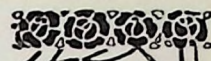




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THE LOSS OF A LEADER

Every movement owes its success to the direction and wisdom of great leaders. "Universal history, the history of what man has accomplished in this world," says Carlyle, "is at bottom the history of the great men who have worked here. They were the leaders of men, these great ones; the modellers, patterns, and in a wide sense creators, of whatever the general mass of men contrived to do or to attain." While these words were written of the world's epoch makers, they may be applied to those who have acted the leaders' part within a more circumscribed sphere. In the religious world, we see the importance of great men. The first church history, the book of Acts of Apostles, centres round a few leaders—Peter, Stephen, Paul. The course of ecclesiastical history may be presented biographically. Most of us are familiar with the lives of the leaders. Few know the details of the German, Genevan, or Scottish reformation; but the hearts of all thrill responsively at the mention of the names of Luther, Calvin and Knox. He who would understand the religious life of the twentieth century could not possibly ignore John Wesley and the revival of spiritual religion we owe to him. Similarly, the Restoration movement with which we are proud to be identified is indebted to wise, faithful, heroic leaders. The names of Thomas and Alexander Campbell, B. W. Stone, Walter Scott, Benjamin Franklin, Isaac Errett, J. W. McGarvey, and others, must continue to be honored as long as we appreciate our position. In Great Britain men like David King exerted, and after death continue to exert, an influence of extraordinary strength, on the very thought and manner of speech of many.

This number of the "Christian" contains our tribute to the memory of a leader in the Church of God in these Austral lands. To ourselves we might well put the question which David asked concerning another: "Know ye not that there is a great man

fallen this day in Israel?" The various articles in this issue present views of the magnitude of Bro. F. G. Dunn's work and the nobility of his character as read by a sorrowing brotherhood. It is unthinkable that for one lacking in noble qualities of heart or mind there would flow from distant and widely separated places such a stream of messages indicative of love and esteem as has poured into Melbourne during the last ten days.

Bro. Dunn filled great positions, including the greatest within the gift of his brethren. Australia mourns the loss of its beloved Federal President. Australasian interests were confidently entrusted to him in the positions of editor of the "Christian" and chairman of the Board of Management of the College. For a generation—for he was secretary of the Conference in 1882 and president for the first time in 1884—he was constantly associated in a leading capacity with the cause in Victoria.

The very length of service given is noteworthy. Half a century of toil, of faithful, unremitting labor, in a cause winning its way through misunderstanding, misrepresentation, and sometimes obloquy, is no little thing. When our brother began his public advocacy of the plea we love, he did not do so with the ease and comfort which we enjoy who have entered into the labors of men who toiled in the formative period of the movement. J. H. Garrison, in "The Reformation of the Nineteenth Century," rightly urges upon the younger generation the need of becoming acquainted with the spirit which actuated and the principles which controlled our heroic earlier workers. He has a sentence which is peculiarly applicable to us now: "No doubt we shall have new issues to meet, new problems to solve and new battles to fight; but we shall need the same dauntless heroism, the same faith in God and in his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, the same zeal for truth and the same great underlying principles which charac-

terised those who wrought in the beginning of our movement and who have transmitted to us the responsibility of carrying forward the work which they only began."

Our late editor was a man of unusual mental ability. He was a reader and independent thinker, and therefore a leader. We have all enjoyed the fruit of his thought, expressed in incisive speech, or, more particularly, with literary skill and lucidity in our papers. By these means he has largely helped to mould the thought of the Churches of Christ in Australasia.

We leave to others to record their appreciation of Bro. Dunn in particular capacities. Here may be fittingly noticed a few outstanding characteristics. Our brother was in excellent degree gifted with a mind well balanced, eminently sane and practical. For these reasons, his advice was constantly sought; and, as the old proverb puts it, "He who advises, as it were helps." Many of our young men have acted on the injunction, "Before you begin anything, take counsel," and one of the men of whom they most naturally and wisely sought this counsel was F. G. Dunn. He loved and sought truth, and could quickly detect sophistry and error. A strong, unflinching advocate of New Testament Christianity, he could estimate and appreciate the good in the views of other men, and so was saved from extreme positions. Some of us are apt to ignore the splendid motto, "When you have abandoned a thing, beware of its opposite." Not so F. G. Dunn. He helped to defend the Restoration movement against the well-meaning but ill-advised actions of its friends as truly as against the onslaughts of its foes. This led to his being greatly trusted.

Bro. Dunn was felt to be a safe man. His brethren were confident that with him everything was well weighed and tested by its harmony with the Word of God, and the likelihood of its advancing the cause of Christ. His was a characteristic caution which at times was of inestimable value. In

connection with this we think of John Morley's repeated mention of a similar trait in one of Britain's greatest statesmen, W. E. Gladstone: "According to his general manner in all dubious cases, he moved slowly, and labored to remove practical grounds for objections." Again we have mention of "his constant abhorrence of premature committal, and the taking of a second step before the first." Our brother's character and the ground of our confidence in him are in part described in these words.

The influence of a great and good man never dies. Through the labors of those who benefited by his counsel and were inspired by his example, Bro. Dunn, though dead, will yet speak. He has left a noble memory to be cherished by us all, particularly by his loved ones more nearly bereaved, to whom the "Christian" extends its deepest sympathy and the assurance of the prayers of the brotherhood at large that they may receive all the Father's promised blessing and the richest consolations of His Spirit and Word. As we consider our loss, and of how ill we could spare such a leader, we find consolation in the familiar words of immortal truth: "God buries his workman, but carries on His work."

"So, when a great man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men."

F. G. Dunn as a Writer.

D. A. Ewers.

"So many letters, thanking me for the good received, have come during my editorship, that I am constrained to regard this as the principal work of my religious career—the work by which I have been able to accomplish most for God." This was the mature conviction of F. G. Dunn, as expressed in the last message from his dying bed to his readers, and published but three weeks ago. We are persuaded it will meet with general endorsement. When J. J. Haley, the gifted editor of the *A. C. Watchman*, left for America at the close of 1884, he referred in his valedictory article to his successor as "sound in head and heart," and as being "certain to conduct the paper upon such principles and with such ability as to give entire satisfaction to the brotherhood." To the correctness of that estimate the nearly 30 years of editorial work bears eloquent testimony.

Commencing as a Sunday School worker just after his baptism at the age of 18, Bro. Dunn was for over 20 years actively engaged in this service. He took part in the formation of the Victorian Sunday School Union, of which he was the first secretary. He was also in his earlier years prominent in temperance work, and attained the highest position in the Independent Order of Rechabites. Then, as an able preacher and teacher on our church platforms he was much esteemed, while as an energetic mem-

ber of the Home Mission Committee probably no one did more valuable service on that board for the past 34 years.

But it is as a writer and editor that he will be best remembered. For this work he was specially fitted, and to this he devoted his best and ripest energies. The *Watchman*, on which he commenced his editorial career in January, 1885, was in August of the same year amalgamated with the *Witness*, and the *Christian Standard* was the result, of which he became chief editor. Twelve years later the *Standard* and *Pioneer* united as the "Australian Christian," with A. B. Maston at the helm and F. G. Dunn as

writer of the editorial leaders. On the lamented death of Bro. Maston he relinquished his business position to devote his whole time to the management of the Austral Publishing Co. and the editorship of the "Christian." The fact that the circulation of the paper has since increased by a thousand copies is sufficient evidence of the appreciation of his work.

Bro. Dunn was a man of profound convictions. He believed, and therefore he wrote. Connected with the movement from his very boyhood, away back in the "fifties," almost from its inception, he was familiar with its principles, to which he ever remain-

Bro. Dunn's Farewell Message to the Brotherhood.

When a young man of eighteen, I gave my heart to Christ and united with his church. This being the fiftieth year of my membership, I found myself looking forward to the Federal Conference as something in the nature of a jubilee. During the intervening years I may say that I have been connected with all the important work of the brotherhood. First of all I took up Sunday School work, and was active in that department of service for something like twenty-five years. For a long time I was engaged in temperance work, but when a decision had to be reached as to the nature of my future service, I chose the work of the church, and gave myself to Sunday School teaching, visiting the churches, preaching the Word, and writing for our religious journals. With Bro. J. J. Haley I co-operated in starting the "Watchman." For thirteen years I edited the "Australian Christian Standard," which succeeded the "Watchman," and for the past sixteen and a half years I have regularly contributed to the columns of the "Australian Christian." I think I have written in all about seven hundred editorial articles. I also co-operated with Bro. Haley in reorganising the Victorian Conference, and twice in its history I have occupied the position of president.

I enjoyed good health and was able to do a full share of work up till about twelve months ago. During a visit to Brisbane in the interests of the work I got a chill, and have been more or less on the sick-list from then up to the present time. Recently the illness seemed to gain ground, and the doctors took rather a gloomy view of it,—more so than I did myself, except that I felt desperately weak. At present I seem to be on the mend, and things are brighter, but I am prepared, I think, for whatever comes. The great thing is, I have faith in Jesus Christ, for "the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." Whatever we should do without Jesus I do not know,—the future would be a gloomy outlook,—but with him everything is bright. Since I became a member of the church, I think I may say that my greatest desire has been the glory of God, the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ and the spread of his glorious kingdom. Whatever has come in the way of honor from my brethren has come unsought. I have found my chief delight in the fellowship of the brethren,—in the companionship and fellowship of genial souls too numerous to mention. Later on, if things get worse, I may be able to think more fully of these things, but this will serve in the event of my being suddenly cut off.

I have stood for principles in a loving fashion, without yielding. My experience has been that it is a mistake to give up principle for the sake of popularity, or of securing favor with anyone, but I hold to the admonition of the Apostle, "Speaking the truth in love." This is the best way of advancing our cause, and eventually securing the esteem of our religious neighbors. I am satisfied they will not think any more of us if we show ourselves ready to abandon any definite position clearly taught in the New Testament.

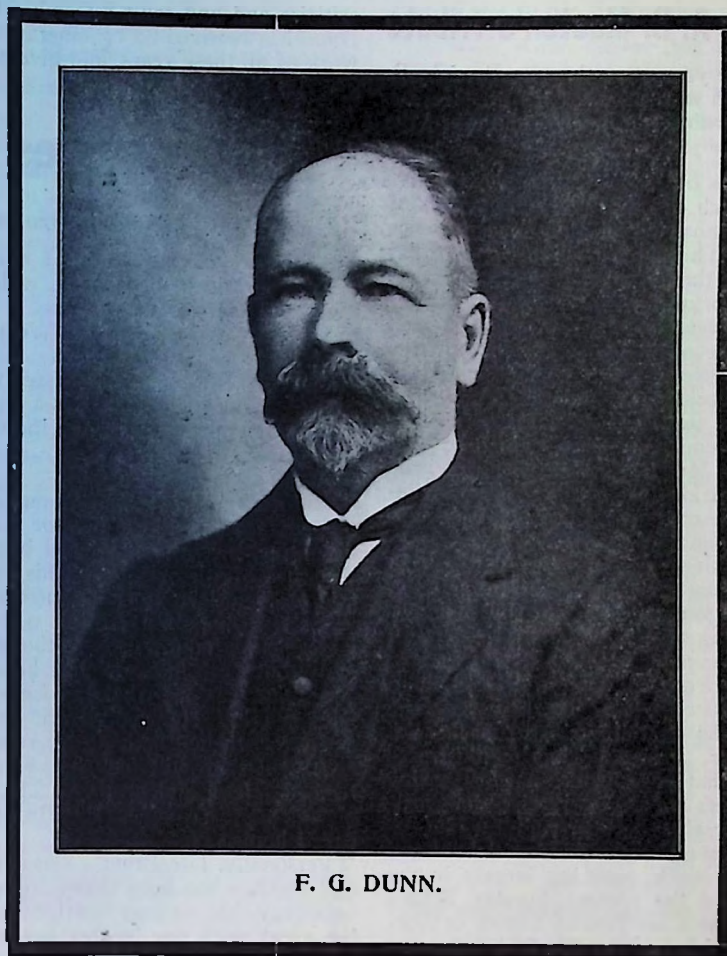
My exhortation to the brotherhood is to hold fast to the truths of the old faith.

ed faithful. While not intolerant of new conceptions of truth or methods of work, he was by temperament somewhat conservative, and this rendered him cautious in the encouragement of novel ideas and plans. But when persuaded they were not out of harmony with the teachings of the Book he so highly revered, and were in the interests of the cause he loved, he did not withhold his sympathy and support. Thus it was that the C.E. movement, the Foreign Mission work, etc., found in him a willing helper.

