,000 more than our farmers got for their wheat crop. Mr. Lloyd George has said that "the drink traffic is the cruellest tyranny that ever oppressed the homes and hearths of the people." The last vote was a splendid one, but a still larger vote is needed to destroy this curse. Christ has said, "Every tree that my Father hath not planted shall be rooted up." Surely God never planted this Upas tree, which is poisoning our social life and destroying so many of our people. We appeal to you to help root it up! Join us in this fight, and work and vote for No-License. The traffic is spending money freely, and every vote will be needed.

"So put your cross within the square,
The bottom square of all,
And vote against the nation's curse,
The tyrant alcohol,"

and with God's blessing on the united efforts of his people we shall have victory right along the line.—Yours in the King's service, Thomas Morton, Sec., Temperance Committee.

HOW TO VOTE.

Study This Carefully.

1. Place a cross (X thus) in the **Bottom Square**. Put no other mark on the ballot paper.
2. Votes for No-License count for Reduction if the necessary three-fifths majority for No-License be not gained.
3. But votes for Reduction count against No-License, and for the continuance of three bars out of four.
4. You can continue the liquor trade by not voting! It may be just your vote that is needed to win.

We here give a reduced fac-simile of a ballot paper as it should be marked on polling day. Put no other mark than the cross in the bottom square.

Fac-simile of Ballot Paper.

Liquor Amendment Act, 1905.

Local Option Vote.

I vote that the number of licenses existing in the Electorate continue	
I vote that the number of licenses existing in the Electorate be reduced	
I vote that no licenses be granted in the Electorate	X

Indicate your vote by making a cross in the square opposite the resolution for which you vote.



Tasmania.

KELLEVIE.—W. Moffit, evangelist from St. Australia, by request paid a visit to the church here. Arriving on July 12, he commenced to visit the members of the church and others, also preaching and teaching on the Lord's day and week-nights. Having discovered that the church was not organised according to New Testament order, he gave two addresses on a properly organised New Testament church, with her properly constituted elders and deacons, their qualifications, and mode of appointment. The following persons were set apart by prayer and fasting:—Elders, W. Clifford, S. Smith, W. Smith; deacons, T. Cleary, J. H. Wooley, J. T. Wooley; deaconesses, A. Clifford, A. Cleary, S. Wooley. A business meeting was held on Sept. 9, when J. T. N. Wooley tendered his resignation as secretary of the church, he having faithfully carried out the duties connected therewith for over thirty years. The brethren expressed their appreciation of services rendered. W. T. Smith was appointed secretary.—W.T.S., Sept. 28.

New Zealand.

DUNEDIN.—The election of officers of the Tabernacle auxiliary of the C.W.B.M. took place on Sept. 13, and resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. C. Fleming Macdonald; Vice-presidents, Mesdames T. Hislop and H. Stokes; Secretary, Miss M. Gregg; Assistant Secretary, Miss E. Schulenburg; Treasurer, Mrs. C. F. Sundstrum. Mrs. J. Jarvie and Miss Tait are the Literature Committee, and Mrs. H. T. Beck and Miss Chumie the Membership Committee. The annual social will take place in November. On Friday evening, Sept. 16, the annual tea meeting and entertainment of the Bible School was held. W. J. Hastie presided. The report of the secretary showed the number of scholars and teachers as 111 and 15 respectively. At the last Otago Sunday School Union examination, 10 had passed the Scripture test and 4 the essay. Raymond Christensen gained highest marks in the former (97 per cent.), and in the essay examination F. George Austin was first (86 per cent.). The school have introduced a cradle roll and sand table, the latter having been made and presented by Chas. R. Aburn, and now being used by Miss L. Neil. The interest of the scholars in Foreign Missions is well maintained, and once a month a collection is taken up for this work. Last year a donation was made to the Bulawayo mission. A good programme of varied items was contributed by the scholars and several members of the choir. We are preparing for the Foreign Mission annual golden offering, to be taken up on Oct. 9.—L.C.J.S., Sept. 21.

AUCKLAND (Dominion-rd.).—Bro. and Sister J. Lord are leaving for Perth, W.A., to-day. A farewell meeting was held on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at which Bren. Hansen, Grinstead and Bailey spoke of the pleasure we had had in the fellowship of our brother and his wife.

South Australia.

BALAKLAVA.—On Sunday, Sept. 25, one young man made the good confession, H. M. Tuck preaching.—A.G.D.

COTTONVILLE.—We had a good address from Claude Bennett this morning. Intense in-

terest was manifested in the subject Barton Manning chose for the gospel meeting. At the close four made the good confession. This makes five since our brother commenced his work here. Four are Sunday School scholars. We were indebted to Miss Finlayson, from the church at Owen, for the impressive rendering of a solo.—J. McNicol, Oct. 2.

HENLEY BEACH.—Sept. 25, G. Wilson, from Port Pirie, gave a very helpful address in the morning. At the gospel service our hearts were gladdened to see a promising young man make the good confession, Bro. Horsell preaching. On Wednesday he baptised Bro. Cosh's youngest son, who had made the good confession a few weeks ago, and he was received into fellowship this morning. Among the visitors we had E. Paternoster, from Salisbury, and Ira A. Paternoster, who addressed the church. J. Manning preached the gospel.—M. S. Noble, Oct. 2.

NORWOOD.—The Dorcas Society held its annual meeting on Sept. 28. Between 40 and 50 sisters were present, including representatives from kindred societies, who gave greetings. Mrs. G. Cant, vice-president, presided. Reports were presented by Mesdames S. P. Weir, N. Mauger and Miss West. A welcome home was also tendered to Mrs. Rankine, in which the president, Mrs. Chapman, vice-president, and Mrs. Kempster took part. Songs were rendered by Miss Thomas (Baptist) and Miss Wright, W.A. Mrs. Rankine feelingly responded. To-day we had good meetings, Bro. Rankine speaking both morning and evening. At the former a young man who was immersed by Bro. Warren, at Moonta, was received into fellowship. In the evening, speaking from John 10: 9 ("The Open Door"), we had a powerful sermon, at the close of which two confessions were taken—husband and wife.—G.H.J., Oct. 2.

SEMAPHORE.—During the past week the mission conducted by the State Evangelist, S. G. Griffith, has shown a steady increase, many strangers taking a keen interest in our movement. With finer weather we look for brighter prospects. The attendance at our morning meeting each Lord's day has been well maintained, averaging over 30, with several visitors from sister churches, including Bro. Noble, from the Bible College, who presided on Sept. 25, and Bro. Swain, of Victoria. W. C. Brooker presided on Oct. 2, whilst S. G. Griffith exhorted. With the difficulty of securing a building suitable for holding our meetings, we contemplate arranging with the Home Mission Committee for the use of a tent.—A.P.B., Oct. 3.

GROTE-ST.—On Sept. 25, D. C. McCallum gave a good address at the morning meeting. Bro. Manifold took part in the opening of the Sunday School, and gave a talk at the Men's Bible Class. Bro. Walden visited the school, and spoke to the scholars on the great evil of intemperance. The chapel was crowded at night, Bro. Walden being the preacher, and at the close of his address seven confessed Christ. Bro. Thomas was the speaker at both morning and evening services to-day. Five received into membership this morning, and two confessions to-night.—E.R.M., Oct. 2.

