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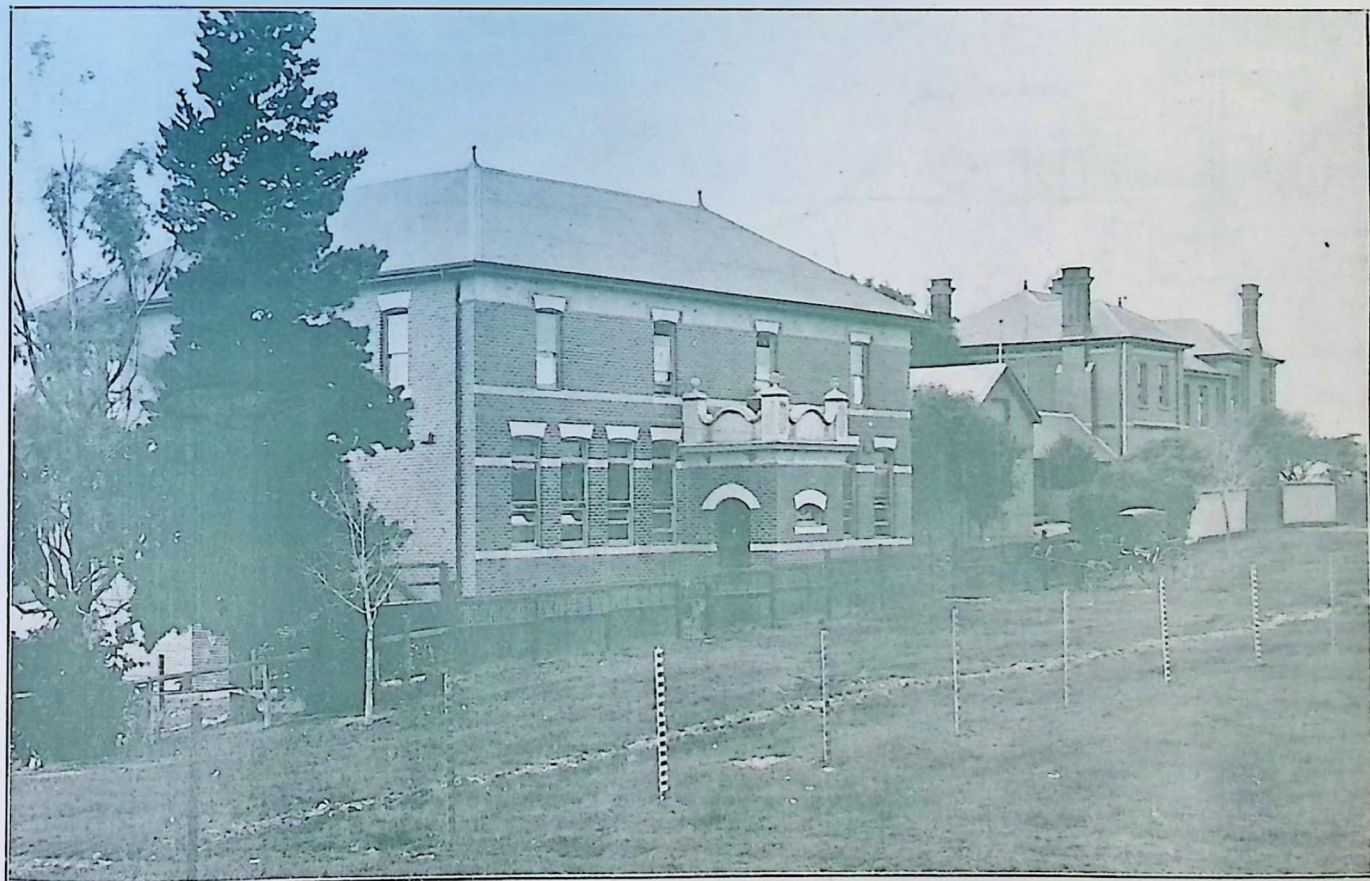
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THE COLLEGE

Its Past, Present, Future.

By A. R. Main, M.A.

This subject has been suggested to me, presumably in the belief, well founded, that knowledge is the gateway to interest. Information results in inspiration. It will be impossible in one short article to tell much concerning our experiences, our condition, and our hopes.

Historical.

The College has but little history. It is yet an infant, being now in its eighth year. On Feb. 19, 1907, with two associate teachers and twenty-one students, the College commenced its work. Sixteen of these students came from Victoria; two from New South Wales, and one each from South Australia, West Australia and New Zealand. Of these men, ten are now engaged in evangelistic work in the Commonwealth and New Zealand, and one, Bro. A. B. Chappell, represents us in the New Hebrides. J. I. Mudford is Secretary of the Federal Foreign Missionary Executive Committee, and W. Gale is State Organising Secretary in New South Wales.

The following subjects were taught from the first: Old Testament History, New Testament History, Homiletics, Christian Evidences and English. Early in 1907 a third teacher was engaged for secular work. About the middle of the year, H. G. Harward, one of the first teachers, accepted the position of principal, the duties of which office he capably discharged until November, 1910.

During 1907 and 1908 classes were held in a house in Rathdown-st., Carlton, which could be regarded as only moderately well suited to College requirements. Some of the students boarded on the premises; others made their own arrangements elsewhere. In 1909, when instruction was given in the lecture room of Lygon-st. church, no boarding facilities were provided by the College authorities. It has to be confessed that, while the best was done that then seemed possible, the result was not satisfactory; men suffered in health, a large percentage of students discontinued on account of this, and studies generally were greatly interfered with. These unsatisfactory conditions doubtless account for the fact that in 1910 twenty-six students enrolled, as compared with thirty-three for 1909.

In 1910, however, an advance movement of great importance took place. The location of the College was changed to Glen Iris, to a larger building with four and a half acres of ground attached. Here, from the first, students had better facilities for study, conservation of health, and the companionship and Christian fellowship which have much to do with the value of a college

tional accommodation had to be provided, and three small rooms were erected. Still there was urgent need of extension, and the Board of Management decided to erect new class rooms and dormitories. A commodious building was entered into in August, 1912.

Things as they are.

Thanks to the workers and helpers of these early years, we rejoice in our present happy position. We are located in a delightful suburb, with fine class rooms, good, healthy surroundings, plenty of fresh air, room and opportunity for recreation. Nearly thirteen acres of ground give scope for all needed exercise. Step by step with our improvement in opportunity has gone improvement in work. But little announcement has been made of it, but the brethren have my assurance that the standard of work required is rising year by year, and that students generally are putting in good, earnest, diligent work, showing their appreciation of the facilities provided. For this year we have had a total enrolment of fifty-six. There are at the present time forty students in residence; we also have seven extra-mural students. Two of these are ladies preparing for service in the foreign field. It is interesting to compare the State representation with that of our opening year. 16 out of 21 in 1907 were Victorians; in 1914, with a total of 56 students, the States were thus represented: South Australia, 20; Victoria, 14; New South Wales, 10; Queensland, 8; Western Australia, 2; Tasmania, 1; New Zealand, 1.

Our teaching staff numbers five, viz.: A. R. Main, M.A.; H. E. Knott, M.A.; J. S. Taylor, B.A.; F. H. Samson, and J. Howlett Ross, F.S.S.; A.F.I.A., the last-named of whom conducts a weekly class in elocution. The happiest of relations exist between teacher and teacher, student and student, and faculty and students. All teachers report good work on the part of the average student.

Special mention must be made of our Organising Secretary, Bro. Reg. Enniss. Those who know him, his worth and work, are confident that his association with the College will continue to further the interests of



Principal Main, M.A.

course. These advantages were at once fruitful in a great increase in the number of students.

At the end of 1910, H. G. Harward gave up his College work to enter the evangelistic field. A. R. Main was appointed principal, and C. M. Gordon teacher. Bro. Gordon undertook also the duties of organising secretary, and carried them out in a way which greatly advanced College interests.

Forty-three students were in attendance in 1911, an increase of 65 per cent. on that of the previous year. Immediately, addi-

the institution and greatly help its progress in days to come.

One of the great advantages at Glen Iris, as compared with former locations, is the care of the health. Tennis court, cricket field, and garden are instruments in this. The domestic arrangements are satisfactory to all the students, who find the club system work well, giving abundance of good food at a low rate of expense. Since our men generally make considerable financial sacrifices in order to prepare to devote their lives to the service of Christ and the church, we are glad that their expenses here are very much less than is usually the case with students. If a man have £30, he can finance a College year.

While our students study, they also preach. Out of the forty-five men now in attendance, twenty-three have regular preaching appointments for which they receive remuneration; and in addition nine are employed as Sunday School workers, visitors, etc. It would greatly surprise me to learn that any similar institution has over seventy per cent. of its students thus in remunerative church employment.

We are pleased to report that the College possesses a growing library. Annual collections at our Demonstration and individual gifts from sympathetic brethren have contributed to this. Bren. C. L. Thurgood and T. H. Jennings bequeathed to us a large number of most valuable books. We take this opportunity of acknowledging, also, the kindness of our esteemed Bro. H. D. Smith, who has just forwarded to us one hundred and sixty volumes from his library.

Mention should be made of the College Magazine, a capital little bi-monthly paper published by the students. All during the years this has been at once a means of developing editorial and journalistic ability which will help the cause we love, and of stimulating interest in the College. The present editors are C. Schwab and A. Garnett (S.A.), while J. T. Clark (N.S.W.) is the business manager. The paper is sent post free for 1/6 per annum.

Ere we turn from past and present achievement to hope for the future, it will not, I think, be inappropriate for me to direct the attention of the brotherhood to our indebtedness to the Board of Management, who, under the presidency of Bro. F. G. Dunn, have guided the destinies of the College during all the past years. These men have given much thought and time and practical help to this institution. They will naturally not feel disposed to emphasise this; but we ought to recognise that one great factor in the progress of our work lies in this, that we have had continuity of management. Changes are not good in the history of young institutions. The brotherhood have from year to year wisely retained the services of the same able and devoted men.

Our hope and prospect.

Past achievement is a pledge of future progress. We hope to continue to merit the confidence of the brethren. Prospects are bright, as they ever are to those who are

sure their work is in line with the purposes of God. Under the blessing of God, our future depends upon the following: First, on wise direction on the part of the College Board. Next, on the teachers and the quality of their work. As the years go by, those who teach must endeavor to give better and still better instruction. I could wish that there might be made an extension of the College curriculum, which would be possible only with an increased staff. In the third place, the men who come to us and who go from us will doubtless have most to do with the College future. We require many more men if we are to overtake the demand. We ask for men of consecration, good physique, first rate mental ability, of proved fitness for the work, who will be willing to spend years in preparation in the College, and later, if possible, in the University. One of the best signs for the future is found in the fact that a number of our present students have in view this extension of their studies. These are men of brains, full of faith and zeal. We wish them every success, and hope much from them. Lastly, the future of the College lies with the brotherhood. Help and sympathy now will assure success. We ask for prayer on behalf of all who are engaged in the work. We make special request for a continuance and increase, if possible, of financial support. Let not the immediate future of the College be darkened because of a temporary depression. The brethren, perhaps especially the preachers, can help most effectively by encouraging the best young men in the church to undertake the work of preaching the gospel. Men doubtless should volunteer, but it would violate no New Testament principle to encourage those eminently fitted to prepare for the wider service! Again, the brethren at large could help by encouraging men to stay as long as possible in College. Every year, overtures are made to students who have not finished a course, and inducements are presented to them to leave study and accept engagements. No more certain way of injuring the College or hurting the future career of a student, and his usefulness in the Master's cause, could well be devised. We wish all our men, for their own sake and the work's sake, to complete a course. In addition, may I make a very special appeal to all concerned—church secretaries and State Committees—that when they are thinking of engaging a student, or one who is thought to have been a student, they first write to the College Secretary or Principal? Some men who have been with us but a few months, some who have done practically no study, have been accepted as if they were College graduates, and that without the word of inquiry which would have saved the church some trouble and the College much injury. In the interests of students who do good work, I ask that we be consulted.

We have reviewed the past, reported the present, expressed our hopes. Success has attended our work. We gratefully acknowledge the blessing of our heavenly Father, and the sympathetic care He has put into the minds and hearts of his children. To all

helpers we extend our thanks. We are proud of the students and the brotherhood in whose interests we labor. Past sympathy enables us to face the future with optimism. We pray God to continue to bless our College.

Editorial Notes

Education.

"Education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper and form the manners and habits of youth, and fit them for usefulness in their future stations." So says Webster. Biblical education, of course, as provided in our College at Glen Iris, is designed to fit the student for usefulness in church work. About fifty are receiving training with this end in view, the great majority of whom purpose to devote their lives to the proclamation of the gospel. Just what this means to our future in Australasia cannot be estimated. One thing, however, is clear: these men, with very few exceptions, will spend their lives here. We have in days gone by sent scores of our brainiest young men to American Colleges, and to-day many of them are filling American pulpits, and are lost to our country. While we rejoice in their success in the United States, we can but regret that their talents are not being used in their native land.

Will the College Pay?

We fear that some of our readers do not fully appreciate the value of our Bible College. In evangelistic work, whether wholly local or co-operative, the returns for money spent are generally immediate. There is an inspiration and consequent enthusiasm associated with such effort that appeals to our pockets as well as to our intellects, and the direct visible results readily stimulate liberality. But in college work the growth is slower; young men devote long years to study, and the money used for this purpose does not return immediate dividends. And yet a very little reflection should satisfy the dullest contributor of the value of his investment. How is our evangelistic work to be maintained unless we have a supply of evangelists? And how is that supply to be maintained without our College? It is true that a few men untrained in either American or Australian Bible Colleges are doing good service, but the number is very limited, and these men would be the first to acknowledge the need of a college. Moreover, the times demand that our preachers should be educated men. It is not necessary at this late day to argue in favor of an educated ministry. We cannot look to America for many preachers. In the first place they are all needed there, and in the second our churches are not, generally speaking, in a financial position to pay the expenses of transit from America to Australia. Then, again, when

they come, they are not permanent assets, as they seldom remain long. If the supply is to be kept up, they must be trained in Australia. Hence the existence and prosperity of an Australian College are absolutely essential to the growth of our work in this country.

A Question of Loyalty.

The special appeal for the College of the Bible is made this year under peculiar disadvantages. The disastrous European war has largely affected Australian commerce and employment. Our minds, also, are so much occupied with war news and prospects that we are likely to overlook the needs of the College. And yet, if the people of the Commonwealth and Dominion are prepared to send forth their tens of thousands of men and provide hundreds of thousands sterling for their support, out of loyalty to the Empire, the subjects of the King of kings should not hesitate to equip and send out young men to fight the good fight of faith. Important as the present war undoubtedly is, the war in which, as subjects of King Jesus, we are engaged, is even more so, and the issues are greater. So far the conflict in which our nation is unhappily involved is practically confined to one continent, while that between the forces of evil and righteousness is world-wide. Moreover, the sanguinary struggle in Europe will be over in a few years at most, while the greater war will continue to be waged until the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. The results of this war, too, will extend beyond this age. Now, if we really believe all this, we shall be at least as anxious to equip men to lead on the hosts of the Lord as to provide soldiers for the army of King George. Let every loyal subject of the King avail himself of the opportunity afforded on Lord's day, Oct. 4, and let every church provide the opportunity by taking up an offering for the College on that date.