Believing with all his heart in the Bible as the Word of God, he was naturally jealous of anything that seemed calculated to undermine its influence, and in his editorial work he ever gave it the position of pre-eminence. Hence the prominence in his writings to archaeological and other evidences of its veracity and authority. His articles were always readable, and distinguished rather by soundness of teaching and lucidity of expression than by brilliancy of language or pyrotechnical display. Among the churches generally there was a feeling of confidence in Bro. Dunn as a reliable man, one who could be depended on for a sane and honest treatment of living issues, and his published convictions commanded the respect of his readers. There was such a transparent sincerity running through his literary contributions that it disarmed opposition and won the esteem of the whole brotherhood. Moreover, he was always fair in his presentations and criticisms of views conflicting with his own. Above all littleness and petty ideas himself, he looked for fairness and broadmindedness in others, and where possible would see nothing else. With an unfaltering faith in the plea for a restoration of primitive Christianity and in its ultimate success, he was ever anxious to further its interests and maintain "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" among its advocates, and to this he devoted the able powers of his fine intellect from the editorial chair with marked success. Even those who did not experience the charm of personal friendship will realise that a prince has fallen in Israel.

I cannot close without adding a personal appreciation. From an acquaintance extending over more than 30 years I learned to esteem F. G. Dunn very highly. Commencing our literary work about the same time, we were often brought into touch and into conference. Occasional differences in judgment in matters of minor importance in the earlier period of our work were not allowed to mar our fraternal regard, which in the later years of editorial co-operation mellowed into affectionate comradeship. Hence it is with a deep sense of personal loss that I lay this tribute on the grave of one of our truest, ablest and grandest men.

"Nobly thy course is run,
Splendor is round it;
Bravely thy fight is won,
Victory crowned it.
"In thy warfare of heaven
Grown old and hoary,
Now like the summer's sun,
Shrouded in glory."



F. G. DUNN.

The Funeral Service.

A very large and representative number of brethren and friends attended the funeral on Tuesday, Sept. 15. A brief service was held at 64 Story-st., Parkville, conducted by Horace Kingsbury, assisted by A. R. Main and G. B. Moysey. Whilst this service was being held, the Bible College students, employees of the Austral Publishing Company, and members of the Malvern Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites, in the order named, took their places at the head of a lengthy cortege. In addition to those mentioned a large number of others, including the preachers of almost all the metropolitan churches, marched from the house to the Melbourne Cemetery. At the gates a further large number of brethren was found to have assembled. The gathering at the cemetery was very large and widely representative, manifesting the great esteem in which our departed brother was held. The service at the graveside,

which was most impressive, was conducted by Horace Kingsbury, who had been called back to the city from Kyneton, where he was about to commence a brief mission. The Conference President (Reg. Enniss) and the Swanston-st. evangelist (J. J. Franklyn) were absent in Adelaide, taking part in the Conference gatherings there. The following brethren acted as pall-bearers: M. McLellan, W. C. Craigie, C. Lawson, B. J. Kemp, A. Millis, F. A. Kemp, C. Hardie, P. B. McMaster. Bro. Kingsbury, in the course of a most touching address, delivered a magnificent eulogy of our departed brother. His closing prayer was a most earnest supplication on behalf of the sorrowing family and relatives, and also for the whole brotherhood, which has been bereaved of one who had always shown himself to be a Christian gentleman, an able teacher and editor, and a good friend to all.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

The Late A. B. Maston's Tribute

About the year 1896 the late Bro. A. B. Maston, who was Bro. Dunn's predecessor, wrote concerning him in the columns of the *A. C. Pioneer*, as follows:—

"The lives of those who take an active part in church or other work are always of interest to those whom they may influence for good. The subject of this sketch has been before the churches pleading for a return to the primitive order of things for the past thirty years, though only now a man in the prime of life. Away back in the 'fifties' he attended a Sunday School in the old Mechanics' Institute, Melbourne; but he was eighteen years old before he made the 'good confession,' when he was baptised by Mr. C. G. Lawson, in a little chapel in Barkley-st., Carlton. Almost immediately he commenced work in the Sunday School, and for over twenty years continued in this sphere of Christian usefulness. No man can continue in work of this kind for so long a period without being a great blessing to many, but the subject of this sketch considers that the training he himself thus received has largely contributed to any success he has achieved as a teacher in the church or as a preacher of the glorious gospel. Thus is illustrated over again that great truth, that in laboring to bless others we always receive the greatest good ourselves. For some years he devoted his spare time to Sunday School and Temperance work, assisting largely in the formation of the present Sunday School Union of the Churches of Christ in Victoria, of which he was the first secretary, and taking an active part in the work of the Rechabites, filling the highest position in the order, that of District Chief Ruler.

"The Conference of Churches of Christ in its present form was organised in 1881, and from that time until the present he has taken a deep interest in all its work, and has rendered valuable services, first as assistant secretary, then secretary, and afterwards as president. He is now, as he has been for many years, a member of the missionary Committee. It is only justice to say that no man in Victoria has rendered more valuable service to the cause of our Home Missions than F. G. Dunn.

"When J. J. Haley left Victoria for America, it was at his suggestion that Mr. Dunn was appointed the editor of the *A. C. Watchman*, which position he continued to fill when that paper merged into the *A. C. Standard*, and at the end of the present year will have given twelve years' editorial service. Those who have not had actual experience in this direction can have but little idea of the work and anxiety in conducting a paper even so small as the *Standard*, especially when that work has to be done amidst the worry of business life in a city like Melbourne. The question is not so much, often, what to put in, as to what to leave out, especially when an effort is being made to serve a brotherhood scattered over such a vast territory with such a variety of wants and tastes. Let those inclined to

criticise and find fault remember that Mr. Dunn has received no remuneration for the work of all these years, and give him credit

for doing that which seems to him to be for the best."

Messages of Appreciation.

A Very Dear Friend and Brother.

The news of the death of our beloved Federal President and editor, while not altogether unexpected, came as a very sad message to us in Adelaide. We who have known him almost all our lives can scarcely realise that we shall never see his kindly face on earth again. He was a regular visitor at our Conferences, and there seems a place vacant as we meet to-day, and have no response from him.

His work was not that of a public speaker or preacher, though he has for many years been an encouragement and help to the churches in Victoria, with his thoughtful addresses at the morning meetings. His work was that of a faithful writer whose messages went out weekly to thousands, and and no one can measure their helpful influence. He was one whose advice was invariably sought. He was one who encouraged and strengthened both preachers and churches, and they will feel the loss of an esteemed friend and brother. The world is always poorer when such as Bro. Dunn are called home.

Personally, I feel that a very dear friend and brother has been taken from me. I only pray that we may worthily continue in the great work our brother has laid down, and be as true and faithful to the principles of this great movement with which we are associated, and as faithful to the Word of God and the church as he was. His place will be hard to fill. We shall be the richer for his memory, and he being dead will yet speak to us. He has entered into a service that will never end, and his reward is the reward of one who has triumphed through the power of Christ. May we at last be counted faithful, and meet with him and all our loved ones in the company of the redeemed in the Father's home.

J. E. Thomas.

His Spirit was the Spirit of the Master.

The departure of Bro. F. G. Dunn is a distinct loss to the whole Australasian brotherhood.

His life and work was an inestimable contribution to the cause we all love. He was in every way a strong character. He had convictions, and he heroically stood by them. His judgment was most reliable. He could differ with brethren on various matters and yet remain their staunch friends. His spirit was the spirit of the Master. To-day our cause is the poorer, but heaven the richer. May the great God of all comfort bless the bereaved, and prove at this time of sorrow their refuge and strength.

Gifford Gordon.

An Influence for Unity.

For twenty-five years the writer has been connected with the Churches of Christ, and during the whole of that time two names have been prominently associated with our journalistic work; these are F. G. Dunn and D. A. Ewers; and now the former has gone from us to a well-earned reward, and we are the poorer. His place will not easily be filled, for he was a safe man, and far from being an extremist. The unity of the brotherhood in this great south land has been largely due, during the past sixteen or seventeen years, to the influence of the "Australian Christian," and that paper was largely what F. G. Dunn made it. The choice of a successor will need prayerful and careful consideration if this influence for unity is to be maintained.

Thos. Hagger.

A College Appreciation.

As one who knew Bro. F. G. Dunn for a considerable time—it is twenty years since I first saw him—I esteem it a privilege to join with others in paying a tribute of respect to his memory. Were all the "Christian" readers to express their minds, there would be a monotony of similarity in their remarks. We would all wish to record our great indebtedness to him for fifty years of wise guidance and indefatigable labor given to the cause of Christ. All would dwell on those personal traits which enabled our late editor to win the universal esteem of the brotherhood and to carry out his multifarious duties in the efficient way with which all are familiar.

It is fitting that I should confine myself to one aspect of our brother's activity. Amongst those who most sincerely mourn the loss of a friend and helper are found the faculty and students of the College of the Bible. Other institutions and departments of service may during a portion of their history have enjoyed the support of F. G. Dunn, but the College has had no history apart from him. For years prior to the establishment of our present work, he was interested in and assisting the education of our young men. He saw the imperative need of efficient training if the cause he loved were to come into its own rightful possession. Many brethren throughout the Commonwealth profited by the correspondence classes for many years conducted by him, and in addition to deriving immediate help were encouraged to pursue their studies and seek a more liberal education. Various educational movements, such as special evening classes, had Bro. Dunn's cordial approval and active support. The establishment of the College of the Bible, however, was the

crown of his labors in this direction; for none was more active than he in this advance movement. By voice and pen he urged the need, and pleaded for the support of the institution when established. From the first our brother was chairman of the Board of Management, in which position those qualities of sound judgment, wise counsel, practical good sense, which enabled him to wield such a great influence in other directions, were specially conspicuous.

All at Glen Iris have experienced a sense of personal loss. We feel that there has passed from us one of our truest friends, ablest advisers, most potent helpers. We shall miss him much, for we are at a loss to know where to find one to fill his place.

A. R. Main.

The Claims of his Lord were Paramount.

However much, for his own sake, we may be thankful that our Bro. Dunn has entered into his rest, and found the healing which, finally for us all, can come only from the Great Physician, we know that his death means great loss to us. The hand that so long wrote the thoughtful and inspiring leaders for "The Christian" is still, and the brain and heart that directed the fortunes of our paper have ceased their work. Because of this, there is no household among our brotherhood in Australia where the "Christian" is read, but will be greatly the poorer. The late editor was a man of gifts. If his ambition had led him in that direction, he might well have filled the editorial chair of some largely circulating daily newspaper. But that was not the field of labor of his choice. With him the claims of his Lord were paramount, and so he gave himself wholly, heartily, and finally to work for the church; and to her he consecrated his intellectual powers, and in her service he spent his time and energy; and in that service came to him the highest recompense.