MAYLANDS.—On Thursday, a social was given to welcome H. R. Taylor back from Ken-tucky to take up the work here. W. C. Brooker, Conference President, presided, and the following spoke: Bren. Gore, Iwers, Rankine, Horsell, Manifold, Thomas, Baker, McCallum, I. A. Paternoster, Jagers and T. Fischer. The occasion

was also availed of to say good-bye to E. J. Paternoster, who has successfully carried on the work here for six months at week ends. Bren. Taylor and Paternoster feelingly responded to the kindly remarks made. Anthems were rendered by the choir, and a song by Miss N. Wright of W.A. Refreshments were provided by the sisters of the church.—R.L.A., Oct. 3.

HINDMARSH.—Sept. 26, we had a visit from Bro. and Sister Strutton, who gave a very instructive address on mission work, interspersed with lantern views. There was a good attendance. Sunday, Oct. 2, the church anniversary took place. H. J. Horsell addressed the church. I. A. Paternoster took the gospel service. Selections were rendered by the choir, and a quartette by Mrs. J. Roberts, Miss E. Weeks, Mr. J. Roberts and Mr. L. Weeks. There were good attendances at both services.—J. W. Snook.

Queensland.

MARYBOROUGH.—Those who made the good confession were all baptised by Bro. Mudford before returning to Brisbane, and our brother extended to each one of them the right hand of fellowship. On the following Lord's day morning Bro. J. W. Smith gave a splendid exhortation on how a Christian ought to walk and the life he ought to live as a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Bro. Payne is getting the school children nicely along with the singing, and we are looking forward to a good school anniversary at an early date. Gospel meetings are keeping up fairly well. On behalf of the officers and members of the Maryborough church, many thanks to the officers and members of the Brisbane church for their liberality in permitting their evangelist, Bro. Mudford, to spend a short time with us, and we thank our Lord and Master for the good results.—W.S.

CHARTERS TOWERS.—On Sept. 22 we recommenced Band of Hope work. The workers have for some time been reorganising, and this took practical shape on the above date, when the first programme was given before a large and appreciative audience. The president, John Park, took the chair, and the various items were very ably rendered. During the evening we had what was termed a "prize packet," in the form of a presentation, when the supt. of the S.S., W. Coward, after a few suitable words, handed to J. Park a baton, silver mounted and inscribed, given by the teachers of the school as a memento of his services as conductor at our last and other anniversaries. Bro. Park feelingly responded. Members were enrolled to the number of 45, and others promised.—E. Pepper, Sept. 23.

West Australia.

CLAREMONT.—A most successful anniversary in connection with the Sunday School was held on Sept. 18. In the afternoon special singing was rendered by the scholars, and a very helpful address was given them by E. Cecil. The evening service was conducted by Bro. Cecil. The building was packed, and at the close of a splendid address two young women made the good confession. A tea and public meeting was held on Sept. 21. Quite a large number enjoyed the tea, and the building was again crowded at the public meeting and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Various items were rendered by the scholars, after which the prizes were distributed. Bro. Cecil has been preaching here for the past two months; during that time nine have been brought into the kingdom.—A.C.L., Sept. 26.

NORTH PERTH.—On Sept. 18 and 20 our Sunday School celebrated its sixth anniversary in the Town Hall. There were splendid audiences, and special singing by the children, under the baton of Bro. Paul, of Lake-st. church. The hall was tastefully decorated, and Bro. Lucraft, from Fremantle, addressed the children, parents and friends on Sunday afternoon. Quite a number of our Cradle Roll members were present. Sister A. Eaton is the supt. of this department.

In the evening Bro. Pollard, of Subiaco, delivered a forceful address to those assembled. On Tuesday the church treated the scholars to a tea, after which a mixed programme was rendered, the children singing heartily. One exercise, "The Chain of Love," by the elder girls, was worthy of special mention. The distribution of prizes and the singing of a hymn by the congregation brought one of our most successful anniversary meetings to a close. Our Sunday School is growing rapidly, and we have just elected Miss Edie Wickens, pianist, and Miss Glaays Bell, librarian, to our staff. Altogether the outlook is bright.—F.W., Sept. 27.

New South Wales.

MOREE.—The work has taken a new aspect, and we are expecting times of rejoicing. A strong Sunday School committee is engaged in a house-to-house canvass of the town in the interests of Sunday School work. A good choir, 17 strong, has been formed to lead the gospel singing, and in the interests of the young people a picnic club is now an institution. Last Thursday night a welcome social was tendered to Bro. and Sister More, of New Zealand. J. Stimson, President of N.S.W. Conference, and Bro. Tan-



Pirie-st. Methodist Church, Adelaide

where the Federal Forward Movement meeting was held.

ner, from Sydney, were present, Bro. Stimson acting as chairman. He in the name of the Moree brethren welcomed Bro. and Sister More to the work in that town, and prayed God's blessing on their efforts. Bro. More briefly replied, thanking the brethren for their welcome to his wife and himself.—H. M. Hodson, Sept. 24.

INVERELL.—Our anniversary services will be held on Oct. 16 and 18. We shall be pleased to welcome any brethren or sisters who may be here about that time.—H. Cook, Sept. 28.

BANGALOW.—Bro. Hagger closed his fortnight's tent mission last night, when one made the good confession. The increase to the little band here, as a result of the mission, will be four by faith and obedience, and two baptised believers. Bro. Hagger's addresses have been much appreciated. The disciples here have had their confidence in the plea we advocate increased, and others have started investigating.—J. G. Snow, Sept. 30.

Victoria.

BRUNSWICK.—Bro. Bell exhorted the church; topic, "Lighthouses." He also proclaimed the gospel message; subject, "The Good Shepherd." We are looking forward with expectancy to Bro. Way's appearance next Lord's day.—W.T., Oct. 2.

CASTLEMAINE.—Splendid meetings yesterday, both morning and evening. H. M. Clipstone speaking. Morning theme, "Sychar's Revival."

Three received into fellowship. In the evening the building was well filled; subject, "The Story of a Wandering Boy." At the invitation a married lady, who was formerly a member of the Methodist Church, came forward and confessed Christ and was baptised at the close of the service.—F.C., Oct. 3.

SWAN HILL.—The meeting yesterday morning in the skating rink was very good. Bro. McDonald presided at the table, and the writer spoke from Acts 9: 20. In the afternoon the Sunday School and Bible Class were organised. Bro. Price, the supt., is the right man in the right place. In the evening it was wet, but we had a very nice meeting, the subject being, "Elijah, the Man of God." At the close a young lady stepped forward. The building is now in full swing, and it should not be long before it is ready to enter. We have received £3 more toward this fund, and just a few more "threes" would see us well on the way to be out of debt. Brethren, plunge the hand deep and help us.—J. E. Shipway, Oct. 3.

GEELONG.—The fourth year was entered upon last Sunday at Trinity Church building. We had several visitors in the morning, when we had an address from Bro. Mulvogue. There were 13 new scholars at the Bible School to commence the new year. In the evening a large congregation assembled, despite the inclemency of the weather, when G. Gordon gave an address on "The Faith that Saves."—E.B.