American Disciples and Colleges.

One of the principal causes of the success of the plea for primitive Christianity in the United States has been and is the educational equipment of the leaders in the movement. There have been such men as Elder John Smith and Benjamin Franklin, men of meagre education, who have yet attained prominence by reason of intellectual and spiritual power, but the principal men, as a whole, have been men of learning, as were Thomas and Alexander Campbell, B. W. Stone, and Walter Scott. A. Campbell realised early in his great work that if it were to be permanently progressive, it must be advocated by cultured preachers. Hence his splendid school, Bethany College, which has done so much for the cause. There are now a number of universities and colleges conducted or controlled by the American brotherhood and supported with large sums of money. One of the latest of these is Phillips Bible Institute, only two years old. For building and endowment the family of the late T. W. Phillips will give one dollar for every two raised until the total reaches

The Passing of Our Editor

We regret to have to chronicle the death of Bro. F. G. Dunn. Our worthy Editor has dropped his pen and ceased his earthly service. For weeks past he has waged an unequal fight for life. He wanted to live that he might further serve, but God wanted His child where they serve Him day and night, and when the call came, he cheerfully answered. Up to the last he manifested a keen interest in all the great concerns of the brotherhood, and it can be truthfully said of him, he was tired in the work of God, but never tired of it. In serene faith he went out to meet his Saviour in this the fiftieth year of his Christian service.

The esteemed family of Bro. Dunn have lost a kind father; Sister Dunn has parted with the devoted husband of nearly thirty-three years, and the brotherhood mourns the loss of one of its truest, sanest, noblest men. No wonder he was honored above his fellows—he was worthy. We cannot say just how much we owe to our dear departed brother, but we can thank God upon our remembrance of him, and be grateful for the influence and inspiration of his good life among us for half a century.

Next week's issue of our paper will contain Bro. Dunn's last message to his brethren, together with some tributes from those whose privilege and pleasure it has been to know him long and intimately. Meanwhile let us commend all sorrowing ones to God, and pray that He will continue to guide the brotherhood that has lost so wise and so brave a leader.

300,000—£60,000—and a successful financial campaign is now on. Texas Christian University received over £40,000 in cash and pledges last year. Of Drake University we read that "during the final months of the last school year £45,000 was pledged to meet pressing needs and prepare the way for a larger growth." During the past year J. J. Hill promised £10,000 to the funds of the Eugene Bible University if the brotherhood will raise £40,000 more within a specified time, which is sure to be done. Such reports indicate the interest taken in our colleges in America. Has not the time come for us to realise more fully our obligations in Australia and New Zealand in this respect?

College Grades for Second Term, 1914.

Good work is being done by nearly all the students. Those named in the following list are counted by their respective teachers worthy of special mention, having secured 80 per cent. or over. It has to be borne in mind that others besides these did satisfactory work, gaining a pass, though not securing honors.

New Testament.—W. F. Nankivell, 91; G. H. Oldfield, 90; A. J. Ingham, 89; A. Garnett, 88; Miss Blake, J. Clark, and L. McCallum, 87 (equal); H. Coventry and A. Crisp, 86 (equal); J. E. Webb, 85. 12 others passed.

Church History.—G. H. Oldfield, 90; W. F. Nankivell, 88; H. Coventry, 85. 4 others passed.

Logic.—F. E. J. Smith, 92. 6 others passed.

Psychology.—W. E. Reeve, 86. 11 others passed.

Old Testament.—Miss Blake, A. J. Ingham and A. Garnett, 94 (equal); G. H. Oldfield, 92; H. R. Coventry, J. E. Webb, A. Crisp, Miss Redman, L. Verco and L. McCallum, 91 (equal); W. F. Nankivell, 90; W. R. Hibburt, 89; C. R. Brough and D. A. Cockroft, 87 (equal). 7 others passed.

Missions and Comparative Religion.—A. J. Ingham and A. Garnett, 95 (equal); Miss Blake and Miss Redman, 93 (equal); G. H. Oldfield, A. J. Wedd and W. F. Nankivell, 92 (equal); J. E. Webb and L. Verco, 91 (equal); A. C. Crisp and H. R. Coventry, 90 (equal); W. R. Hibburt and J. Clark, 89 (equal); H. G. Henderson and C. R. Brough, 88 (equal); R. Graham and K. M. Bowen, 87 (equal). 3 others passed.

Hermeneutics.—H. Clark and R. Arnott, 93 (equal); A. J. Wedd, 92; D. A. Cockroft and W. H. Hinrichsen, 91 (equal); L. Anderson and W. E. Reeve, 90 (equal); F. E. J. Smith, 89. 2 others passed.

Apologetics.—Miss Blake and R. Arnott, 92 (equal); H. Clark, 91; L. Anderson and D. A. Cockroft, 90 (equal); A. J. Wedd, 89; W. E. Reeve and F. E. J. Smith, 87 (equal); W. H. Hinrichsen, 86. 3 others passed.

English History (Senior).—H. Patter-

son and J. Whelan, 92 (equal); F. Sivyver, 90; Miss Redman, 86.

English History (Junior).—3 passed.

English History (Prep.).—R. Killey, 94; H. Crowden, 90. 3 others passed.

Arithmetic.—H. Patterson, 99; F. Sivyver, 88. 4 others passed.

Arithmetic (Prep.).—R. Killey, 95; H. Crowden, 91; F. Cornelius and J. Warren, 88 (equal). 1 other passed.

Algebra.—H. Patterson, 100; S. C. Curtis, 94; F. Sivyver, 88; B. W. Wendorf, 87. 4 others passed.

Geometry.—H. Patterson, 90. 5 others passed.

Geometry (Prep.).—J. Warren, 99. 3 others passed.

Greek.—3 passed.

Latin.—B. W. Wendorf, 91.

English I.—A. J. Ingham, 90½. 8 others passed.

English II.—Miss Blake, 85½. 8 others passed.

English III.—A. Garnett, 89½. 15 others passed.

Ancient History.—A. Garnett, 90; A. J. Ingham, 89; A. Crisp, L. Verco and A. J. Wedd, 88½ (equal). 8 others passed.

Elocution I.—11 passed.

Elocution II.—E. Sprigg, 86. 15 others passed.

—A. R. Main.

Has the College Justified its Existence?

By H. G. Harward.

To this question there can be but one answer. It has almost eight years of splendid history. Those years have been full of a vitality expressive of more than "existence." The College has lived. To-day it possesses all the qualities which indicate vigorous, robust life.

It has justified its existence by the contribution it has already made to the preaching force of the churches. In every State of the Commonwealth, in the Dominion of New Zealand, and in the regions beyond there are representatives of the College. These men are not the least esteemed of the workers in these different fields. They are doing a work which is bringing precious souls to Jesus, glorifying God, exalting Christ, and at the same time reflecting honor upon our training institution. How many vacant fields there would be if these men had not been equipped, and responded to the call. If the College never did any more than to send the present workers out into these needy fields, its establishment would not have been a mistake.

And this is only a beginning. Visit the College. Get acquainted with its consecrated teaching staff; look into the faces of its earnest band of students; catch the spirit which animates the whole institution, and you will be fully satisfied that the future possibilities of the College justify its existence. The work in Australasia is a growing work. The more rapid its development

the more incessant the call for workers and preachers. Apart from the College we have little hope of securing these. Our hope is in Glen Iris, as the means God has given us whereby the great need of preachers of the word may be supplied.

Its faithfulness to the Book and to the ideals of the Restoration movement are further justification for its existence. At the beginning many feared that the school would be a sort of factory turning out men who would gain cheap applause by liberalising the gospel, or popularise the plea by disparaging the service of the pioneers of the movement with which the Churches of Christ are identified. Such, however, has not been the case. The graduates of Glen Iris are not only qualified men, but better still, they are loyal. They have not sought popularity by trimming the gospel sails to popular breezes. Their message rings true to the divine standard.

The College is worthy of the best we all can give it in the annual offering. Let each congregation respond, and every member give. At all times it needs your sympathy and prayers. But just remember that on October 4 it needs your cash; therefore, give, and liberally.

The Increasing Need of Preachers.

By Alan Price, B.A.

The schoolmaster is abroad. The population is increasing. Prosperity has made the nation more critical and yet less concerned about religion. These form a trio of solid reasons why the Church of Christ should redouble her efforts to win souls.

Secular education must be met by religious education. The men on our watchtower must be capable of keeping in view the trend of secular thought. Spurious thought must be detected and scientific confirmation of the Scriptures availed of to the fullest extent. The business man and the mechanic have not the time to devote to such matters, which can only be thoroughly dealt with by specialists in this particular line.

The natural increase in the population must be more than met by an increase in the preaching staff. We have laid ourselves out to evangelise the world, but our work will never be accomplished unless the workers increase at a greater rate than the population. The rapidly growing suburbs of our great cities demand our attention. The church that comes early generally gets the ear of the people. One year from now will do more towards the establishment of a cause than three years later on when the field is occupied by others. With the spread of railways and the extension of the cultivated area, the country towns are assuming a greater importance. Many we have never touched, and many we shall never touch, unless we expand our preachers roll.

It is everyone's duty to preach in some form or other. How far his duty will carry him in that direction can only be ascertained

by trying. His point of failure will then define the limit of his usefulness in that respect, but it is astonishing how far forward the failure point can be pushed if one will only submit his talents to the test.

The third point as to the prosperity of the people being a hindrance to the spread of the gospel is best deferred till the Lord has shown his purpose in permitting the present disastrous war. It may be that, for a time, our prosperity will be circumscribed, and troubled hearts will seek the consolation of a Saviour. In this case also the demand for preachers will be great. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Why an Educated Ministry?

By Geo. E. Moore, M.A.

The sovereign interest which this number of the "Australian Christian" represents is an educated ministry. The subject, like the New Jerusalem, lies four-square, and has twelve gates, through any one of which one may make his approach to the imperial throne. Above the gate I have been asked to enter is written the great adverb, "Why?" I ask you, therefore, to step within this royal city where an answer is written large in suggestive and arresting phrases.

The times demand an educated ministry. The age in which we live is an age controlled by the microscope, the telescope, and the spectroscope; it is an age of investigation, experiment and observation. The "scientific laboratory" is an expression written large over our modern life. As a result of such disinterested thinking, problems like frogs from the Nile come up to vex the man of faith. Here is a man confused, and there is a man who is sceptical! Here is a man of cosmopolitan belief, and there is a man whose heart is beating with loud alarm! The vocabulary of this age is crowded full with such words as "Higher Criticism," "New Theology," "Scientific Investigation," "German Speculation," "Evolution," etc., all trespassing on the domain and giving an interpretation of religion. There has resulted from this a wide-spread state of mental confusion, and in the midst of confused and conflicting voices the Christian preacher must find his place, and be able to give a reason for the foundation of hope welling up in his own heart. As we, putting all sentimental reasons in the background, face the modern world with its perplexing problems, only one method of successful approach is possible. We must therefore demand an educated ministry; a preacher who knows something of the tidal movements of modern thought, and can, in the light of such thought, give an intelligible reason for his faith. The mind of the preacher is God's candlestick, from which the luminous wick shall send its beams across the face of mankind. The Christian preacher must be the interpreter of modern thought! It is possible, of course, to banish these problems as a sphinx whose fortune is hidden. We may ever successfully silence

the questioner for a while. *But this does not answer him*, and any inward calm gained in this way at the hands of official directors is dearly bought, for the earnest mind will again fall down before the sphinx and torment it for its answer. Why should a church stand by paralysed and embarrassed while the mind of man is working miracles in industry and commerce? The preacher, with consecrated areas of grey matter, must boldly enter the world of thought which takes in "earth beneath, and air and sky above, man about and God within," and translate them in terms of service which "welcomes tasks, and counts duty done its own glad reward." "The world of thought and full service" is my simple answer to the query, "Why an educated ministry?"

Education and Missions.

By Dr. W. E. Macklin.

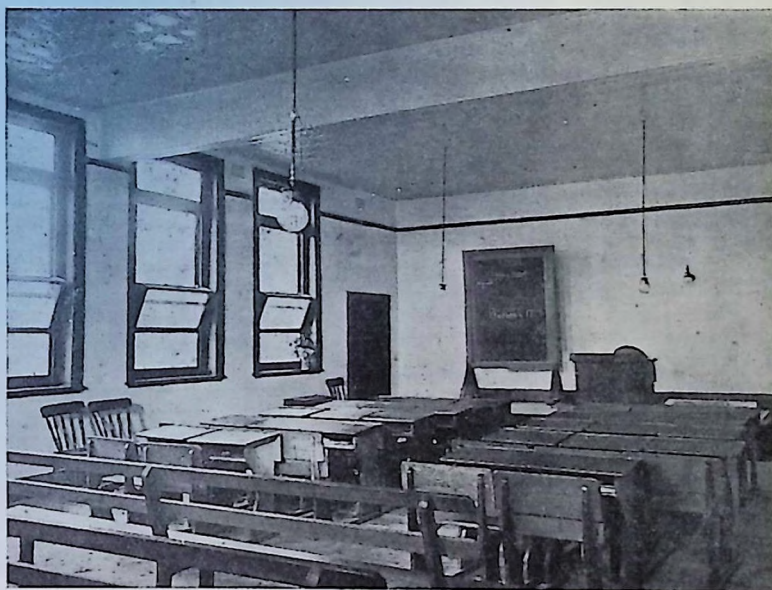
Incorporated under the University of the State of New York, Nanking University represents a union for educational purposes of the Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian and Church of Christ Missions of the United States. You may say that this University is a successful effort to unite the different missions in Union Institutional work. In the University proper there are only three missions at present working, but in the Union medical college and hospital there are eight missions. In this work there is no attempt to proselytise, but each body follows its individual conscience in matters of doctrine. The plant must be worth nearly £100,000, and there have been subscriptions lately amounting to £50,000. A firm of architects in America loaned the services of an expert to make a plan for the central building of the University. The University has hitherto not been up to the standard of Home Universities, and some of the departments are not started yet, but the aim will be to give as thorough a course as in our State Universities. The Christian hospital and plant will be used as the Union Medical College Hospital. At present there are ten foreign doctors, most of them getting ready to teach in the Medical College. The theological schools of Nanking have also united together, and have been working for a few years without friction. We hold Union evangelistic services, and the Presbyterian constituents go to the Presbyterian constituency, the Methodist constituents go to the Methodist constituency, and our converts go to our constituency. There are no hindrances in choosing a church home.