To the writer he said, more than once, "I hope to die in harness." This wish has been almost entirely gratified. To him the editorship of the "Christian" was no mere means of livelihood. It was a conscious, a resolute, a persistent attempt to render service on behalf of the institution which he loved, and which he accounted as calling for the best that it is in a man's power to give. When one thinks of him in these latter years of steadily declining health and distressful attacks of illness, one sees in him that heroic quality that makes men hold on their course in the face of great odds. The lives of such men mean much for any cause with which they are allied. There were perennial springs of optimism in his nature, but there was always sanity in his outlook, and experience was the handmaid of his judgment. He had lived and learned.

Many of his brethren knew Bro. Dunn only as the editor of our paper, and the manager of the Austral Publishing Company. In this connection his name and fortitude will go down to posterity linked with that of our late Bro. Maston. But many of us have known him at closer range, have had the privilege of hours of converse with

him, when he has come into our homes on his visits from his native State, and we have discovered by personal contact the qualities that went to the making of the man; and those of us who are of that company will suffer added loss.

Let none of us, however, forget his last published messages. They are in the nature of a last will and testament, signed with his own hand. They give us a glimpse of the man, unobtrusive, earnest, sincere, single-eyed; here speaks the man; here the usually hidden editor makes himself somewhat manifest.

We shall all cherish his memory—those who have read him only, for the light and leading of his written word; those who have known him personally, for this also, and for more—as a true friend, a brother beloved, who always stood for the best and the highest, and who found his greatest delight in the fellowship of his brethren.

W. M. Green.

"One of the Best of Men."

More than once in the flood of condolences received by the bereaved family, Bro. Dunn is referred to as "one of the best of men." Those who knew him intimately will heartily approve this deserved encomium, for in the truest sense of the words he was a Christian gentleman. Just how much the brotherhood owes to Bro. Dunn's keen mind and consecrated pen may not now be known, but there will be general agreement when I say that he has helped to make and mould our religious thinking, and to keep us true to the faith once for all delivered unto the saints. He was a conspicuous example of those men who, while not separating themselves entirely from business pursuits, have used their talents for the glory of God, and have meant so much to the cause of Christ. With Bro. Dunn, Christianity was not a creed nor a book, but a life of service; and for fifty years he sought to live up to that conception. He threw himself whole-heartedly into all the great enterprises of the church to which he belonged, and God found in him a man whom he could use. Bro. Dunn was a link between the past and the present, restraining alike from ultra-conservatism and ultra-liberalism, and ever preserving that middle course which has been so richly blessed of God. He was jealous for God with a fine Christian courtesy. He always had the courage of his convictions, and he stood unflinchingly for the right.

In his last days Bro. Dunn suffered much, and it was truly a happy release when God called his spirit home. He would have been glad to live to continue the work in which he found so great delight, but in his serene and unwavering faith he was willing that the divine will should be done. His farewell message to his brethren shows how firm was his faith in the precious Jesus. He fell asleep in him, and now F. G. Dunn, servant of God, editor, brother, friend, rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

Horace Kingsbury.

Ever True to his Profession.

It was with regret that I learned on Lord's day, the 13th inst., that the Master had called Bro. F. G. Dunn home to his rest, because it will not be easy to fill the position now left vacant. I have had the pleasure of knowing our late highly esteemed brother since the year 1868, and during the year 1869 to 1870, when I had the privilege of being the evangelist of the Swanston-st. church, I was brought into close relationship with him, and ever found him true to his profession as a servant of the great Master. As a young man, and in the earlier portion of his Christian course, there was always manifest a steadfast adherence to the truth as taught in God's Word, and a fearless presentation of the principles for which we plead as a people. As one who knew him for many years, I always highly esteemed him as a man and a brother, consistent in daily life, clear, logical, and faithful in his presentation of the truth, and determined in all things to be true to our Divine Head. In his conduct of the "Australian Christian" no praise can be too high, both as a leader writer and also as manager and editor. While his predecessors have done well for the paper in the past, none have placed it in a higher rank than he, both as to literary ability, or mechanical finish. May God comfort his bereaved widow and family, and show to the churches the suitable brother to fill his late position.

M. Wood Green.

Long and Faithful Service.

In Bro. Dunn's death we have lost a leader whose place cannot easily be filled. Having known him for more than thirty years, his great fidelity to what he believed to be the truth always impressed me. His splendid talents were used to further the cause of primitive Christianity, and he did much to prevent side-tracking. He did great work as teacher and writer, and his long and faithful service gave dignity to the brotherhood.

D. M. Wilson.

A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ.

A strong man in the forefront of the battle line has fallen. He fought the good fight, he finished the course, he kept the faith. He died sword in hand, clothed in the whole armour of God. A captain of the Lord's hosts has fallen, to the last contending earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints. No one could have wished him a greater honor or a nobler work, or a grander finish. The name of F. G. Dunn will go down to the future as an inspiration to the man of God to follow faithfully the "old paths."

"Now the laborer's task is o'er,
Now the battle-cry is past;
Now upon the further shore
Lands the voyager at last.
Father, in thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now thy servant sleeping."

J. Pittman.

Intensely Loyal to New Testament Truth.

The home going of Bro. Dunn leaves a vacancy in our ranks which it will be difficult to fill. Dispassionate in temperament, studious in disposition, wise in counsel, and intensely loyal to New Testament truth, he was eminently fitted for the prominent position the Lord permitted him to occupy in the work in Australasia. In the movements with which I have been specially identified—State evangelistic work, and the Bible College—I am immeasurably indebted to Bro. Dunn, both for being permitted to engage in this work, and for faithful support while continuing in the service.

Our editor has laid down his pen, but his helpful messages abide. May they still serve as incentives to us who remain to contend, even more faithfully, for the religious ideals and practices which were his—and we believe, the Lord's.

H. G. Harvard.

To Know Him was to Respect and Love Him.

Having heard to-day of the death of my old friend of thirty-five years, Mr. F. G. Dunn, I hasten to express my sincere sympathy with your church and organisations in your great loss.

For many years we were closely connected in various movements for the good of society, and to know our brother was to respect and love him.

He was a sterling Christian, true to his God, and loyal to his church.

R. Keith Mackay,
Supt., Melbourne City Mission.

A Lover of the Christ, the Book, the Church.

The Church of Christ has lost one of her noblest sons in the passing of F. G. Dunn. A wise counsellor, faithful teacher, strong writer, and loyal advocate of the Restoration, he helped materially in determining the character of the movement in Australia. He loved the Christ, the Book, the church, and his fidelity to the truth was such that all knew the cause was safe in his hands. A great man has gone from our midst. He will be greatly missed; but as with all who toil for God, his works will live.

H. J. Banks.

Unflinching Devotion to Principle and Duty.

The departure of Bro. F. G. Dunn will be a distinct loss to the brotherhood in Australasia, and he will be sincerely regretted by many, and myself among the number. From my earliest years he has been a leading figure in the work in this State, and he deserved all honor for his unflinching devotion to principle and to duty. The church at Mildura sympathise with his family in their affliction and with the Austral Company and brotherhood in the loss of a leader.

Hugh Gray.

The Church was Everything to Him.

I became acquainted with Bro. Dunn during my boyhood in 1870. In those early days he was a most active worker in school and church meeting in the Manchester Unity Hall, Swanston-st., Melbourne. All through his life the church was everything to him, and he naturally became a pillar of the church. He will be greatly missed.

John Hindle.

His Judgment Most Valuable.

Since 1881 I have been closely associated with our late beloved Bro. F. G. Dunn in connection with the Sunday School Union, the *A. C. Watchman* and the *Christian Standard*, also in Conference and Home Mission work. I have always found him an earnest, conscientious and brainy worker, a clear thinker; one whose judgment on a committee was most valuable. It can be truly said that the brotherhood has lost its best all-round man, one whose place no one man can fill.

Malcolm McLellan.

Invaluable to the Cause of Primitive Christianity.

I have forgotten who was the president of the first Victorian Conference I attended. Its chief speakers are also forgotten, but one incident seems as fresh as though it were yesterday. The Conference had gotten into a perfect tangle of motions and amendments with a point of order or two in addition until it was "bushed" in good Australian manner. Then Bro. Dunn rose, and in a few short, clear sentences, solved the whole difficulty of procedure. This is but one, and one of the least ways in which our Bro. Dunn has served his brethren. His clear and well stored mind, his courageous and Christian spirit, his readiness to serve, have made him invaluable to the cause of primitive Christianity in Australasia as friend, counsellor, writer and editor.

W. C. McCallum.

"A Great Man Hath Fallen in Israel."

With deepest regret does the brotherhood learn of the passing away of one who has filled so large a place in our midst. Truly "a great man hath fallen in Israel." Long before many of us who are now in service began our work, the strong personality of Bro. Dunn was making itself felt in our church life. The increase of years only increased our recognition of his work. A man with a strong mind, an unwavering faith, and with the courage of his convictions, he seemed to fit well any position of responsibility in Christian service. The growing appreciation on the part of the brotherhood was also true of those who came to know him personally, for then his consecration, which was the glory of his life, became even more apparent. He has lived for Christ and now lives with him. His death has weakened our strength, but strengthened our faith.

H. E. Knoti.

His Counsel was Always Good.

During my three years' service under the Home Mission Committee in Victoria as State evangelist and organising secretary I came into very close touch with Bro. Dunn. I found him ever a deep and close friend, ready to advise and help in everything which tended toward the progress of the gospel. His counsel was always good. He was quiet, reserved, unassuming and sympathetic. His services as editor of the "Australian Christian" can not be overestimated. The paper has been enriched by the value of his pen. His good work will never die. We have lost a great and good man.

Thos. Bagley.

An Inexpressible Loss.

With the whole of the Australasian brotherhood I feel we have, by Bro. Dunn's death, sustained an inexpressible loss. His long and faithful consecrated effort for the cause he loved has endeared him to us all. "A giant has fallen in Israel." We will honor him the most by continuing the work to which he so ably and untiringly gave his best.

Jos. J. Franklyn.

Loyal, Level-headed, and Kind.

Our hearts are made sad by the news of the death of Bro. Dunn. The loss will be keenly felt, especially at this time of stress and anxiety. He has been a useful man to the brotherhood, loyal, level-headed and kind. We join you all in mourning the loss of this valiant soldier and likewise in honoring his memory.

W. B. Blakemore.

A Zealous and Capable Advocate of Temperance.

The late Bro. F. G. Dunn joined the Independent Order of Rechabites on July 8, 1872. He quickly achieved distinction as a leader, and in 1877 was elected as a District Officer. The next promotion was to the office of District Chief Ruler. He subsequently served in other offices, including that of District Treasurer. His last notable service to the Order was in 1885, when the jubilee was celebrated. His membership continued to the end, and his faithfulness to Rechabite principles. Gospel temperance had in Bro. Dunn a zealous and capable advocate.

John Vale, District Secretary.

His Face was Always to the Light.

My acquaintance with Bro. F. G. Dunn only extended over a period of eighteen months, but during that time I learned to place a high estimate on his abilities as a thinker and a man. As editor of the "Christian" he often had to exercise the greatest tact and diplomacy, for he represented a brotherhood which comprehended height, depth and breadth of view. He was singularly fortunate in keeping our paper

free from acrimonious discussion. He stamped the sweetness of his own life upon its pages, and if at times one impulsively advocated a restatement of position or set out a new view of things, it was certain to receive the greatest consideration, for F. G. Dunn looked at such ideas from the standpoint of the brotherhood as a whole. I understand that in the early days he was ever in the van. He did much to free our movement from all eddying influences, so that it might assume the breadth and force of a mighty and refreshing stream. Even in his last days his face was always to the light. He never closed his eyes to to-morrow's truth, and was always ready to look with open visage upon any fresh light that broke from God's Word.