MELBOURNE (Swanston-st.).—Last Lord's day amongst our visitors were Bro. and Sister Harman, Kyneton, and A. R. Main, who gave us an excellent address. Bro. Gordon's evening subject was "My Confession of Faith."

BERWICK.—On Sept. 26 a very successful social in connection with the Sunday School was held, the children rendering most of the items. During the evening Bro. Johnston, on behalf of the church, presented a handsomely bound copy of the Bible to Bro. and Sister Aurisch, as a token of esteem, on the occasion of their marriage. Bro. Johnston has begun a series of addresses on "The Divine Art Gallery."

PRAHRAN.—Last Sunday we had W. G. Oram, from Doncaster, with us. He addressed the scholars in the afternoon, and in the evening took for his subject "Conversion to God." We held our cricket club concert on Tuesday last. It was a great success. The Sunday School is progressing.—W.H.

COSGROVE.—Last Lord's day we had the pleasure of receiving Sister Clara Brown by letter from Dandenong. We also had with us T. C. Harward, and enjoyed his exhortation and gospel address.—J. C. Skinner, Oct. 3.

CARLTON (Lygon-st.).—Good meetings all day. We were pleased to have with us in the morning Sister Bray, T. J. Andrews, from Enmore, Bro. McFadden, from Stawell, Sister Pederson and daughter, from Warragul, also C. A. Quick, who gave a helpful exhortation. Horace Kingsbury's address at night upon "Moses' Invitation to Hobab" was listened to with close attention. We were delighted to have G. T. Walden with us at the mid-week prayer meeting, and received a profitable talk, full of encouragement. Many of the old members and readers of the CHRISTIAN will be interested to know that our aged Sister Dickens reached her 84th birthday on Sept. 27, and was the recipient of many cards and good wishes of remembrance.—J. McC.

HAWTHORN.—Splendid meetings on Oct. 2. For the evening service the platform and pillars were decorated profusely with white material in addition to white flowers and lilies, which had a very beautiful effect. This was in keeping with our preacher's subject, "White Robes and Whence Came They." A full house listened attentively to a stirring address, which cannot but have a good effect on all who heard it.—T. H. Parkes, Oct. 3.

BALLARAT.—Among the visitors we had Sister Mrs. F. M. Ludbrook with us on last Lord's day. F. Martin, of Cheltenham, exhorted on "Spiritual Blessedness." In the afternoon the

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N.S.W. Bible School Union Examination Results.

DIVISION I. Under 10 years.

1st prize, Jessie Stimson, Canley Vale.
2nd prize, Richard Wakeley, Canley Vale.
3rd prize, Hy. Browne, Belmore.
4th prize, Jessie Andrews, Belmore.
Honor Certificates—Thos. Hunt, and Campbell Morris.

Pass Certificates—Dulcie Somerville, Kenneth McKenzie, Elsie Charlesworth, Worth Crawford, Harry Dane, Jessie Newman, Ella Maurer, Willie Smith, Maggie Donnelly, Gordon Morris, Kingsley White, Vera Patrick, Iessie Caye.

DIVISION II. 10 years and under 12 years.

1st prize, Marjorie Archibald, Canley Vale.
2nd prize, Clifford Stimson, and Walter Wakeley, Canley Vale.
3rd prize, Leslie Bailey and Winifred Hindson, Canley Vale.

Pass Certificates—Fredk. Parker, Nellie Withers, Nellie Crawford, Colin Moir, Rose Murray, Mabel Chisholm, Marian Smith, Warren White, Herbert Lang, Isabella Coomber, Eric Hilder, Gladys Hodgson, Fred. Illingworth, Dorothy Miller.

DIVISION III. 12 years and under 14 years.

1st prize, Lionel Price, Petersham, and Thelma Stimson, Canley Vale.
2nd prize, Pearl Griffen, Rookwood.
3rd prize, Phyllis Frost, Petersham; Elsie Hindson, and Mary Wakeley, Canley Vale; Harold Illingworth, Paddington.

Honor Certificates—Ed. Spedding, Rose Harrison, Gerty Storer, Florrie Hunt, Hope Wilkins, Nellie Browne, Alice McMann, Gerty O'Delle, Roy Foster.

Pass Certificates—Fred. Sainty, Rene Browne, Marjorie Crisp, May Skipper, Gladys Welch, Joseph Welch, Ida Williams, Edie Campbell, Ruby Bottomley, Elsie Lloyd, Maurice Belz, Nellie Phillips, Ivy Messent, Clarence Rien, Nerada Templeton, Rose McKetack, Elsie Ferguson, Irene Funnell, Willie Bedford, Norman Morris, Elsie Warner, Garnet Wardale, Walter Hendry, Douglas Mitchellhill, Walter Thomas, Harold Chandler, Elsie Hackshall, Millie McCann, Harold Hodgson.

Report on Division 3.—While some of the papers were really very good, quite a number were very poor. The teaching on the 9th question seems to have been neglected; the pupils seem to know the parable fairly well, but the explanation of it is lost sight of.—Geo. D. Verco.

DIVISION IV. 14 years and under 16 years.

1st prize, Myrtle Stimson, Canley Vale.
2nd prize, Gladys McKenzie, Petersham.
3rd prize, Stanley Morris, Sydney.
Honor Certificate—Robert McCoughtry.
Pass Certificates—Jos. Furlonger, Fidelia Patch, Annie Brodie, Elma Bell, Ernest Warne, Clive Cousins, Gordon Tuckwell, Florrie Corbett, Gladys Sherman, Amy Hindson, Maggie Archibald, Wm. Longland, Jack Clancy, Ivy Murray, Jean Gifford, Alice Clancy, Wm. Dillow, Fred. Crouch, Henry Lloyd, Amos Hodgkinson, Gladys Rien, Beryl Foster, Doris Verco, Gordon Dingwall, Dorothy Lewis.

Report on Division 4.—The answers to questions in this division were on the whole very fair. The worst answers were given to the question as to who are to rise in judgment against the generation living in the time of Christ, and if the text of the lesson had been committed to memory this should have been one of the easiest questions of all to answer. All the questions gave evidence of a need for training in *how* to answer questions. It was often difficult to sort out the answer from a lot of matter having no connection with the question at all.—F. T. Webber.

DIVISION V. 16 years and under 18 years.

1st prize, Albert C. Withers, Lismore.
2nd prize, Elphis Higgins, Lismore, and Elcanor Winks, Hurstville.

Pass Certificates—Mary Parker, Cecil McIndoe, Etta Fox, Myrtle Browne, Frank Morton, Stella Weeks, Muriel Foster, Ivy Wardale, Dolly Pickering, D. Taylor, G. Roffey.

Report on Division 5.—I cannot congratulate the 5th Division on the excellence of their answers. In some instances a knowledge of the lesson was manifested, but in the majority of answers the purpose of the question was quite lost sight of. This was especially noticeable in the 4th and 5th questions, and the teaching on those subjects had evidently been at fault. Some of the candidates seemed to think they would "be heard for their much speaking." Lengthy answers will never get marks if a short answer will do. There were a few good answers, and they were accorded to marks with a very grateful heart.—R. Verco.

