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## THE COLLEGE AS IT IS.

By A. R. Main, B.A.

This article partakes of the nature of a report, and is written in the belief that knowledge ever leads to interest. Information often becomes inspiration. We wish those to whom we are indebted for past support, and to whom we make our annual appeal, to know exactly the present situation.

We may fittingly begin with that in which the College has ultimately to find its justification. At the time of writing, we have thirty-eight students enrolled, from New Zealand, Queensland, West Australia, New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria. Of these, thirty-four reside on the College premises. I wish that the brethren could realise that we have at Glen Iris a fine body of young men, a noble band of consecrated servants of Jesus Christ. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that we have here the most valuable asset of the restoration movement in Australasia. The brotherhood does well to be proud of these men, and to help to equip them for service in the days to come.

One good feature of our College is the emphasis placed on the spiritual life. The students are on guard against exalting intellectual development above soul culture. There is manifested a fine devotional spirit. Two prayer services are held daily. These, conducted for the most part by students in turn, are very helpful. Class studies are of improved quality because of this beginning and closing of the day with God.

Concerning the work in class, we can say that it is on the whole good. The average progress of the students is undoubtedly satisfactory. Each teacher makes the same report. The majority of the students work most diligently, and accordingly get good grades in examinations. The progress of some who began at a considerable disadvantage owing to lack of education, is a tribute to their diligence. Some of the men now in College we confidently expect to be great leaders and preachers in after years. Others, less brilliant, will do noble service.

The College course has been somewhat strengthened this year. More time is given to several subjects of the Bible course, and the important subject of Comparative Religion has been added. More work is also

put in on the secular studies, which have thus been improved. We are glad to note, too, the decided improvement in the Elocution class. The interest in this is most gratifying. Mr. Ross, our efficient lecturer, reports:—"The students are realising the importance of a study of voice production,



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etc., as essential to their complete equipment for their life work; and I am looking forward to some excellent results."

Apart from the actual work in class, there are opportunities for use and improvement of the students' literary talents. Our very interesting and helpful Literary

Society meets every Monday evening. The members are ranged in two groups, Delphians and Rhetorians. These compete against each other in debate, and in the programmes alternately presented by each side. Much interest is thus evoked and profit derived.

Occasionally we are privileged to have addresses on important themes from visiting speakers. We appreciate the kindness thus shown. A few weeks ago, we had the pleasure of the company of Mr. Barley, the representative of the British and Foreign Bible Society, who gave a stimulating address and distributed to the students three dozen copies of the Society's beautiful little edition of the Greek New Testament.

Our College paper, *The B.C. Magazine*, published bi-monthly by the students, provides a useful training ground for our future writers and editors. This paper is a most creditable production; paper, printing and contents are alike pleasing. It is a good advertisement for the College. By it many brethren have their interest increased. College doings are fully reported in it. We can heartily commend it to all. It may be had for 1/6 per annum post free. On another page appears the photograph of the *B.C. Magazine* staff—R. T. Pittman, Editor; B. W. Manning, Asst.-Editor; A. J. Fischer, Business Manager.

Bodily exercise is profitable, we read. The garden, football, hockey, cricket and tennis, help in the maintenance of health, and foster a most desirable spirit of comradeship.

No one suffers from *ennui* at the College. From 6 a.m. till 10.30 p.m., signs of busy life are seen.

The boarding arrangements of the College are satisfactory. They are of the most economical kind, consistently with abundance of good, wholesome food. The club system is in vogue, students engaging their own housekeeper and her assistant.

While fees and special expenses are kept as low as possible, it must not be supposed that the men all find it easy to complete their College course. A number earn sufficient to pay their way. Students are preaching at the following places:—Ascot Vale, Blackburn, Box Hill, Berwick, Croydon, Fairfield, Fitzroy, Harcourt, Lancefield, Meredith, Montrose, Newmarket,



Pakenham, Preston, South Melbourne, South Richmond, St. Arnaud, Warragul, Wonga Park. Good work is thus being done. Other students earn a little at secular employment. It may safely be said that each one enrolled at College represents some genuine self-sacrifice on the student's part, and often also on the part of the folk at home. The brethren who may consider the advisability of supporting the College may feel sure that the students have set the first example in self-denial.

All the students will work during vacation, from the middle of November until February. Many will be free to labor with churches for that time. We commend such to the thought and liberality of the brethren. Churches in any State desirous of helping and being helped thus are asked to communicate with me soon. In past years, late applicants have been disappointed; the demand was greater than the supply.

In closing, I may spare a word for the College that is to be. We believe that good times are coming. We hope for a largely increased enrolment next year. We shall almost certainly need extra accommodation. Young men who are thinking of coming are asked please to communicate with me at once.

As the years go by, the College course will be improved and the Faculty strengthened. We are glad to know that we will probably have an addition to our staff in the person of F. E. Thomas, who expects shortly to be a graduate of Adelaide University. We believe that this will mean increased efficiency on our part, and added confidence on the brethren's side. Meanwhile, we thank all who have so generously helped us in the past, and ask for their continued sympathy and support so that the cause we love may be helped and grow exceedingly.

### Three Reasons.

By Thos. Hagger.

I approve of the College of the Bible, and earnestly recommend this institution to the brotherhood for support. Three reasons for so doing are:—

First, because of the men who constitute the Board of Management; they are sane, practical, business men.

Second, because of the men who comprise the Faculty; they are scholarly, but perhaps better still, are loyal to the Christ and to his Word.

Third, because of the student body, past and present. From the institution have come Gale, Allan, Davis, Mudford, Mudge, Johnston, and quite a number of other effective workmen. In the institution there are men who are being trained for future work, men in whose hands the restoration movement will be safe.

"Education," says Plato, "is the fairest thing that the best of men can have."

## Notes from the Organising Secretary.



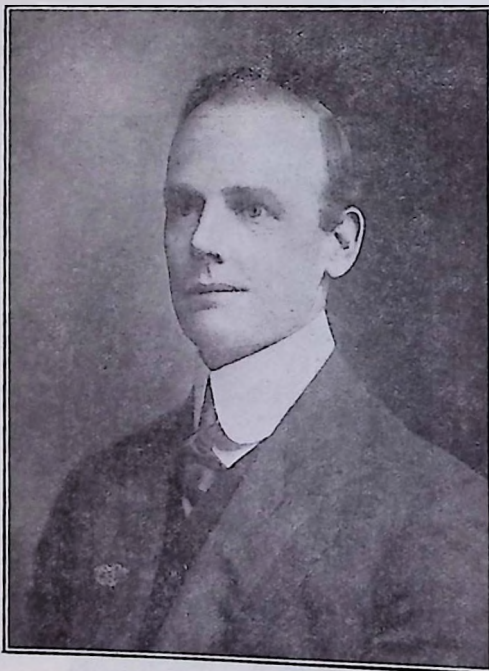
Study carefully this issue of the AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN.

Thoroughly digest the report, presented in this issue, by A. R. Main, B.A., Principal of the College.

Wanted.—Five brethren to give £100 each toward our new class rooms.

"Remember the words of our Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Can you make a grander outlay of your money than to invest it in the education of our young men for the preaching of the gospel?



C. M. Gordon, Organising Secretary.

If we as a people fail to make provision for the education of our young men, we are blind and cannot see afar off. Any movement that fails to do this is doomed.

Think of fifty young men in College next year! The hope of the future rests largely upon the work of these young men. What a power they will be in the coming years!

Every contributor to the maintenance of our College of the Bible has a share in the consecrated ministry of every young man who goes from the College to preach the gospel.

Growing institutions, like growing boys, have many needs. Among our imperative needs at the present time are new class rooms and larger dormitory accommodation. The erection of the class rooms will soon be in the contractor's hands. These

rooms must be up by the opening of next College session.

The success of our offering on September 3rd greatly depends on the work of our church secretaries. We rely upon our secretaries to faithfully distribute the envelopes and folders, and to see that the poster is posted in a conspicuous place. It is a labor of love, secretaries; may God bless you in it.

Our preachers can greatly assist us by keeping the interests of our educational work prominently before their congregations. We believe they will do this.

Fifteen thousand folders are being circulated among the churches. Every member that reads these "pithy paragraphs" will want to contribute to the offering on September 3rd.

Did you ever attempt to build an inverted pyramid? The people who are laying plans for great evangelistic conquests, without taking proper steps to supply the evangelists, are attempting to put up the pyramid on its apex.

Really, brethren, this educational work is fundamental. It is central. It is vital. It is urgent. It is imperative. Henceforth we shall be requiring twenty new preachers each year. Where are they to come from? Think over this question and answer it on September 3rd.

An intense evangelistic spirit is moving in the heart of our Australian brotherhood. Our evangelistic work is better organised than ever before. Energetic State evangelists are at work in four of our States. Everywhere missions are being held and churches are being established. The call for men is urgent.

Brethren and sisters, let us work for a great offering on September 3rd. Every church in line. Every member in line. God and the prophets, Christ and his apostles, the Bible and common sense all urge us to do our best for the College. Let there be a large response on September 3rd, so that we shall be able to sing, with a good conscience, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

### Justified its Existence.

By A. C. Rankine.

I wish to add my word of appreciation of the work done by our College of the Bible in Victoria. It is supplying a great need for our young men who have decided to devote their lives to the ministry of the gospel of Christ, by helping them to equip themselves for the great work.

Already the College has justified its existence by preparing several of our young brethren who are now efficient proclaimers of the Word.

The institution is deserving of the best support the brotherhood can give it.



## The College and its Friends

By Horace Kingsbury.

Our College! That sounds right, and it is right. The College of the Bible is the possession of the brotherhood. It is yours, it is mine, it is ours. Let us prize this choice possession. The College of the Bible is a well-located, well-directed, well-conducted, well-patronised institution, worthy of our growing brotherhood. The growing brotherhood strengthens the College, and the College strengthens the growing brotherhood. We think there is no other institution in the Commonwealth in which the English Bible is so thoroughly taught. We are a people of the Book: our College is a College of the Book: it is what its name implies, the College of the Bible. God bless our College.

In our College we want the best instruction, and the best facilities for imparting it, and reasonable comfort for the students receiving it. Our friends can furnish these. We cannot look to the students to pay the expenses of the College. Dear old Professor McGarvey used to say the brethren should remember that while the gospel is preached to the poor, it is also preached by the poor. Great preachers have oftentimes come from humble homes. Many of our students are coming from such homes to-day. Give them the opportunity, and their future work will abundantly reward present sacrifices. Well-endowed institutions for Biblical learning sometimes have funds for indigent students, but our College is in its infancy yet, and has not such funds. It needs friends, and a sufficient number of friends will soon mean a sufficiency of funds.