It is to be hoped the second generation, to whose care are entrusted the principles for which our churches have worked so arduously and so long, will be as true as he proved himself to be. I have known men of whom it could be said that it could never be made clear whether they were in favor of a thing, against it, neither or both. F. G. Dunn did not belong to that class. Even if one did not agree with him, at least one knew exactly where he stood, and in these days of hazy thinking, clear thought, lucidity of expression and the fearless advocacy of truth is one of the most priceless combinations a public man can possess. There are many brethren who will feel as Wordsworth felt when he wrote of one whom he loved, "And now he is in his grave... and O the difference to me."

Henry A. Procter, B.A.

A Man of Wide Sympathies.

I never knew truly or appreciated fully our Bro. Dunn till I was called to serve the Federal Committee of which he was the President till his death. Then I was brought near enough to feel his strong sympathetic heart, and to recognise his great catholic mind, and knew him to be what those who have been close to him have always appreciated him to be.

It was a suggestion from Bro. Dunn which, more than any other human agency, settled the plan of campaign in the Launceston mission. He therefore is due no small part of the honor coming from the greatest mission ever held by one of our Australasian churches. Bro. Dunn was a man of wide sympathies, of large vision, and of boundless faith in the cause for which he gave the best years of his life. It was a privilege to know and to work with such a man.

S. G. Griffith.

He was Always Kind to Everybody.

I knew Bro. Frank Dunn for thirty-two years, and for over twenty-five years we were intimate friends. During that time in public and private we had many warm discussions, but I never heard him say a word that was not kind.

Bro. Dunn was a many-sided man; he took an interest in business; he was a keen

politician; the temperance cause, especially the Rechabites, found him a warm supporter. He was an enthusiastic cricketer; many an interstate and international match we watched together. He was one of the best posted men in archaeology in Australia, and found keen delight in the digging up of fresh evidences of the truth of the Bible. But the largest interest in Bro. Dunn's public life was the Church of Jesus Christ. If ever a man could sing "I love thy church, O God!" Bro. Dunn was that man. To the Church of Christ and its plea for a return to primitive Christianity he gave his boyish ardour, and the fire of boyish enthusiasm grew larger and more intense as the years went by. Bro. Dunn knew the movement in Australia as few men knew it. His mother was a faithful mother in Israel, and as Sir Oliver Lodge says of his home we can say of Bro. Dunn's mother's home, it was "saturated with primitive Christianity."

Bro. Dunn's life was like a beautiful garden. There is much to admire and gather; but for this "appreciation" I must pluck a few flowers from his life that have greatly delighted me with their beauty and fragrance. He was a faithful friend; he made many new friends, but never forgot the old ones. It is a remarkable thing that his closest friends were often those from whom he differed in many things, but his big heart overleapt every difference to grasp another's hand in friendship. In my early association with him we were members of rival churches, editors of rival papers, but what good friends we always were! Bro. Dunn was one of the sanest men in Australia, and universally trusted by our Australian brethren, and all felt that his occupancy of the Federal chair was a fitting climax of his official life. He had been almost everything, and died occupying the highest position of the Australian brotherhood. Above everything else Bro. Dunn was a man of love. He loved his brethren. All over Australia our preachers will remember kindnesses received from our Federal President. I shall never forget his kindnesses to me in my Lygon-st. days. I have letters now that he wrote me speaking kind words to a younger brother.

"O for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still!"

In a lonely grave on the Kentucky hills a farmer buried his wife. He had no marble monument to put on her grave, but securing a rough stone he chiselled these words as his wife's epitaph, "She was always kind to everybody"; and this is one sentence of Frank Dunn's epitaph that will be subscribed to by all who knew him. "He was always kind to everybody."

Geo. T. Walden.

In Truth he Loved Jesus.

Bro. Dunn was a man good and true. He was indeed one of the best. He was a leader, and everywhere recognised as such. His judgment in committee deliberations and Conference gatherings probably counted for more than that of any other one man in Victoria. He knew how to look at a mat-

ter from all standpoints, and upon all the evidence available to come to a right conclusion. He was a director of the forces and yet a fighter in the ranks. He was a seer, and the scope of his vision widened with the passing of the years. In truth he loved Jesus and served well and faithfully his cause. Thanks be to God who gave the movement so sound a thinker and worker.

F. M. Ludbrook,
President, Foreign Missionary Executive
for Australia.

Firm and Steadfast in his Adherence to Principle.

F. G. Dunn is dead. We can scarcely realise that sad, stern fact. 'Tis close on thirty years since I first came into contact with him in connection with church work, and admiration for his many splendid qualities has only deepened with the passing years. Genial and courteous in his manner, calm, dispassionate and judicious in his reasoning, firm and steadfast in his adherence to principle, unswerving in his loyalty to New Testament teaching, F. G. Dunn's death has created a blank which will be difficult to fill. A true friend, a wise counsellor, a consistent Christian, truly a great man has fallen this day in the Israel of God.

H. Swain,
Tasmanian Conference President.

His Influence was Australasian.

It is my privilege as President of the New South Wales Conference to testify to the esteem in which we held Bro. Dunn, particularly in connection with his editorial work. Although he was a son of the Victorian churches and moved principally in the metropolitan district, his influence was Australasian.

To few is it given to edit the sole paper of a united brotherhood, and few who have had the opportunity have used it so effectively and modestly as Bro. Dunn. His leading articles have had a dignity and power which have done much to commend the paper to the general reader, while acrimonious discussions have been prudently suppressed. His work on Federal and local committees, in the College of the Bible, as a church officer and speaker, is known to us generally, but we shall best remember him as writer and editor.

Alan Price.

A Great Warrior.

Truly, in the passing of Bro. F. G. Dunn a great warrior has fallen from our ranks. His keen, logical mind, combined with marked literary ability, easily puts him in the front rank of our movement in Australasia, and we wonder how and by whom the gap will be filled, but somehow God fills these vacancies, and his work goes on. Bro. Dunn will be long and gratefully remembered. His wise counsel, his ready and willing help to the cause of right and truth will not allow him to be soon forgotten. We

mourn the loss of our dear friend and brother, and express deepest sympathy with his devoted wife and family.

P. A. Dickson.

A Valiant Leader.

Through the passing from this life of our esteemed Bro. F. G. Dunn the whole brotherhood of Australasia has lost a valiant leader. He was peculiarly fitted for this special work. God had richly endowed him with fine mental qualities which served him in such good stead that whether in wielding the pen, or wielding the sword of the Spirit, our brother excelled. With a keen, logical, analytical mind, he could expose any fallacy and lay bare the truth. His brethren in the church believed in him and elected him to the honored position as President of the Federal Conference. I have been closely associated with our dear brother and found in him a true yoke-fellow and a valued friend. We can ill spare one so trusted and true. His place will be very hard to fill.

*A. C. Rankine,
Secretary, Federal Executive.*

A Thorough Christian.

I would like to say a few words of appreciation concerning the character and work of our Bro. F. G. Dunn, who has gone from us to be at home with the Lord. We have been friends for many years. He was a thorough Christian, one whose faith was built on the great verities of the gospel. He was a model editor of our paper, the "Australian Christian." He was a fine writer, and his editorials were able and informative on any subject on which he wrote. He was courteous and kind, yet firm in his work as an editor. He was wise, cautious and diligent as an editor should be. I always found him a warm friend, and shall greatly miss him.

Bro. Dunn, it seemed to me, thoroughly understood the principles of the Church of Christ, and used his pen most ably and successfully in their advocacy. He certainly was greatly esteemed and much loved by the churches in South Australia. No man visited our Conferences whose presence was more warmly welcomed, and whose words were more acceptable than those of Bro. Dunn. His death means a loss not only to the Swanston-st. church, of which he was a member, but to all the churches of Australasia. In South Australia we have known for some time that he was seriously ill. Yet when the announcement came that he had gone, we were hardly prepared for it. Bro. Dunn was greatly attached to his work in the "Christian." The welfare and success of this paper were much in his heart. A short time before his death he sent me a few lines in answer to one from myself to him, in which he says, "I will be glad if you can send me an occasional short article for the 'Christian.'" He greatly loved his work, and he did it nobly and well. He rests from his labors. I am sure the whole brotherhood deeply sympathise with his family in their affliction.

T. J. Gore.

Parochialism Foreign to Him.

The Churches of Christ in Australasia have sustained a great loss by the death of F. G. Dunn. Though his home was in Victoria, he was a valued brother and friend of all the churches throughout the Commonwealth, because of his intensely federal spirit,—parochialism was entirely foreign to him; probably those farthest from him realised this most of all.

He was a champion of the plea for the restoration of Apostolic Christianity, and all that stood for righteousness, and a stern denunciator of all that had the appearance of evil.

Just fifteen months ago I had the pleasure of meeting him as he was passing through Sydney, and left him in the company of E. Gole. Both of these good men have now gone to their reward, and have left a big gap in the ranks. May God raise many such men to carry his work forward.

The heartfelt sympathy of the churches in the great northern State goes out to his dear wife and family in their sorrow.

Leonard Gole.

"He that Doeth the Will of God Abideth Forever."

In the shadow of our great loss, and in the sorrow occasioned by the passing of our beloved Bro. Dunn, we are comforted not a little by the words of the Apostle John, "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." After all it is the world that has passed away from our brother by the putting off of the earthly tabernacle. The life that he lived has not ended or ceased to be. What, then, is the whole secret of life? "He that doeth the will of God abideth for ever," and because Bro. Dunn realised these truths and ordered his life according to them, he lives on, and his life has created lasting impressions upon us.

For many years we have felt the throb of his manly heart and the strength of his firm and resolute spirit through the columns of the "Australian Christian." Truly can we repeat the words of Scripture, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." May the Lord comfort the bereaved in their sorrow, and raise up another strong man to carry on the work that our brother has laid down.

W. H. Nightingale.

A Foreign Missionary Tribute.

At its meeting of Monday evening last, the Federal Foreign Missionary Executive Committee decided to place the following resolution on its official record: "That we express our sincere sorrow at the parting hence of our late esteemed Bro. F. G. Dunn. We place on record our appreciation of his able and enthusiastic advocacy as editor of the 'Australian Christian' of the missionary cause. We acknowledge with gratitude his generous action in so freely placing the columns of this paper at the disposal of the

Foreign Missionary Committee. Further, we express our deep sympathy with the bereaved widow and family of Bro. Dunn."

Little need be added to the above. The Federal Foreign Missionary Committee feel very deeply the loss of one of the ablest leaders, of one of the wisest counsellors, of the whole Australian brotherhood.

*F. M. Ludbrook, President.
J. I. Mudford, Acting Sec.*

A Diplomatic and Cautious Leader.

Almost the first news awaiting me upon arrival in Adelaide on Sunday morning, the 13th inst., was the home-going of Bro. F. G. Dunn. Such news was not altogether unexpected, but the sense of loss, personal and to the brotherhood, was keenly felt.

Bro. Dunn's work was not done in the lime-light, but was, nevertheless, very effective. To successfully edit our newspaper for so many years, judiciously holding the balance between parties, is no mean task, and we shall be for ever indebted to the one now at rest.

His wise counsel has meant much in our progress, while his diplomacy and caution have saved us from many mistakes. Our churches in Australasia have sustained a loss greater than can be stated.

Reg. Ennis.

Loyal and Faithful.