DIVISION VI. 18 years and over.

1st prize, Winnie Farr, Enmore.
Pass Certificates—Mabel Stimson, Beattie Heaseman, Hilda Preston, Edith Smith, George McGlashen, Bertha Verco.

Report on Division 6.—The papers of this division were, on the whole, very good. One thing, however, was very noticeable, that quite a number missed the idea of some of the questions. It was not that the questions were abstruse, on the contrary, they were clear. I would urge competitors to read the questions carefully. The paper to which I have awarded highest number of marks deserves special mention; it was in every respect an excellent one.—S. H. Mudge.

DIVISION VII. Junior Teachers.

1st prize, Daniel Wakeley, Canley Vale.
2nd prize, Marjorie Christopherson, Canley Vale.
Pass Certificates—Minnie Stimson, Bertha Browne, Isabel Stenning, Daisy Winks, Edgar Button.

Report on Division 7 (Junior Teachers).—On the whole, papers very good. The teachers do not seem to know just what "demon possession" was, and with two exceptions, knew very little about the "Land of Gennesaret." The teaching is too "preachy." Not one gave a satisfactory answer to questions 8 and 9.

DIVISION VIII. Senior Teachers.

1st prize, Thos. W. Smith, Woollahra.
Pass Certificates—Wm. Dane, Charles King.
Report on Division 8 (Senior Teachers).—These papers good. More perfect answers than in Junior. None of them knew much of the Herod family, and all failed somewhat in question 6. But on the differences between the two commissions, the "Parable of the Tares" questions, and the "Teaching" questions, they were splendid.—Geo. T. Walden.

Victorian S.S.U. Examination Results.

DIVISION I. Under 11 years.

156 entries; 94 competed.
1st prize, Wilson Cook, 100, Bendigo.
2nd prize, Lizzie Woodbridge, 98, North Melbourne; Harold Thompson, 98, North Fitzroy; William Smith, 98, South Yarra; Frank A. Daws, 95, Moreland.

Certificates of Merit—Geo. Dickens, Preston; Emily Hall, South Yarra; Millie Woodbridge, Dorothy Gibson, North Melbourne; Dorie Sampson, Leo. Phelan, Phillip Sampson, Lygon-st.; Reka Wigroff, Irene L. Pang, North Fitzroy; Pearl Murray, Surrey Hills; Ralph Redman, Blackburn; Edie M. Brodie, North Richmond; Georgina Cresswell, Edith E. Frank, Millie Phillips, North Carlton; Frank Graham, Doncaster; Annie Connor, Colac; Nellie Batchelder, Rose Cowe, Gordon Cowe, Eunice Hillbrick, Berwick; Ernest H. Gray, Hartley Gray, Dulcie Love, Dandenong; Myrtle McAlister, Donald Darling, Archie Jewes, Montrose; Edith A. McKean, Alice Martin, Middle Park; Stanley Edwards, Linda Manning, Windsor; Reggie Hunter, Moreland;

Phyllis Sharp, Brighton; Vall Delves, Bendigo; E. W. Baden Hands, Bendigo; Gracie Flood, Ascot Vale; Tyson Forster, Brunswick; Eva Judd, Cheltenham; Leslie Hatty, Newmarket; S. R. Johnston, Middle Park; Chas. E. Morris, Brighton; Minnie Kruse, Maryborough; Bernard Hollole, North Carlton.

Certificates—Bernard Newman, Mildura; Freida Walker, Preston; Freida Wigroff, North shall, Violet Richards, North Richmond; Stanley Gray, Geo. B. Phillips, North Carlton; Leslie Petty, Doncaster; Alex. Downes, Middle Park; Lilian Tate, Middle Park; Myrtle Wood, South Melbourne; Lizzie Brown, Fitzroy; Keith Addison, Windsor; Stanley Hunter, Gertie Clegg, Moreland; Nellie Morris, Brighton; May Murphy, Footscray; Elida Secley, Ascot Vale; Elsie Hall, Bayswater; May White, Moreland.

Report on Division 1.—The papers were exceedingly good, showing a high degree of intelligence, and giving evidence of good training. A pleasing feature of the examination was the almost unanimous exactness of the answer to question 6—"The Golden Text." Altogether the examination of the papers has been a distinct pleasure to me.—Jos. J. Franklyn.

DIVISION II. 11 and 12 years.

173 entries; 113 competed.
1st prize, Winnie Lyall, 100, Swanston-st.; Samuel Organ, 100, Cheltenham.
2nd prize, Sydney Ford, 98, Ballarat; Myrtle Cook, 98, Bendigo; Dorothy Turner, 98, Bendigo.

Certificates of Merit—Effie Clarke, Eva McAlpine, Taradale; Eva Hands, Bendigo; Jack Passe, Lucy A. Mills, Brighton; Eileen Bryan, Victor Harding, Windsor; Wm. Henry Thompson, Dandenong; Carrie Brodie, North Richmond; Mabel Buckingham, Eileen Spinks, South Yarra; Vera Clewett, Surrey Hills; Jessie Gibson, Keith Burrows, North Melbourne; Wm. M. Middleton, North Fitzroy; Norman R. Phillips, Willie Tippet, Elsie Turner, Lygon-st.; Ivy Lewis, Bendigo; Girlic Evans, Maryborough.

Certificates—Eva Cordy, Taradale; Florrie Doncaster, Elsie Pitts, Ballarat; Clarence Bahn, Burnley; Ivy Hatty, Rose Kearton, Newmarket; Millie Seedsman, Doris Upstill, Geelong; Les. Martin, Christina Thompson, Bayswater; Ernest Peters, Ivy Crowther, Dorothy Tardiff, Brunswick; Hazel Widdop, Olive Cobbin, Ascot Vale; Ruby Aghan, Leo. Martin, Middle Park; Roy Langley, Montrose; Alf. J. Petty, Allan Williamson, Doncaster; Thelma Salfanger, Fred. Girdlestone, North Richmond; Daisy White, Surrey Hills; Edwin S. Amery, Wm. Waterman, North Hills; Geo. Newman, Mildura; John Ferguson, cote; Geo. Newman, Mildura; Norman Isherson, Amy A. Sturken, Ivy A. Powell, North Fitzroy; Ethel Philwood, Violet Warner, North Fitzroy; Ethel Phillips, Phyllis Phelan, Lygon-st.; Lucy Gladstone, South Richmond; Ernie Tippet, Wilfred Baker, Lygon-st.; Doris Nankiyell, Dandenong; Percy R. Rees, Hawthorn; Alice Wilks, Geelong.

Report on Division 2.—It has afforded me much pleasure and considerable amusement to examine the papers of this division. I might say that considerable grasp of the lessons has been displayed in the majority of cases; in the rest, little or none seems to exist.—Geo. Burns.

DIVISION III. 13 and 14 years.