Friends wanted! Friends who will not sneeringly refer to our College as a preacher factory, but who will see in it a carrying out in a wise way, of Paul's injunction to Timothy: "All that you have been taught by me in the hearing of many witnesses, you must hand on to trusty men who shall themselves, in turn, be competent to instruct others also." Friends who will not criticise, but who will pray unceasingly,—

pray for the raising up of more friends, pray for the Faculty, pray for the students, pray for the blessing of God upon our College which is set for the defence and confirmation of the gospel, and the evangelisation of the world. Friends who will not discourage the young servants of the Master, but who will endeavor to turn the thoughts of consecrated Christian men to the worthy life-work of preaching the glorious gospel, and encourage them to look towards our own College as the institution for their further equipment for useful ser-

beyond the preacher to the College, and beyond the College to the friends who helped to endow it, and to us if we are among them. The friends of our College are the friends of Jesus. May God raise up more friends.

### Firmly Established.

By A. E. Illingworth.

We, i.e., the Australasian brotherhood, have reason to congratulate ourselves that our College is now so firmly established. The careful manner in which its interests are being watched and safeguarded by the Faculty and Board of Management, is slowly but surely winning for it the confidence it so well deserves.

We are looking to it to supply us with trained evangelists, well equipped to proclaim the beautiful truths that are so dear to us all.

May God in his mercy endue the teachers with heavenly wisdom, and may he also incline the hearts of our great and growing brotherhood to respond to the calls it makes for more adequate financial endowment and support.

### The College and World-wide Work.

By T. B. Fischer.

The College extends its influence far beyond Australia, for it plays its part in the evangelisation of the whole world. The Foreign Missionary Committee rejoice that some of the best of the students have caught the world vision and are contemplating careers as heralds of the cross on the firing line of the world's mission fields. Already one has heard the call of Africa's hosts, and is an honored instrument of God

amongst men of black skins, whose hearts are being purified by grace. It is probable that soon another student will answer God's call, and go to the Isles of the Pacific, and helping to Christianise the Kanakas, make the South Sea Islands like the garden of the Lord. Others are thinking of India, and will later on help to make that dark country Immanuel's land. God bless the Bible College.



The College Board of Management.

F. M. Ludbrook, R. C. Edwards, W. C. Craigie, Treasurer; F. G. Dunn, Chairman. Charles Hardie, Secretary; R. Lyall, A. Millis.

vice. Friends who will not withhold their means, but who will give of them cheerfully and largely, with a due appreciation of their stewardship and of the wisdom of all investments in such a Christ-honoring institution as the College of the Bible at Glen Iris.

God traces results to causes, and when in the future some Spirit-filled preacher is winning many trophies for him, he will go



## Our College in Relation to the Present Lack of Preachers.

By J. E. Thomas.

The greatest need, from a human standpoint, in the work of our Lord to-day is men. From Australia, New Zealand, and the far-off and needy lands of darkness comes the cry for men. So great is this need that our constant prayer should be that God will send forth laborers into the harvest field. The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

It is possible, however, for us to be both praying and assisting to answer that prayer for workers. A great and effectual door has been opened unto us in the establishment of the College of the Bible. Here is the way out of our difficulty. The College has proved itself to be an institution worthy of our support, and the teachers are doing a great work in preparing our young men for the service of the King in the ministry of the Word.

Of course it may be urged that a College education is not essential to a successful preacher. This is evident, of course, but those successful men who have never been to College would most probably have gone to our Bible College if it had been established when they were younger. With that advantage they may have had an even more useful ministry than has been possible. The calls of to-day demand the very best equipment that we can give our preachers. They need to be fitted for leadership, and intellectual as well as spiritual requirements of the present day. A college education is not indispensable, but it is of inestimable value in preparing a consecrated, intelligent, and spiritual young man for the greatest work that God has ever given men to do.

Some people are getting over anxious about the great need of men, and are urging young men who have only half finished their course to "come over and help us." Let us not be in an undue haste. We are building a good foundation, under the blessing of God, and it will be well for us to hold the fort till men are ready. When once they leave College they will not be likely to go back to it again. We can do our part by helping young men in every way possible.

We can pray for wisdom to teachers and strength and help to the students and for men to come from the College "thoroughly furnished unto every good work." We should have a loan fund to help poorer students and encourage every one that is suitable for the work of preaching the gospel and the ministry of the church to go to Melbourne and stay there till he has finished his course.

If we had 100 students there would be fields waiting for them all as they completed their time of preparation. We are only beginning now to wake up to the great work

that God has called us to in our Southern lands, and the great demand for some of Australia's noblest sons and daughters in the lands, that as yet have so few workers, that are opening before us in the regions beyond the seas.

Our College of the Bible is the training ground for workers, who under God will go forth into every State and into every land. What a mighty factor will this become in preparing strong men to battle for the Lord of Hosts. It is pleasing to see the increasing readiness of our young men to fit themselves for this holy calling, and gratifying to see the increasing willingness of our brotherhood in responding to the appeal to help in the support of this great institution.

The greatest problem of our Home Missionary Committees and Foreign Missionary Committees is not the financial one. We will get the money if we can get the men. I am confident of that. It is the problem



F. E. Thomas.

of finding suitable men and women to send in response to the call for workers.

I rejoice that young women who offer their lives for the mission field, as well as men, are being given the very best opportunity we can afford for equipment in our College. Let us give liberally and gladly and God will surely bless us and lead us to the solution of the great problem of fitting laborers for his great harvest field.

O young man! build thy studio on Calvary; there raise thine observatory, and take thee a hermit's cell in the garden of Gethsemane, and lave thy brow with the waters of Siloam. Let the Bible be thy standard classic, thy last appeal in matters of contention; let its light be thine illumination; and thou shalt become more wise than Plato, more truly learned than the seven sages of antiquity.—*Spurgeon*.

## QUEENSLAND'S NEEDS.

By A. W. Jinks.

Queensland needs preachers. God holds us responsible for the evangelisation of so vast a State. The gospel must be preached so that every person might have the glorious opportunity of believing and obeying a glorious gospel. The work of preaching is not easy, especially to the man who becomes more and more conscious of the responsibility resting upon him. Those who enter into the work of the ministry just for the mere sake of making a living have a degrading idea of such sacred work.

Preachers are needed, not because we want to swell our ranks, but because every person should know and realise that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only person who can satisfy the soul.

Queensland needs consecrated and faithful preachers. True intensity is magnetic. Consecrated and faithful men glorify God, honor Christ and please the Spirit. Such men will not compromise the truth and betray the plea for New Testament Christianity. God expects preachers to be faithful to the inspired record, to declare the whole truth, and to manifest an anxiety for the salvation of people. A faithful preacher will not please every professing Christian or every worldly person, but God rewards for faithfulness, and not for so-called success. Conversions need to be weighed, and not counted. A preacher who sticks closely to the Word might not get many confessions, but they will stand and endure. They will not be wayside hearers, and they will not give up the truth upon the least provocation. We need to go in for more consecrated and faithful preaching and less sensationalism in order to swell the statistical table.

Queensland needs cultured preachers. A preacher cannot know too much. Knowledge is power, especially so when the mind is trained and systematised. Cultured men know how to use language in such a way as to incite unto good works. Culture is evidenced by refinement and gentleness. Bluntness, priggishness, sourness, and domineering are strangers to culture. Preachers cannot be too cultured, because they have the joy of handling the Word, proclaiming the truth, and dealing with all sorts and conditions of men and women. Some preachers ignore special and specific studies, thinking that loquacity is sufficient qualification for large and small places. The College of the Bible is a fine institution, and should be availed of by aspiring preachers. Five or six years' close and hard studying will, other things being equal, increase a preacher's usefulness and give him reserve force.

Queensland needs more disciples who will encourage faithful and cultured preachers. The policy of some professing Christians is,



"Pay as little as possible for the greatest ability," but that policy is ruinous. Cheaply got men are often like cheap articles. They wear well only for a time; they lack reserve force; and they succeed in giving people a wrong idea of the ministry of the Word.

If all the disciples of Queensland gave threepence per week, at least £750 a year would be raised for aggressive and progressive evangelism. Money is powerful when rightly and wisely used. God loves a cheerful giver, because that giver shows his intensity for the truth. The disciples of Queensland are steadily advancing, and, in a few years, a great work will be done for God. Queensland has several good preachers, but more are urgently needed.

### Tasmania's Needs and the Bible College.

By George Manifold.

The Island State has 12 churches, with a total membership, according to the Conference returns, of 544, and even nine of these are less than 50 strong. Some years ago there were more congregations, but mainly through mistakes and neglect, some of them have languished and died. Congregations and chapels both have been lost to the brotherhood. The present churches are scattered and far apart, and unable in many instances by reason of distance to render very material help to each other. On the main-

by fears within and foes without, "And if I say, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name, then there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with forbearing, and I cannot contain." These must also be trained, made efficient to do the work of an evangelist. This is an age of education, and age of specialists. It is not only the gun, but the man behind the gun that counts. President Lincoln found at Bull Run that it was possible to gather an army, and still have no soldiers. No great campaign is ever possible by means of the recruiting serjeant alone. One must have the drill serjeant as well. Hence the need for workmen approved of God, and trained to handle aright the Living Oracles, for the



Group of Students.

If all of the disciples abounded in the grace of giving, several preachers could be readily engaged. May we abound in the work of the Lord.

Knowledge is like the mystic ladder in the Patriarch's dream. Its base rests on the primeval earth; its crest is lost in the shadowy splendor of the empyrean; while the great writers who for traditionary ages have held the chain of science and philosophy, of poesy and erudition, are the angels ascending and descending the sacred scale, and maintaining, as it were, the communication between man and heaven.—*Lord Beaconsfield.*

"Education is not intended to make lawyers or clergymen, soldiers or schoolmasters, farmers or artisans, but men."

land the brethren generally know but little of the adverse circumstances under which many of these churches meet, nor of their heroic and protracted struggles for an existence. The one great need of these churches is "strength"; a Paul and Barnabas to periodically visit them, "confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith." Then again Tasmania is largely virgin soil. As a brotherhood we are almost unknown. Numerous towns earnestly invite us to go up and possess the land. Isolated disciples are already there. New churches are waiting to be planted. Tasmania is a field ready for sowers and reapers.

But this means men. Consecrated and cultured men. They must be called of God, and sent from God, like John of old. Such must feel like the prophet when sorely beset

task before us is Titanic. Before the walls of Zion can be rebuilt, much rubbish must needs be removed, and many adversaries overcome. Only preachers skilled in the use of sword and trowel can accomplish the task. They must be trained to serve, inspired to sacrifice, convinced that pains and patience, faith and love, will work the desired transformation, and prepared, if necessary, to find in this field their Calvary.