As one who for over forty years has personally known our departed brother; as one who had co-operated with him at innumerable committee meetings; who had often heard him in debate, in our Conference, on great questions of policy or principle; who had often met him in social intercourse and shared his genial companionship; who had heard him illuminate and disentangle vexed questions in our annual gathering,—I desire to bear my humble testimony to his fraternal friendliness, to his fidelity to his convictions of truth, his love of the brethren, his love of his God and Saviour, and his loyalty to the plea of the Churches of Christ. He was both conservative and liberal; rigidly conservative where the teaching of God's Word was clear; generously liberal where it left its readers unbound. Whether behind the preacher's desk, on the Conference platform, or in the editor's chair, he was always, kindly and courteously yet unmistakably stood for what he believed to be right in principle or wise in policy. Eternity alone will reveal what we owe to his keen intelligence, his judicial poise, and his loyal and faithful heart.

G. B. Moysey.

Trusting in Death the Christ he Served in Life.

It is always difficult to express in words feelings of strong friendship. I find it especially so with respect to the many years' friendship which existed between Bro. F. G. Dunn and myself. We seemed to be drawn together early in our acquaintance, and the relationship continued till his death.

I never knew a man who gave so much thought to the extension and consolidation of the Churches of Christ in these States. This was first in his thoughts. It was his veritable meat and drink. He possessed the far-seeing mind of the statesman, and looked beyond courses and influences to their ultimate results. He had a clear mind abundantly stored with knowledge. He was a great reader and a voluminous writer. There are few men who could, in one well-rounded whole, combine so many elements of power. He was a sound thinker, clear speaker, wise counsellor, and a loyal friend. I feel his passing very keenly. Late in life one does not readily form new friendships.

On all questions vitally affecting the movement so dear to his heart, Bro. Dunn weighed his judgment carefully, and then was fearless in advocating his decisions. His religion was not of the surface type, but lay in the depths of his personality.

I think the secret of F. G. Dunn's life is to be summed up in a little sentence he uttered when nearly at the end of his sufferings. We had talked of the long comradeship, and of the coming change, of a book he wanted me to have, of some references in it to Higher Criticism. Then he turned to me and said, "But, Craigie, I am simply trusting in the same Jesus that I accepted in my youth." He was a strong man and a manly Christian.

May I suggest in conclusion that his life is well worth remembering? The memory of his consistency and faithfulness would be an asset to younger men. It would be a graceful recognition of his services to the brotherhood if the churches would join in erecting a suitable monument beside his last resting place.

W. C. Craigie.

The Continual Sacrifice of Christ.

By J. H. Jowett.

"Power hath gone forth from me." Our Lord was always expending energy. This appears to be the only time he named it, but the experience was constant. He was always giving out. Too frequently we limit the cost of our redemption to the appalling happenings on Calvary, to the unspeakably intense and supreme offering witnessed in that darkened noon. But the ministry was costly all along the way. Everywhere, wherever we turn to the Saviour's goings and doings, there is expenditure of life. "Virtue" is going forth, there is an affluence of power, there is sacrifice.

His power went forth in his sympathies. There is nothing more exhausting than the ministry of vital pity. If we are only reading some story which elicits our compassion, the profound swaying of our emotions leaves us weary and spent. Or, if we have been listening to the "simple annals of the poor," or the simple stories of the rich, this ministry of sympathetic listening demands

our strength. And the Lord Jesus was continually bearing men's griefs and carrying their sorrows. And think of the range and quality of his exposure to the needs and pangs of the world as compared with ours. We are comparatively hardened by our own sin and by the petrifying influence of selfishness and custom. But none of these defences gathered about our Lord. He was superlatively sensitive, and nothing interposed between him and the reality and soreness of human need. He responded to the silent cry of a passing grief. He saw the funeral train coming out of the village gate of Nain, and "he had compassion." He stood at the grave at Bethany, and "when Jesus saw her weeping he groaned in spirit and was troubled." And thus he moved through the troubled ways of men, and his exquisite sympathies made constant drain upon his strength. Virtue went forth from him.

His power went forth in his healings. "Speak the word only," said the Centurion, in his innocent ignorance. He little knew that the healing word was weighted with the life of the One who spoke it. "The words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life." The Master's words were never cheap words thrown out heedlessly, as we might throw coins to an importunate beggar. Every word was vital; every word was like a garment dipped in blood. Not that there was any display of effort in the Master's dealings. All the outer evidences are tokens of consummate ease. But the most exacting sacrifices are not characterised by effort and contortion. Quiet restraints and effortless services are often attained at a tremendous price. "He healed them all!" But at what a price was the healing effected! "Power has gone forth from me."

His power went forth in the ministry of spiritual emancipation. We can live our life apart. In a certain measure we can shut ourselves into ourselves and leave the crowd outside. Jesus was incapable of this isolation. "He bare the sin of many." When sinners drew near to him he knew what was in their souls, and he offered himself to share their yoke and make the burden light. No wonder there drew near unto him the publicans and sinners! They felt their load lightened and removed in his blessed, vital fellowship. "Thy sins are forgiven." But did that cost nothing? His forgiveness was not a plaything. It was a travail. It was the gift of new life. "Power has gone forth from me."

His power went forth in the ministry of intercession. Intercession is with many or most of us one of the least exacting seasons of the entire day. We have no such strenuousness in prayer as we put into our work. There is no mental concentration, no dead fixity of will, no wrestling, nothing of the patriarch's determination. "I will not let thee go," no taking of the kingdom by storm. But here are the words which describe the intercessions of our Lord: "In the days of his flesh he offered up supplication with strong crying and tears." "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly, and his

sweat was, as it were, great drops of blood falling to the ground." The life of sacrifice was manifest in the ministry of intercession. The Lord was always giving out strength, and his continual loss was the measure of human gain. Is it any wonder that after some of these tremendous days he stole away from everybody to the healing silence and restoring solitudes of the everlasting hills?

Oh, Sabbath rest by Galilee,

Oh, calm of hills above,

Where Jesus knelt to share with thee

The silence of eternity,

Interpreted by love.

I wonder if we may reverently use this contemplation of the Master's sacrifice to the enrichment of our own work. May we not say that our service is only effective in proportion as it is sacrificial? Power must go forth from us, or we shall remain pathetically impotent. Our innermost life must spend itself in our sympathies, in our speech, and in our services. If, on our part there is no shedding of blood, there can be no quickening issues. And, therefore, if we would be continually giving out, it is needful that we be continually taking in. "Whosoever drinketh my blood" will surely have blood to shed. The life he receives he will be able to impart again in "the fellowship of his sufferings." "Men ought always to pray," and even in the most exacting labor they will never faint.—*Selected.*

Character.

Character requires a still air. There may be storm and upheaval around, but there must be peace within for the soul to thrive. But anxiety is the reverse of peace. It teases the mind with questions it cannot answer; it broods over possible evils; it peoples the future with dark shapes; it frets the sensibilities with worrying conjecture. It spoils the present by loading it with the evil of to-morrow. Its tendency is, by dwelling on evil, to make us cowardly and selfish. Character cannot grow in such an atmosphere. Hence, as a matter of fact, we seldom find any great height and sweetness of character in an anxious-minded person, for the simple reason that it has no chance to grow. All the forces go in other directions. But when one in wise and righteous ways has learned to trust in God, and so has come into peace, then the seeds of all grace and beauty spring up, and spread out their leaves in the calm, warm air, and blossom out into full beauty, fed from beneath and above. It was to secure such atmosphere, for an end so eternally important as this, that Christ spoke these words: "Take no thought." Oh, how wise the teaching! How blessed to be able to receive it!—*T. T. Munger.*

Every kindly word and feeling, every good deed and thought, every noble action and impulse is like the ark-sent dove, and returns from the troubled waters of life, bearing a green olive branch to the soul.

South Australian Sisters' Conference.

The ninth Sisters' Conference was held at Grote-st. chapel on Friday, Sept. 11, 1914, President, Mrs. Ewers, in the chair. Mrs. Mauger led the devotional meeting. Minutes of last year's meeting were read. Roll-call of delegates, 43 responded.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Waters, of Oba, New Hebrides; Miss Hill, Victoria; Mrs. H. D. Smith, S.A.; Mallala Sisters, Butler Sisters, S.A.; Mrs. Elliott, West Australia; Mrs. Andrews, N.S.W.; Bro. D. A. Ewers, Secretary of General Conference.

Reports were received from country churches, as follows:—Long Plain, Lochiel, Tumby Bay, Goolwa, Moonta, and Wallaroo.

Obituary Report, prepared and read by Mrs. R. Caldicott, told of 36 sisters called home.

The officers elected for the year were: President, Mrs. I. A. Paternoster; Vice-President, Mrs. Dumbrell; Secretary, Miss A. E. Manning; Assistant Secretary, Miss Evans; Treasurer, Mrs. Bond. Home Mission Supt., Mrs. Riches; Committee, Mrs. F. Thomas, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Hart.

Supt., Foreign Mission, Mrs. E. J. Paternoster; Dorcas Supt., Mrs. Cant; Supt., Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Mauger; Supt., Hospital Committee, Miss Eva West; Supt., Temperance Committee, Mrs. D. A. Ewers; Obituary Supt., Mrs. Caldicott.

Resolutions, proposed by Mrs. P. A. Diskson:

1. That this Conference of the sisters of the Churches of Christ in South Australia view with favor the prospect of a referendum on the early closing of liquor bars, and that we do all in our power to bring about a successful issue, believing such to be in the best interests of the people of South Australia.

2. That this Conference of sisters endorses the action of the Scripture Instruction in State Schools League in seeking to obtain a referendum on this most important question.

3. In view of the fact that there are storekeepers who have wine licenses in our State, we pledge ourselves to refrain from purchasing from such storekeepers.

Vote of thanks, proposed by Mrs. E. W. Pittman:—To the officers of the Grote-st. church for the use of their buildings; to the editor of the "Australian Christian" for printing reports; to Misses Carmichael and Giffen, for taking charge of the lunch and tea, and all young ladies who assisted them, and Mrs. Watkins, for making flowers for decorating, and the sisters and Mr. D. Matthews, who decorated the chapel so nicely; the scrutineers and ladies at the door; and to all who helped at, and contributed to, our enjoyment of the Conference.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session opened with a devotional meeting led by Miss Cameron.

Welcome to visitors by Mrs. Ira A. Paternoster. The following sisters responded: Mrs. B. W. Huntsman, Mrs. B. Huntsman, and Mrs. Lewis, of Victoria; Mrs. P. A. Davey, of Japan; Mrs. Saunders, New South Wales.

Roll-call of Churches.—22 responded.

Minutes of the morning meeting were read and confirmed.

The President's address was then delivered by Mrs. D. A. Ewers.

The address we were privileged to hear from Dr. Macklin was "The Lot of Women in China," which was very interesting and greatly appreciated by the Conference.

During the afternoon the President, Mrs. D. A. Ewers, Mrs. Ira Paternoster, Mrs. Dumbrell, Mrs. Cameron, and Miss Whitfield welcomed Mrs. Macklin to our State and Conference, and Mrs. E. W. Pittman presented Mrs. Macklin with a bouquet of wattle blossom.

The pleasure of the meeting was added to by solos from Misses Bice and Robertson.

EXECUTIVE REPORT.

At each Executive meeting a short devotional meeting has been held, conducted by various sisters, and is very helpful in our work. To these sisters, and to all who have contributed such splendid papers, we give our best thanks.

Our President, Mrs. D. A. Ewers, has ably presided over the business meetings, and has only once been absent, owing to her visit to West Australia. Number of meetings held, 12. Delegates on the roll, 49. Average attendance, 22.

Greetings have been sent to the sister States' Conferences.

Since our last Conference a Temperance Committee has been added to our work.

All our Committees have worked well, and we would especially thank the Hospital Committee for their faithful visits to the sick ones.

Our February meeting was devoted almost entirely to Foreign Mission work, when Miss Henry, who has been a missionary in China for 22 years, gave an exceedingly interesting talk about her life and work in that great land. She also had on view a number of curios.

Miss Evans, Assistant Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

HOME MISSIONS.