The Bible and religious teaching are very carefully attended to. We hope that gradually all the departments of the University will be fully represented. We are working now to establish an agricultural department, and a professor is just coming from home. Prof. Bailey, in the famine colonisation work, is establishing experimental stations. It is an excellent thing to unite all institutional work, and leave the preachers of the gospel free for preaching. The Institution being larger and better equipped would be much more effective. The best way to bring

about Christian Union is not by argument and strife, but by working together. In China the Bible was translated by union effort, and a great many tracts have been made by Union societies. Religious papers have been published by Union organisations. Some of the best literature showing the spirit of Christian civilisation has been produced by Union organisation, such as the Christian Literature Society. The great struggle to emancipate the women of China from foot-binding was a Union work. The great anti-opium agitation that has nearly rid China of that awful curse was made by a union of missionaries. The great and extensive work in China by the Y.M.C.A. is a union work. The temperance movement in this country is a union movement, and if the whole of our churches throw their ener-

better presentation of its truths to an intellectual age is the desideratum. "To translate the message of the gospel given in the first century into terms that will meet the need of the twentieth century" is the task set the preacher of to-day. The critical nature of the age demands that the appeal be made to the reason as much as to the emotions of the individual. As an up-to-date institution our College sets the basis for a liberal education of both the intellect and the character of the student.

As an "intellectual training ground" our College does not countenance the overlooking of the need of soul culture. All intellectual pursuits and attainments are made subservient to the one great purpose, that of preaching "Christ crucified" with greater effect to a needy world.



One of the Class-rooms at Glen Iris.

gies in with the other religious bodies to fight the saloon as one army working together, they will forget their little differences and become one in spirit if not in name. A big patriotic and Christian union effort to free the land and rapidly colonise it would be the greatest blessing to Australia and would unite the workers.

Our College: An Intellectual Training Ground.

By F. J. Sivyer.

It is not claimed for our College that it has "already attained," neither is it "already perfect," but it can be truthfully affirmed that it is "reaching forward to the things which are before."

During the four years, of which the writer can speak with some certain knowledge, there has been a decided "raising of the standard" at Glen Iris. There has been no sudden revolution in regard to the curriculum nor to the methods of study adopted here. The Bible is still a text book, but the

The brotherhood of Australasia has eminent cause for self-congratulation in this splendid institution. The presence in the various States of those who once sat in her halls of learning, and as a result of the training received are now proving themselves to be efficient "preachers of the Word," demonstrates that our College has already attained success. The history, however, of a seven-year-old institution, backed by a united brotherhood of some twenty-eight thousand, and superintended by a principal whose genius is undoubted, has yet to be written.

Our best life is not that which we live alone or which each age lives alone. Our best life is that in which we draw together, and in which we link ourselves and lose ourselves in the great fellowships of the ages, and still, after all the keenest questionings of our time, that fellowship which began in Christ, and still continues in his name, stands as the best.—*Brooke Herford*.

"Work is not religion, but there can be no true religion without work."

The College of the Bible: Its Value for Women.

By Mrs. F. M. Ludbrook.

"The Lord giveth the word, the women that publish the tidings are a great host" (Psalm 68: 11, R.V.).

This is true; and, indeed, has been true of Christian women ever since New Testament times. Here is a calling in which there is no danger of overcrowding, a vocation in which a woman may find room at the bottom, midway, or at the top. There is room for the ablest and best women our movement can produce. There is room, too, for the woman of medium intellect, and of ordinary education. To fulfil such a calling, however, the most highly gifted person needs special training. Whether the end in view be service in the home sphere; in the local church, or further afield, the questions arise, "What equipment is needed? How can the best preparation be made?"

Education is necessary; drawing out of God-given powers (too often lying dormant and neglected); discovering the natural inclinations and capabilities of each individual; instilling great principles and truths; strengthening the mind; broadening the outlook upon life; and withal, training for eternity.

To the Christian girl who, "standing where womanhood and childhood" meet, has heard a clear call to serve the Lord Christ, and has responded with heart and will, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord; I'll be what you want me to be," the College of the Bible offers such an education. Its doors are open daily to women students wishing to avail themselves of the opportunities given. The pity is so few young women have sought admission. To those preparing for foreign mission work the Board of Management has agreed to give a two years' course in suitable subjects—Old and New Testaments, Missions, and Comparative Religion, Apologetics, English History and Church Doctrine. This constitutes in itself a liberal education. The Old Testament study, taking two years, not only includes the history of Israel from its earliest beginning up to 70 A.D., but also a study of Geography, Chronology and Contemporaneous Archaeology, and a knowledge of Hebrew literature. The New Testament course, taking the same time, deals with the life of Christ; the apostolic church, gives a grounding in the Acts of Apostles, and in the historical sections and settings of the Epistles. These studies alone would prove invaluable to a woman, not to mention the other courses open. May the women hoping to proclaim the word by life, by deed, and by tongue, earnestly seek to avail themselves of the splendid opportunities of educational equipment offered by the College of the Bible. God bless the College and its staff.

The humblest life, dedicated to God and his creatures, becomes beautiful and memorable.—Mrs. E. J. Richmond.

Wanted! Men.

By Thos. Hagger.

"Wanted! men," has been the cry throughout the British Empire of late. King Jesus also calls for men. They are needed to hold the forts already established, and to "go forward" and win people and communities for the glory of the One whom we serve.

1. They must be men of the right kind. Not every volunteer for carnal warfare is accepted, but only those with certain qualifications. All can work for Jesus in some capacity or other, but all are not qualified to go to the front as evangelists of the cross. They need to be men of deep convictions. Men who apologise for sin, who are not sure about the inspiration of the Bible, who are in doubt concerning the divinity and atoning work of the Lord Jesus, who think that one church is as good as another, who have hazy views with regard to the terms of forgiveness laid down by Christ, who assert that it does not matter whether we wear the name of Christ or a denominational designation, are devoid of the convictions that will make successful preachers and should seek some other outlet for their energies.

They must be men who can "take" other men. Soul-winning is their business, and if they do not attract people to the Christ they fail in the great work for which they have volunteered. In every man they must see a prospective case, and must be prepared to try every known method, and everything else of which they can think in order to win that man. This is the vocation of the preacher of the gospel.

Men who are looking for positions had better turn their attention to something else, but men who are looking for self-sacrificing work that is worth while can find abundance of it. They must be prepared to do it wherever it needs to be done. They must be willing to do the hard job, and to put on some "hustle" in the doing of it. Men of the right kind are wanted.

2. They must receive the training necessary. Men may be ever so willing, and nature may have endowed them with many of the qualities necessary for the work, but they need to be trained in order to do the work most efficiently. This training can be supplied by our excellent College of the Bible, at Glen Iris. This is a fine institution with a splendid faculty, and gradually improving equipment; an institution of which we need not be ashamed. Let the right men come on for the right training.

Considerable enthusiasm has been displayed by some with regard to the call of the Empire, and no little sacrifice has been made by some to respond. These same things should be found, and to a greater extent in the battle of truth against error, of righteousness against sin. And there can be no doubt anywhere about the righteousness of this cause, and the work to be done will not leave widows with tear-stained faces, and children without a father's care, but will

"bind up the broken-hearted," "proclaim liberty to the captives," "comfort all that mourn." Such a work, no matter what sacrifice it may demand, should call forth the heroic, noble young men of the churches. Men of the right kind are wanted, to receive the right training, for the best and noblest work in which men can engage.

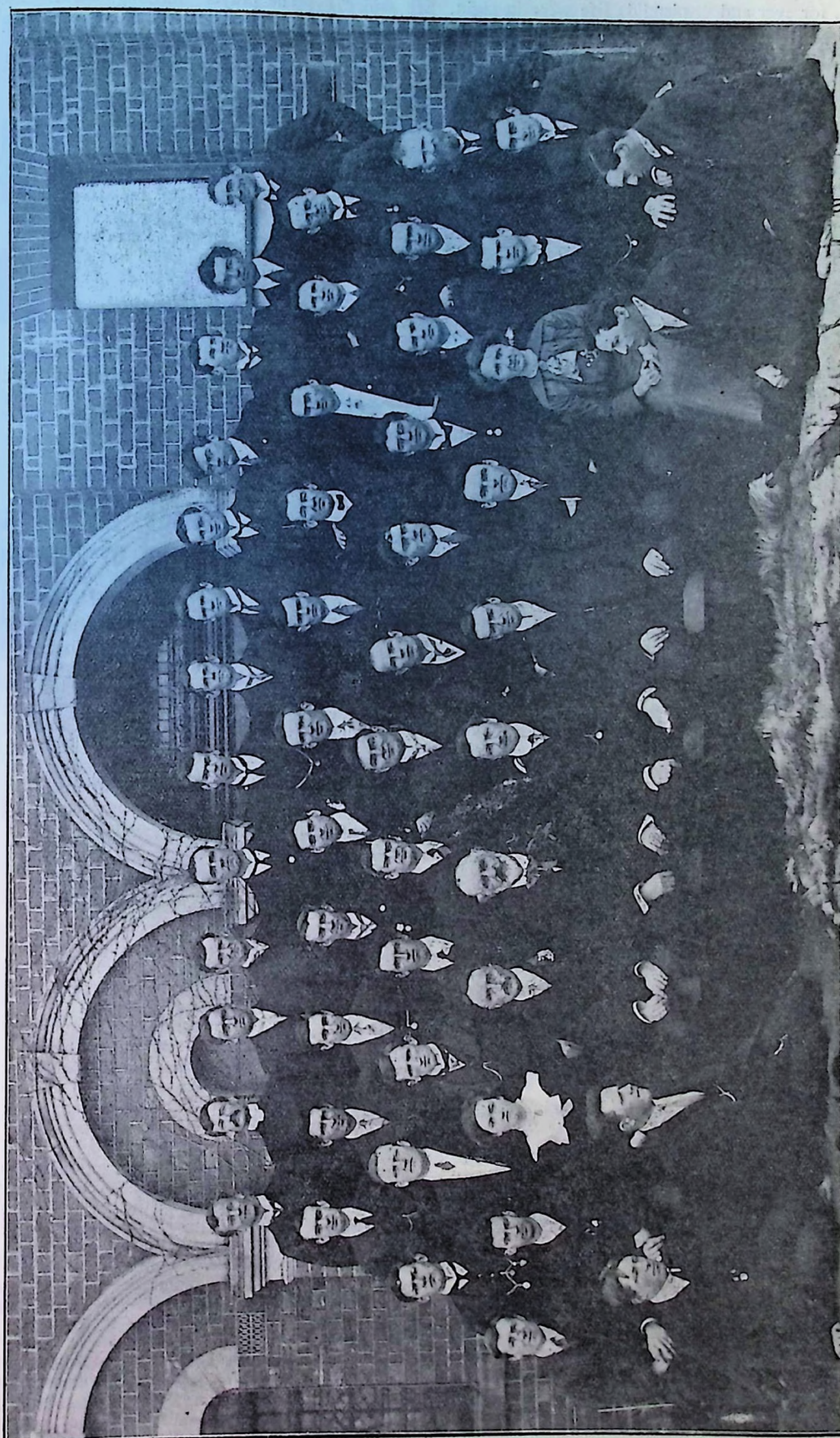
The Christian Ministry as a Life Investment.

By T. J. Gore, M.A.

To grasp this subject we need to understand what is meant by the expression "The Christian Ministry."

Ministry as spoken of in the New Testament is a word which can apply to any Christian. In this sense of the word every individual Christian is a minister. Hence we read "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." The household of Stephanas addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints. Paul congratulated the church at Corinth on their ministry (or ministering) to the saints. The church of God was intended to be devoted to ministry in all possible ways by which help and blessing can be given. Every Christian can and ought to be a minister. In our day, however, the phrase "the Christian ministry" is used specially to refer to a body of men who devote their talents and time to what is called the work of the ministry. There can be no question that the world stands in need of preachers of the gospel, of men of the best minds, and of the best culture, both of mind and heart. The Saviour's command can never lose its power and blessing and necessity: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Now this kind of life may be called an investment. We may rightly look upon the Christian ministry as a life investment. This word investment may be looked at from the standpoint of what the world calls business. When a man invests his money in some special vocation of life, he does so, expecting such investment to prove successful, and to bring him returns which thoroughly justify his action. The minister of Christ has undertaken a work which he expects to last as long, at least, as his powers shall enable him to discharge its obligations. No young man should enter this ministry unless he intends to devote his whole life—body, soul and spirit—to the service of the Master whom he loves. With this determination, he may look on the ministry as a splendid investment, and should feel that so far as lies in his power, his life shall be a success. The ministry is a holy vocation, a noble vocation. The Apostle Peter, whose experience was so rich and varied, in his first letter, speaks thus: "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth, that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to



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Absent: F. H. Samson, Member of Faculty.

whom be praise and dominion, for ever and ever."

Is the ministry a profitable investment? Paul thought so. His whole life, body, soul and spirit, was thrown into it. He realised its value. He said, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." He would seem to say, "I would be miserable and wretched if I did not preach." "My conscience would reproach me, my judgment would condemn me, my heart would pain me; I should have no comfort in any other calling, and God would frown upon me." He says, "necessity is laid upon me." He says, "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who hath enabled me for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." Paul had a noble conception of the ministry.

It is most needful that young men who take up the great work of the ministry should catch the spirit of the great apostle. He says to Timothy, a young evangelist, "Make full proof of thy ministry." Don't make your ministry poor and empty. Make it rich and full. Put your fulness into it, not your emptiness. In writing to the Colossians, Paul says, "And say to Archippus, take heed to the ministry, which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it." Now Archippus was one of that splendid band of young men whom Paul loved and honored, and exhorted, and encouraged. Though, doubtless, there was no such institution as we now name Bible College, yet many young men came into vital touch with the great teacher, and under his instruction made full proof of their ministry.

What did Paul think of the Christian ministry when the dark clouds gathered about him? Did he think it worth while? Did he value it any less because of its discouragements? We note his estimate in Acts 20: 22-24. "And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there, save that the Holy Spirit witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear to myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God." I like that expression "bound in the spirit." That is under an overwhelming sense of duty, I must finish my ministry. A great writer has said of this expression, "Bound in the spirit," "This is destiny: some men call it fate." "I move because I cannot help it, except in a sense which would involve positive and profane disobedience. To turn the other way would be to turn from myself, from my convictions, from a distinct and solemn conception of personal destiny." Did Paul think of personal discouragement? What of the thorn in the flesh? What of the prayer—the threefold prayer for its removal, and the Saviour's declining so to do? The Saviour said, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." The Lord's favor and his power were alongside the thorn, though it remained. Paul gives us the final estimate of his ministry just when the last moments of his

splendid life were in sight. He said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith." From this standpoint he sees the crown. Did Paul make a good investment, when by the city walls of Damascus, he said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Wanted! Money.

By W. C. Craigie.

Someone has said, "Clever people think money is everything, wise people know that it is not." One of the chief dangers of the present age, and indeed of every age, is covetousness. This is especially the case when money is being hardly won and slowly gathered. Money means comfort, power, human respect, and, with small men, adulation. And for these reasons it exercises over us a singular fascination. Nevertheless, as God is the supreme giver, a life of giving is the divine life, and on the authority of the Highest, we have it, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

There are many noble institutions crippled for lack of funds, and a servant of God should cultivate the grace of giving to their support, and thus help and participate in their work. A man has no pocket in his shroud, and he is a niggard who, like a money-box made of earthenware, needs to be broken before he will yield anything. Those are remarkable words of the Great Teacher where he refers to money as the "mammon of unrighteousness." This definition seems stern and forbidding, yet it is true that much of our commerce is built up on selfishness. The trail of the serpent is on it, and it needs greatly to be sanctified by open handed generosity. Money hoarded or merely spent on ourselves may prove a millstone about our necks, but spent for the good of others may lift us on wings as eagles.