But where shall we get the suitable men? And how shall we get them? In Melbourne there is an institution known as the College of the Bible. Men of God are there, strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Efficient teachers of the Word are they who commit what they themselves have received unto other faithful men. Great good has already been accomplished, and in different parts of the Commonwealth, and also of the



Dominion, there are evangelists laboring who are attempting and achieving great things. But in certain quarters there is a deep seated antipathy against this "school of the prophets." This is largely due to ignorance and prejudice. Indifference is also responsible for the meagre support which the College receives. But we are never indifferent to anything in which we are financially interested. We must therefore support this deserving institution more liberally, and pray for it more fervently. Let the Tasmanian brotherhood also create a fund which will be steadily augmented as the years roll on. This will enable us to send for graduates of our own Bible College, and maintain them in doing noble service in this part of the Lord's vineyard. Nay, we must do more. Let the fathers and mothers in Israel dedicate their sons to this highest and noblest of callings. Encourage them, and fire their souls with an ardent desire to become flaming evangelists of the cross. Who will be Tasmania's first representative? May the day soon dawn when one of our own will be amongst us devoting his whole time in preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. Then shall "the wilderness and the solitary place be glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

### What I Gained.

By M. Bell.

My sole object in entering the College of the Bible was to fit myself for usefulness in the King's business. I obtained more than I sought. It gave me an unbiassed knowledge of the Bible; a comprehensive introduction to the world's best literature and history; it prepared me to meet the sophistries and cunningly devised snares of intellectual antichrists; it made plain the divine pathway to eternal life; and above all, intercourse with its teachers and students deepened and broadened my intellectual and spiritual faculties. I owe all this to our College. It was here I saw noble deeds of self-sacrifice on the part of its sons. Some one has to be the foundation of this majestic institution, and proud am I that, even among the disadvantages of its early life, I should be counted worthy to be one of her living stones. May it rise higher each year in intellectual and spiritual power, until it becomes the first in importance in all Australasia. It will, because it exalts the living Word.

Perseverance gives power to weakness, and opens to poverty the world's wealth. It spreads fertility over the barren landscape, and bids the choicest fruits and flowers spring up and flourish in the desert abode of thorns and briars.—*Goodrich.*

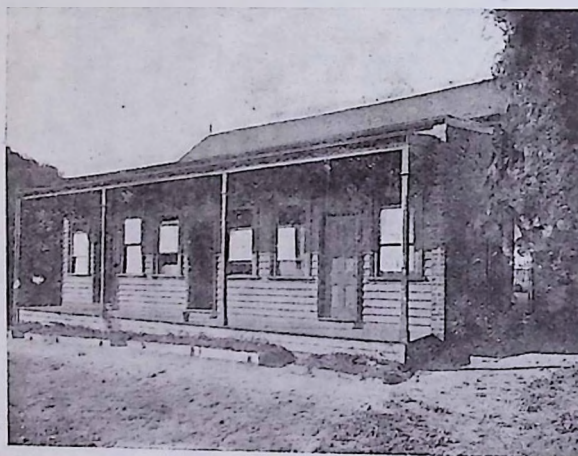
### Growing Demands.

By F. E. Thomas.

Whatever doubt there may have been as to the need for a College of the Bible, should be dispelled by now. The rapid growth of that institution during its short history, shows that it is supplying a long-felt need. Those who feel that need most are those who are desirous of devoting their lives to preaching the gospel. They recognise the importance of that work, and realise their inability to do it efficiently.

Consequently, they look for some means to better equip themselves.

The church needs well equipped men, and should not consider it a burden to provide for the College. The demand for preachers far exceeds the supply, but mission committees console themselves with the thought that soon the students will be available for



New Outside Dormitory.

service. Already, I believe, we have a larger number of students for the ministry than any other College in Australia. But if the College had not been established, how many of those young men would have found it possible to make the sacrifice necessary to train abroad?

Only one quarter of them would have found their way to America, and less than that number would have returned. Where, then, would preachers have been found? It does seem as though a catastrophe was narrowly averted by the timely founding of the College. We may well be delighted with the way the young men are availing themselves of its benefits. I wonder if the brethren realise what a sacrifice it means to them. In most cases they leave good positions and bright prospects, as steady young men of their stamp are much in demand. They leave home also, and for four or five years earn but little. They make this sacrifice gladly, counting it gain to be able to become more efficient workers for Christ.

It is to be hoped that on Education Sunday the brotherhood throughout Australasia will respond as gladly, and sacrifice as freely, for the support of the College.

The very rapidity of its growth, about which we are so pleased, demands increased liberality. The Board of Management must provide accommodation for the students. It would be a disgrace to the church for them to have to say, "We have no room for you," and at the same time for the churches to be calling for more preachers. The Board should be provided with sufficient funds to enable them to enlarge the building in a substantial way, so that it may be a lasting credit to the church, and a place in which the student may take pride.

We have in our Universities, buildings, libraries, and professors' chairs endowed by wealthy men, and bearing their names. I am sure the Organising Secretary could inform any liberal-minded brother how much it would cost to donate a library, or to permanently endow a teacher at the College. It would be hard to find a more profitable investment. It is to be hoped that some will do this. But let all do their utmost to help in this important branch of the Master's work.

We have a wonderful gospel to present, brethren, and its power does not depend on our eloquence and wisdom, but at the same time its beauty is worthy of our finest flights of oratory, and its depth of wisdom of our most careful thought.

### An Age of Big Things.

By S. H. Mudge.

The work of the College of the Bible teaches the essentials of church work and exerts a vitalising influence upon them for progressive activity. The pernicious complacency which has overshadowed the churches has, in a measure, choked the Christ-like desire to extend the kingdom of God. The work of the College removes this condition and animates and consolidates the work of the Lord's people. Any institution which touches the main-spring of Christian vitality and progression, and energises the functionaries of the church, should be greatly appreciated and warmly supported.

Again, the College, while training men to preach the gospel, is also showing them the field and its possibilities. This is an age of big things, and only as the worker recognises the necessity for attempting big things will big things be accomplished.

Dr. Franklin, speaking of education, says, "If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."



## A PERSONAL MESSAGE.



By H. G. Harward.

The relinquishing of college duties has neither diminished my interest in our Bible College, nor depreciated my sense of its worth. Its prosperity is to me a cause of rejoicing; its achievements a constant delight. Absence from the scene of its operations has but intensified my conviction that to this institution, under divine blessing, we must look for the ultimate triumph of New Testament Christianity in this Southern Hemisphere. It would ill become me to adversely criticise the splendid Christians

In the South Island Conference District there are but ten giving all their time to laboring in the ministry of the Word. In the Middle District there are six. In the Northern Conference, four. Of these, twenty preachers, eight have come from Australia within the past few months. Six from direct association with the College of the Bible. But what are these among so many needy fields? In the four leading cities of the Dominion the Primitive gospel is not strongly represented. In most of the more important towns we are not represented at all. While in other places there are but few members. The strengthening of the preaching force is indispensable to any forward movement in this great country. The College of the Bible, for many years, must, of necessity, be the source of supply for

places are being supplied by the past students of the College. They are proving both their culture and their consecration in the service of the Lord. He is owning the splendid service they are offering to him.

Second, Because its present is bright with promise. It is well equipped from the instructional standpoint. Its Principal is scholarly. What is more unusual, he is true to the great Text Book, and to the principles of the divine plea. Four years of happy association in College work enables me to appraise the worth of his influence upon the life and training of the students. His associate is untiringly industrious in, and competent for the work he is called upon to do. His loyalty to the principles of the Restoration movement requires no emphasis from me.



Back View of College.

who have pioneered the Restoration movement in these lands. What splendid service they rendered to their Lord! How fearlessly they presented the truth! How heroically they suffered for the cause! Most of them have gone to their reward, but their works do follow them. But have we not moved with laggard footsteps in these later days? To retain the spirit of optimism one has almost to shut his eyes to existing conditions; and close his ears to present-day facts. Take New Zealand, for instance. After more than a half century of effort there are not more than four thousand who are identified with the cause we represent. Surely that does not speak of "wonderful progress," "splendid success." The causes of this condition are probably many. I mention but one, appropriate to this message—the dearth of qualified, consecrated preachers of the simple gospel.

these needy fields. The salvation, and strengthening of the cause we represent should enlist every member of the Church of Christ in New Zealand, in faithful, sacrificing support of our educational work.

There are three reasons why the College should have a prominent place in the liberalities of all the churches throughout Australasia.

First, Because its past is full of encouragement. There are few institutions which have written better history in so short a time. Its infant years have been characterised by unusual strength and development. It has almost leaped from babyhood to vigorous youth. Handicapped by inexperience, poor equipment, and the limitations which usually mark the beginning of such institutions, it has yet accomplished much in training young men, and in sending them out to preach the Word. Many prominent

It is splendidly patronised by the students. In this, the fifth year, 40 students have assembled for instruction. They have come from every State in the Commonwealth, and from the Dominion. They are worthy of the confidence of the brotherhood, as a fundamental part of the College.

Third, Because its future is luminous with hope. It scarcely needs the prophet's vision to picture the possibilities of the future. With the wisdom gained by experience; with an enlarged, and improved equipment; with a constantly growing student body; and with the loyal support of all the churches, there are scarcely any limitations to the achievements of the College.

No church should permit September 3rd to come and go, without bringing the interests of the Bible College prominently before the members, and enlisting each one in generous contribution towards its support.



## Why the Australian College Should be Generously Supported.

By G. T. Walden.

1. Because it is ours. The Scriptures say that if any man will not provide for his own household he is worse than an infidel, and the Bible College is a very important part of our Christian household.

2. Because we are able to. Our brotherhood is financially strong. We have tried to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" and God has blessed our labors with material success. A sight from the platform of most of our meetings reveals well dressed, well fed, well cared for people. A visit to the homes of our members finds well furnished houses, well filled tables. We are able to have our children well educated; the Rhodes' scholars have our boys in their ranks. All of this is evidence that we have the money and the men.

3. We should support our College because of the need that there is of such an institution. "Whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, doth the love of God abide in him?" Does this apply merely to physical wants? or is it not a principle applicable to any need. If we may question a man's having the love of God abiding in him, who refuses to help with food the hungry brother, may we not to a greater degree of certainty question the man's being the temple of God's love, who refuses the bread of life to those who are in need, who hinders the inflow into human hearts of the refreshing waters of primitive Christianity. The Bible College stands for the satisfying of needs more important than physical hunger.

4. Because the work it has already done has greatly enriched our brotherhood, the graduates it has sent out are doing splendid service for the King, and others who have left after one or two years' sojourn at the College are doing good work. Knowing something of the American Bible Colleges I am not afraid to say that we have no college in America that is better equipped in its teaching staff than our Australian Bible College. Bros. Main and Gordon are splendid yoke fellows, and the impress of their own personalities that they will leave on the students will be of untold benefit. There is no college in America that has a finer class of young men students than our Australian Bible College. They are intelligent, industrious, Christ loving, God honoring young men; they are making sacrifices to get an education; they are laying their all upon God's altar.