161 entries; 118 competed.
1st prize, Vera Birtles, 99, Bendigo.
2nd prize, Laura Upstill, 95, Bendigo.
3rd prize, Annie Peters, 93, Ascot Vale; Jessie Middleton, 93, North Fitzroy.
Certificates of Merit—Lindsay Cameron, Mildura; Edna Lunn, Bet Bet; Elsie Stanger, Jessie Ruby Whitfield, Lygon-st.; Elsie Fitzroy; Lily M. Gole, Eveline Thompson, North Fitzroy; Doug Greenwood, Merton Fowler, Frank Petrie, Doug Melbourne; Dorothy Bignall, Blackburn; Alfred las Murray, Surrey Hills; Hilda Brown, Alfred Hughes, Ruby Spinks, May Giles, Doncaster; Irene South Yarra; Percy Horner, Doncaster; Austin, Colac; Alma V. Thompson, Nellie Sherman, Dandenong; Martha Aghan, Ivy E. Martin, Middle Park; Hazel Sowrey, Clarence Fitzroy; Bryan, Windsor; Clifford Sharp, Clarence Fitzroy.

man, Brighton; Bessie Kyme, Reg. A. Clarey, Newmarket; Mabel Tucker, Marjorie E. Whitelaw, Hawthorn; Edith Benson, Ballarat; Lily Reid, Mabel Forte, Burnley; Frank Seabourne, Ethel Emmett, South Richmond; Leslie Brownhill, Hazel Upstill, Geelong; Vera Pinkstone, Jessie Stewart, Ascot Vale; Ewart Nielson, Jane Boorn, Irene Kinsman, Footscray; Evelyn Munzel, Gladys Somerville, Bendigo; Ruth Bryce, Lily Monk, Lottie Walton, Jean Cochrane, Bertha Howard, Cheltenham; Ida Mary Tindal, Doncaster.

Certificates—Maggie Johnson, Bet Bet; Rudolph Kahle, Lygon-st.; Irene Woolley, North Melbourne; Flo. Ward, Surrey Hills; Olive Kennedy, Montrose; Winifred Smith, Leslie Searle, Nellie Dobie, South Yarra; Cyril Salfanger, Nth. Richmond; Joyce Langley, Vera Lyons, Tissie Langley, Isabel Thomas, North Carlton; Olive M. Smith, Doncaster; Leonard Waumburn, Berwick; Henry B. Mitchell, Edna C. Robbins, Dandenong; Molly Keating, Middle Park; Ruby White, Athol Brown, Rachael Volk, Windsor; Annie Cordy, Taradale; David Bridgen, Fred. Crook, Maud Mann, Winnie McAllister, Brighton; Lena Easey, Leslie F. Neil, Agnes Adams, Newmarket; Sarah Bailey, Hawthorn; Wm. B. Sumpton, South Richmond; Bert Kelly, Lennie Griffin, Geelong; James Burns, Williamstown; William Seeley, Amy Anderson, Ascot Vale; Elsie M. Frazer, Moreland; Elsie Miller, Bayswater; Arthur Martin, Cheltenham; Samuel Gumley, George Phillips, North Carlton; Wm. J. Fielding, Hawthorn.

Report on Division 3.—I congratulate the children on the excellence of the majority of the answers. Some were crisp, short, and to the point. In few cases were the answers spoilt by rambling on at too great a length. Once the answer is given, there is no need to enter into a history of the whole incident involved. I had 118 papers to examine—to go through one answer in all those papers took something like an hour. Had all the answers been as lengthy as a few were, I should have visibly aged in the process of examining them. As a set off to this profuseness, one lad or lass crowded all the answers into the compass of twenty-three words. I bid good-bye to the 118 young folk who have been my interesting companions for so many hours this week with keen interest for their welfare and the hope that they will do even better next examination.—R. Verco.

DIVISION IV. 15 and 16 years.

118 entries; 77 completed.

1st prize, Vera McGrath, 96, Fitzroy.
2nd prize, Jessie Allamby, 94, Lygon-st.
3rd prize, Myrtle Allamby, 93, Lygon-st.; Gertie Walton, 93, Cheltenham.

Certificates of Merit—Doris Bryce, Victoria Organ, Elsie Monk, Muriel Foreman, Cheltenham; Ethel Gordon, South Richmond; Florrie James, Ethel Deane, Ruby Letts, Maryborough; Irene Seedsman, Surrey Hills; Alice Kyme, Lottie Crawford, Alice Mitchell, Newmarket; Doris Bridgen, Brighton; Essie Manning, Windsor; Arthur McKean, Minnie Fort, Chas. Martin, Middle Park; Margaret Smith, Ethel Lewis, Sth. Yarra; Gladys Herbert, Collingwood; Minnie Marden, Brighton.

Certificates—Eva D. Yewdall, North Carlton; Arthur Bishop, Bayswater; Florence Forster, Brunswick; Mamie Naylor, Footscray; Flo. Holway, Moreland; Albert Hayes, Ruby Smith, South Richmond; Gertie Muir, Ascot Vale; Ethel Potter, Ivy Granham, Ballarat; Nellie Tucker, Hawthorn; Bella McD. Mitchell, Dandenong; Ivy Adams, Dorothy Kearton, Edith Alford, Newmarket; Lottie Cholerton, Brighton; Lily Swain, Fitzroy; Violet Marshall, North Richmond; Del. Hind, Berwick; Ruth Millikin, Edward Hall, South Yarra; Hilda Jobe, Maggie Martin, Collingwood; Alma Lunn, Bet Bet; Florence Cameron, Elsie Baxter, Violet Newman, Mildura; Arthur Helshaw, Bendigo; Leo. Smith, Lygon-st.; Thos. D. Marcham, North Richmond.

Report on Division 4.—In this division there were some who gave very good, intelligent answers, while quite a number showed great ignorance of the lessons.—Geo. D. Verco.

DIVISION V. 17 and 18 years.

65 entries; 39 completed.

1st prize, Daisy Walton, 89, Cheltenham.

Certificates of Merit—Mary Shirt, North Fitzroy; Edith Hall, South Yarra; Alice Wheat, Windsor; Ida Streader, Bendigo.

Certificates—Harold Patterson, Bet Bet; Hilda Phillips, Lygon-st.; Clara I. Neal, Doncaster; Florence Hall, South Yarra; Susie Wilkinson, North Richmond; Clara I. Brown, Dandenong; Wilfred Harding, Windsor; Irene Fitzpatrick, Bendigo; Dorothy Foreman, Bessie Monk, Cheltenham.

Report on Division 5.—The papers as a rule did not seem to be the result of much knowledge of the lessons, excepting in a few cases.—G. H. Browne.

DIVISION VI.

66 entries; 40 completed.

1st prize, Geo. L. Murray, 91, Surrey Hills.

Certificates of Merit—Eva A. G. Ward, Eva M. Lucas, Surrey Hills; Harold Hunter, Berwick; Elsie Gole, North Fitzroy; Chas. M. Allan, Flo. Johnson, Gilbert McLean, Lygon-st.; Raphael Argo, Northcote.

Certificates—Ruby Howard, Cheltenham; Alice Steed, Geelong; Edith Davis, Ascot Vale; Ethel Letts, Geo. Bridgman, Maryborough; Frank Dawson, South Yarra; Mabel Lynch, Ethel M. Woods, Surrey Hills; Arthur Ray, Elsie McKean, Middle Park; Fred. Hugson, Miss Turnbull, Collingwood; Lill Prittie, Lygon-st.; Letitia Marr, North Carlton; Miss C. Parkes, Hawthorn.