Receipts.

Sept., 1913, Balance	£95 0 0½
Sept., 1913 to Aug. 10, 1914, Collected by Committee	95 16 5
Half Bank Interest	0 15 7½
	£191 12 1

Expenditure.

Sept. 12, 1913, Paid H.M. Treasurer ..	£100 0 0
Aug. 6, 1914, Paid H.M. Treasurer ..	30 0 0
Balance	61 12 1
	£191 12 1

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Receipts.

Sept., 1913, Balance	£65 9 5½
Sept., 1913 to Aug. 10, 1914, Collected by Committee	65 13 3½
Half Bank Interest	0 15 7½
	£131 18 4½

Expenditure.

Sept. 12, 1913, Paid F.M. Treasurer ..	£70 0 0
Balance	61 18 4½
	£131 18 4½

GENERAL FUND.

Sept., 1913, Balance	£21 16 3½
Sept. 12, 1913 to Aug. 6, 1914, Collections	10 15 5½
	£22 11 9

Expenditure.

1913-1914.	
Sept. 12, Paid to Home Mission Committee	£1 18 10½
Hospital Committee	7 0 0

Donation, "Australian Christian" ..	3 0 0
Home Mission Committee, for Postages ..	0 10 0
Foreign Mission Committee, Postages ..	0 10 0
Sharples, for Printing	0 14 6
Block on Programme	0 6 0
Money Order	0 0 7
Donation, Grote-st. Sunday School, towards New Building ..	2 2 0
Aug. 10, Balance	6 9 9½
	£22 11 9

GENERAL CONFERENCE LUNCHEON. FUND.

1913, Balance	£2 11 4
Surplus from Lunch Committee ..	2 9 4½
	£5 0 8½

Expenditure.

Aug. 10, Paid Mrs. Caldicott for Tea Towels, etc.	£0 15 6
Balance	4 5 2½
	£5 0 8½

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

H.M. Committee	£61 12 1
F.M. Committee	61 18 4½
General Fund	6 9 9½
G.C.L. Fund	4 5 2½
	£134 5 5½

Balance in Bank	£134 5 5
Cash in hand	0 0 0½
	£134 5 5½

Audited and certified correct,

T. E. Yelland, W. L. Johnston, Auditors.
August 17, 1914.

HOSPITAL REPORT.

Each institution is visited by two or three of the Committee every week, each having their different wards. Some are decorated with flowers, thus making them bright and cheerful. Each patient or inmate is spoken to and given fruit, sweets, etc., as the case may be. Many are helped by the visits. I am grateful to my Committee for their untiring help. I am very sorry our late superintendent, Mrs. T. H. Brooker, has been so unwell through the year, but hope she will soon be able to take up the work which is so dear to her. We thank the sisters for their help, £9 having been given toward the work through the year, and all friends and members who have assisted us; we received two parcels of clothing for needy ones.

Robert-st., Hindmarsh, K.S.P. have given subscriptions for flowers for the Hospital, and the C.E. gave 28lbs. of pears, the proceeds of a pear evening. 9½ dozen oranges were sent from the Y.P.S.C.E., the result of an orange evening, and another 11½ dozen oranges from the Endeavor were sent to the Destitute. We thank them and the brethren and sisters of Robert-st. for their help. York J.C.E. sent 5 dozen eggs to the Destitute. 1 dozen jars of quince jelly and some fresh eggs were given by a sister for the Consumptive Home. Prospect Girls' Sewing Class made an outfit for a little girl at the Children's Hospital. We received from Glenelg Dorcas Hospital. We received from Glenelg Dorcas some beautiful warm dressing jackets, also from Mile End Dorcas, which were given to the inmates of the Home for Incurables, Children's Hospital, and Consumptive Home. We were very grateful to Mr. Johnson, of Norwood, for his gift of three cases of oranges, which we distributed to the inmates of the Destitute. At Christmas time we gave the inmates of the various institutions a Christmas cheer. The different churches helped us. 7/6 was received from the Girls' Mission Band at Maylands, £1 from Norwood Endeavor, and Sisters' Prayer Meeting, Hindmarsh, and

Prospect C.E. and Dorcas Society, a parcel of goods; also York J.C.E., parcel of goods for Christmas. Robert-st. Dorcas and a few members helped with cash and goods to the value of £3 11/7. Visits have been paid as follows:—

Adelaide Hospital, 236; Private Hospital, 41; Destitute, 264; Consumptive Home, 100; Home for Incurables, 85; Conval. Home, 52; Children's Hospital, 27; Cottage Homes, 21; Blind, 1; Sick and Aged, 482; total, 1309 visits. Magazines, 6685.

Fruit, flowers, jellies, fish, groceries, cakes, sweets, and all sick comforts have been distributed to the inmates of the various institutions.

PRAYER MEETING REPORT.

When taking up this work, the first thing we did was to send a circular letter to every church asking if they would organise a Sisters' Prayer Meeting. The response was disappointing, but I am hoping that in time all the churches will have a regular sisters' prayer meeting. I believe that the most effective way to get the sisters together is for the Prayer Meeting Committee to visit the Dorcas Societies, as in the early days of our work, and in that way the Committee would come in contact with many of the city churches.

Norwood have kept their prayer meeting going for several years. Of late they have been holding alternate meetings at the home of aged Sister Washington, who with her invalid son very much appreciates the meetings.

Grote-st. have organised a Sisters' Prayer Meeting, and hold meetings the first Wednesday in each month. Meetings are well attended, good interest manifested. They meet with their preacher and report visiting done among the church members.

Hindmarsh, Goolwa, and Tumby Bay each had a small band of workers who helped with the visiting of church members and sick ones, but did not hold regular special sisters' prayer meeting, but made it a practice when possible to attend church prayer meetings.—A. C. Smith.

DORCAS REPORT.

It is very gratifying to know that sisters of all our churches in the city and suburbs are engaged in this great work of helping and giving comfort to the poor and needy ones. During the year our Committee have visited the different societies.

Unley Society has a membership of 29. 139 garments given away to needy cases; 12 parcels of left off clothing; 14 needy cases helped. One all-day sewing meeting for Foreign Missions.

Grote-st. Society.—Help in various ways has been given, such as food, clothing, wood and rent, for those in distress, also garments for the Home, for incurables, and material to some who could make garments for themselves.

Norwood Society.—During the year gave away 162 garments to the value of £13/2/6. Large parcels of left off clothing were given to those in need.

Glenelg Society.—Sisters helping cases of distress, 17 garments made and given away, and a special meeting held to make garments and bandages for the Red Cross Society. The Young Girls' Society are working for our Bible Schools, and making garments for the mission fields and Children's Hospital.

Semaphore Society.—The sisters are doing a splendid work, visiting and helping those in trouble.

Prospect Society are endeavoring to shed a little sunshine in helping those in need, and have also given away 6 bed jackets. Held one all-day sewing meeting for the lepers.

North Adelaide Society sent a parcel of garments to the Leper Station, and a parcel to the City Mission, and many families were helped.

Hindmarsh Society did splendid work this year. Goods and money to the value of £29/8/9 passed through the books. One sister 75 years of age made at her home 14 warm patchwork quilts, and gave them to the Dorcas for needy cases. The young ladies' class in connection with the church made 52 garments for the needy during the year.

Maylands Society had quite a number of garments to start with, and assisted distressed cases, also giving to needy sisters in town sheets, pillow cases and quilt. 37 garments valued at £3 sent to Foreign Missions.

Mile End Society made 60 garments for the needy. 20 sent to the City Mission, and a large parcel of new and old garments given away. Four bed jackets made and given to the old ladies in the Destitute.

Cottonville Society.—The sisters are doing good work in helping needy cases.

Queenstown Society made 62 garments, 5 quilts. 6 all-day sewing meetings, 5 for the Blind Fair, 1 for a poor case. 10/- Christmas Cheer; 10/- Blind Fair; 5/- sick comforts; 20/- for wood for the needy; and a number of garments for needy cases.

Croydon Society.—This is a new society, formed in June. It has done good work for the needy, and also made garments for Foreign Missions.

Balaklava Society report that they have done all they can to help the Dorcas work in Home and Foreign fields.

Henley Beach Society is doing good work in helping needy cases.

The country societies have done a splendid work in their own district in making garments to send to the city societies. The city societies thank the sisters for their great kindness in helping them to clothe God's poor.

York Society.—The sisters are doing all they can to help those in need, and in making garments for the mission fields.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

During the year the work in Home Missions has been well maintained, but the total amount received by the sisters has not been so large as in the year previous, being £90/16/5. The poor crop last year and the consequent depression partly accounts for this, and it must be also remembered that by closing our books earlier this year we have only 11 months' receipts to report.

The depression caused by the war and the drought will be likely to materially affect our receipts this year, and it will be necessary to put forth special efforts to raise the funds to keep the Home Missions going. We have reached a critical stage in our work, which is now in danger of being seriously crippled.

From the General Committee's report we learn that 170 were baptised in the Home Mission fields last year, and from all sources the total additions were 330, the net increase being 180. As the net increase of all the churches in the State was 125, it will be seen that but for our Home Mission there would have been a decrease of membership this year.

New churches have been organised at Berri

and Pyap, in the Murray River District, by Roy Raymond, while A. J. Fischer has formed a small church at Pillana, on Eyre Peninsula. Our Home missionaries have also done good Sunday School work, and of the 590 net increase of scholars 335 are in the Home Mission fields.

During the year there have been some changes. A. J. Fischer has taken up the work on Eyre Peninsula, B. W. Manning at Cottonville, R. Raymond in the Murray River District, and T. Jones at Lochiel.

There are now 16 fields assisted, in all of which good work is being done. One sure sign of progress is the increase of buildings. During the 12 months new chapels have been erected at Tumby Bay, Ungarra, Wallaroo, Murray Bridge, and Mundalla, while schoolrooms have been added at Naracoorte, Prospect, Maylands, Croydon, and Cottonville.—Julia H. Riches.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The interest in F.M. work is growing, especially among the young people, though our financial position is not as flourishing as we would wish. The fact that we closed our accounts a month earlier, and also the adoption of the duplex envelopes by many of our members instead of the mite boxes, will account in a measure for the shortage. But though we have not so much money to hand over, the sisters have contributed goods to the value of £40 for those in the regions beyond. It was thought advisable this year, instead of holding one united sewing bee at Grote-st., that each church arrange meetings in their own district, and that we divide the goods, part to be forwarded to the Mission to Lepers, in India, and the rest to be sent to our own missionaries in the New Hebrides. In response to our appeal 384 garments were completed, in which our country churches had a share. To all of these sisters, who with their needle and thread showed their practical sympathy with our F.M. work, we tender our hearty thanks. Our Young People's Societies helped in a large measure by their gifts of Bibles, hymn books, medical comforts, vaseline, and bars, boxes, and cakes of soap. We believe there is no better way of educating our young people in the great work of Foreign Missions than to ask them to bring a gift, however small, for those who are still in the darkness of heathendom. We have letters of appreciation from our missionaries, showing that their lives are brightened by these tokens of love from the Christians at home. The Secretary for the Mission to Lepers wrote thanking the South Australian sisters for their help. The boxes have been packed and forwarded. The visit of Miss Henry was of great interest to the sisters, as she told of the work among the women and girls of China, and her appeal will not easily be forgotten. We thank those sisters in the different churches who have acted as collectors. £4/18/6 of the amount raised for Foreign Missions has been earmarked as a donation towards the erection of a new hospital on Pentecost Island.

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Tasmania.