5. Because pounds spent on our College to-day will bring forth a harvest of hundreds of pounds of help in the coming years. Jesus said, "Make unto yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness." What nobler use could a man's money be put to than the help of young men qualifying

themselves for usefulness in the church of Jesus Christ? If some brother in Australia who is busy with the affairs of this life could pay the salary of one of our teachers and be thus represented in the education of young men of our churches, what a splendid use to make of £300 a year. If some brother to whom God has given money could pay for the support of a young man anxious to become an evangelist, but lacking the means to keep himself while getting his education, it would be planting a tree in the garden of his life, whose beauty and fragrance, and fruitage will bless him through all eternity. Some of our brethren in Kentucky have given money towards the support of Bible students, and although these brethren have been dead for scores of years, their money is still enriching the service of our churches in Kentucky, and what has

been done in Kentucky we can do in Australia. Let us generously support this good work.

6. Because on the Bible College's work depends all our other enterprises. If you are interested in Foreign Mission work, Church Extension work, Temperance work, Kindergarten work, then you must support the Bible College, for every young man that leaves our College goes out to push Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Sunday School work, Temperance work, Church Extension work, and everything that means for the upbuilding of the Church of Christ in Australia. Our cause in America has flourished because our brethren have supported their colleges. As soon as work is begun in a State or territory of America, they begin to lay the foundations of a Bible College. What they have done, we can do.

## In the Realm of the Bible School.

### The Holy Spirit—II.

In Conversion and Sanctification.

Sunday School Lesson for September 3.

A. R. MAIN, B.A.

#### Reading.

John 16: 7-15.

In this second study on the Holy Spirit, we have to consider the abiding and continuous work of the Spirit of God in the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of Christians. There could scarcely be a more important theme.

#### The Spirit's Work in Conversion.

Conversion is essential to discipleship, pardon, entrance into the kingdom, life eternal. Men must turn from sin to serve the living God. Jesus told his disciples, "Except ye turn and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18: 3). The greatness of the change is such that Jesus referred to it as a birth from above (John 3: 3, 5), and Paul to it as a "new creation" (2 Cor. 5: 17, R.V. Margin). Men, before "dead" through trespasses and sins (Eph. 2: 1), are "quickened" or made alive (Eph. 2: 1, 5).

This turning to God may be looked at from two points of view. (a) The man must turn; it is his act. The common version in Matt. 18: 3 and Acts 3: 19, in using the passive voice, "be converted," obscures man's activity. The Revised Version rightly has "turn," showing the human action. We can gather from the very responsibility of man that he is capable of obeying God's voice. God would not condemn a sinner for not turning if it were not in man's power to turn. (b) We may also look at the work of conversion from another view. We may consider what God, or the Spirit of God, does in bringing a sinner to Himself. The common consent of Christendom is that the Spirit's agency is imperatively neces-

sary. Those dead through trespasses are made alive by God (Eph. 2: 1-5). "No man," said Jesus, "can come to me, except the Father that sent me draw him" (John 6: 44). Peter said, "Unto you first God, having raised up his Servant, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities" (Acts 3: 26). Jesus said of the Holy Spirit, "He, when he is come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and ye behold me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world hath been judged" (John 16: 8-11). We may use the words of Alexander Campbell, and say that we "could not esteem as of any value the religion of any man, as respects the grand affair of eternal life, whose religion is not begun, carried on, and completed by the personal agency of the Holy Spirit." This is quite in harmony with the Word of God. Man owes his salvation to God.

The fact that the Holy Spirit has a most important and essential work to do in the conversion of the sinner is clearly seen from the foregoing passages. We shall have to give some attention to the question, *How* is this work done?

At the outset two passages must be noted, which will serve to clear out of the way some theories widely held. Our Lord Jesus, who said he would send the Spirit to his apostles, used these words: "The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive" (John 14: 17). The Apostle Paul, in harmony therewith, said: "Because ye are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father" (Gal. 4: 6). No statement which is out of harmony with these texts can be accepted as a satisfactory account of the Spirit's operation in conversion. All the views of conversion which presuppose the need of the Spirit's entrance into the heart of the sinner before his conversion are negated.

The best commentary on Jesus' words concerning the Spirit's convincing power (John 16: 8-11) will be found in the accounts of conversion



recorded in the New Testament. Since the Spirit inspired the narrator, we have His own account of His work. The very first gospel sermon (Acts 2) will serve for illustration. The Holy Spirit here furnished the preacher with his message. The apostles spoke as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2: 4). Peter in the course of his address refers to the Spirit's help (vs. 17, 18, 33). The result of the sermon was the convicting of many of sin; three thousand obeyed the gospel. Who convicted these men? Unquestionably the Spirit of God, for He gave Peter utterance. In Acts 8 we have the story of the eunuch's conversion. The Spirit comes and works for that man's salvation. But He does not enter the seeker's heart. He goes to the preacher (8: 29). The work of the Spirit here is to bring preacher and seeker together, so that the word may be preached. The Spirit does not directly tell the man he is saved, or even what to do to be saved. Jesus had committed the word of reconciliation to His disciples, and the Holy Spirit does not take that work out of the disciples' hands. In similar fashion, the Lord Jesus, when he personally appeared to Saul, did not tell him what to do to be saved, but left that work to a qualified disciple (Acts 9: 10-17).

We may learn from these Scriptures that the Holy Spirit did not so work as to dispense with the word of the gospel. These examples are quite in accord with Jesus' word to His apostles that they should be His witnesses (Acts 1: 8), that the Holy Spirit should bear witness (John 15: 26), and speak of what things He had heard (John 16: 13). They are also in accord with the parallelisms which might be cited, in which what is said to be done by the Spirit is said also to be done by the instrumentality of the Word. Jesus, e.g., said a man must be born of the Spirit (John 3: 5). Peter says we are "begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God" (1 Peter 1: 23). Paul says, "I begat you through the gospel" (1 Cor. 4: 15). Jesus, after saying that none can come to Him unless the Father draw him, shows the means of drawing used by the Father: "It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God. Every one that hath heard from the Father, and hath learned, cometh unto me" (John 6: 45). The apostolic preachers spoke the word of the Spirit (see 1 Peter 1: 12; 1 Thess. 1: 5; 1 Cor. 2: 4, etc.); what work was done by that spoken word was therefore the work of the Spirit. Men were led to faith through hearing the word of God (Rom. 10: 17). We read of no conversions, either in apostolic days or in modern times, where the spoken or written word has not gone. True, the taking of the gospel to the heathen was opposed by some who said that if God wanted to save the heathen He would do it without our agency. But we have learned that it is the entrance of God's word which giveth light (Psa. 119: 130). Even those who now plead for the direct and immediate operation of the Spirit on the hearts of men send for able preachers in order to a big revival. We may learn that "to convert men by the accompanying influence of the Holy Spirit, we must do what Paul commanded Timothy, 'Preach the word, be instant in season and out of season.'" We remember that "the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow,

and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4: 12).

The foregoing treatment is far from implying that the Word alone converts the sinner. We do not seek to separate speculatively Spirit and Word in their action. We rather believe that "it is the Spirit that quickens, and that the Word of God—the living Word—is that incorruptible seed which, when planted in the heart, vegetates, and germinates, and grows, and fructifies into life eternal"; and that it is unscriptural "to discriminate between spiritual agency and instrumentality—between what the Word, *per se*, and the Spirit, *per se*, severally does, as though they were two independent and wholly distinct powers or influences." Let it also be distinctly understood that we have not said or implied that the Holy Spirit cannot act otherwise than as indicated. That would be a foolish thing to say. We have only sought to note from the Word of God what the Spirit has revealed as to His work. We have no desire and no warrant for discussing what He may or can do, save in so far as He has revealed it. Nor does the present article say anything

which should be manifested by a man set apart, or sanctified, "sanctification" or "holiness" is used of this godly character. Sanctification is consequently urged upon Christians. Jesus asked that the disciples might be sanctified through the truth (John 17: 17). Paul prayed, "The God of peace himself sanctify you wholly" (1 Thess. 5: 23). Our sanctification is the will of God (1 Thess. 4: 3).

This sanctification is attributed to various things. The Father sanctifies (John 10: 36; Jude 1); so does Jesus (Heb. 13: 12). We have "sanctification of the Spirit" (1 Peter 1: 2) and "by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 15: 16). As instruments we have—"the truth" (John 17: 19), "faith" (Acts 26: 18); "the Word of God" (1 Tim. 4: 5), the will of God (Heb. 10: 10), the blood of Jesus (Heb. 13: 12). Finally, there is a command to be holy (1 Peter 1: 18, 19, and the adjective "holy" is a kindred word to the verb "sanctify"); so Christians have a part to do themselves. These passages do not contradict. We may not know so much as we would like to know concerning the process; but perhaps "the work is ascribed to God because he is the first cause of our salvation, to Christ, because he is the Saviour, to his blood because it was the procuring cause of our separation unto God and the remission of sins, to the Word of God because it teaches us the will of God, to the Holy Spirit because he revealed the truth, to ourselves because we must apply the Spirit's teaching."

It would be quite inadequate to stop here. The Holy Spirit comes into a direct relationship with the Christian and influences him. We have a whole series of passages which in the plainest fashion declare that the Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian. "Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. But if any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 8: 9). The Christian's body is "a temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 6: 19; cf. 3: 16). See also Rom. 8: 11, 15; 2 Cor. 1: 22; 5: 5; Gal. 3: 2, 4; 6: 1 Thess. 4: 8; 2 Tim. 1: 14; Jas. 4: 5; 1 John 4: 13.

What does the Holy Spirit do in and for us? The answer is found in part in the name "Comforter" or "Helper" applied to Him (John 14: 16; cf. Acts 9: 31); He comforts or strengthens us. Paul says the Spirit helps our infirmities, making intercession for us according to the will of God (Rom. 8: 26). What we owe to this help and intercession, we cannot fully know in this life. He strengthens us with power in the inward man (Eph. 3: 16). He sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts (Rom. 5: 5). With Him we have fellowship (2 Cor. 13: 14). In Him we have joy (Rom. 14: 17). His presence produces as fruits the Christian graces—"love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5: 22, 23).

How may we know that we have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us? There are two ways. Firstly, we notice the divine promise and the terms on which that promise is made. The world cannot receive the Spirit (John 14: 17); sons of God have Him in their heart (Gal. 4: 6). The gift of the Holy Spirit is promised by Peter to the obedient penitent believer (Acts 2: 38). (The "gift of the Holy Spirit" here is not simply some gift from the Spirit, but the Spirit as a gift; as Paul has it in 1 Thess. 4: 8. God "giveth His Holy Spirit

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against special providences or leadings of God. We have not been discussing these, but trying to see from the Bible what the Spirit says that He does in man's conversion.