Report on Division 6.—The majority of the papers of this division were good. Some I must say were otherwise, very largely because they did not stop to find what were the questions asked. Many answers were given with no bearing on the question whatever. If, for instance, we are asked to give the main lessons of a parable, it is not enough to answer it by telling us where Jesus was when he gave the parable. Very often a parable was spoken by Christ, and had no bearing on nor reference to their geographical position. Nor do we get to know many of the characteristics of a disciple when we are told that he was "impetuous, weak, etc., etc." Many of the answers showed, however, that a good deal of study had been given to the questions. The competitors have reason to be encouraged. One word about the questions. I only had occasion to quarrel with one. It seemed to give room for more than one answer, and certainly received more. "What is the kingdom of heaven, and when did it begin?" Some said it was the church, others gave it a broader meaning; there was also a third party with another meaning.—S. H. Mudge.

DIVISION VII. Teachers.

18 entries; 8 completed.

1st prize, Mabel Cust, 92, Surrey Hills.

2nd prize, Dorothy Gladstone, 90, Burnley; Robert W. Cameron, 90, Mildura.

Certificates of Merit—Evelyn Wallace, Brighton; Myrtle Petty, Doncaster.

Certificates—Lily McKean, Middle Park; Mr. R. P. Clark, Brighton; Annie S. M. Taylor, Burnley.

Report on Division 7.—In this division three papers are above the average, and two of them, viz., 771 and 757 are of equal merit. The majority failed to give correct answers to questions 5 and 7, and as these were test questions on Scripture and Geography, I have had to mark them down. There is growing up a very loose way of quoting Scripture, and young teachers need to be careful or else they will mislead their scholars. Scriptural Geography is also neglected by many of our teachers. There are no failures, and on the whole the result is fairly satisfactory. The text book, "Training for Service," by Herbert Moninger, ought to be learned by every teacher.—A. E. Illingworth.

DIVISION VIII. Teachers.

13 entries; 10 completed.

1st prize, F. W. Martin, 95, Cheltenham.

2nd prize, Thos. E. Batty, 94, Bet Bet.

3rd prize, Edith Craigie, 91, Lygon-st.

Certificates of Merit—Edward H. Lewis, Colac; Ida Judd, Cheltenham.

Certificate—Minnie Stephens, Colac.

Report on Division 8.—Papers 744 and 754 are very good, and I trust that the writers will accept my word of praise as an incentive to further study in the art of teaching. One teacher surprised me with these statements, that "Peter's faith was a solid rock," and "the church of Christ was built on Peter." That does not sound like the teaching of our brethren, nor does it show any care in the study of the lesson. The majority failed to give Scriptural answers to question 5. God bless the teachers of the Bible Schools.—A. E. Illingworth.

DIVISION IX. Senior Teachers.

12 entries; 10 completed.

1st prize, Inez M. Cust, 97, Surrey Hills.

2nd prize, Ivy Woff, 93, Cheltenham.

Certificates of Merit—Frank Fisher, Inez Judd, Cheltenham; Ruby Gole, Nellie Butler, North Fitzroy; Vera Blake, South Yarra; Matilda Thompson, Brunswick.

Certificate—Miss Fraser, Collingwood.

Report on Division 9.—It has been a pleasure to examine these papers. The writers had a clear grasp of the facts of the lessons, and I found no serious mistakes. There seems to have been some weakness in grasping the exact points of the respective questions. I had a desire to test the ability of the teachers to convey the truths contained in the lessons to the minds of the children, as well as ascertain their knowledge of the Scriptures. For instance: In question 2 they were asked how they would explain to children, "Peter's failure"; instead of that, the majority told the examiner how it happened. That was not the point. I was very pleased with the answer of No. 741 to this question. In question 3 an outline of a lesson was asked for, but the writer of No. 737 was the only one that really supplied it. In question 5 our Saviour gives us the intended point of comparison in the parable of "the Tares" in v. 40, "As therefore...so...be," namely, the final separation of the righteous and the wicked. Of course there are other points of comparison. These were not asked for. The value of Teacher Training Classes cannot be too strongly impressed upon our Bible School teachers.—A. E. Illingworth.

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From the Field—Continued.

Sunday School teachers decided to ask A. W. Jinks to take the position of supt. in succession to A. E. Pittock, who for two years worked faithfully and well. There was a fair attendance at the gospel meeting. There was a fine spirit in that meeting. We are hopeful of great things, as our position is steadily recovering.

SOUTH YARRA.—Wm. Wilson exhorted last Lord's day morning. The Century Bible Class conducted by Bro. Nightingale made a start last Lord's day, and met for the first time in the new class room. The additions will be concluded in a week or so; we are also having the chapel painted inside and out, and the electric light installed. We were pleased to have Sister M. Lee with us; she is staying at Shepparton. The gospel meetings are not so well attended of late, sickness being the chief cause. A number of the C.E. Society took part in the meeting last Lord's day evening, as it was the anniversary of the Society. W. Nightingale gave a very interesting address to the young.—T.M., Oct. 3.

CHELTENHAM.—The morning meeting was conducted by Henry Foreman. The speaker was E. T. Penny. We had as a visitor Miss Bosworth, from Brighton. The gathering was one that will not soon be forgotten for its intensely spiritual character. The school was again well attended. The secretary, F. W. Martin, was called away to the sick bedside of his mother at Ballarat. The evening meeting was a large one. W. Judd spoke to the children on "Life Itself" for a few minutes. His gospel address was on "A Precious Invitation." The singing was most enjoyable.—R.W.T., Oct. 2.

WINDSOR.—The anniversary celebrations were concluded on last Lord's day afternoon, when the prizes were distributed, and the supt. gave a talk to scholars and friends. In the morning Bro. Hale, from Tasmania, addressed the church.—D.E.F., Oct. 4.

SWAN HILL MISSION.—A few months ago about half-a-dozen brethren met in the home of Bro. and Sister Moffat, of Swan Hill, for the purpose of observing the Lord's Supper. Application was made to the Conference Committee for a tent mission. The request was granted. It has been my privilege, with J. E. Shipway, to conduct a five weeks' mission, 18 have been added by faith and obedience. A circuit has been formed, comprising Swan Hill, Ultima, and Mystic Park. With the financial help of Kerang and Sea Lake brethren, the circuit will be self-supporting. Bro. Shipway has accepted a twelve months engagement as evangelist. The following deacons were appointed:—Swan Hill—Bren. McDonald, Price, G. A. Mott and Moffat; Ultima—Bren. G. Goudie and Mott, senr.; Mystic Park—Bren. Anderson and Gillespie. Secretary, Chas. McDonald; Treas., Bro. Moffat; S.S. supt., Alan Price. The brethren realised the need of a chapel building, and without waiting to ascertain the results of the mission, a noble response was made to an appeal for funds. Land was purchased, and the contract was soon let for a building. The chapel is now in course of erection. It will be 45 by 25, and will seat 200. The expenditure will be—Mission, £40; land, £80; chapel and furniture, about £330; total, £450. The receipts total £244/18/6. If £27 more can be raised, a conditional promise from a brother in Melbourne of £25 will be received. This would leave a debt of only £150. Knowing all the circumstances, I strongly make this final appeal for £27. We feel deeply grateful for the noble response already made. We predict a bright future for the circuit. The present membership is about 50. Any donations kindly forward to Chas. McDonald, High-st., Swan Hill, or to the writer. The following contributions have been received:—Bro. Mott and Sons, £75; G. Goudie, £32; D. Anderson, £15; Geo. Mudford, £2; A. Gillespie, £5; W. Bartholomew, £25; H. Bish, £10; R. Prior, 15/-; A Brother, 10/-; Kerang, £1; A Brother, 2/6; F. Smith, 10; Bro. Rogers, £5; Jno. Goudie, £10; Thos. Bagley, £5; J. E. Shipway, £5; Bro. Ful-