We are beyond that stage in the history of the College of the Bible when its existence needs to be justified or the wisdom of supporting it needs to be proved. It is one of the great forces that make for righteousness. Consequently our loyalty to the Master demands that we give to its equipment and support as faithful stewards of his manifold mercies. Let "as God hath prospered us" be the measure of our giving, and as to the manner, "not grudgingly or of necessity," for "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Our College, a Spiritual Home.

By B. W. Manning.

The mention of our College home brings many pleasant thoughts and happy recollections. It was a true home to us in many ways, and particularly was it a spiritual home. It was a place where we not merely learned more of the fact of Christ, but we realised his presence in our lives. There are many experiences which speak most eloquently of the spiritual side of College life.

The prayer meetings with their hearty hymns of praise, and earnest appeals to God from consecrated hearts; the spiritual tone of the lectures; the reverence for the things of God; the heart to heart talks with fellow students on spiritual matters; and through week-end preaching appointments, the fellowship with those we learned to love in the service of Jesus Christ. A spiritual home it certainly was and is. May it always continue to be such. One might ask where the secret lies. Does it lie in the Board of Management? To a certain extent, yes. Has the curriculum any influence? Certainly it has. What about the professors? A great deal depends on the spirituality of the teachers. What else? The greatest influence has yet to be reckoned with—the student body. If all the students determine that the College will be a spiritual home, that is exactly what it will be. That is where the secret lies. We trust that our College will ever continue to be a great blessing and a spiritual home.

Our College, an Aid in the Development of Character.

By Ethelbert Davis.

It is positively necessary that those who leave our College should do so with the best possible educational attainments. The demands for a high standard have been insistent, and no pains have been spared to meet those demands, to make the institution one of high merit, and worthy the great brotherhood.

But it is doubtful whether we have yet begun to realise the importance of our College in the development of the Christian character of the young men and women who, in their earnest desire for more knowledge and better equipment for their life's work, have entered it as students.

Within its walls we have the very requisites for the developing and maturing of sturdy, robust characters. With the aids provided we may reasonably expect to produce men and women of such loyalty and devotion; such firmness and stability; such consecration that they will be an honor to the cause, and to the Master we serve.

The College is destined to aid in the development of character by exalting the ideal, which is the supreme formative force; by life; by the discipline of body and mind; by the atmosphere of devotion which pervades the Institution; and by the giving of a liberal religious culture, which checks egotism and self-consciousness, and merges all mere self-interest in the cause of Christ. The development of strong Christian qualities is of primary importance, and is constantly stressed by the Faculty of our College.

Be not ashamed to be helped; for it is thy business to do thy duty like a soldier in the assault on a town. How, then, if, being lame, thou canst not mount up on the battlements alone, but with the help of another it is possible?—*Marcus Aurelius.*

Some of Our Contributors.



H. Kingsbury.



H. Swain.



J. Pittman.



H. G. Harward.



E. Davis.

The Demand for Trained Workers.

By Horace Kingsbury.

"This is an age of specialisation." We have heard that, so often, of late, that we are constrained to believe it must have some foundation in fact. Only a little investigation is needed to establish its correctness. The policy of the hour is the division of labor, and high efficiency through specialisation. The wisdom of a like policy in the church of to-day is apparent to careful students of existing conditions.

The problem of the present has to do with the pew as well as the pulpit; and the need is for Christians of consecration and ability as well as for preachers of power. The newer conception of the work of the Bible School, and the effort to bring its organisation and its teaching up to the standard of the day school, make a strong demand for men and women of unusual ability. It may soon be considered, in our own Australia, a wise investment of a whole life to efficiently superintend one of our great schools. Dr. Macklin is urging the brotherhood just now to think seriously of sending out a Christian physician and two other qualified missionaries to open up a large station in China. Not anyone will do for a work so needy and so important. "Send the best," he says; "China needs the best."

Now we would not discourage, for one moment, those earnest souls who are consecrating their talents to God, and doing their best in his service. We would rather encourage those, young in life, who are already conscious of a great desire for usefulness, to make the best possible preparation in these days of opportunity. No amount of culture will atone for lack of consecration, but consecration will count for more when supported by true Christian culture. It should be clearly understood that the College of the Bible is not a preacher-machine, but an institution designed to equip Spirit-filled men and women for usefulness in all

departments of Christian service. It can be made a real blessing if availed of by the best of our young manhood and young womanhood. If they will begin, continue, and complete their studies,—doing thorough-going work throughout,—our churches, our schools, the world, must feel the benefit in the very near future. And while others may be writing for money, I am writing for men, for our College, yes! and for the kingdom of God.

My Debt to Our College.

By A. J. Fischer.

What I have given to the College.

1. A few years' study.
2. Light fees for tuition, board and lodging.

3. A little energy.
4. A little gardening.
5. A little commendation and praise.

What I have received from the College.

1. Memories of some of the best years of life.
2. Criticism and advice from teachers, students and visitors.
3. Financial assistance from week-end appointments.
4. Practical experience in preaching, organising, and editing.
5. A storehouse of methods and ideas.
6. Appreciation of the value of education.
7. Interest in Foreign Missions.
8. Wider outlook on the world and the church.
9. An increased circle of friends.
10. Influence from spiritual men such as Bren. H. G. Harward, A. R. Main, C. M. Gordon, etc.
11. Greater faith in and love for the Book of books.
12. A life-long inspiration for service.

Auditor's statement: Insolvency—cannot liquidate debts.

Brethren,—I shall be for ever indebted to the College. The students having been helped by its influence are the most enthusiastic advocates of the College. Whatever

influence I possess must be exerted in its interests.

Will you not inspire the students, encourage the Board of Management, help to press on the work of the gospel, and establish apostolic Christianity by a wonderful offering for our College?

How Can I Best Serve God and my Fellows?

(A Word to Young Men.)

By J. E. Thomas.

Even among those who are not professedly Christian there is at least an altruism that leads them to seek to be of some service to some one. This desire may be said to increase according to the measure of man's enlightenment and in proportion to his vision as to the true purpose of life. It is true that even in cultured communities and in Christian lands there are some who are willing to simply drift with the stream and go along the route of least resistance into the ocean of eternity, but in most men there is the nobility of desire, more or less developed, that leads them to try and make life worth while both for their fellows and themselves. To the man who is living first for God this desire is life enduring. He looks upon himself as a vessel for God's own using, and is continually seeking to be meet for his service and the service of others. One of the unique and divine provisions of Christianity is that it is so adapted to every individual that it can give scope for the development of the very best in every individual. To the artisan or to the professional man, to the poor or rich, to young or old, to ignorant or talented, God has given a place. Our ambition should be to find the place where we can do most for him and our fellow men. It is this noble desire that leads men to sacrifice and toil that they may be better fitted for service. To all there may be a common answer. We can best serve God and our fellows by seeking to live for Jesus Christ, and by our conduct bring them

into touch with him who is to all men a friend dearer than a brother. There is no better way of bringing Christ to men than by the faithful preaching of his Word. God has chosen by the foolishness of preaching to save the world. If we can preach his message we should seek to do it in the most intelligent and effectual way. It is for this reason that many of our brightest young men have consecrated their lives to the work of the preaching of the Word of God and gone into our institutions of learning to receive special training to help in this Christ-like purpose.

The College of the Bible at Glen Iris, as well as all like institutions here and elsewhere, is a means to the accomplishment of the greatest possible end of life. Our young men go to such places after having prayerfully settled that this is what Christ wants them to do and be. No man should ever enter College to train as a minister of the gospel unless he feels that this is the greatest work that he can do for God. All young men that feel the call of the Master to labor in the great harvest field and to whom God opens up the way should be willing to abandon themselves to the self-denying work of preparation ere they enter into the glorious task. No one who feels the imperative call of Christ to leave all and follow him in the work of preaching the gospel, and yet for selfish purposes refuses to make the sacrifice, is living for the most that he might. When he has finished he will feel how much he might have done for the world, in Christ's name, if selfish and material things had not been first. We should weigh well the possibilities of life, and if Christ says to us "Who will work to-day in my vineyard?" let no little excuse allow us to turn him aside or mar his purpose in our lives. Let us go on in the path that he opens up for us, and fit ourselves in the best way possible to preach the gospel of the Christ of God.

To those who cannot enter into the active service of the ministry is still given a very blessed privilege of being the means of helping others toward the holiest of all callings. When we support the College of the Bible, or encourage our young men in this Christ-like service, we are indirectly preaching the gospel of redeeming love to men, and we are investing our money in a work that will count mightily for God and our fellow men. Those we help may go out to the uttermost parts of the earth and win men for Christ, or they may lead men at our very door to the life that will be for their eternal happiness, and at last he will say to us whose will we seek to do, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my disciples ye have done it unto me." We shall not live this life again. Fill it with the most we can do for God and our fellow men.

The man who believes in God believes in a universe the devil has not made and does not rule. If beneficent goodness governs what permanent harm can come to the good? If man looks to his soul's state, God will look to his happiness.—*Fairbairn*.

The Call for Christian Leaders.

By Wm. Burford.

The call for Christian leaders is as great to-day as at any time since the Almighty gave the promise that the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head. The call to do rightly according to the will of God was, in olden time, by the prophets to the fathers, and by them to the children.

In these later days God has spoken to us, fathers and mothers and children alike, by his Son Jesus the Christ, the Saviour of the world. Him shall ye hear, and the soul that heareth him not shall die.

Christian leaders to-day must be content to direct according to the Word of God, the only chart by which mortals can be led in service in this life, and through service into the eternal presence of God and our Saviour.

To this end the Church of God exists, and by the church the College of the Bible must be maintained, as the best means of educating men and women to become the Christian leaders of to-day, leaders of the Christian life.

The "Australian Christian" and the College of the Bible at Glen Iris are the common property of the Churches of Christ in the Commonwealth, and if valued as they deserve to be, brethren everywhere will contribute of their means so liberally that large numbers of young men will be able to respond to the call, and fit themselves to become Christian leaders.

The Connection between Our College and Our Future Growth.

By H. E. Knott, M.A.

The progressiveness of the Churches of Christ has become a recognised fact in the religious life of Australia. We are beginning to realise our possibilities. Our outlook was never brighter or our opportunities greater.

The growth of our churches both in size and number is now making a demand for more and better equipped men for service in the church than ever before in our history. The days of looking askance at the educated, trained preacher of the gospel fortunately belong to the past. As a growing body nothing can make more for our future progress than the training of men to proclaim the gospel. Christ selected twelve men and trained them because he was planning for his kingdom subsequently to Calvary. Thus a distinguished writer could say that in "all movements that are to be of lasting character, and take their place in the general history of the world, the thorough instruction and discipline of the few is of greater moment than the transient emotional excitements of the many." To build for the future by the special training of the few is to follow the example of Christ. No method is more Scriptural.

In the exacting demands of modern life there are few responsible positions open to untrained men. The preacher's work also is one of large responsibility, and is second to no calling in the world in its requirements for training. If we are to enter into our heritage, therefore, the opportunity must be given to our men to prepare themselves. The Bible College presents this opportunity. Its establishment was the outcome of a vision born of the Spirit of God. What it has done intimates the greater things it can do. It is within the power of our Australian brotherhood to make it the greatest institution of its kind in the Commonwealth, and why should we think of its being anything less than that? No institution has brighter prospects, receives into its halls more consecrated men, or prepares them to preach a greater message. The Bible College is the seed from which we must look for our future harvest.

Tasmania and the College.

By H. Swain.

Tasmania is the Garden State of the Commonwealth. Its natural resources are numerous, its scenery unsurpassed, its climate ideal, its possibilities illimitable. But from a church point of view Tasmania is most unsatisfactory. The population of the State is roughly speaking 200,000. The membership of the church is about 750. The number of congregations is 14, and only three of them have settled preachers.

For fifty years the church has existed, and these are the net results for that period. A total membership of 750 members and 3 regular preachers. The facts are sufficient to make one think. They also make us feel very small and humble.

The question arises, what is the matter with Tasmania? Are the people harder to reach? Is the average member of the church less enthusiastic and loyal? Are they meaner than their brethren in other States? We feel disposed to most emphatically say No to all such questions. Some folk charge Tasmanians with being slow. We deny the impeachment. What is it, then? We reply at once, the need of consecrated and equipped men, who will devote their lives to the preaching of the gospel, the establishing and caring for churches in different parts of the island. Here is the weak spot in our Christian economy just now, the lack of preachers. Solve that problem, and primitive Christianity will go ahead in leaps and bounds throughout Tasmania. It is because of this that we follow the history of the Bible College with deepest interest, for from the halls of that institution we expect to see troops of consecrated men marching forth to do battle for the cause we love. But such cannot be unless that College receives from the brotherhood the sympathy and financial support it deserves. Here is where the Tasmanians can prove their mettle, and rise to the occasion. Send us a preacher, is the appeal that comes again and again to those who are trying to meet the needs of church

Some More of Our Contributors.



J. E. Thomas.



D. A. Ewers.



Mrs. F. M. Ludbrook.



T. J. Gore, M.A.



H. J. Banks.



H. E. Knott, M.A.

life in the State, and the appeal goes unanswered because no preachers can be obtained. We in Tasmania can help to solve this problem. We can be large hearted and generous in our gifts to the College of the Bible, and do our utmost to make the annual offering a big success. "Self preservation is the first law of nature." Very well, then; from that standpoint it will pay, and pay handsomely to stand by the College and to support it in a practical way. Tasmania needs preachers. The College prepares preachers. Then we cannot, nay, dare not be indifferent to the claims the College makes upon us.

Our Best for God.

(A Word to Parents.)

By Joseph Pittman.

God first. This is the keynote of the Christian religion. God is first in the Lord's prayer, so called, and therefore should be in all our prayers and desires. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" was in all our Lord's teaching and example, and if God be first in all our prayers and desires, the best that we can give will follow. Nothing defective was allowed to be offered under the law. How much more willing should we be to offer God the purest and best under the benign reign of grace. What is the best to Christian parents? Surely their sons and daughters. But how can they give them to God's service? There is but one way—by leading them to give themselves. They can not be forced into it. They must be imbued with the spirit of self-consecration. How is this to be done?

First, there must be parental example. Children are great at imitation; and they will do as their parents do. There is no greater example to them. The old song ran, "It was my father's custom, and so it shall be mine." All the instruction, admonition and commands in the world will be powerless to move them if the example be wanting. On the other hand a strong and mighty force, like a powerful magnet, is in the example of whole-hearted consecration to the Lord's work. There are exceptions; but as a rule—almost as fixed as that effect follows cause—if parents are earnest, self-sac-

rificing, Christian workers in the church, the school and the world, their children will seek to emulate their parents in their noble devotion to God and his work.