### The Spirit's Work in Sanctification.

Things or persons which are set apart for God's service are said to be sanctified. Aaron and his garments were sanctified (Lev. 8: 30). The altar and laver, the tabernacle and its furniture, were sanctified (Ex. 40: 9, 10). Christ sanctified himself (John 17: 19). Christians, as set apart for God's service, as his peculiar possession, are sanctified. See 1 Cor. 1: 2, 6; 11, etc. The words, "Ye were sanctified," imply that the sanctification was an accomplished thing; Christians as Christians are set apart, consecrated to God. But the New Testament looks also upon sanctification as a process still going on in the Christian. From the appropriately good and pure life





## West Australia.

**BROOKTON.**—Two good meetings here yesterday. The work throughout the district is promising. At West Brookton the meetings have improved considerably, and at Taylor's Well we still have very good audiences. Here in Brookton, we have purchased from the Baptist Church a brick chapel with seating accommodation for 60 people, organ and baptistery. The cost was £235, and of this £75 has already been paid. The small band of members have shown their true spirit in this enterprise, and the manner in which they are supporting their evangelist. We are looking forward to our anniversary, which will be held on the first Sunday in September, when we hope Bro. Blakemore, from Perth, will be with us.—H.P.M., Aug. 7.

**BUNBURY.**—On Wednesday evening the 2nd inst., a well attended tea and public meeting brought to a close the anniversary services of the Church of Christ Bible School, Bunbury. A large number of parents and friends assembled, and demonstrated their interest and approval of the programme of songs, recitations, and hymn pieces rendered by the school. The secretary's report showed a substantial increase of scholars, and the many prizes distributed were proof of keen competition. When introducing the supt. elect, the retiring supt., F. R. Raisbeck, expressed the pleasure it gave him to hand the work over to one so well qualified as Bro. Thompson. W. L. Ewers, evangelist from Collie, gave a short address.—Frances R. Raisbeck, Aug. 2.

## New Zealand.

**AUCKLAND (Richmond).**—On Thursday evening, August 3rd, a social gathering was held to welcome Bro. and Sister Hadfield. There was a large attendance, and a very happy time was spent. Bro. Turner, from Ponsonby-rd., presided, and Bren. Norgrove, Davies, Bodle, and Downey, and Sisters Bodle, Thetford, Cammell and Poole contributed to the programme. Bro. and Sister Hadfield each gave interesting glimpses of the work in the mission field.

**AUCKLAND (Ponsonby-rd.).**—A very fine programme was given by the children at the Band of Hope this week, reflecting great credit on Miss Stella Morton and those who helped her to arrange it. Bro. Turner is away at Pukekohe to-day, and Bro. Hadfield occupied our platform to-night, and had a very good meeting.—F.D.

**DUNEDIN.**—At the half yearly business meeting held on the 3rd inst., a motion was carried expressing appreciation of the services and loyalty to the church of the late Bro. Captain J. Stewart, and extending the church's sympathy to the relatives. During the year about £50 was spent in repairs to the Tabernacle, but the treasurer, Alex. Thompson, reported that the church was clear of all liability to date. Latest news from Gore mission conducted by H. G. Harward and J. Binney, state that 48 have decided for Christ. Mataura mission was to have commenced yesterday. Four new members were added to the Young Women's Bible Class yesterday, the number of same now being 20. Bren. R. Gebbie, and C. F. Macdonald were appointed delegates to the general Conference to be held in Wellington at the New Year. Last Saturday night, as on a

previous occasion, R. Gebbie was one of the speakers at the open air No-License meeting, which is held weekly at the Octagon, Dunedin.—L.C.J.S., Aug. 7.

**MATAURA.**—We are glad to report a young lad's confession of Christ on July 30. He was duly immersed and received into the church's fellowship yesterday morning. Bro. Harward, at the completion of a nine weeks' strenuous mission at Gore, has come to help us here. Sister Miss Cocker is helping him in the ministry of song, and we bespeak the earnest, continuous prayer of our brethren for the divine help and blessing. Our sympathy goes out to Sister Mrs. James Galt and family in the loss of a loved husband and father (see Obituary column). A large and representative funeral cortege, and also a large congregation at an in memoriam service testified to the high esteem in which our brother was held, and the widespread sympathy with his bereaved family.—T. J. Bull, Aug. 7.

**ONEHUNGA.**—At the meeting for worship we were glad to have as visitors our two Sisters Craigie, from Melbourne. In the afternoon Bro. and Sister Hadfield, our missionaries from South Africa, held the eager attention of the children with their thrilling tales of mission life and work at their far off field of labor. A practical outcome of the meeting was the promise by Bro. Yockney, the supt., that our Sunday School would endeavor to partly or entirely support a native boy at the mission. Bro. Hadfield preached the gospel in the evening to an audience of about 80.—W. Guyan.

**NELSON.**—Lord's day, July 30, the meeting for the breaking of bread was largely attended. Bro. F. V. Knapp presided. Bro. Glover exhorted acceptably. Bro. Vero journeyed to the church at Richmond, and in the afternoon took the service at the Old People's Home. At Bible School the attendance has been considerably affected of late owing to an epidemic of measles, our school progressing notwithstanding this. The up-to-date equipment introduced is proving both beneficial and instructive. It is intended shortly to make the school further attractive by placing pioneer photographs, texts, etc., on the walls, thus linking up the local movement from its inception to the present. A commencement has already been made with the anniversary hymns.—E.M.J.,

## Queensland.

**ZILLMERE.**—On July 30, Bro. Jinks began a series of gospel meetings, continuing to Aug. 3. Though there were no decisions, yet there was a good interest throughout. This effort will pave the way for our tent mission, which we purpose conducting in October. The work generally is in a satisfactory condition. Members are systematically and faithfully contributing their penny-per-week for H.M. work. The additions to the chapel are about complete, and we are now ready for a forward move.—W.W., Aug. 8.

**TOOWOOMBA.**—After nearly five months' service as our district preacher, Bro. J. A. Millar resigned, and has returned to Victoria. The church's appreciation of his labors, and the esteem in which he was held, were made known in the speeches and presentations made him at the farewell meeting on August 3, and by the officers directing the secretary to give him a letter very highly commending him. Bro. Millar, during his

stay in this district, influenced at least ten persons to a definite decision for Christ, and has built up a very promising cause at Chinchilla. Mr. and Mrs. Saxby, of N.S.W., have been with us for some time, and Bro. Saxby has exhorted the church on three Lord's day mornings and preached the gospel once. A Baptist brother, Mr. Blackie, preached the last Sunday night in July, and Bro. Clifford Stewart, last Sunday night; at the latter service one young man made the good decision. We are having a Bible School rally, with about 20 additions to date. Our yearly church business meeting has come and gone, and the affairs of the church are in a decent condition. Ten additions by faith and obedience since the first of July.—J. W. Parslow.

**BUNDAMBA.**—On Lord's day, the 6th inst., we had at our morning meeting Bro. and Sister Gordon, from one of the churches in Scotland. In the absence through sickness of Bro. J. Swan, Bro. J. A. Finlayson exhorted the church. At night we had the pleasure of welcoming to Queensland Bro. Hugh Rodgers, evangelist, of N.S.W., who has accepted a call to labor with the church at Tannymorel, who preached for us. Bren., pray that our mission, which starts on August 20, by Bro. Jinks, may be successful.—G. Green, Aug. 9.

## South Australia.

**NORTH CROYDON.**—Good meetings to-day, both morning and evening. H. J. Horsell gave us a splendid address this morning; we also had a good stirring gospel sermon from Bro. E. J. Paternoster. Two were received into fellowship by letter. We number now about 66, and more to follow, for which we are very thankful to God. The Bible School now numbers 95; attendance to-day, 81. Bro. G. Duncan, from Robert-st. Bible School paid us a visit, giving an address to the children. We were pleased to have with us this morning Bro. and Sister Wm. Charlick, from Unley; also Bro. and Sister C. J. Paternoster, from Salisbury.

**YORK.**—We have had splendid addresser from Bro. Griffith; during this third week of the mission only two have responded to the invitation. The attendances have been really good, the members of the church especially supporting the preacher well. Persons who seldom, if ever, enter a place to worship have been in attendance. To-day we commenced the fourth week. Fine morning meeting. Large number of men present at their meeting in the afternoon, and to-night the tent was packed; about the largest meeting we have had. No one responded. Additions to date, 18.—H. J. Horsell, August 13.

**KADINA.**—Wednesday afternoon, August 9, the anniversary tea meeting was held. We had a very happy time together. The sisters' tea meeting committee deserve praise for the splendid way they did their work. At the public meeting in the evening we had Bro. Day, from Balaklava, and Bro. Taylor, from the Semaphore with us. They delivered two earnest addresses to a good congregation. The choir rendered special selections throughout all the services. Thursday afternoon, Mr. Arthur Gordon was baptised by the writer. To-night we had another large congregation, and at the close of the address a married woman made the good confession. Prospects are still bright and encouraging.—E. G. Warren, Aug. 13.

**SEMAPHORE.**—Lord's day meetings continue good. Bro. Fliteroft, of Queenstown, presided at the morning service and Bro. W. J. Taylor gave an address, several visitors being present. Bro. Edwards, late of England, was received into membership. Morning attendance, 67. The Bible School continues to grow in numbers. The evening services are attracting attention, fresh faces being very noticeable at these meetings. Bro. Taylor gives some fine addresses. At the evening service one young girl from the Bible School made the good confession, the attendance being



## Victoria.

110. Next Sunday we celebrate our first church anniversary, and hope to have a time of refreshing.—S. D. Walker.

**MILE END.**—Good meetings yesterday. In the morning two lads were received in who were baptised during the week, fruits of the recent mission. At night a woman confessed her faith in Christ.—D.A.E., Aug. 14.

**GROTE-ST.**—We are pleased to report that our Foreign Mission social passed off well; a profitable and happy evening was spent. In addition to various musical items, Mr. Rollings (the President of Baptist Union) gave a splendid missionary address, and a recitation on "The Needs of China," by Miss Olive Duncan was excellent. We thank all friends who by items or gifts helped us for this occasion.—Laura B. Fischer.

**GROTE-ST.**—Good meetings to-day. T. H. Spotswood was welcomed by letter from the church at Wampoon, and also Sister Caldicott, a scholar from the Sunday School. Bro. John Fischer addressed the church. The monthly men's meeting was held in the afternoon at 2.45 p.m. The attendance was fair. Mr. H. A. Wheeler, General Secretary of Y.M.C.A., gave a stirring address, which was greatly appreciated. At the evening service Bro. Thomas preached to a large congregation, and at the close there was one confession. Four other confessions not previously reported.—W.J.M., Aug. 13.

**MALLALA.**—The C.E. Society continues to do a good work. On Wednesday night, Aug. 9, we were pleased to have a visit from the Grace Plains Methodist Society, when four papers were read on "The Power of Example." Our Society provided a cup of coffee at the close of the meeting. A Junior Society has been organised, which we hope will do a good work. The Sunday School work is still on the up-grade, numbers are increasing. Last Lord's day Bro. Griffith tendered his resignation as evangelist, which has been accepted. We are desirous of securing a successor to Bro. Griffiths to labor here and at Long Plains. Bro. Griffiths expects to leave here at the end of October.—A. W. Harris, Aug. 13.