ford, £1; W. S. Connell, £3/10/-; Chas. McDonald, £2; P. McDonald, £2; Mrs. B. R. Walker, £1/1/-; A Brother, Sea Lake, £1; Bro. and Sister McMeiken, £2; Special Church Offering, £15.—Thos. Bagley, State Evangelist.

Here & There.

The State and Federal Conferences held in Adelaide were a great success.

Since the advent of the electric tram cars, Adelaide has an air of "hustle" about it.

The Federal Conference in Adelaide will be remembered as one of the best and most successful yet held.

All the visitors to Adelaide have gone to their homes highly appreciating the hospitality of their South Australian brethren.

Adelaide and its people were on their best behaviour. They gave their visitors glorious weather and splendid hospitality.

The distinctive feature of all the Conference meetings, was F. M. Rains. Victoria wants to borrow him for the Federal Conference when it is held in Melbourne, eighteen months hence.

We have reached the conclusion that our people in Australia are developing a genius for successful Conference gatherings. The contrast between our earliest Conferences and our later ones will be appreciated by those whose memories go back far enough.

Among the promises for Home Missions at the S.A. Conferences was one without signature for 10/-, and another with initials which are undecipherable, but appear something like J. D. Will writers please send their names to the Financial Secretary, D. A. Ewers, Gladstone-rd., Mile End.

The Melbourne Musical Society intends placing a fine programme before the audience on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the concert in Lygon-st. in aid of the Free Kindergarten. The Kindergarten Committee are hoping that friends everywhere will purchase tickets from the church secretaries and patronise the concert.

Reports come from schools in all parts of Australia, intimating that a beginning has been made with preparations for Children's Day Exercises. The Foreign Mission Committee hopes that the schools that have not yet made a beginning will start as soon as convenient. Let all work for a record C.D. Exercise.

Articles contributed to the New Zealand Foreign Mission number of the CHRISTIAN by W. J. Hastie, W. D. Little, R. Gebbie, and S. J. Mathieson, arrived too late for insertion. That number of the CHRISTIAN was printed a day earlier in order to catch the mail, and the whole edition had been printed off when the above copy arrived.

The Secretary of the Richmond-Tweed Rivers District Committee writes to the N.S.W. Home Missionary Committee as follows:—"Bro. Rothery's work is but emphasising the need of more evangelists in this district. Two men can only scratch the surface of the work. Four could do little better. Two, plus four, would enable us to discover a lot more to do." N.S.W. disciples, rally to the support of your Home Mission Fund, that more may be done in this exceedingly fine district in the north.

It is not the purpose of those who are content to be called Christians to unite believers in Christ by creating a new sect. All believers are asked to abandon all that is denominational and stand on common ground. We desire to restore the original Church of Christ, not build up a church of our own. "We desire to see all Christians unite and become one in Christ Jesus, wearing his name, keeping his ordinances, which he instituted, and striving together for the faith of the gospel—in accordance with the prayer of our Divine Lord, and we seek to hasten the realisation of that wish by ourselves laying aside the things that are destructive and sectarian, in name

and creed and practice, and taking our stand on the broad, catholic, and sufficient basis of New Testament Christianity."

Victorian Home Mission Rally, October 20. Lord's day, Sept. 18, saw Bible Schools started at Tyalgum and Hamilton, N.S.W.

Welcome meeting to Bro. and Sister Strutton, of India, in the Swanston-st. chapel, on Oct. 17.

We have received an "obituary" of Samuel Elborn, of Dunedin, which will appear in our next issue.

Audiences still increasing at St. Arnaud. One more confession last Lord's day. Mission commences Oct. 9.

W. C. Brooker, of Rundle-st., Adelaide, has on sale a supply of books and pamphlets published by the Austral Co.

W. A. Strongman is doing much visiting at Hamilton, N.S.W., in view of the tent mission to commence there on Nov. 13.

An Evangelistic Conference of Churches of Christ on the Northern Rivers of New South Wales will be held at Lismore on Nov. 2.

Just as we were going to press we received the following telegram from H. J. Yelland, of Perth, W.A.:—"Rains highly appreciated here; all meetings brilliant success; public interest aroused; press reported liberally."

All the Sunday Schools that do not at present take *Pure Words* are receiving sample copies of the October issue, which is entirely given up to Foreign Missions for Children's Day. Will the secretaries please see that they are distributed to as many families as possible?

A Parable.—D. A. Ewers writes: When Nathan went to David of old with a parable, David could not see the point of the story until Nathan drove it home with the personal application, "Thou art the man." In modern times a later David wrote on "Some Faults of American Disciples" and imagined the parable was easy, and the interpretation thereof sure. To his intense surprise he has discovered at least two or three readers so deficient in the saving grace of humor as to regard the parable an ill-advised attack upon American brethren. For the sake of any others like-minded, he emphatically affirms that he had no such intention. In his opening, he said, "I write with an object," and that object was certainly not to criticise the disciples of the United States. Who then? Ah! well, that is a problem. Unlike Nathan, he will make no application. Let us suppose he had in mind the people of Fiji or Kamshatka.

To South Australians Only.—Our new State President at his inauguration presented as our motto for the year "750 Additions by faith and baptism, and £1250 for Home Missions." Last year 404 were baptised and the H.M. receipts (excluding the credit balance at commencement) amounted to £810/3/9—a great advance on the previous year. The salaries of the evangelists already in the service of the Committee will cover about £1100, and to this must be added the travelling expenses of the State Evangelist, and the cost of missions, besides postage, printing, and other contingencies. But this allows for no increase of evangelists, and no occupancy of new fields, which must take place. A tent for missions is also almost an absolute necessity. However the outlook for success is exceedingly bright. Our State is prosperous and our brethren are having a broader vision. I am no prophet, but I believe they will contribute nearer £1500 than £1250, and we shall need the whole £1500 to pay with only the most pressing demands. The brethren did well in responding to the appeal of J. E. Thomas for £250 at that amount will be handed to the Church Building Fund for Tumb Bay. There were many brethren who had the privilege of being present and assisting in this great forward movement. I shall be so glad to hear from them. Brethren, when you have finished reading this, please drop me a cheque or promise at once while it is in your mind to the Financial Secretary, all money is to be sent to D. A. Ewers, Gladstone-rd., Mile End.