Closely connected with example is method. The best of example may be neutralised by want of wisdom and tact. One thing may here be emphasised. I do not think its importance can be over estimated. That is to make home to our children the dearest and brightest and happiest spot on earth. Let an atmosphere of joyful freedom prevail. Let home be a place of glad communion, of sweet music, of innocent amusement and hearty laughter. Let all realise that father and mother are made happy by their religion—that religion is to them the pearl of great price, that it is the dearest theme of their joyful conversation, that it dominates and subdues every other interest. The warmth of such a fire is catching—few can resist it. If parents thus give their best for God, the children will do likewise. The Sunday School, the church, the gospel field—all will receive their dues according to ability and opportunity. From such homes and from such parents the College of the Bible must receive its very best and most devoted students. It may be a great thing to see our children rise up to fill honorable and respected places in the world of business; but it is infinitely better to see our sons and daughters wholly engaged in the work of the gospel. In such a case how true are the words of the Psalmist, "Lo, children are a heritage of Jehovah. As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, so are the children of youth. Happy is the man that has his quiver full of them."

A Business Man's Opinion of the Bible College.

By R. Campbell Edwards.

It is well within the memory of at least all those of mature years when Melbourne's first business college was launched. It was then viewed by the public much as a quack medicine is by the medical man, "a questionable remedy from an unreliable source"—or something good enough for those who could not afford the real article. The popular opinion was that it would have

its little day and cease to be. Its aim, so far as we can recollect, was to help fit young people for business whose education had been somewhat neglected. The college man despised it as a makeshift, but in spite of all this, it succeeded, and is with us to-day in a very flourishing condition. It succeeded because it specialised in business methods, by ascertaining what the business man really wanted in his would-be clerk, typist, etc., and then set to work to train students to meet the business man's requirements. The business college is a specialised educational institution, and has proved the value of specialisation. The Bible College is a specialised educational institution, and as such has already fully justified its existence by producing a student trained to fulfil the duties of a position of no mean order, and should any confirmation of the success of the trained student be required, we have it in the churches which they serve, and the evident relief and satisfaction of their officers.

The Bible College student fills his position to general satisfaction because he is trained to the requirements of his office, while a University graduate of highest attainments might prove totally unfit for a similar position.

The day is gone by when even the business man can afford to be conceited enough to think that his practical training is all sufficient for the highest success of his business, and we find that the man of books and theories is invited into the business house, and asked to use his trained mind in finding out where systems can be improved, waste prevented, and results achieved formerly undreamt of.

Christian people may argue and speculate as they will, but one outstanding fact remains clear to-day, and that is, that a church requires in its chief servant, preacher, evangelist, or what not—a man as well trained in the duties and responsibilities of his office, as any business house requires in its manager. May we humbly suggest that the greater necessity rests upon the church, whose fashions and goods are made up for eternity.

"Preachers should be men whose lives are modelled upon the life of Christ and are yielded unreservedly to his sway."



Correspondents are requested to condense their reports as much as possible.

Tasmania.

LAUNCESTON.—E. Nichols presided at the Lord's table on Sept. 6, a splendid congregation being present. Bro. Swain gave a most cheering talk on the subject of "Gospel Verities." Sunday evening meeting also full of blessings. On Tuesday night a most enjoyable evening was spent at a social tendered by the men of the church. Quite a large number of the sisters of the church were present, and by their presence largely contributed to the success of the function. The programme was provided by the men, also the refreshments handed round by them. Mr. Pitt presided at the organ, and Bro. Swain filled the position of chairman. The proceeds were in aid of the building fund.

West Australia.

NORTH PERTH.—Since last report one has been received into fellowship, Sister Penington, of the Coolgardie church (which disbanded). One young lady made the good confession. The Bible School speaks well for the future; 108 scholars on the roll, with an average attendance of 77. Meetings are encouraging, and prospects bright for the future.—H.T.D., Sept. 6.

FREMANTLE.—The Women's Mission Band had a good meeting on Sept. 1. Last Wednesday evening a young married woman was baptised. The following Lord's day morning two sisters were received into fellowship by faith and obedience. We had a fine gospel meeting, and Miss Doris Whitty and her brother made the good confession.—E. G. Warren, Sept. 8.

SUBIACO.—Last Sunday saw the commencement of our school's 16th anniversary. Our newly installed evangelist, A. W. Connor, spoke morning, afternoon and evening, to large, attentive and appreciative audiences. There is a fine spirit and tone prevailing. On Wednesday next the tea meeting, and later the school's demonstration, is to take place. On Sunday next we will conclude with promotion day. The scholars, teachers, officers and parents alike seem imbued with the right atmosphere—gratitude and optimism for the future. Bro. Connor has made good. He has won his way to our scholars' hearts already, and with Bro. Nelson as superintendent our school has two of the finest leaders possible.

PERTH.—On August 23 we welcomed into our membership Sister Mrs. Franks, Sister Franks, Kalgoorlie; Bro. Franks, Maylands; and Sister Cohen. Sister Jenkinson, from England, was present. At our prayer meeting on August 26 we took the opportunity of saying good-bye to J. Platt, one of our deacons, who leaves to reside at Singapore. Several eulogistic speeches were made, after which Bro. Platt suitably expressed his thanks for the gift of several books, which were tokens of the high esteem in which he is held by the members. Last Lord's day morning T. H. Scambler gave us an instructive address upon "Heaven." At night Bro. Blakemore spoke upon "The Atonement," the second of a series of addresses upon this subject.—W.A., Sept. 5.

CHINESE MISSION, PERTH.—Bro. Jame was given a farewell social in the Lake-st. chapel on August 25. Bro. Blakemore, the Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Committee, presided over a large and representative gathering. Short talks were made by Bren. Scambler, Conner and Banks, and Mr. Peter Geen and Mr. Paul Soo Quong spoke on behalf of the Chinese present. All spoke

in the highest terms about Bro. Jame's work, which had resulted in the winning of 11 Chinese for Christ. Bro. Upham, on behalf of the school, presented Bro. Jame with two pictures, the work of Joseph Tie Ghan, one of the scholars. One is a reproduction in water colors of the "Good Shepherd"; the other is a likeness of the recipient, executed in oil. Bro. Jame suitably acknowledged his appreciation, and urged his brethren to be diligent in the Master's work.—W.A., Sept. 5.

COLLIE.—We had an inspiring visit from our Organising Secretary, Bro. Banks. He spent ten days in our midst, visiting all the members. As a result the church members unanimously adopted the envelope system. Two men decided for Jesus, and were baptised on the Tuesday evening, and two sisters were received into fellowship with them on the Lord's day following. Miss Henry paid a visit to Collie in connection with the China Inland Mission, and had crowded meetings everywhere. The "ladies only" meeting, held at the Church of Christ, was crowded. Bro. Fitzgerald paid a farewell visit to Collie, as he leaves the S.W. for the metropolitan district. We are planning the erection of a nice building for school and church purposes at East Collie, and hope to see it started next week. A block of ground has been secured in a good situation, and the prospects of good work to be done are splendid.—L. J. Moignard, Aug. 30.

BUNBURY.—Splendid meeting in the morning, when the writer spoke on "A Glorious Ending," 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8. The evening meeting was an inspiration to the preacher, who preached his farewell address, taking as his subject "Sowing and Reaping," Gal. 6: 7. The writer has spent two years and a half with the church in Bunbury, and although the move is of his own choosing, he feels keenly the separation from the brethren here. We have had the joy of seeing many confess the Lord, and we were exceedingly rejoiced when in response to the writer's farewell appeal one more stepped out for the Saviour. On Friday evening a farewell social was held to say good-bye to my wife and me. The church presented us with a purse as an expression of their love. The writer leaves to take up the work at West Guildford.—G. Fitzgerald, Aug. 30.

New Zealand.

AVONDALE.—Three have been added by faith and obedience. A vestry has been added at the rear of the chapel, and is used as a class room by the elder boys. The Sunday School, though it fluctuates a good bit, is gradually growing. Bro. Greenwood is conducting meetings on Thursday evenings, and lecturing on the Tabernacle as a type of the church.—F.D., Aug. 31.

AUCKLAND (Ponsonby-road).—The Sisters' Executive Council inaugurated a Foreign Mission rally on August 18, when the chapel was filled. The programme, which was given solely by Sunday School scholars, many of whom were very tiny, was both novel and unique, and was of a true missionary character, reflecting great credit upon Sister Perkins and her band of workers. Sister H. Downey, president, occupied the chair, and outlined the work being carried on by our missionaries, especially in South Africa. Bro. J. Allen, on behalf of the F.M. Committee, thanked the scholars and teachers for the interest they had shown in mission work. The little performers were provided with "lucky bags" of fruit and

sweets as they left the building, the gift of the sisters.—J.C.M.

NELSON.—Midweek prayer meeting was well attended, a very helpful address being given. On Lord's day, August 30, at the morning service, Bro. Bell presided, and Bro. Mathieson addressed the meeting. Bro. Mathieson occupied the pulpit at night. Endeavor Society did not meet on Monday evening as is customary, but the members, with others, met at Mrs. Page, sen., to bid farewell to Bro. Harold Babarfold, who leaves us this week for New Plymouth on promotion.—H.B.L.

Queensland.

BRISBANE.—Last Lord's day S. Trudgian exhorted. A young woman who was recently baptised was welcomed into fellowship. Bro. Murdock, of Newmarket, Vic., worshipped with us. W. H. Nightingale preached the gospel. Arrangements are completed for an attendance revival, and a committee appointed to systematise the work.—H.C.S.

WEST MORETON.—The second quarterly sisters' meeting was held at Mt. Walker on Sept. 4. There were twenty sisters present, Rosevale, Rosewood and Mt. Walker churches being well represented. There were also present Bro. Rodger, from the church at Albion, and Bro. Rosenberg, West Moreton. The church at Annerley sent greetings. Bro. Rodger delivered a powerful address. Bro. Rosenberg favored us with a solo and a reading, and also presided at the organ. An essay by Sister Keeble, of Toowoomba, and an essay by Sister A. Pieper and Sister A. Lobeyeiger, were much appreciated; a reading by the president, a duet by Sisters Mrs. Jenner and Lily Primus, were also enjoyed. The Mt. Walker sisters reported having £2 on hand toward the State Sisters' Fund. The Rosewood sisters promised to do what they could. No reports were received from the other churches.—F. Primus, Sept. 7.

South Australia.

TUMBY BAY.—On Sept. 2 the Christian Culture Club held a social evening, it taking the form of a "Bible social." The games were all in keeping with the idea, amongst them being "Moses in the Bullrushes," a text bee and a Scripture incident competition. Several of the articles of refreshment were some mentioned in the Bible. About 50 were present, and spent an enjoyable time. We are grateful to Bren. Nankivell, sent, J. Greenshields, and G. Hammond, for the help they render when the evangelist is absent at some of the outlying churches, and also for help during his visit to Adelaide for Conference. Arrangements are being made for the anniversary on Nov. 20.—A.J.F.

BERRI.—August 23, splendid meeting around the Lord's table, every member being present. Bro. Raymond presided and exhorted. He extended the right hand of fellowship to G. Christen, of Renmark, late of England. At the night service Bro. Raymond preached to the largest gathering held since a start was made here. On August 30, services as usual. Bro. Edwards presided at the Lord's table, and A. G. Jarvis spoke. Bro. Edwards took the service at night, and gave a good address. Sept. 6, at the breaking of bread, Bro. Simon presided, and Bro. Raymond addressed the church. Bro. Raymond preached a good sermon at the night service.—Geo. W. Jarvis.

LAMEROO.—Quite a gloom has been cast over the town owing to the sudden death of Sister Mrs. A. Martensen, who passed away on Monday last. We laid her remains to rest on Wednesday. A large assembly met around the grave. She leaves a husband and two children. The sympathy of the church goes out to the sorrowing husband and bereaved relatives.—J.T.T., Sept. 12.

GLENELG.—After the address to-night one young lady made the good confession. The teachers and scholars of the Bible School have determined to deny themselves the annual picnic, and sent the amount usually spent on that event to the fund for the orphan children of fallen soldiers.—E. W. Pittman, Sept. 13.

YORK.—Good meetings to-day. Quite a number of visitors present. Bro. Garrett, of Mile End, spoke to the church, Bro. Mossopp presiding. Evening meeting good, when the writer spoke on "Christian Baptism," illustrated by a chart. Two who confessed their faith were buried with their Lord, also one who came to-night and followed her Lord through the water. Our Sisters Richardson have been called to give up one of their sisters and daughter, after a short illness. May the Lord comfort those who mourn.—E. J. Paternoster.

PROSPECT.—Bro. Neil, of Kadina, presided this morning, and we were glad to see a number of visitors. In the evening P. A. Davey preached. We have decided to commence a mission on the second Sunday in October, my brother, E. J. Paternoster, to be the missionary. Pray for us. The whole church sorrows over the death of Bro. Dunn.—I.A.P.

CROYDON.—Good meetings on Sept. 6. Morning, L. J. Flint presided and G. Duncan exhorted. Received into fellowship Sister Mrs. Simons, from Mile End. Bible School attendance, 156 scholars. At the gospel service G. Wilson preached. On Sept. 13, morning, F. Plant presided, and F. Saunders, from Lilyville, N.S.W., exhorted. The Bible School attendance was 152 scholars. At the gospel service T. Jones, from Lochiel, gave a powerful address. Our C.E. Society have tied with Hindmarsh for the C.E. banner. We are to have it for six months, and Hindmarsh for six months.—J.S.H.F., Sept. 6.

GROTE-ST.—Bro. McPhee presided this morning, and Dr. W. E. Macklin gave a very interesting address on the work in China. A large number of interstate and country visitors were present. To-night Bro. Thomas preached to a large congregation, with P. Warhurst, from Naracoorte, and Roy Raymond, from River Murray District, assisting. An offering for the poor fund was taken up, realising £5/7/-. At the Chinese Mission to-night two confessed Christ.—T.M.G., Sept. 13.

LONG PLAIN.—Anniversary and tea meeting services in connection with the Sunday School were celebrated last Sunday and Monday, and attended with great success. We had Bro. Goodwin with us all day on Sunday, and he gave three splendid addresses. In the afternoon and evening the building was crowded. The special singing by the choir was very much appreciated. On Monday afternoon a large number again gathered to partake of the good things provided by the ladies, when £8/6/6 was taken for the tea. In the evening the building was again crowded, when F. M. Worden presided. Special singing was rendered by the choir, and speeches were given by Bren. Worden, Tuck, Gordon, Daniel, and Goodwin.—D. J. Daniel.

UNLEY.—This morning J. J. Franklyn, of Swanston-st., gave a fine address to a large audience, Bro. Huntsman presiding. Among the other visitors were Bro. and Sister Huntsman, senr., from Melbourne; Bro. and Sister Warhurst, from Naracoorte, and Bren. E. Edwards, from Bordertown, and Mill, from Middle Park. This evening C. R. Mitchell, from New York, spoke. There was a good attendance. Bro. R. T. Jacobs is dangerously ill.—P.S.M., Sept. 13.

MAYLANDS.—Three members have been received into fellowship since last report. The meetings to-day were splendidly attended. Robert Harkness addressed the church. To-night the writer spoke on "A National Peril and How it was faced." The service was of a patriotic nature, and quite a number of the young men attended in uniform. Miss J. Whitfield and Mr. C. L. Dockett were welcomed back to-day after several months' absence.—H.R.T., Sept. 13.