**STIRLING EAST & ALD GATE VALLEY.**—Bro. T. B. Verco conducted the service at Aldgate Valley while Bro. J. Wiltshire was at Summertown. We are conducting a series of cottage prayer meetings once a week, and by this means we expect to get into touch with some who do not attend our gospel meetings. During the past week the health (which has been very indifferent of late) of Bro. G. Rudd, our church treasurer, was such as to cause much anxiety, but he seems to again have passed a crisis, and we are hopeful that he may again be restored to health.—A.G.R.

**NORWOOD.**—Very good meetings to-day. At the morning meeting one of our young men gave the address—Mr. Byard Neville—and was appreciated very much. To-night Bro. Rankine preached the gospel to an increased congregation. At the close of the service a young woman made the good confession.—G.I.J.

**UNLEY.**—On Wednesday, August 2, Bro. G. Saunders was present at the prayer meeting and gave a fine address on "Submission." Last Sunday J. E. Thomas, from Grote-st., was at Unley and delivered a splendid exhortation to the church. Mr. T. Ryan, M.P., and Mrs. Ryan were received by letter from Grote-st. They were previously members at Unley, and have again returned to this neighborhood. Our anniversary services are to be held on Sunday, Sept. 3, and the following Wednesday.—P.S.M., Aug. 13.

**MILANG.**—Bro. and Sister Ogilvy, from Freeling, have been spending a holiday in our midst, and were with us on two Lord's days. In the afternoon of July 30, Bro. Ogilvy gave a short address to the Sunday School, and on August 6th presided at the Lord's table, which he had not had the opportunity of doing for three years. It gave us great pleasure to have them with us again. We are having good attendances at all our services. This afternoon we started a young men's Bible Class, conducted by Bro. Stoner. Our S.S. anniversary is to be held on Sept. 10.—S.H.G., Aug. 13.

**WILLIAMSTOWN.**—The Sunday School held its anniversary on July 30. The services attracted a good gathering. The singing of the scholars and friends reflected great credit on Bro. Hickling's ability, and all who were present enjoyed a treat. Bro. Ludbrook spoke to the children in the afternoon. Bro. Moysey in the evening preached a soul-inspiring sermon on the "Kingdom of God." We hope to report great things in the near future of Bro. Moysey's doings in Williamstown, for although he has only been amongst us for a little over a week, he has already won the love of all. The service of song, "Primrose Garth," took place on August 1. Bro. Moysey read the story, which was interspersed with songs, solos, and duets. Before the meeting closed, Bro. Moysey presented Bro. Hickling with a beautiful set of carvers. The recipient humorously responded.—R. Goldsworthy, Aug. 8.

**MELBOURNE (Swanston-st.).**—Last Thursday evening we held a reception meeting for Bro. and Sister W. H. Allen, on their arrival from Muncie, Indiana, U.S.A., to take up the work at Swanston-st. There was a large attendance of members, and after personal introductions short speeches of welcome were made by Bren. F. G. Dunn, B. J. Kemp, A. R. Lyall, A. Wilson, R. Duncan, J. Scarcebrook, and C. H. Mitchell. All expressed great pleasure at the arrival of Bro. Allen, who responded for Sister Allen and himself, and told us he appreciated the kindness he had received since touching Australian shores, and hoped for splendid service together. Bren. Len. Gole and Mudford, at Brisbane, and Bro. G. T. Walden, at Sydney, had shown great kindness in receiving Bro. Allen on behalf of the church, and we thank them for their good offices. A most happy evening was spent. On Lord's day morning and evening our services were splendidly attended, and Bro. Allen gave excellent addresses on both occasions. We are hoping now for a splendid work to begin and continue. The church in Swanston-st. is grateful to the brethren who have so kindly assisted them in the preaching services since Bro. Gordon left them to take the Bible College work. We would mention Bren. Swain, Fischer, Ludbrook, Baker, Paternoster (S.A.), Burns (Sydney), and A. R. Main. The last-named of whom has been with us from May till last Lord's day, and whose services have been very acceptable. On Lord's day afternoon the teachers of the school entertained Bro. and Sister Main at tea, at which speeches were made expressing esteem and good-will, and each were presented with a church hymn book as a memento of the occasion. We are grateful to many kind brethren for sending kind messages of congratulation and good wishes on arrival of Bro. and Sister Allen, and we share their hope that the ministry thus auspiciously commenced will long continue and bear much fruit.—R.L.

**CARLTON (Lygon-st.).**—Nice meeting on Lord's day morning, when we had with us Bro. Roderick, from French Island; Sister Barnes, of Junee Junction, N.S.W.; Sisters Morris, from City Temple, Sydney. Two received into fellowship (one by obedience, the other by letter). Sister Bray, of Hobart, has also united with us. Horace Kingsbury gave a fine exhortation upon "Repentance unto Life." Another splendid meeting at night to hear Bro. Kingsbury speak upon "Winning an Alien Life." The address was very impressive, and resulted in three stepping out for Jesus (a strong man and two young maidens from the Sunday School). The meeting was very solemn at this juncture, as they publicly confessed their Saviour, again showing that the gospel has not lost its power. Fine interest and attendance at the Century Bible Class.—J.McC.

**LILLIMUR.**—Last Lord's day at the gospel service at Leor a young man confessed his faith in Christ. The following day we had an old-time baptism. The young man walked in a distance of six miles, and in the presence of fourteen was baptised by Bro. Edwards in Bro. Lawrence's dam.—B.J.L., Aug. 11.

**NORTHCOTE.**—We had T. C. Harward with us at the gospel service on Sunday evening last, Bro. Marrows having exchanged platforms with him at Lancefield. Bro. Marrows has accepted a unanimous invitation to labor with us for a further twelve months; we believe he will do a fine work. We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to our building fund—Bro. Geo. Duncan, Warrington, N.Z., 10/-; Bro. J. Marrows, Perth, W.A., 10/-; Anonymous, Kyabram, 5/-; "Anonymous Friend," South Australia, 4/6; A Young Brother, North Richmond, 5/-.

**RICHMOND SOUTH.**—Splendid meetings have been the order of late, especially the gospel services for the last month, which have shown marked improvement. Last Lord's day we had a record offering. Sunday, 13th inst., Bro. Brock exhorted the church, and Bro. Watson, missionary-elect, who is going out to India, preached the gospel and appealed on behalf of the masses in India. We were pleased to have him with us, and know that it will encourage us in missionary work. Bible School is progressing; 37 new scholars during the past six weeks. No confessions to report. We are hoping and believing that the rift will soon break and that the season of blessing in this way will soon begin.—G. F. Nicholls.

**RICHMOND NORTH.**—On Sunday, Bro. Watson, missionary for India, spent the morning and afternoon at North Richmond. We were delighted with his inspiring messages. Fine audiences greeted him both morning and afternoon. Bro. Watson's message to the church will be long remembered by those who heard it; his splendid talk to the school will act as a stimulus in arousing greater interest in the work of world-wide evangelism.—Ethelbert Davis.

**CHELTENHAM.**—Meetings large and good. C.E. anniversary on the 22nd. Active preparations are now in hand for the Bible School anniversary on October 8, 11 and 19.

**WARRAGUL.**—Sunday, August 6, was another bright day for the church. Three were received into fellowship who had been previously baptised—two young women and one married man. We also had a visit again from Sister Woodgate, teacher of Buln Buln State school; also other long distance members. Altogether it was quite a cheerful morning service, and encouraging. Another confession last night, August 13, and good interest previously.—R.W.J.

**GOLDEN SQUARE.**—The anniversary of the Bible School was continued on Wednesday last. Quite a large number of parents and friends attended the tea. The annual report was read by the secretary, A. E. Streader, showing 72 scholars on the roll and 6 teachers, with an average attendance of 48 and 4 respectively. During the incoming year an effort is to be made to increase the attendance and to form a kindergarten class, also to introduce the honor banner and long attendance certificates and silver and gold medals for those attending five and seven years respectively. Sympathetic reference was also made to the loss by death of teacher Bro. W. Bolitho, who proved a good teacher during his sojourn among us. Bro. Conner presented the prizes, after which a lengthy and enjoyable programme of

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unto you.") Those who have complied with the conditions of Acts 2: 38,—conditions stated by the Spirit Himself,—may be sure of the promise. In the second place, the presence of the Spirit is attested by the fruits mentioned in Gal. 5: 22, 23. If these fruits are absent, the Spirit is not present.

Have all Christians an equal share of the Spirit? Evidently not. Some are specially mentioned as being full of the Spirit (Acts 6: 3). Christians are exhorted, "Be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5: 18).

It becomes a pressing question in the light of the foregoing. How may we be more and more possessed of the Spirit? We say that since the Holy Spirit was originally given to us upon obedience to God's truth, continued obedience to the Divine will is necessary. Again, we must give up sin, and strive to live a pure life. We must, as it were, give Him a larger habitation in our heart. He is not given to the world, and so those who cling to the things of the world cannot expect a large measure of the Holy Spirit. Lastly, we are encouraged to pray for the Holy Spirit: "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11: 13). Perhaps in this, as in other cases, we have not because we ask not.

At the close of our studies on the Holy Spirit, His miraculous and His ordinary manifestations, the practical question comes, What is the highest manifestation of the Spirit? Most of us have been tempted at times to long for radiant visions, audible expressions of Divine favor, faith and power to work miracles, for some of the "spiritual gifts" possessed by the early Christians. Do not let us forget that we have something better than that. The godly life led by the help of the Spirit is His noblest product. We can get nothing better than "the fruits of the Spirit." Balaam prophesied by the Spirit of God, but he did not live a holy life; and "a little holiness is worth much illumination." Paul distinctly put love above the spiritual gifts; it is one of the Spirit's fruits, and is "a more excellent way" (1 Cor. 12: 28—14: 1). God has given us the best, not the second best.

### Give Them Time.

By W. C. Brooker.

It is difficult to express our appreciation of the College of the Bible in cold type.

I am, however, delighted to be able to express my pleasure at the success of our College.

We have thought about having a College for many years, but now the institution has come to stay. We Australians should do and give our very best to make it equal to the best of the American colleges, and second to none in Australia.

The brotherhood evidently appreciate the efforts of the Faculty of the College by their endeavor to secure preachers from the College, and I am right glad to know they do. Might I, however, be permitted to say, I do not think it advisable in the interest of the College and the students to endeavor to entice our young men away from the Col-

lege too soon. Let them complete their course and do justice to themselves and the College.

It is difficult when so many preachers are needed to follow this advice, especially when we remember the statement of our beloved Bro. Gordon, the Organising Secretary. "The situation is exceedingly critical, and the cause of primitive Christianity is suffering serious loss to-day because of this unprecedented lack of preachers."