NUBEENA.—The Dorcas Class met on the 2nd inst., when an interesting meeting was held. The members agreed to help with the making of hospital shirts for the Red Cross Society. The assistant secretary was instructed to purchase material to be made into garments to have on hand in case of any emergency. Sister Woolley, president, wrote and read a paper on "How are we to treat our young converts?" Sister T. Spaulding read Lowell's beautiful poem, "Irene." A letter of sympathy was sent to a sister who, although partially crippled with rheumatism and constantly attending her invalid husband, yet helps with the work of the Dorcas Class, and takes a great interest in the class. The class is going ahead, in spite of the difficulties that present themselves in country districts where the people are scattered far and wide.—A. E. Harwood, Sept. 13.

LAUNCESTON.—Amongst the visitors present on Sunday morning last was Miss Tole, from Lygon-st., Carlton. She has been accepted as a missionary for the foreign field, and paid a visit to Launceston before leaving for the land of her labors. We rejoice in a most impressive meeting on Sunday evening, when three stood up in the service and made the good confession. The work in the Bible School continues to grow, and we hope soon to be in a position to build our new school hall.—A. W. Heron, Sept. 18.

Queensland.

BRISBANE.—Last Lord's day the writer spoke on "We have fellowship one with another." Visitors, Mrs. Bagley, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. Hurley, Gympie; Mrs. and Misses Anderson, Annerley. W. H. Nightingale preached. Prior to the service a young man from the Adult Bible Class was baptised. A vote of sympathy was moved by Bro. Gole, to be conveyed to the relatives of the late Bro. F. G. Dunn, the sad news of his death having come to hand during the gospel service. On the 8th inst. the J.C.E., which had been instructed by Mrs. Nightingale, carried out a temperance service very creditably.—H.C.S.

ANNERLEY.—On Lord's day, Sept. 6, Bro. Olsen exhorted in the morning and preached the message at night. At the mid-week meeting Bro. Nightingale conducted a profitable Bible study. Good meetings yesterday. Bro. Morton, of Zillmere, gave a fine exhortation on "Prayer." S. Trudgian gave a splendid gospel message at night.—A.R., Sept. 14.

GYMPIE.—We are holding a month's mission here. W. J. Way is in charge. We had the joy of seeing one decide for Christ on Monday night. The meetings are bright and cheerful. We are sorry to report that our esteemed Sister Sivyier is seriously ill. Our sister is the mother of Bro. F. Sivyier, who is preaching at Box Hill.—John W. Ritchie, Sept. 18.

MA MA CREEK.—Sunday, Sept. 13, Bro. Rosenberg, who has come back amongst us, addressed the church. J. Larsen was with us for the last time, as he leaves with the Expeditionary Force for Europe. The church took the opportunity to present him with a purse of sovereigns as a token of their thanks for the good performed by him in the past. A good crowd gathered to listen to W. H. Morton's address on "The Second Coming of Christ." The Bible School is arranging a patriotic concert to help the local Red Cross Society.—T. A. Chappell.

New Zealand.

OAMARU.—A special business meeting was held on Sept. 2, at which J. A. Holt was chosen as a deacon. Bro. Farnilton gave an interesting statement on the building fund, showing our position to be good, a sum of £200 having recently been paid off the mortgage. Our church attendance campaign started off well last Lord's day, there being a fine attendance and feeling.—K., Sept. 8.

CHRISTCHURCH.—At the close of Bro. Gebbie's address on August 30 a woman decided to follow Christ more closely, and was baptised on the following Wednesday. This month we are having a series of addresses on "Is it fair for God to demand Faith, Love, and Obedience?" The first was delivered in a telling way last Sunday. Last Wednesday we joined with the other evangelical churches of the town in a great intercession meeting, praying for the needs of the nation in the national crisis. It was an inspiring meeting. Thursday evening the Band of Hope gave a very interesting programme, which included many of the Union competition items.—P.S.N., Sept. 11.

AUCKLAND (Ponsonby-rd.).—Evangelising by the brethren in this district has been encouraged by two confessions in Ponsonby-road; preachers, Bren. Moyle and Creamer. At Avondale, one; at Point Chevalier Mission, by Bro. Greenwood, one. At Papakura, a township 22 miles from Auckland, where our aged Bro. Wallis has maintained an assembly for many years, on Aug. 30, our Bro. Page rode out on his bicycle and preached. There was one confession. Again he went on Sept. 6 to immerse this one, when three more made the good confession, and Bro. Page purposes to go on the 13th to immerse them, and preach in hopeful expectation. In response to a request by Sister M. A. Staffan, a granddaughter of a pioneer of the church, 1832, the Home Mission Committee have sent Bro. Watt to Waipua, a farming district 60 miles from Auckland. Our sister pays all expenses except the salary. The present result is three confessions, so that Sister Staffan will have her heart's desire, an assembly according to the pattern set up in Jerusalem, and the blessings that accrue to even small gatherings.—E.C., Sept. 10.

NELSON.—Mid-week prayer meeting was well attended. Lord's day, 6th inst., morning service was very well attended. Bro. Percy Bolton addressed the meeting. In the evening our chapel was full, when Bro. Mathieson delivered a splendid appeal. A noticeable feature of our meetings in the evening is the large number of young men attending.—H.B.L., Sept. 10.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Good attendances at the gospel services. The morning meetings for the school children have rapidly increased, the record attendance being 37. Our Sunday School has gained four new scholars through these meetings. Last evening the fourth united prayer meeting was held in our chapel. The object of these meetings is to ask God's help and blessing in this time of war. Last night's attendance was the largest so far, and was beneficial to all.—M.C., Sept. 9.

DUNEDIN.—A good audience on Sunday night to hear Bro. McCallum's discourse on the topic, "When God Intervenes." On Monday evening our preacher addressed the Literary and Debating Society on "The Business Part of a Meeting," and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks at the

close. On Tuesday evening the annual election of officers for the local auxiliary of the C.W.R.M. resulted as follows: Pres., Mrs. P. D. McCallum; vice-presidents, Mrs. C. T. Sundstrum, Miss Moreton, Miss L. Neil; sec., Miss Carnie; treas., Mrs. Wm. H. McKenzie. Next Lord's day evening the gospel service will be taken by Mr. G. W. W. B. Hughes, Gen. Sec. of the Y.M.C.A., our preacher being absent conducting anniversary services at Kaitangata.—J. W. Stokes, Sept. 10.

West Australia.

PERTH.—We were pleased to have with us last Lord's day morning A. W. Connor, of Subiaco. He gave us a helpful message from the text, "He that winneth souls is wise." Our visitors were P. Maloney, Kalgoorlie; Bro. Charman, Harvey. The members of the Berean Bible Class have been enjoying a series of interesting studies upon the religious and political history of Europe. At the evening service there was a good attendance. Miss B. Little contributed a solo, and Bro. Blakemore completed his series of addresses upon the atonement.—W.A., Sept. 15.

CLAREMONT.—Through the blessing of God and the generous support of the brotherhood and the help of the Church Building Extension Committee, our efforts to prepare to erect a building have been brought to a successful issue. We look forward with joy to the day on which our building is to be erected (Saturday, Oct. 31). We are greatly indebted to Bro. J. H. Bellion, of Subiaco, who has supplied the plans for the building and will superintend its erection. Already many have offered their services for the bee, but we want more. Will those willing to help hand in their names to their evangelist or church secretary? There will be a meeting of workers on Thursday, October 15, at 8 p.m., at Subiaco chapel, when Bro. Bellion will explain full details of the building to those present.—E.H.E., Sept. 12.

South Australia.

RENMARK.—We met to-day for the third time at Renmark. The interest was well maintained. Five members remembered their Lord in the breaking of bread. Five other adults were present. Bro. Christian presided, and gave a good address. Bro. Edwards, from Berri, also gave a good and helpful address to those present.—A. J. Elsley, Sept. 13.

GROTE-ST.—Three have been added to the church recently by letter and baptism—Mrs. Thorpe, Miss Morrison, and Mr. H. Maskell. Bro. Thomas exhorted this morning. Sister Mrs. Filmer was present. To-night, after a good address by Bro. Thomas, two women and one man confessed Christ. In the Chinese mission conducted by Bro. Jaime one confessed Christ.—T.M.G., Sept. 20.

KADINA.—Splendid meetings all day. Bro. Dyer presided in the morning, and Bro. Neill gave a short report on the Conference, and exhorted. This evening the chapel was packed, when Roy Raymond was home with us again, and gave a splendid address on "Repentance."—Jas. H. Thomas, Sept. 20.

GLENEILG.—Bro. Pittman delivered his monthly address to the children at last night's service. These addresses, while confined principally to a talk to the young people, are always full of interest to, and have been appreciated by, the members of the congregation. At the close of the meeting our Sister Abrahams, who recently made the good confession, put on Christ in baptism.—Chas. Ferris, Sept. 21.

UNLEY.—Dr. Macklin gave a very interesting address on "Native Christians in China" this morning, giving examples of wonderful enthusiasm and zeal on the part of converts there. One young lady, who was baptised on Thursday last, was received into membership. Our church anniversary services are to be held on Sunday, Oct. 4, and the following Wednesday. Bro. R. T. Jacobs passed away this afternoon after a serious illness. The deep sympathy of the members is extended to Sister Jacobs.—P.S.M., Sept. 20.

COTTONVILLE.—We have been highly favored on this Conference occasion. Bro. Wilson addressed the church on the 13th. At our prayer meeting on the following Thursday, Roy Raymond gave experiences connected with his work for the Master on the River Murray. Interest and attendance at all our meetings are being maintained.—J. McNicol, Sept. 20.

PT. PIRIE SOUTH.—We are pleased to report having held a successful evangelistic mission extending over a fortnight. Bro. Johnston was the missionary, and 28 came out to own Christ as their Lord and Master. Up to the present six have joined the church—four men and two young women. We regret that some of our faithful workers have had to take their departure from our midst, owing to the war.—W.A.

BALAKLAVA.—The Brooker mission closed on Sunday, Sept. 13, with a total of 33 confessions. There were nine at the closing service. The mission has been a great blessing to the church and community, and we are strengthened now for greater service. This church is a splendid illustration of the success of missions, the Griffith, Vawter, and Brooker missions having added over 120 to our membership, which now stands at about 300. Good meetings yesterday. At the morning service A. E. Middleton was set apart for the office of deacon. Our Adult Class is growing; 10 new members were enrolled yesterday, and our membership is now 68. There were two more confessions at the meeting last night. Special reference was made to the passing away of our esteemed Bro. Dunn, and prayers of thankfulness to God for his work and of sympathy for his dear ones were offered.—W.L.E.

QUEENSTOWN.—Sunday, Sept. 13, we had a splendid attendance of members and visiting members from sister churches around the Lord's table. Bro. Tuck, from Balaklava, presided. A. P. Wilson addressed on Heb. 10: 1-18. Evening, Bro. Delves occupied the first part of the evening. A. Wilson preached on "What it costs Not to be a Christian," to a fair audience. Sept. 20, fair attendance around the Lord's table. We were pleased to have Bro. and Sister Brooker back again, who have been away for some time at Balaklava. Bro. Brooker presided. Bro. Hawkes addressed on Heb. 10: 19-39. Evening, Bro. Brooker preached on "I know in whom I have believed," to a large audience. We are preparing for our anniversary, which is to be held next month, and also the gospel mission that is to be held here.—H. Watkins, Sept. 20.

New South Wales

LILYVILLE.—Sunday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m., Bro. Fox presided, and W. E. Avenell, from Paddington, exhorted. 7 p.m., Bro. Morris, Chatswood, preached the gospel. Sept. 20, I. Fox presided and H. Riddell exhorted. At night W. G. Fox, of Chatswood, gave the gospel message. The interest was keen.—E.B.

CHATSWOOD.—We are exceedingly happy in our new church home. Six new scholars in our Sunday School, and six of our young people confessed Christ at the gospel service.—T. Bagley.