KADINA.—On Monday evening last the C.E. Society held their election of officers for the coming year. Bro. Verco was elected president; J. H. Thomas, vice-president; Bro. Page, secretary; Miss Ruby Martin, rec. sec.; treas., Miss Loader. Miss Pitts, who has been spending a long holiday in Kadina, has gone back to her home in Nelson, N.Z. This morning Bro. Verco gave a beautiful exhortation from John 9: 4. This evening Bro. Verco chose for his evening address, Matt. 23: 37,

"Lost in Spite of Christ."—Jas. H. Thomas, Sept. 13.

WALKERVILLE.—On July 5, we received into fellowship Bro. and Sister Howell, from Semaphore church, and visiting members from Broken Hill, Stirling East and Kadina have had fellowship with us. Some time ago a few of us formed a working bee one Saturday afternoon, and renovated and cleaned the hall that we occupy for our meetings. On Sept. 6 we had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Davey, from Melrose, who presided in the morning, and preached in the evening. On August 23 we had the joy of taking the confession of a married woman, Mrs. Hale, who was immersed last Wednesday at Grote-st., and received into fellowship to-day. F. Lindquist, Norwood, and Bro. Garrett, of Mile End, have been assisting us by preaching the last few months, and we appreciate their efforts. Our Foreign Mission offering amounted to £1/9/-.—J.D., Sept. 6.

NORWOOD.—Bro. Davey, from Japan, spoke in the morning, and gave a thoughtful address on "Our Father." Two received into fellowship—Mrs. Turner, from Mt. Barker, by letter, and her daughter by faith and obedience. A great crowd at night to listen to Dr. Macklin, whose quiet, unassuming manner created a deep impression amongst those who know of his great work among the Chinese. Our school are taking part in the Sunday School demonstration at the Exhibition to-morrow night. Amongst the visitors to-day we were glad to see Bro. Robt. Lyall, from Swanston-st., Vic.; Bro. and Sister Davey, from Japan; Sister Moore, from Goolwa; Sisters Stevens and Shepherd, from Balaklava; Bro. L. J. Curtis, from Murray Bridge, and many others.—J.T.

PORT PIRIE.—Both Y.P. and Junior C.E. Societies are in very healthy condition. We had an exceptionally good meeting in connection with the former on August 31, when Mr. Hugh Morris, of the Presbyterian Church, delighted all in speaking on "Things That Really Satisfy." Although we have been unable to secure an assistant preacher as yet, with Bro. Johnston as leader, ably assisted by the church officers and several of our talented young men, the church work progresses, with splendid attendances on Sunday nights. In the absence of the planned preacher through illness, on August 30 the service at night took the form of a Y.M.C.A. meeting, Bren. Hamp, C. Audreys and E. Arnold taking part. Good meetings last Lord's day. Bro. Hamp exhorted. Bro. Johnston addressed the M.F.M. meeting, and at night preached to a crowded congregation. Splendid services to-day. Bro. Johnston exhorted very acceptably at 11, and at 7 conducted a public patriotic service in the Town Hall. An offering taken up at the meeting totalled £10/0/1, to be devoted to the local R.d. Cross Fund.—E.A.A.

New South Wales

MEREWETHER.—On Sept. 6 Bro. Fretwell exhorted from Heb. 8: 1, and preached at night upon "Eternal Life," John 5: 24. After a splendid address, one young girl came out, a Bible School scholar, daughter of Bro. and Sister Geggan, late of Sydney.—Jos. Fraser.

BYRON BAY.—We had our first evening gospel service last Lord's day, when a splendid audience gathered in the School of Arts Hall. Bro. Mason is now conducting the meetings here. We intend holding meetings every Lord's day. Visitors will be heartily welcomed. The future is particularly bright.—W. Ball, Sept. 8.

ENMORE.—Bro. Harward gave us an address full of good thoughts and very helpful from John 13: 7. We were glad to welcome around the Lord's table, as visitors from Grote-st., Adelaide, Bro. and Sister Magarey. It was with deep regret that we heard of the death of our late esteemed Bro. Dunn, and our hearts go out in loving sympathy to his bereaved wife and family. The evening service was conducted by F. T. Webber, who delivered a good address on the subject, "God made man upright," the text being Ecc. 7: 29. At a meeting of the officers of the church on

Monday night, the resignation of F. Willis from his position as general superintendent of the Bible School was accepted with regret. Bro. Willis, who lives at Bexley, has found it impossible to carry on the work, and the church owes him a debt of gratitude for the unselfish, enthusiastic way in which he has performed his duties.—E.L.

SYDNEY.—Wet weather conditions accounted for a smaller attendance than usual at the services to-day. Fine, thoughtful address from A. Price at morning service. The children of the Lord's day School, under E. Parker, are making fine progress for their anniversary services to be held 27th and 30th of this month. At the evening service H. G. Harward delivered the third address on "Christ's Second Coming, and Our Attitude." These three addresses the last three Lord's day evenings have been listened to by the largest audiences we have had for a long time, and have been greatly appreciated. One of the members, R. Moffat, has been seriously wounded at New Guinea. Touching and eulogistic reference to life and work of the late Bro. Dunn was made by both speakers to-day.—J.C., Sept. 13.

BELMORE.—Good meetings yesterday. Chas. Rush had a good message on the plan of faith healing in the divine economy. A. E. Forbes preached to a large congregation, and baptised five girls who had made the good confession previously. The church is in an excellent condition, and the membership is steadily growing. The finances are also in a healthy condition. We look forward to the time when we will be self-supporting. Interest in the new building grows. We are having a golden offering in December; objective, £100.—John Rodger, Sept. 14.

PETERSHAM.—Sept. 6, good morning meeting. Bro. Poole gave the exhortation. At the gospel meeting Bro. Poole was the preacher. Two confessions and one baptism. Sept. 13, owing to the stormy weather, meeting was small. Splendid exhortation by Bro. Collins. One sister received into fellowship. After Bro. Poole had preached at night, we had the joy of witnessing two young men confess Christ, one of them being a member of the Expeditionary Force.—T.I.

MARRICKVILLE.—We had two confessions on August 30, and two more on Sept. 6. Yesterday rally day was observed in connection with our Bible School. The heavy rain interfered with the record attendance that we had worked for. In the afternoon the building was well filled, and an enjoyable programme was rendered. Bro. Walden greatly interested the scholars and friends with an address on "Character Building." A good meeting at night; special musical items and a stirring gospel address by Bro. Walden. The writer took Bro. Walden's place at Mosman, and rejoiced in taking the confession of one young lady.—C.C.S.R., Sept. 14.

BALMAIN.—Bro. Rossell gave a splendid address last Lord's day morning at College Hall, Even-st., Balmain, and we also received in Bro. and Sister Griffiths. We had a very encouraging attendance of children in the Bible School, and in the evening a very strong and uplifting address was given by Bro. Heather. The prospects for this district are looking very bright.—G. Newey, Aug. 13.

ERSKINEVILLE.—On Sept. 12 the Erskineville and St. Peters Bible Schools annual picnic was held at Roslyn Gardens. It was the largest, best, and most successful picnic we have ever held. Special trams and steamers were chartered. The Bible School desires to thank Sisters Toby and Pivott, and all who so willingly helped to make the picnic a success. Our school is now the second largest in the State. The school is on the eve of building a new and up-to-date primary school hall. The school is preparing for a big red letter in Erskineville on Children's day in November. At the breaking of bread on Sept. 13, we had a nice meeting. Bro. Browne, of Auburn, giving a splendid exhortation. In the afternoon there was a large attendance of scholars. At night the gospel meeting was well attended, Bro. Pond giving a special address. Prior to the gospel meeting there was a song service held, led by the choir.—W. Budgen, Sept. 13.

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Need for Men in the Golden West.

By H. J. Banks.

Western Australia presents a splendid opportunity for any preacher who wants to place his life where it will tell much for God.

The Churches of Christ in this land, with two exceptions, are small, and meet in centres of large population. The members are for the most part young and enthusiastic. They believe implicitly in the power of the gospel to save men, and they love the old Book with its message of light and life. A leader of educated heart and mind would find them ready to go wherever he led in harmony with the purposes of God.

At present we are better supplied with preachers than ever before in the history of the work in this State, and still the need is very great.

Population in all the older towns is continually increasing, and those of later origin grow so rapidly that none of the religious bodies are able to cope with the demand for preachers.

In the metropolitan area such towns as Leederville and Victoria Park, within two miles of the Perth Town Hall, and connected with the city by tramway, are without a Church of Christ. At Midland Junction, the great railway centre, we have no meeting. In the south-west of the State there is a field of rich possibilities. Along the great Southern Railway, running through the wheat belt, we are scarcely represented. The Midland Railway, terminating at Geraldton, runs through 300 miles of fertile country, and we are without a single meeting in all that part.

Truly the need for preachers in the Golden West is great. We cannot offer them large settled churches with comfortable pastoral duties, but we can place them in fields where they will have the joy of sowing the seed of the gospel in virgin soil. The men required are those who are not afraid of work, who are not easily discouraged, who desire to build where other men have not labored, who are prepared to make places for themselves in the hearts and homes of men, and who come to us with absolute faith in the perfect adaptation of the gospel to the needs of men.

All such men will find the West an ideal field for the exercise of their best energies, and we heartily bid them come.

"The pulpit that teaches has always commanded respect, and in this age, when education is more exalted than ever, it cannot fail to hold its place secure."

"More young men possessing exceptional strength and resources must devote themselves to the Christian ministry if the nation is to become and remain truly great."

Education Essential to Development.

A former president of Yale University says: "The man who can convince Christian people of the close connection between the maintenance of the Christian College and the perpetuation and growth of the church will be a benefactor to his race." This has not yet been done among the Disciples of Christ. Such a conscience is not now existent. We are rapidly developing a missionary conscience, a social service conscience, and a conscience on various other subjects, through the dissemination of information and constant agitation; and we may confidently expect that soon the Disciples will be as missionary as the Moravians, and as liberal as the Congregationalists.

We have not yet awakened to a just sense of the value of our Christian colleges. To produce this awakening—to show our people the necessary and vital connection between our colleges and the perpetuation and growth of our movement for Christian union—is a task worthy of the most capable, consecrated, and service-loving among us.

In the beginning of our movement the question of education as a part of our distinctive programme did not immediately arise. As the inauguration of the diaconate in the church at Jerusalem occurred later on, arising out of the exigency of a specific need, so the beginning of our education propaganda grew out of a deep feeling that permanence and progress, commensurate with the ideals and the purposes of the Disciples, must rest upon an educational basis. And while statesmanship in the management of our educational affairs has not been entirely wanting, nevertheless we must confess, with a degree of humiliation, that, for the most part, we have been short-visioned, and have built for the immediate future rather than for the years to come.

The reason for this lack of pre-vision may, perhaps, be accounted for in a very natural way. Did not our immediate and unprecedented success serve to mislead us? When the pioneers of a century ago went forth to declare the gospel of Christian union, they found in almost every community scores who were willing to accept their plea, and join them in an effort to accomplish the reunion of the church. This success led many to believe that the religious world would soon come to see the weakness and waste of division, and accept the New Testament basis of union. But we had not advanced more than a quarter of a century before it was discovered that the process of bringing together a divided church would require much time, and that the more conservative, yet surer, method of education must be invoked. Our ministers and representative laymen must be as well trained as those of other religious bodies.—*President R. H. Crossfield, Transylvania University and College of the Bible.*

Have some aim in life; be not simply good, be good for something.—*Thoreau.*

Have You Made Your Will?

We are stewards of those things which we possess while we live, and they should be at the disposal of the Great Giver.

When God calls us to leave our possessions, it is surely the duty of every Christian to consider the claims of the kingdom in making his last will and testament.

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Our Lord's last will and testament included untold benefits for the human race, and provided for the preaching of the gospel in all the world and to every creature. *Does yours?* If not, why not write a new will, remembering the College of the Bible, which stands for the training of men and women that they may carry out the great commission of our Lord?

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South Australian Conference.

The Opening Sessions.

RECEPTION MEETING.

The first meeting took the form of a reception to Dr. and Mrs. Macklin, and was held in the Grote-st. chapel on the 9th. Only 500 invitation tickets were issued among the churches to embrace the workers and also visitors from the country, as the accommodation was limited. The guests were received in the side entrance by Bro. I. A.

pathetic remarks, while the latter especially dealt with the fact of the spirit of union existing among the various religious bodies in the mission work in China. It was a most inspiring meeting, and a fine keynote for the Conference. The Unley choir helped materially with a couple of anthems.

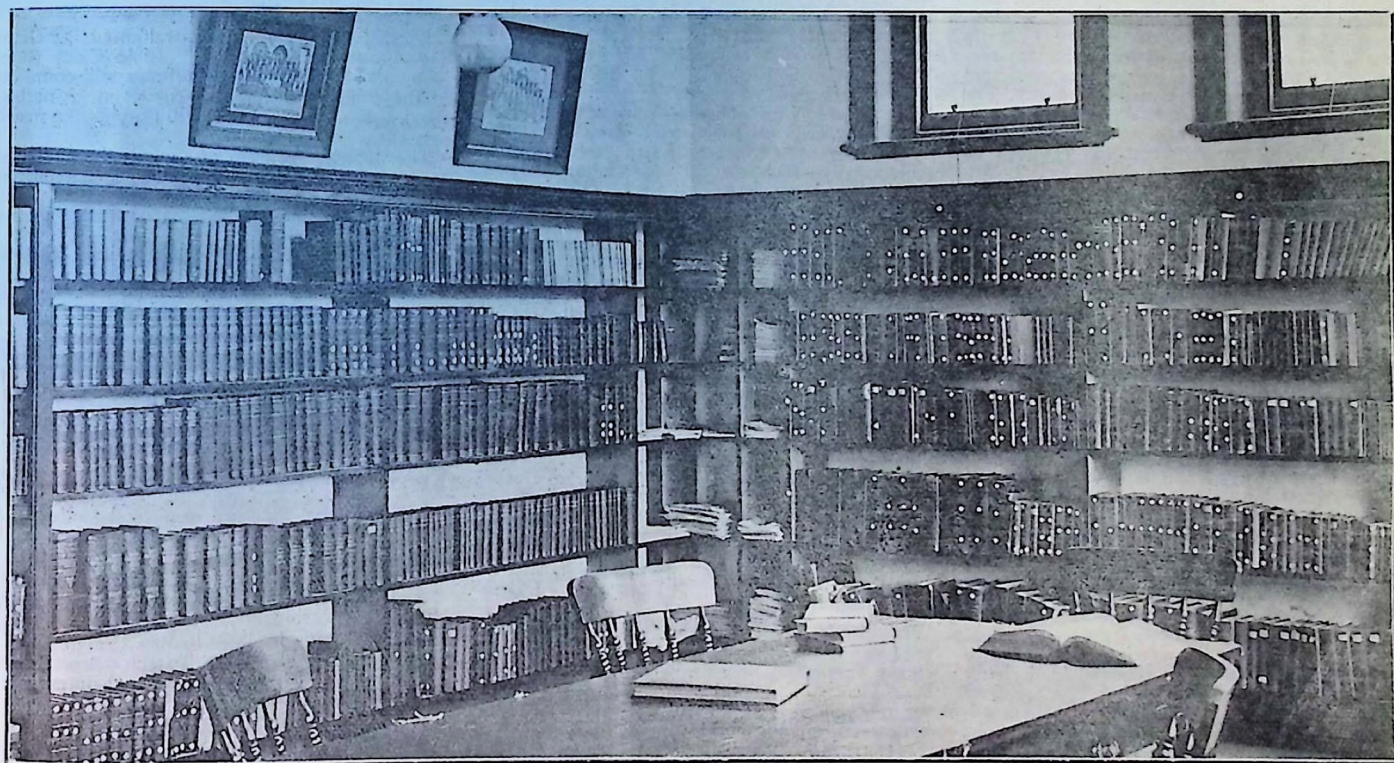
MEN'S RALLY.