### The Greatest Problem Solved.

By H. J. Banks.

The College of the Bible is helping us to solve one of the greatest problems of the Restoration movement in Australia, viz., qualified preachers. We have scarcely felt its influence yet, but another ten years will find the bright young students of to-day leading the thought of the Australian churches. It is therefore important that they should be well and wisely prepared for their great work. The present management has done well, and the teaching staff has our fullest confidence. We will be helping the cause of God by liberally supporting the College of the Bible.

### What the Treasurer Says.

By W. C. Craigie.

Our College is a much improved property since it came into our hands. Our first need was thorough ventilation to meet the requirements of the Board of Health. Then, kerosene lamps were found to be unsatisfactory and a little dangerous. Gas had to be laid on, and fittings provided. The painter's brush was necessary in every corner. That has been attended to. The building looks clean and fresh in and out. The students came in greater numbers than we could accommodate, so we had to reconstruct what had been a stable and coach-house into a dormitory, housing twelve more students. Then we supplied the students with garden tools, and they have kept the garden in order. The whole place is now pleasant to look at.

All these items of expenditure have been a heavy drain on our funds, but the brotherhood of Australasia has been behind us. Our present pressing needs are larger class rooms, and still further dormitory accommodation. We ought also to have a substantial enclosing fence. Who will help?

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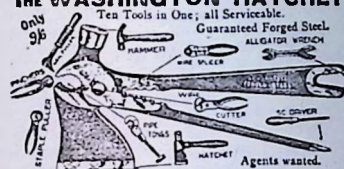
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## Ideal Conditions.

By Lionel Johnston.

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The course of study embraces a wide sphere of the preacher's requirements. With the Bible as a text book, the student is trained to think for himself, and that self-reliance, which is necessary to make him respected as an expounder of the Word of God, is developed.

"With one accord in one place" was the right antecedent to the effective preaching on the day of Pentecost. When young men with one life purpose in view associate together, the influence for good they have upon each other is a help in days to come. I thank God for the companionships of student-days.

The last condition must not be overlooked. This is well attended to. Good digestion is a requisite to study. There is a kind of psychophysical parallelism of the organs of bodily digestion with the organs of mental digestion.

May God bless the College in its noble work.

## Stop the Leakage.

By Fred. T. Saunders.

I gladly avail myself of the opportunity of the approaching Education Day to speak just a word for the College of the Bible. Whatever doubts may have been held as to its justification prior to its inauguration must have fled long ago, as its splendid results have been witnessed. It may not compare favorably at present with some of the American institutions in size either of buildings or staff, but given the support it deserves at the hands of the Australian brotherhood, in a short time it should more than hold its own. You can count on me every time to support the institution which will stop the leakage of our preachers to America.



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recitations, dialogues and songs was ably contributed by the scholars, Bro. Streader leading, and Sister S. Rooft acting as accompanist.—J.S.

**BRUNSWICK.**—Last Thursday the young people tendered a kitchen tea to Bro. Harry Jenkin and Sister Miss Eva Scott, who hope to be united in matrimony shortly. Bro. Way was the speaker to-day. A baptised believer was received in at the Lord's table at night.—W.T., Aug. 13.

**BOX HILL.**—Interest still well maintained. We have just had our building painted and the gas laid on, the result being that our home is now very comfortable and pleasant. Our receipts from all sources to date amount to £100. This, I think, speaks well for the energy shown by the members. We feel God is blessing his work in Box Hill. We have started a paper entitled "The People's Friend," from which we hope much good will result.—F.A.B.

**DONCASTER.**—At the close of Bro. J. Tully's in memoriam address on our late Sister Neal, we had four confessions—one married lady and three fine young men.—Geo. T. Petty.

**BRIM.**—The anniversary services of the church were celebrated on the 6th and 9th inst., with marked success. Bro. Swain, from Colac, spoke at the three services on the 6th. The afternoon and evening meetings were largely attended, and Bro. Swain in his usual spirit delivered forceful addresses. The tea and public meeting took place on the 9th inst., and proved a great function. The Brim tea is the function of the year, and being so famous, is looked for by everybody in the surrounding districts, some having driven 30 miles to be present. After tea the great crowd of people made their way to the chapel, and soon it proved to be too small, for some were unable to find room. At this meeting stirring addresses were given by the various speakers—Mr. Patterson, Methodist; Mr. Worboys, Baptist; Mr. Swain, and the undersigned. Mr. Cust, junr., of Beulah, occupied the chair.—W. Uren.

**BALLARAT.**—Bro. Tape, although in bed during the past few days with influenza, gave us an inspiring address this morning on "The Multituted Bible," Jer. 36: 22, 23, and to-night preached on "At Our Wits' End," Psa. 107: 27. At the close of his address one young man confessed Jesus Christ as Lord.—B., Aug. 13.

**LANCEFIELD.**—The Bible School celebrated its anniversary on Sunday afternoon and evening. J. W. Marrows, from Northcote, addressed the children and parents in the afternoon and also preached the gospel in the evening. The preachers' efforts were much appreciated by all who attended. The scholars rendered very acceptably some special songs at both services. On Monday evening, 14th, Bro. Marrows delighted a goodly audience with a very interesting lecture and recital entitled "A Night with Australian Poets and Authors."—A.C.F.

**NORTH FITZROY.**—News has just been received that Bro. James Groom, of the North Fitzroy church, who entered Drake University eight years ago, for the purpose of securing a medical degree, has succeeded in passing his final University examinations as well as the qualifying examination of the State Board, which entitles him to bear the distinction of M.D. He has now entered for a special surgery course at Harvard, after which he intends returning home. Our brother's success is a source of great joy to his parents and friends.—J.W.B.

## New South Wales.

**SEVEN HILLS.**—The work here is going on very quietly. We are, however, pleased to report the addition of two sisters (Misses Johnson) by letter from the Ann-st. church, in Brisbane. These ladies were with us some eight years ago, and we are very pleased to welcome them again.—G.L.P.

**MOSMAN.**—Large meetings all day on Sunday last, when A. G. Saunders, from U.S.A., commenced his work as evangelist of the Mosman church. He exhorted the church in the morning. At the gospel service, which was the largest yet held in Mosman he preached a powerful sermon on "John the Baptist." An enthusiastic welcome was given to Bro. Saunders at a social held on Wednesday evening. Bro. E. Gole was in the chair, and Bro. Oldfield welcomed Bro. Saunders on behalf of the church, and presented Bro. Lang with an illuminated address and purse of sovereigns as a mark of appreciation of his faithful work whilst we were without an evangelist. Bro. Lang suitably responded. Bro. Saunders gave an enthusiastic and stirring address, urging the members to whole-hearted service in the Lord's work. Musical and elocutionary items and refreshments completed a very successful gathering.—S.G., Aug. 11.

**HAMILTON.**—Bro. More addressed the members this morning, and the writer proclaimed the gospel. Sister Esther Lasbury has presented the church with some fine table linen. She is an earnest worker. The H.M. Committee have lent us a splendid communion set. We appreciate such help. Bro. More is now devoting his attention to the Bible Class, which numbers 17 at present. He intends to make it a century class, and is even game enough to challenge Auburn to be first to gain the hundred. Building Fund not quite dead yet, for we have received 10/- from Sister E. Lasbury, and 2/6 from Sister Burraston.—S. G. Goddard.

**HORNSBY.**—We are pleased to state that this morning we had the largest number we have had to surround the table since the opening of the building. We had a stirring address from W. Clay, of Auburn. W. J. Wilkins preached to a good meeting. Bros. Crawford, Webber, and Thompson are to fill up the preaching till we get the evangelist we are in communication with.—E. D. Andrews.

**NORTH SYDNEY.**—On Thursday, August 10, Mr. Jones, husband of Sister Jones, passed away after an operation following a long illness. On Sunday morning last Mr. Henderson, related to a number of our sisters, was also called home after a long and painful illness. Our warm sympathies go out to the bereaved ones, and we point them to him who can be a father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow. At the morning meeting last Sunday, we had the privilege of extending the right hand of fellowship to two sisters who came commended by letter from Enmore. Bro. Saunders addressed the meeting, and gave a splendid address on "A New Testament Disciple." In the Bible School preparations are being made for the forthcoming examinations. At the gospel meeting a splendid address was given by Bro. Saunders on "The Accepted Time."—W.J.M.

**ENMORE.**—Yesterday was Bible School anniversary. Good meeting in the morning, when Bro. Clydesdale spoke. In the afternoon a large gathering of parents and friends came to listen to our Bible School children. Dr. Verco presided, 100 from the Kindergarten sang a very pretty song; choruses by the main school; a solo from Miss Bloomfield; and a duet from Eva and Lois Walden, with an address on "Sin and Its Cure," by George T. Walden completed our programme. About 15 of the scholars took part in reading Scripture during the address, and it was quite a pretty sight to see some from the Kindergarten Class coming up to the platform to read their particular verse. This is the first time that the Bible School has had its own choir leader. We have usually had to call upon the leader of the church choir to conduct our practices and lead our anniversary choruses, but this year we secured Bro. Norman Clarkson, who has been brought up in our Sunday School first as a scholar, then as a teacher, and all who heard the singing were loud in their praises at the splendid work that Bro. Clarkson had done. The behavior of the children during the services was everything that could be desired and reflected the

greatest credit upon the officers and teachers of the school. At night our building was crowded, people filling the seats and aisles. One of the scholars and two ladies decided for Christ. We expect many others from the Sunday School shortly.—G.T.W.

## Here & There.

The College of the Bible has the right of way in this issue.

The Victorian Sisters' Prayer Meeting Committee will visit Windsor on Monday next, 21st inst., at 8 o'clock.

The Harward-Binney mission at Gore, N.Z., has closed with 48 decisions. The missionaries are now at work at Mataura.

H. G. Payne, of Christchurch, N.Z., has accepted an invitation to Hornsby, N.S.W. He begins work towards end of year.

The Austral is having some of the handbooks on "First Principles," by A. R. Main, bound in cloth. They can be had at 1/3 each, or post free, 1/4.

Several appreciations of the College have been crowded out, but will appear in subsequent issues. This also applies to some contributions and items of news.

We are sorry to hear that W. R. C. Jarvis, of Hobart, is suffering from appendicitis. In our last issue a mistake was made in the name—Jones instead of Jarvis.

H. Swain, having resigned his position on the Victorian Home Mission Committee to enter the field as a Home Missionary, A. R. Lyall was appointed to fill the vacancy thus created.

The Richmond-Tweed Rivers District annual Conference will be held in Lismore (N.S.W.), on Wednesday, October 11th. All who are able to attend are lovingly invited.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Victorian Bible School Union will be held next Wednesday, August 23, in the Christian chapel, Swanston-st., lecture hall, at 8 p.m.—J. Y. Potts, Hon. Sec.