Oct. 20 is the date reserved for the Victorian Annual Home Mission Rally, which is being arranged by the Sisters' Conference Executive. The Home Mission Committee are £300 in arrears. An opportunity will be afforded every member of the church in Victoria to aid the sisters in liquidating this debt. Can't we raise the £300? Splendid work is being done in all the Home Mission fields. 16 missionaries are employed. Prospect was never brighter. We can all participate in this good work. Sisters of the Committee will wait upon the city and suburban churches. Country members are urged to send an offering. The usual big tea that precedes the rally will be dispensed with this year. The great meeting will be held in Lygon-st. chapel. Prominent speakers will take part. Bro. and Sister C. L. Thurgood from America are also expected. Come and learn all about the work in the Home field. Let our motto be "Victoria for Christ." To strengthen our Home work means development in every department.

The S.A. Register interviewed F. M. Rains when he was in Adelaide, and elicited from him the following, among other things: "I haven't been long enough in your country to say much about it," remarked the visitor, "but you don't talk it up enough. In Brisbane Mr. Digby Denham, Secretary of the Lands Department, turned over some maps and gave me a glimpse of what I should find, but for all that I have been surprised at what I have seen of the people and the country. I only wish I could spend six months here and go away into your country to see what you have behind the fringe of closest settlement. There are many things I'd like to get an idea of in Australia. But you don't advertise yourselves. Why, there was not a picture, a map, or a book about the Commonwealth on the steamer from Vancouver, and nobody here, with the exception of Mr. Denham, has filled me with information as an Australian tourist would be treated in America. It would be presumptuous in me to express a definite opinion with so small a glimpse as I have had, but the way it strikes an outsider is that you don't seem to have yet got the national consciousness that will make you look greatly beyond mere State affairs. In America that came as the result of the war with England, and the Civil War; but I hope it will be developed in Australia without such stern teachers."

FEDERAL CONFERENCE NOTES.

"One people, one paper."—D. A. Ewers.
 "All intelligent men thoroughly appreciate the CHRISTIAN."—F. G. Dunn.

"It will do you good to come to America. Come to my house. Don't all come at once."—Rains.

"Our great danger is not higher criticism, nor unitarianism, nor false doctrine; it is gold."—Rains.

Deeply interesting were the personal experiences in the field as related by Bro. and Sister Strutton.

"As goes the College of the Bible, so goes the future of the cause of primitive Christianity in Australia."

"Editors and Conference Secretaries are like the Pope of Rome, they can't make blunders."—F. M. Rains.

"If Bethany College had done nothing but educate J. W. McGarvey, it would not have been in vain."—F. M. Rains.

"A few of the students of the College of the Bible are married, and more of them would like to be."—C. M. Gordon.

Absolute freedom of speech, but not a single unkindly expression throughout the Conference. "Let brotherly love continue."

"Some of our most gifted men in America came from Australia to be educated, and have been lost to Australia."—Rains.

The Federal Conference Secretary complained that "nearly 100 churches were so lacking in courtesy and so unfederal in spirit that they did not take the trouble even to acknowledge the receipt of letters repeatedly sent them."

Although the Federal Conference meetings were held on business days, the Grote-st. building was well filled every day, especially in the afternoons.

A preacher stated that a brother had promised him a copy of "That they All may be One," to be given to every newly-married couple. Appropriate gift.

"Where would the Reformation Movement have been to-day, if A. Campbell had not started the Christian Baptist and Millennial Harbinger?"—F. M. Rains.

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Representatives from Queensland and West Australia each claimed theirs as "the coming State." L. Russell, of N.S.W., claimed to represent "the State that has come." "Brethren, we are there."

E. J. Tuck mentioned that two persons came a distance of 18 miles to be baptised, as a result of reading "That they All may be One," and this led to four others from the same district deciding to obey Christ.

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COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER 8 & 15 (Saturdays).—Final Rehearsals Musical Society, Kindergarten Concert. All members requested to be present. Lygon-st. chapel, at 8 p.m. sharp.

OCTOBER 17 (Monday).—Welcome meeting to Bro. and Sister Strutton, our missionaries, now on furlough from Baramati, India, at Swanston-st. chapel, 8 p.m. Our brother and sister, in Indian costume, will tell the story of the first seven years of our Australian Station.

OCTOBER 20 (Thursday).—Lygon-st., 8 p.m. The Sisters' Home Mission Rally will be held on the above date. Speakers, Messrs. Baker, Bagley, Thurgood and others. Musical items. Reserve this date and do your best to make this a record meeting.

OCTOBER 25 (Tuesday).—Grand Concert by the Musical Society in Lygon-st. chapel in aid of Free Kindergarten. Tickets, 1/-. Come and show your practical sympathy.

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"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."—Inserted by their loving children, H. Lindsey, E. Barnett.

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Victoria—Church, North Richmond, per Miss Ward, 16/-; C. M. Wheaton, Miram, £3; Church, Castlemaine, £3/7/6; Sisters of Victoria, per Mrs. Zelius, for Orphan Boy, India, £1. South Australia—Church, Mundalla, £4/15/6. Queensland, Church, Rosewood, £3/2/6.

Received by Bro. C. Garland, Treasurer, W.A. Committee, up to Sept. 12:—Balance July offering—Churches—Kalgoorlie, £1/16/6; Brookton, £5/2/6; Harvey, 12/6; Chinese Mission, £2/11/-. Ordinary Collection—Church, Kelmscott, £3; Chinese Mission, £2/18/9; Sisters' Conference, Mite Boxes, Kalgoorlie, 14/-.

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S.A. HOME MISSION FUND.

The appeals to the brethren assembled at the S.A. Conference on Sept. 19 and 20 resulted in a response in cash and promises of over £22. Of this amount £155/3/10 has been received to date in sums ranging from sixpence to £50. To interstate visitors we are indebted for donations as follows:—Victoria: A Brother, £5; J.S., £1/10/-; Sister L., £1; Sister F. L., 10/-; C. M. G., 10/-; West Australia: D.M.W., £5. Queensland: Bro. and Sister C., £1. Tasmania: G.M., 10/-; W.R. C.J., 2/6. New South Wales: J.F., 2/6.

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Obituary.

BARRETT.—On Sept. 3, Sister Mrs. Barrett passed away at the ripe age of 83 years. She was baptised in 1864 by H. S. Earl, in the old Barkly-st. chapel, and uniting with the Lygon-st. church, remained a loyal disciple till her call. She spent many years at Lygon-st., then united with North Melbourne church, and 17 years ago she joined the Footscray church. Sister Barrett had the pleasure of witnessing the growth of the cause in these places, and played no small part in its development. Her one great desire was that people would walk the "old paths." Truly a mother in Israel has entered her reward. She fought the good fight, finished her course, and kept the faith. She preached the Saviour by her unselfish, consistent, earnest, humble and faithful life, and leaves all disciples a noble example of loyalty to the primitive gospel. It was her joy to have all her family of six daughters and one son members of the Church of Christ, and to these we extend our sympathy. May the circle be unbroken, and a great re-union of mother and children take place on the resurrection morn. The writer laid the mortal remains of our sister to rest in the Melbourne General Cemetery.

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