On Thursday, the 10th, there was a knife and fork tea for men, followed by a men's rally in the Grote-st. chapel. It was good to be there. W. Burford had charge, and everything went with a swing. The chairman referred to the early days of the work in Adelaide, and to his baptism as a lad in Grote-st. 51 years ago by P. Santo. The motto of the evening was "A Man's Work

years a medical missionary of C.I.M. A couple of solos by L. Winks and an organ solo by E. W. Pittman added to the enjoyment of a deeply interesting meeting.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

The Sisters' Conference was held on Friday, 11th, and was said to be the best attended yet, but a report of that will appear later. In the evening a Temperance rally was held in Grote-st., and the chapel was well filled. In the absence of the President of the Temperance Committee, W. C. Brooker, who was conducting a mission at Balaklava, J. E. Thomas presided, and strongly urged all to vote and to work for 6 o'clock closing of liquor bars at the referendum in March. Lady Holder, of the



Portion of the Library at Glen Iris.

Paternoster, the President, and Mrs. Paternoster, and were introduced to Dr. Macklin and his wife. The chapel was full right up of course. The President occupied the chair, and after a welcome on behalf of the Conference, addresses of welcome were given by Mrs. D. A. Ewers, as President of the Sisters' Conference, especially to Mrs. Macklin. The speakers represented foreign mission interests of various religious bodies. Professor Rennie spoke for the Foreign Mission Council, and also for the Presbyterians; Mr. W. Herbert Phillips for the London Missionary Society and Congregationalists; E. J. Piper for the Methodist Conference and F.M. Committee; J. McPhee for the Churches of Christ Chinese Mission, and D. A. Ewers as President of our own State F.M. Committee. Mrs. Macklin and the Doctor feelingly responded, the former captivating the audience by her winsome and humorous, and at times

in a Man's Way." B. W. Huntsman gave a fine talk on men and Bible study. F. W. Norwood, the popular minister of the North Adelaide Baptist Church, who complained that too many men did their work in a woman's way, followed with an enlivening address on "Men and Boys," and then Dr. Macklin gave us "Men and Missions," his audience listening with rapt attention while he spoke of the manly way of doing mission work, and described the difficulties and successes of the work in Nanking. His account of the new movement for securing land and settling men on it appealed to the hearers as a thoroughly business-like proposition; while his intimate knowledge of Chinese life and problems, his unassuming presentation of the facts and his intense earnestness produced a most favorable impression. Among those on the platform were Sir Charles Goode, President of the Baptist Union, and Dr. Burden, who was for many

W.C.T.U., who has recently returned from America, gave a fine address, enlivened by reminiscences of her trip, and illustrations of the growth of no-license and prohibition in the United States. J. J. Franklyn, of Swanston-st., followed with a red-hot address in which he denounced the "damnable traffic" in language of undiluted vigor, and called upon all Christians to arise in their strength and destroy the business. P. A. Davey took "Others" for his text, and spoke of the substantial progress of temperance sentiment in Japan, which had already resulted in restrictive legislation and social uplift in the Sunrise Kingdom. The Norwood Lyrics, a band of young ladies from the Norwood church led by H. Matthews, rendered two or three much appreciated pieces of music. The meeting was bright and enthusiastic throughout, and should give an impetus to the work among the churches represented.

From the Field—Continued.

Victoria.

POLKEMMET.—Bro. Combridge is doing a good work, the church is being strengthened by his splendid addresses, and he is getting every one into harness. On Sept. 6, we held three meetings. In the afternoon one young lady made the good confession, and was baptised on Monday by Bro. Combridge.—H. Oliver.

BURNLEY.—On Lord's day, August 30, we received one brother into fellowship. Bro. Arnett gave an address appropriate to the opening of spring. The meeting took the form of a flower service. We had one of our largest gatherings. The flowers were taken to the Bethesda Hospital. At the conclusion of the address last Sunday evening, one sister expressed her desire to renew her fellowship with the church.—A.S., Sept. 6.

MORELAND.—Splendid meetings to-day. Bro. Pittman spoke at morning and evening services, also at Adult Bible Class. At the gospel service one who had confessed Christ on the Sunday previous was immersed, and four others confessed Christ in the presence of a crowded audience. The resignation of our esteemed evangelist was accepted to-day with regret, to take effect at the end of this year. H. Clegg, a deacon, has resigned on account of removal from the district.—J. J. Anderson, Sept. 13.

BOX HILL.—The church has to-day been much cheered by seeing three souls—two men and one young woman—submit to Christ in the ordinance of baptism. Fine attendance at Sunday School to-day, and a good meeting to-night, when Bro. Sivyer preached an impressive sermon from the text "Prepare to meet thy God." Much sympathy is expressed for our esteemed evangelist, who has received word of the serious illness in Brisbane of his mother.

GORDON.—One young man made the good confession on Sunday night.

HARCOURT.—The church here is active in the Lord's work. We had one of our largest attendances for some time at the morning meeting, Sept. 13, when Bro. Schwab gave a splendid address. At the evening meeting we had a record attendance, Bro. Schwab speaking on "Conversion." Bro. Schwab has been with us for some time now, and we highly esteem him. All honor to the College of the Bible if it can turn out such workers as Bro. Schwab.—F.P.

MALVERN.—Splendid meetings to-day, when one, Mr. Pontre, junr., was received in by letter from South Yarra, in the morning. At night we had the pleasure of listening to an excellent address by Cecil McCallum, M.A., from Tasmania, who kindly relieved his brother, L. C. McCallum, who has been indisposed during the past week. We had four rows of our new seats installed to-day, but we require more urgently. Will the brethren help us get them?—A.V.H., Sept. 13.

STAWELL.—Good meetings to-day, especially at the gospel meeting, when Bro. Robbins spoke on "The New Testament Conversion," and was listened to with rapt attention. We have accepted the challenge thrown out by Bro. Clay, of South Melbourne, to see which church can procure the greatest number present at the Thursday night meeting; each church to report monthly. Forty present last Thursday night.—W. J. Williams, Sept. 13.

BENDIGO.—Last Sunday we received into fellowship Sister Miss Jack, who has come to reside in Bendigo. There was one confession at the evening service, the son of Bro. and Sister Thorburn, and one of our Sunday School scholars. T. J. Cook has been preaching for some weeks. In the absence of Dr. Cook on holidays, J. P. Seymour is conducting the services at Golden Square. We are looking forward for a special series of meetings there next month, led by C. R. Hall, of Carnegie. Dr. Macklin paid us a visit last week, and lectured on his work in China.—C.

CARLTON (Lygon-st.).—We had nice meetings on Sunday last. S. G. Griffith spoke both morning and evening. At the gospel service his

theme was "The Christian Soldier." The address was both powerful and earnest. Reference was made to the passing away of Bro. F. G. Dunn, whose death will be felt by the whole brotherhood. Our brother has always been a welcome visitor and speaker at Lygon-st., extending over a very long period. The congregation feelingly sang "Asleep in Jesus."—J. McC.

BOORT.—The attendances at the mission during the past week have been fair, but not as large as could be desired. The meetings to-day were excellent. G. H. Oldfield exhorted, and we also enjoyed the fellowship of Sister Mrs. More and Bro. Jas. Evans. Bro. More preached at night to a good audience. So far there have been no visible results, but we still pray that several who are hesitating may step over the line. The mission closes on Wednesday next.—A. Lacy, Sept. 13.

PRAHRAN.—With deep regret was the announcement received of the death of Bro. Dunn, Bro. Gordon feelingly making reference to his life and work, and special prayers being offered on behalf of the bereaved. We had fine meetings through the day. Stirring addresses by our evangelist both morning and night, his gospel subject being, "Who is Responsible for Empty Pews?" This is the second of a series of special addresses being delivered through the month of September. The interest in our meetings is growing, shown by the increasing number of strangers at all our meetings and their evident appreciation of Bro. Gordon's messages.—A.E.M., Sept. 14.

TARADALE.—One confession, A. Cockroft preaching.—G. Jackel, Sept. 14.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.—Last Lord's day morning Bro. Hutson, from North Melbourne, addressed the church to much profit. We had 205 present at the Bible School, and at a well attended gospel meeting at night a young woman confessed Christ. On the 27th we are to reopen the gallery, which has been closed for years; this will give us seating accommodation for another hundred persons. Special services are to be conducted.

MELBOURNE (Swanston-st.).—Sunday was a sad day for the church at Swanston-st. As members were assembling for worship the news of Bro. Dunn's death was announced, and cast a gloom over our meetings for the remainder of the day. Bro. Dunn has been a life member, and for many years one of the pillars of the Swanston-st. church. The brotherhood know what a loss he is to them, and what it will be to Swanston-st. We will miss his wise counsel and invaluable assistance in all the problems of our church work. In the absence of Bro. Franklyn, who is in Adelaide, Bro. T. W. Smith addressed the church in the morning, and Principal Holdsworth, of the Baptist College, preached at night.

MIDDLE PARK.—Bro. Knott is doing splendid work with us. We had a fine meeting in the evening, and baptised one young man prior to the service. At the close of a fine address two young men and a young woman made the good confession. Our Bible Class is also showing up well under our brother's leadership.—J.S.M., Sept. 14.

BLACKBURN.—We now have the electric light installed in the chapel, and it has proved a great success. Last Lord's day evening we had the honor of a visit from the councillors and officers of the Nunawading Shire, our esteemed Bro. Redman having the honor of being elected president of the Council. Bro. Hinrichsen is faithfully preaching the Word, and we feel sure of seeing some results in the near future.—A. T. Edwards, Sept. 15.

The Home Mission Field: Victoria.

By T. Hagger, Secretary.

New Tent.—So far £29/9/6 has been received for the new tent; in addition to this several promises have been made. The tent-maker's bill will be £80, so there is still room for your contribution.

Additions During August.—The following additions (not including those by letter) were reported for August, viz.:—Boort, 1; Dunolly, 2;

Drummond, 1; Malvern, 1; South Melbourne, 4; Stawell, 3; Taradale, 7; Warragul, 1; Burnley, 1; Castlemaine, 1. Total, 22.

Finance.—Receipts for August amounted to £192 12/6, £42/0/6 more than in August last year. The expenditure was £249/18/7. Thus we went behind on the transactions of August to the extent of £57 6/1. The debit balance at August 31 was £492 16/8.

Assisted Churches Helping Themselves.—The assisted churches are being urged to do more for themselves, and so far Horsham has agreed to increase her part towards the preacher's support as from September 1. Let other churches being helped follow this good example.

Worth Mention.—South Melbourne has put in a heater for the baptistery, and is making alterations to comply with the Board of Health regulations so that the gallery can be used. The money for these things is all in hand.

The meetings at Kyneton are growing splendidly.

Horsham work is assuming good shape, and all meetings are growing.

St. Arnaud chapel has been relighted; 24 chairs have been purchased for the Bible Class room. None of the money for these things will come out of the ordinary church income, but Amethyst Band, C.E. and Bible Class will provide the necessary cash.

The work at Ultima is very good; the audiences are growing fast. These Mallee towns present a great led for our efforts.

Warrnambool is still moving upwards; this is true also of Brim.

Splendid Sunday night congregations are still the order of the day at Colac.

Volunteer missions are now being held, or are arranged for in a number of places.

Here and There

J. J. Franklyn preached to a good audience at Mile End, S.A., last Sunday night, and a young lady confessed faith in Christ.

A. Mackenzie Meldrum has been appointed special lecturer and field agent of the Spokane University, Washington, U.S.A.

We are greatly indebted to Bro. Craigie for the College pictures given in this issue. Bro. Craigie is constantly manifesting his great interest in many ways.

Bro. and Sister R. Harkness have returned from England, and were at the S.A. Conference. Bro. Harkness has much improved in health as the result of his trip.

Among the preachers visiting the Conference in Adelaide from outside the State were A. C. Rankine, J. J. Franklyn, P. A. Davey, C. F. Mitchell, and R. Enniss.

School of Methods for Bible School Workers opens next Monday evening at Lygon-st. chapel at 7.45 p.m. Students will please be in their places at the time of starting.

The Victorian Women's Home Missionary Committee will hold a meeting at the Church of Christ, Preston, on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 23, at 3 o'clock, when a good meeting is hoped for.

The amount of £1 acknowledged in last week's "Christian" as from Sister Winsor for the special new tent fund of the Victorian Home Mission Committee, should have been £1 from "a sister at Windsor."

Preachers and Bible School superintendents should urge teachers and prospective teachers to take the course of study to be covered by the School of Methods. Date of commencement, Monday, Sept. 21.

S. H. Mudge has been doing a splendid work in the Swan Hill district; it is a pity that he feels called upon to leave there, but the severe illness of his little boy last summer seems to make such a move imperative.

We hear that J. C. F. Pittman has resigned his work at Moreland, and will conclude labors there at the end of this year.

Already we have heard of intending applicants for admission to the College in 1915. It is desirable that as early application as possible be made to the Principal, who will gladly furnish information to anyone desiring it.

There were two confessions at Ultima, Vic., on Sunday, Sept. 6, S. H. Mudge preaching. Bro. Mudge is getting a good hearing in this little town on alternate Sunday mornings. To conduct this service necessitates a drive of twenty miles each way.

A man has been soliciting money from the church at Windsor, Vic. He claims to be a member of the Church of Christ, but it is believed that he is an impostor. Readers are urged to make full inquiries before rendering assistance to such callers.

The President of the S.A. Conference announced to the immense audience gathered at the Exhibition Hall to hear Dr. Macklin's Conference Sermon, the departure of Bro. Dunn. On his suggestion the whole congregation stood to express sympathy, and T. J. Gore feelingly led the meeting in prayer.

A meeting of the Home Mission collectors of the Victorian churches has been arranged for Swanston-st. lecture hall for Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will take the form of a social evening and Conference, and the Home Mission collectors in all the churches are invited to attend.

A very successful District Conference was held at Swan Hill, Vic., on Wednesday, Sept. 9. Brethren gathered together from places as far away as Kaniera, which is 45 miles from the place of meeting. Out of this meeting will probably come two new churches, which S. H. Mudge will likely organise in the near future.

The anniversary celebrations of the Victorian Alliance will be held next week. A rally will be held in the Auditorium, Collins-st., on Sept. 23, when the speakers will be the Hon. S. Mauger, Mr. A. Bruntnell, and Bro. J. J. Franklyn. The annual convention will take place on Sept. 24, in the Temperance Hall, Russell-st.