Churches and brethren in the Richmond-Tweed Rivers (N.S.W.), District, are reminded that five weeks' notice in writing of all business to be brought forward, should be given. Send all such to E. A. Parker, Keen-st., Lismore, to reach him not later than September 6.

The Australasian Student Christian Union has just held a missionary conference in Melbourne, and at one of the sessions about half the audience were students from the College of the Bible, who thoroughly enjoyed the excellent addresses delivered. Some of the students attend all of the four sessions.

S. Mudge, of Wellington, N.Z., writes:—"A rather important portion of my report of the welcome meeting to Bro. and Sister Hadfield was omitted, viz., that Bro. H. gave us a fine descriptive address of the mission field and work in South Africa. The report reads as if Bro. Hadfield didn't speak, whereas he was the principal speaker."

R. J. House writes:—"Would you kindly correct an error in Broken Hill report in last week's issue, which should read as follows: The land and building, when finished, will cost us about £240. £130 on loan from S.A. Building Fund Committee, the balance, £110, by gifts and loans from members."

The H.M. rally at North Fitzroy on the 9th inst. was a great success. The building was crowded to overflowing. J. W. Baker presided, and addresses on Victorian Home Mission work were delivered by Mrs. E. Davies, H. Kingsbury, W. H. Allen, of America, and T. Bagley. Pictures of some of our Home Missionaries and



views of the chapel built in a day proved interesting. North Fitzroy is a live Home Mission church. The meeting was calculated to inspire all with the great importance of building up the work in Victoria.

**The Chapel Built in a Day.**—Preparations for the erection of the chapel at North Auburn, New South Wales, are proceeding rapidly. Bro. W. H. Terry, architect, of the Enmore church, is preparing the plans, and will superintend the work. Bro. Danc, of Lilyville, has charge of the plumbers, and Bro. Credington, of Paddington, will direct the painters. Over 40 tradesmen are pledged already. Wanted, 20 more carpenters, 10 painters, and 12 plumbers. Men, enroll at once. Send names to F. Collins, evangelist, "Eynsford," Edgar-st., Auburn, at once. A prominent builder of our district has offered to release 50 carpenters employed by him for that day if we can find men to pay them the day's wage. If you are not a carpenter, have your man at work on the job. Send 12/6 to F. Collins. As soon as sufficient men are enrolled, the men will be called together in a meeting, and the scheme of erection laid before them.

S.A. preachers' meeting was held at Grote-st., on Monday. Very good reports of the work were given. A very interesting letter was read from Bro. Alfred Seddon, Paris, speaking of his work in Paris. It is a work calculated to tell in the days to come. One great difficulty is experienced in the finances and Bro. Seddon will gladly welcome any offering for his work. Confessions reported—Mile End, Norwood, Semaphore, Grote-st., one each; York, two. A discussion followed on the topic of Bro. Thomas' remarks of last Monday on "How to Improve the Finances of the Church." This discussion will, we hope, produce good, as it is considered the finances of our churches might be considerably improved upon. Great stress was laid on the need of weekly offerings for missions. It is done for local expenses; why not for other work? A very interesting discussion followed on tithing, when some practical matters were presented.

**Students in Conference.**—An enjoyable time was spent by the students on August 10 and 11, attending a Missionary Conference in connection with the Theological Branch of the A.S.C.U. About sixty students from the various theological colleges of Melbourne met together to discuss world-wide evangelism. Among the speakers were the Chinese Consul-General, Mr. Sutton, a Baptist missionary from India, and Mr. F. Patton, M.A.B.D., the Presbyterian F.M. Secretary. The final meeting took the form of a dinner and social gathering at Sargent's Cafe. Professor Rentoul gave a stirring speech on "Modern Movements, and Their Relation to the Christian Ministry." His address was followed by a few words from the Principals of the various colleges represented in the Conference. It was inspiring to recognise that such a number of men of various schools of thought could join together to consider the extension of God's kingdom in the regions beyond. Surely the time is not distant when the Church of Christ will be united in its service. Those meetings were indeed an example of the truth stated in the speech of Mr. Main: "The nearer we get to Christ, the nearer we will be to one another."—A.J.F.

A welcome meeting to Bro. and Sister W. H. Allen was held in the Christian chapel, Swanston-st., Melbourne, on Monday night last. W. H. Allen has taken up the work in Swanston-st., and was given a hearty welcome by the representative gathering which filled the chapel to the full extent of its seating capacity. R. Lyall occupied the chair, and T. Bagley opened the meeting with prayer. The chairman stated that he had received quite a number of letters welcoming Bro. and Sister Allen, which lack of time would not permit him to read. Mrs. E. Davies, on behalf of the sisters of the church, spoke words of welcome to Mrs. Allen, and presented her with a basket of Australian flowers. Addresses of welcome were also delivered by the following brethren:—F. G. Dunn, on behalf of the Swanston-st.

church; C. M. Gordon, as President of the Victorian Conference; F. M. Ludbrook, President of the F.M. Committee; T. B. Fischer, President of the S.S. Union; A. R. Main, Principal of the College; H. Kingsbury and Gifford Gordon, representing the preachers of the city and country respectively. Bro. Allen, in responding to the great welcome he had received, expressed the hope that a good work would be done in connection with the church at Swanston-st., also his conviction that a great future lay before the Churches of Christ in Australia. Prayer by P. A. Dickson brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

## Herbert Moninger.



Herbert Moninger.

his thirty-fifth year, yet, if accomplishments count, he had lived longer than most men who die at seventy. He was a man of sympathetic nature, childlike faith, and tremendous industry. For several years past he has been editor of the Standard Sunday School helps. His most conspicuous work was in popularising teacher training. Here, as elsewhere, his success was secured by attempting a very simple, definite and necessary task, and advocating it with genial enthusiasm, persistence and resourcefulness. Whenever at any time in the future the story of the great Bible School activities of the Disciples of Christ is related, one of the names to be written first will be that of Herbert Moninger. He was married most happily to Miss Grace Cooper, of his native county. Twin daughters of kindergarten age bless and tax her widowhood. Next year Bro. Moninger was to have conducted a party to Palestine, and many were interested in the proposed "Moninger Tour of the Bible Lands." But God had other plans for him. The Holy Land has claimed him already.

## The Society of Christian Endeavor.

### PEACE IN BELIEVING.

Topic for August 28.  
Daily Readings.

Faith unshaken. Psa. 46: 1-5.  
Peace undisturbed. Isa. 26: 1-4.  
Faith nestling. Psa. 91: 1-4.  
Peace guarding. Phil. 4: 6, 7 (R.V.).  
Faith in germ. Matt. 17: 18-20; Mark 9: 24.  
Peace in fruition. Psa. 37: 11; 72: 7.

Topic—Peace in Believing. Rom. 5: 1-5; 15: 13.  
What is the Bible definition of faith?  
Explain the relation of peace to faith.  
Give some personal experiences of the subject.

The South Richmond Church of Christ Y.P.S.C.E. held their 9th anniversary on Sunday, August 6. Bro. Gibson took the opening exercises, whilst the Scripture readings were given by Bren. F. Sumpton and J. Gordon. A solo was sung by Bro. F. Jones, from the College, and the Endeavor choir, under the leadership of Mr. G. Nicholls, rendered two very nice anthems. The evangelist, W. L. Jones, delivered an appropriate address. On the following Tuesday the celebra-

tions were continued. Quite a large number of societies responded at the roll call, whilst others sent along greetings: After the singing of two pieces by the Endeavors, and the reading of the report by the secretary, T. B. Fischer delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture, illustrated by lantern views on missionary efforts in foreign lands.—F.S.

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## COMING EVENTS.

AUGUST 22.—And every Tuesday. The Kindergarten Lectures continue at the Swanston-st. lecture hall, and are highly instructive and profitable. Kindergarten methods have come to stay and prospective Kindergartners and all Bible School teachers interested are invited to attend these lectures.

AUGUST 22 (Tuesday).—The Cheltenham Christian Endeavor Society hold their anniversary on next Tuesday at 8 o'clock. Speaker, Bro. J. E. Allan, the President of the C.E. Union. A good programme is arranged. All are invited to the gathering. Supper at close.

AUGUST 29 (Tuesday).—The Annual meeting of the Churches of Christ Cricket Association will be held on Tuesday evening, August 29, 1911, in the Lygon-st. schoolroom at 8 p.m. Any clubs desirous of joining the Association may receive any information from A. Hagger, 68 Freeman-st., North Fitzroy. Delegates please note.

## MARRIAGE.

ANDREWS—PRATT.—On July 26, at the Church of Christ, Durham-st., Christchurch, N.Z., by D. M. McCracken, evangelist, Lilian Helen Pratt, third daughter of John Pratt, Wedderburn, to Stanley John Andrews, third son of Charles Andrews, Launceston, Tasmania.

## IN MEMORIAM.

ROWLES.—In loving memory of our dear mother who passed peacefully away at Westgarth, on August 18, 1910.

—Inserted by her loving children.

GOLE.—In loving memory of my dear friend, Mrs. Thomas Gole, who was called home, Aug. 22nd, 1909.

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## Obituary.

**GALT.**—Bro. James Galt, of "Mavis Bank," passed to his rest on July 28. His health had not been good for some time, and about a fortnight before the end he underwent a serious operation. Bro. Galt has been associated with the church here for about a quarter of a century. His home was noted far and wide for generous hospitality; and all the preachers who have labored with the church here have cause to hold our late brother in kindly remembrance. Passing visitors, too were also made heartily welcome. He was but 66 years of age, and we had hoped he would have been spared to us some years longer. We commend the sorrowing widow and family to the God of all comfort, who alone is able to console in such heart-gripping grief.

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**WERE.**—The first gap in the ranks of the newly constituted church at Prospect has been occasioned by the passing of our esteemed Bro. H. W. Were, at the age of 67. Arriving from Bristol, England, some 30 years ago, he at first identified himself with the Baptists, but in 1899 threw in his lot with the brethren here, and has since been a most consistent and faithful member of the church. Of him it might be truly said—"Diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." For the past 14 months our friend's failing health has prevented his attendance at the Lord's table, but a brotherly visit and chat, with Bible reading and prayer, was a constant delight to him. The end came on Monday, August 7, in the presence of most of the family. To the bereaved, several of whom are in fellowship with us, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Prospect, S.A.

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**GASS.**—Mrs. Emily Gass died on June 30, 1911. She had been a sufferer many months, and the call of the Master to rest and home came as a happy release to a worn-out pilgrim. She had only been a member of Grote-st. for about a year, but those who knew her had learned to esteem her for her faithful and earnest Christian life. She had reached the age of 59 years, and did not leave a single relative as far as we can learn. She was cared for in her loneliness by many to whom it was a joy to be of service to her. The few shillings she had were left to the Foreign Mis-

sion offering, and were put into this the day after we laid her wasted body in the West Terrace Cemetery. We know she is with her Lord.  
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