Some churches are applying for the services of student preachers for the long vacation, which begins about the middle of November and continues till the middle of February. In order to prevent disappointment, applications should be forwarded at an early date. We would like all the States to have some of our men with them.

Dr. and Mrs. Macklin received a hearty welcome in Adelaide, where they are the guests of Bro. and Sister W. Burford, of Glenelg. Notwithstanding the pressure on their space by the war news and the annual Agricultural Show, the papers have given generous notice to Dr. Macklin, and also the earlier meetings of the Conference.

Dr. Macklin preached to a great congregation in the Exhibition Hall, Adelaide, on Sunday afternoon, his theme being "Christ destroys the power of Satan in China." For nearly an hour his listeners sat spellbound by the simple, earnest recital of the power of the gospel in the Celestial land. Dr. Macklin's message was simply an inspiration.

There are thirty-two students enrolled in the classes of the Sydney Bible Training Institute. The work has been hindered by quite a number of the students having to attend to military duties. Some are leaving with the Expeditionary Forces. It is not too late for young men to join the classes. Meetings at City Temple, Monday evenings, 7.30 to 9.45.

On August 26 and Sept. 2 the City Temple, Sydney, was the centre of special interest. Between 50 and 60 sisters from several churches spent these two days preparing garments and useful articles for the soldiers. £10/5/4 was contributed by members toward the purchase of material. Ten sewing machines were used, generously loaned by the New Home and Singer Machine Companies. 393 articles were made, and 3 pairs of knitted socks; 12 doz. pairs of socks were also presented. Bro. Frank Senkup, of Auckland, New

Zealand, who has been at the Temple for some months, was presented by the sisters with a soldier's kit bag before leaving with the forces. This was made complete by one of the sisters.

We deeply regret to learn from South Australia that the improvement in the health of Bro. Joseph Binney has not been maintained, and that he is now very seriously ill. All that can be done for him is being done, and all possible relief is being given. Bro. Binney is much loved by all who know him, and we are sure that the brethren in general will sympathise with him in his time of suffering. We rejoice to know that in his hour of trial our brother has his trust firmly fixed in his Saviour, and that for him the Lord's way is the best way.

The College library has just received a most valuable addition in the gift of about one hundred and sixty volumes from H. D. Smith. Bro. Smith has ever been a friend of the College, and this proof of his continued interest is most highly appreciated. The books which our brother has used to good purpose in his own effective ministry will continue to help others engaged in the work of the gospel. We could wish that the young men who will study these volumes would be enabled to give as many and as fruitful years of service as has he whose generosity we thus record.

Geo. T. Fitzgerald, of Bunbury, W.A., writes: "May I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the 'Australian Christian'? I always feel that the time I spend in reading it is well spent. It is a worthy representative of the great position we occupy in the religious world. It seems to me that it has managed to maintain a position loyal to the truth, yet never forgetting the courtesy that is due to those whom we know to be in error. I have urged every member in the church here to subscribe to the 'Christian,' and will continue to recommend it while it keeps to its present standard."

Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Trust.—W. H. Hall, Hon. Sec. and Treas., Messiter-st., Canterbury, N.S.W., writes:—"I would be obliged if you would please acknowledge the receipt with thanks by the above Committee of the following contributions: Petersham, N.S.W., 8/6; Evangelist's Contribution to Endowment Scheme, £10; Milang Church, S.A., £1/6/3; Wallaroo Church, S.A., £1/5/-; Kermode-st., North Adelaide, S.A., £2 10/-. If the church with which you meet has not considered this fund, will you please bring the matter before the church at the first opportunity? Church efficiency depends primarily upon an efficient and sufficient ministry. This must always be a self-sacrificing service. The preacher should 'endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ,' and he does; but the church should stand by him with substantial and reliable fellowship clear through to the end."

H. D. Smith writes:—"Will you kindly permit me to publicly acknowledge to the churches of Hindmarsh, Henley Beach and Doncaster, with all unnamed donors elsewhere, my grateful appreciation of the large and opportune monetary testimonial of £136/14/6 presented at my farewell meeting in Hindmarsh on the 2nd inst.? It is the largest and most helpful amount I have ever received, and shall sacredly be devoted to make a home in these hills. Failing health compels me after 50 years' ministry among the Churches of Christ in our Commonwealth to retire from the direct oversight and evangelistic work among churches, which has been the joy of my life. I hope, after a rest in this bracing atmosphere, to be able from time to time to visit congregations that may need help, and speak messages as occasion requires. I have been the recipient of so much good from the Lord himself and his people that I wish subject to his will to serve my brethren as long as I am able." Bro. Smith's address is now "Pinedale," next the Post Office, Carey's Gully, South Australia.

In a letter from one of our College presidents, whose success in moulding character has been remarkable, he says:—"College life is the deepest, the most enriching power of all the courses that young people can pass through, except possibly a real Christian home. I believe that thousands of valuable young men could be brought to their

own, brought to God's place for them, if preachers and leaders would personally open the way, make suggestions, inspire visions in boys from fifteen to thirty years old, and lead them into Christian colleges. Our great national loss to-day is loss of boys, valuable boys, who could and would become Christian leaders if men made it a heart-work to personally encourage and inspire them to a life worth while." We hope this suggestion from President Josephus Hopwood, who is just now founding his third Christian Institution, Lamar College, will be a fruitful seed in the minds of our readers that will bear fruit, both for the benefit of our College and the cause of Christ. We are sure there is not enough attention given by preachers and church officials in advising, and when necessary, providing the way for the young people of their churches to attend our College.

COMING EVENTS.

SEPTEMBER 20, 22.—Collingwood Bible School anniversary. Sunday, 20th, 3 and 7 p.m., Special singing and addresses. Tuesday, 22nd, 8 p.m., Public concert. Entertaining programme. Admission, silver coin.

IN MEMORIAM.

ADERMANN.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, Ernestine Friederica Adermann, who departed this life at Vernor on Sept. 19, 1913.

Not gone from memory, not gone from love,
But gone to our Father's home above;
Rest in the Saviour, sweetly rest,—
They miss you most who loved you best.
—Inserted by her loving sons and daughters.

GRIBBLE.—In loving memory of Catherine Mary Gribble, who passed away on Sept. 12, 1914, aged 40 years, the dearly beloved wife of R. J. Gribble, of Midland Junction, W.A.

Better the empty casket
Than jewels besmeared with sin;
Safer than those without the fold
Are those who have entered in.

—C.M.G.

HAWKINS.—In loving memory of Thomas Hawkins, who died on Sept. 7, 1911.

"Until we meet again before his throne,
Clothed in the spotless robe he gives his own,
Until we know even as we are known,
Good-night."

—Inserted by his family.

SPENCE.—In loving memory of Will, the dearly loved son of J. and M. Spence, who passed away on Sept. 20, 1910. "For ever with the Lord."

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Sisters' Department.

VICTORIA.

Secretary, Miss Rometsch, 59 St. Vincent-st., Albert Park.

"A woman that feareth the Lord shall be praised."

The monthly meeting of the Executive was held in the hall, Swanston-st., on Sept. 4. President, Mrs. Chown, in the chair. Mrs. Procter led the devotional, and gave a very interesting talk on "Daughters of the King." Correspondence included apologies from Sisters Penny and Ray.

For some weeks past our esteemed Sister Mrs. McLellan (Lygon-st.) and Mrs. Sharp (Footscray) have been laid aside through illness. We pray for their speedy recovery. Mrs. Huntsman will convey our greetings to South Australian Sisters' Conference. Mrs. Manifold sends Christian greetings. A paper prepared by Mrs. B. W. Huntsman (Adelaide), "We are laborers together with God," was read by Miss Huntsman.

Additions from Bible Schools: Cheltenham, 1; North Melbourne, 1; Newmarket, 1; North Carlton, 1; Swanston-st., 4; South Yarra, 1.

Home Missions: There have been over 160 additions in the Home fields since Conference. A church has been organised at Gardiner. The new tent is about finished, and it is expected to be in use during the summer. There will be no rally this year. The sisters are asked to help in every possible way.—L. Pittman, Supt.

Foreign Missions: Two letters received; one from Mrs. Strutton, and one from Miss Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Pittman expect to take charge of a new station at Dudhi, and two workers are expected from England to work Daltonganj.—L. Lyall, Supt.

The Temperance Committee held a meeting at North Melbourne on August 19. Mrs. Ray presided and gave a paper on "Light." Temperance addresses were given by Mrs. Holmes, Miss Darnley, and Bro. Hutson, and a paper by Mrs. Walker. Next meeting will be held at Brighton on Sept. 17.—N. Ray, Supt.

Prayer meeting Committee visited Box Hill on August 27. Quite a large number attended. Papers were given by Mrs. Baker on "Rest"; Mrs. Wilson, "Loyalty." Mrs. Kelson led in prayer. Next meeting will be held at Footscray on Sept. 17, and at Newmarket, Sept. 23, at 3 p.m.—N. Trinnick, Supt.

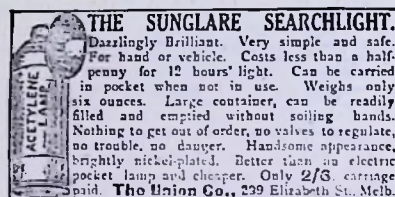
The Benevolent Asylum was visited by a number of sisters and three brethren of Swanston-st. Home comforts and a large parcel of knitted garments was distributed amongst the inmates. At 3.30 Bro. Wilson conducted a song service. Bro. Franklyn presided and gave a very fine address, "Come unto me all ye that are heavy laden." Solos were rendered by Miss Mitchell and Bro. Wilson. Brighton will be the next to visit on Sept. 30, and Footscray on October 29.—Mrs. Chapman, Supt.

Hospital Visitation.—Miss Mitchell, to Children's and Homœopathic, 8 visits. Distributed flowers, cakes, books, cards, etc. Miss Petchey, Alfred Hospital, 3 visits; flannel garments given, gift of General Dorcas. Mrs. Cameron, 2 visits to Alfred Hospital; 61 books and magazines given away. Mrs. Meyers, to Eye and Ear, Melbourne, St. Vincent, Homœopathic and Austin, 10 visits in all; 50 books and papers, home com-

forts and lollies given to patients. Mrs. Thurgood, Melbourne Hospital, 4 visits; 100 magazines distributed. Members of following churches visited: Lygon-st., Newmarket and Williamstown. Thanks to General Dorcas, Sisters Chown, Dale, Watt, Gladstone, Robertson, Gordon, also a friend in Oakleigh, for garments and magazines.—E. C. Thurgood, Supt.

General Dorcas met on August 19. There was a good attendance. A number of garments were cut out and 15 finished. Mrs. Holdsworth sent in another 3 quilts; 66 garments were sent to 18 needy cases, and 3 garments to Austin Hospital. Parcels were received from Mrs. Moysey and Mrs. Funstone, Boort Dorcas Class, and 10/6 from four sisters. Will the givers please accept our thanks? Next meeting will be held in the hall, Swanston-st., Wednesday, Sept. 16. All sisters welcome.—L. R. Martin, Supt.

Next meeting of Executive will be held in the hall, Swanston-st., on Friday, October 2, at 2.30. Mrs. Griffith will lead devotional, and Bro. Procter will deliver an address. All sisters cordially invited.



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Gems of Thought.—"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Cor. 16: 13).

When the hosts are rallied,
Dare your Lord confess;
Dare to bear your witness,
Other hearts to bless.

—Charles S. Richards.

True courage scorns to vent her prowess in a storm of words.—Smollett.

Bible Reading.—1 Cor. 16: 7-13: The ideal hero.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

Gems of Thought.—"The love of Christ constraineth us" (2 Cor. 5: 14).

It takes great love to stir a human heart,
To live beyond the other and apart;
A love that is not shallow, is not small,
Is not for one or two, but is for all.
Love that can wound love, for its higher need;
Love that can leave love, though the heart may bleed;
Love that can lose love, family and friend;
Yet steadily live, loving to the end.
A love that asks no answer, that can live
Moved by one burning, deathless force to give
Love, strength and courage—courage, strength and love,
The heroes of all time—are built thereof.

—E. P. Preston.

Bible Reading.—2 Cor. 5: 9-15: The power of love.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

Gems of Thought.—"Now are we the sons of God, but it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3: 2).

As the dull and opaque lapets, turning their faces to the sun, do brighten into stars, so when we, ranged in adoring ranks or flying on works of love or pausing on peaks of splendor or walking the New Jerusalem, shall turn our fond eyes to the Lord, we shall glow into a deeper, richer beauty of resemblance to his spiritual glory.—C. F. Deems.

Bible Reading.—1 John 3: 1, 2: The great transformation.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

Gems of Thought.—"Blessed are those servants,

whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching" (Luke 12: 37).

"They eat and drink, and in communion sweet Quaff immortality and joy."

A Chinese Christian was speaking at a conference at Tatong on Psalm 110: 3: "Thou hast the dew of thy youth." He said: "Dewdrops born in the early dawn are like many souls born of the Holy Spirit at this time when the morning star is soon to appear. You may take water from a well, but you can not make a dewdrop—only a drop. Thus a child of the Spirit is born from above, and can not be imitated. When the sun shines forth, all the dewdrops disappear. Where? The sun receives them up into the clouds. Thus shall the Sun of righteousness receive all the Spirit-born children unto himself."—Jane B. James.

Bible Reading.—Luke 12: 35-38: Watching and waiting.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

Gems of Thought.—"When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart" (Matt. 14: 13).

A few hours ago I was surrounded by the jargon of business, myself a part of it. Now, somewhere near the middle of the night, I am sitting by an open window. Everything is still and the soft night air is cool. The sky seems very near and the stars lie over the heavens like fields of daisies, stretching on and on.

The moon is passing in and out of the clouds, making a shadow-checked day of the night, and breaking the sky with shafts of gold. All silent the universe is doing its work—beautiful, mysterious, religious.

What was all the jargon about a few hours ago? —Mar Ehrmann.

Our Lord knew the absolute need of privacy, and he strove after it, especially in connection with a great sorrow like the death of John. The discreet use of solitude has yet to be learned by many of us.—Spurgeon.

Bible Reading.—Matt. 14: 1-13: Alone with God.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

Gems of Thought.—"Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?" (Matt. 12: 10).

Christ rescued the Sabbath from the false interpretations placed upon it, from being a mere form, to being a spirit and a life. He swept away the cobwebs, he did not tear down the house. He removed the rubbish with which the Pharisees had encumbered it, and left it a day of freedom, joy and peace. He would keep the jewel, but wash away the dirt, which had accumulated upon it, and dimmed or destroyed its radiance.—Peloubet.

Bible Reading.—Matt. 12: 9-13: Doing good is always lawful.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

Gems of Thought.—"Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful" (Prov. 27: 6).

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything
To God in prayer!

—Joseph Servien.

My coat and I live comfortably together. It has assumed all my wrinkles, does not hurt me anywhere, has molded itself on my deformities, and is complacent to all my movements, and I only feel its presence because it keeps me warm. Old

coats and old friends are the same thing.—Victor Hugo.

Sudden friendships rarely live to ripeness.

Bible Reading.—Prov. 27: 1-9: True friendships.

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