BELMORE.—A. E. Forbes had the pleasure yesterday of receiving into fellowship five girls who the previous Lord's day obeyed their Lord in his own appointed way. Thos. Morton spoke on "The Bible" with his usual clearness and acceptance. The gospel meeting was again a time of blessing, one lady expressing her desire to follow the Lord more perfectly.—John Rodger, Sept. 21.

INVERELL.—A nice number present at our Thursday evening prayer meeting. Lord's day morning, Bro. Waters exhorted us to humility. Meetings at Oakwood in the afternoon, and Inverell in the evening, hampered on account of the threatening weather. We extend our Christian sympathy to Sister Laidlaw and Sister Brightly in the loss of their father, and Sister A. Fox in the loss of a brother. Bro. Somerville, of Sydney, is at present fellowshipping with us.—J. W. Cust, Sept. 14.

BYRON BAY.—A fine meeting was held last Lord's day evening, when Bro. Mason gave an address on "The Church a Spiritual Temple."

Great interest is being manifested in our plea. Arrangements are well in hand for a Bible School to be commenced, which will be under the charge of Bro. and Sister Mason. Since Bro. Mason has agreed to work with us, the work has wonderfully improved. Our brother and his wife and daughter have won their way into the hearts of the people.—W. Ball, Sept. 14.

ENMORE.—Bro. Pond, from Erskineville, gave a very helpful and earnest address from Isaiah 40: 31. We were pleased to have fellowship with several visitors, including Bro. Carter, from Box Hill, Melbourne. In the afternoon Bro. Davey gave an interesting account of missionary work in Japan to the scholars of the Bible School, and addressed a large meeting in the evening. We are looking forward to the return of Bro. and Sister Illingworth next Sunday after their holiday trip.—E.L.

ERSKINEVILLE.—Fine meeting at the breaking of bread, Bro. Saxby exhorting. Rally in full swing; many new scholars being enrolled. School crowded out. The Adult Class under the leadership of Bro. Pond has grown from 4 to 40. Good work is being done. Every department of school and church in full work. Fine song service before the gospel meeting. Splendid gathering at the gospel meeting; many strangers present. Bro. Pond gave a fine address. Prepared to hold mission shortly and canvass the district. Bro. Pond is doing a good work.—W. Budgen.

LIDCOMBE.—Last Lord's day morning we had among our visitors Bro. W. Day, from Marrickville, who also exhorted, Bro. E. Andrews presiding. Open-air service held prior to the gospel service, which Bro. Clydesdale conducted. Bible School work continues about a fair average. We are now preparing for Children's Day. This morning our gathering around the Lord's table included one sister and three brothers from Erskineville. Bro. Clydesdale addressed, Bro. Breach presiding. A good attendance. To-night Bro. Clydesdale delivered the gospel message, the choir rendering one of Alexander's hymns in good form. We are uniting with others for a gospel mission next month. Prayer meetings (united) are being held weekly Lord's day morning, 7.30, and evening at 8.30, for the success of the mission.—M.A., Sept. 20.

SYDNEY.—Splendid meetings to-day. Bro. Gale at morning service gave a fine talk on the excellent work done for the Master at the College of the Bible. Bro. Davis, from England, and Bro. Ellis, from Newcastle, present. An in memoriam service for the late Bro. Robert Moffat was held at night, when Bro. Harward gave a solemn, impressive address on "Play the Man," and made touching reference to the life and death of our departed brother. Large audience present. Platform draped with the nation's flags. Audience standing while the organist played the "Dead March." J. Donnelly sang an appropriate hymn, "Peace, Perfect Peace." School anniversary to be held on Sept. 27 and 30.—J.C.

MOSMAN.—On Lord's day we met in our new tabernacle for the first time. G. T. Walden presided, and H. G. Harward exhorted at the opening service. There were representatives from nine different churches, and among our visitors were P. A. Davey and family, who are on their way to Japan. In the afternoon there was a Bible School demonstration and presentation of prizes, W. Gale, Bible School Organiser, delivering an interesting address to the parents and children. In the evening G. T. Walden delivered a splendid gospel sermon on "God is Love" to a congregation which packed our new building.—A.M., Sept. 21.

Victoria.

STAWELL.—Good meeting last night. One confession, the husband of one of our sisters. Arrangements for our mission well in hand.—A.P.A.B., Sept. 19.

RET BET.—Good attendance at all meetings lately. Two have been added to the church this last week. Bro. Larsen exhorted this morning. Bro. Anderson is to preach this evening.—G. A. Sewell, Sept. 20.

CARNEGIE.—We are completing plans for our sale of gifts, to be held on October 9 and 10, and anticipate a successful time. Will be glad to see friends from other churches on those dates. Our preacher goes to Golden Square early next month, to co-operate with the church there in a special effort. The work here is in a healthy condition. We are all busy and interested.

NORTH FITZROY.—The meetings have been rather thin the last few Sundays. To-night Bro. Baker gave a soul-stirring address on "Baptism, a Divine Imperative." At the close two made the good confession. Our choir are visiting Collingwood church on Tuesday evening next to help with their anniversary.—A.J.H., Sept. 20.

GARDINER.—The meetings for worship are keeping up nicely. On Sunday, the 13th, we had the pleasure of a visit from C. McCallum, from Hobart, who exhorted the church. Lord's day, the 20th, J. Whelan presided, and spoke to the church. We also had visiting us Sister L. Sanders, from South Richmond, and Sisters Miss Bull and Miss McNally, from New Zealand, who are passing through *en route* to the mission stations in Africa.—F.J.S., Sept. 20.

BENDIGO.—At the morning meeting yesterday, Dr. Cook exhorted the church and baptised Hector, the son of Bro. and Sister Thorburn. H. Sims and A. Dempster visited Derby and conducted the meetings. J. P. Seymour preached at Golden Square. We are looking forward to a visit next week from C. R. Mitchell, recently from America, who will preach at Bendigo. Miss A. Fisher was received into membership from Lygon-st., Carlton.—C.

NORTHCOTE.—Sept. 20, we held our reunion meeting. A splendid attendance of members gathered around the Lord's table. We had the roll-call, each member responding with a verse of Scripture. Some of our absent members sent responses. The meeting was of a helpful and inspiring nature. We had Bro. Glogu and Sister Harmer, of S.A., with us. Bro. Day is working up a fine interest in our gospel meetings, and many strangers are attending.—R.C.

SOUTH YARRA.—Since last report the work has been making slow progress as regards additions, but spiritually the church is undoubtedly on the upgrade. Bro. A. R. Main's teaching is having the desired effect, that is, the upbuilding of the church. Last Lord's day R. Pittman exhorted very acceptably. In the afternoon and evening W. A. Kemp, from Ascot Vale, addressed the Bible School, and in the evening preached the gospel to an appreciative audience, his topic being "The Conflict of the Ages." R. Kemp assisting. A. R. Main filled the platform at Ascot Vale.—T.M., Sept. 20.

HAWTHORN.—Yesterday week Bro. Alex. Wilson addressed the church, and Bro. W. A. Kemp preached the gospel. Their services were much appreciated. Some of the College students attended the week-night service last week and gave addresses bearing on the College offering. Bro. Campbell Edwards was chairman. Yesterday Bro. and Sister Hillbrick were received by letter from Berwick. Miss Hunter and Bro. Whitelaw, senr., were among the visitors. Bro. Mitchell, from America, addressed the Bible Class. We regret to record the death of Sister Miss Violet Taylor.—A. C. Rankine, Sept. 21.

NORTH RICHMOND.—Last Lord's day Bro. Procter preached at both services. In the morning he received a young lady from Lygon-st. into the fellowship of the church. Our prayer meetings are very encouraging, the average attendance being about 60. Bro. Procter is delivering a series of addresses at these meetings on the "Second Coming of our Lord." These meetings are both interesting and instructive.

BURNLEY.—Meetings fair on Sunday, Sept. 20. Bro. Sidwell, of Preston, exhorted. Four of the Bible School members are entering the School of Methods. We are contemplating a tent mission in November. T. Hagger is the proposed missionary. We need about £17 for this effort. To date we have received £13/15/6. The brethren would welcome any monetary assistance for this purpose from those interested. The time is ripe

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In the Realm of the Bible School

THE LAST SUPPER.

Sunday School Lesson for October 11,

Mark 14: 12-25.

A. R. Main, M.A.

Much discussion has taken place on the question whether our Lord kept the passover on the usual date, or anticipated that by a day. The subject is a difficult one, and need not be dwelt upon here; but Mark's words in verse 12, and Luke's statement, "Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed," seem to me to be almost conclusive in favor of the former view.

Jesus, we are told, sent two disciples to prepare for the feast. These two were Peter and John (Luke 22: 8). To these, the Master gave minute directions whereby they would be able to do as was requested. Why the Lord did not tell the two of the site, rather than give them the somewhat elaborate signs, I do not know, though it may well have been that the mystery was intended to baffle the designs of Judas, who had promised to betray Jesus when opportunity arose; the Lord's secrecy gave time for the Supper and the last address to the disciples.

We need not recount the familiar story of the finding and preparing of the room. Yet the prevision, the Divine foreknowledge, of the Lord should be noted. He knew where a disciple would be, what he would say, and so on. That the owner of the upper room was a disciple seems certain from his instant obedience to "The Master saith unto thee." Conjecture is idle as to his identity, though some seem to love to think he was the father of John Mark; others, with as little reason, imagine Mark himself to have been the man with the pitcher of water.

The passover, as all know, was the greatest of Jewish feasts, designed to commemorate the deliverance of Israel from Egypt (Read Ex. 12 for details). The paschal lamb was a type of Jesus, the Lamb of God (see 1 Pet. 1: 19, etc), the shedding of whose blood provides for us remission of sins. Christ, our passover, was sacrificed for us. Our whole Christian life is therefore compared to a festival, during which we eat the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth (1 Cor. 5: 7, 8).

The following brief statement from Dummelow, giving the usual order of proceedings at the passover feast (with a few details omitted) is interesting in view of the fact that apparently our Lord followed to some extent the usual custom: "(1) The first cup was blessed and drunk. (2) The hands were washed while a blessing was said. (3) Bitter herbs, emblematic of the sojourn in Egypt, were partaken of, dipped in sour broth made of vinegar and bruised fruit. (4) The son of the house asked his father to explain the origin of the observance. (5) The lamb and the flesh of the thankofferings (*chagigah*) were placed on the table, and the first part of the Hallel sung (Pss. 113, 114). (6) The second cup was blessed and

drunk. (7) Unleavened bread was blessed and broken, a fragment of it was eaten, then a fragment of the thank offerings, then a fragment of the lamb. (8) Preliminaries being thus ended, the feast proceeded at leisure till all was consumed. (9) The lamb being quite finished, the third cup, the cup of blessing, was blessed and drunk. (10) The fourth cup was drunk, and meanwhile the second part of the Hallel (Pss. 115-118) was sung." Dummelow thinks the third cup of the paschal supper was unquestionably the cup of Mark 14: 23. Others, however, think the cup of Luke 22: 17 was the third cup, and that the cup of "the Lord's Supper" (Luke 22: 20, etc.) was the fourth cup above. There is no certainty.

The Supper.

John 13, giving the account of the foot washing preliminary to the Supper, the accounts of the Supper given by Matthew, Mark, Luke and Paul, ought to be studied. Such a study yields much more matter than can be dealt with in one article or in one lesson, but should be undertaken. Let no one think with a lesson such as this, that general familiarity with the theme renders detailed study superfluous. Because we hear something each week about the Lord's Supper, it does not follow that we know all about it. The familiar texts have doubtless much of beauty and truth yet hidden from our sight.

Paul's word, that it was in the same night in which Jesus was betrayed that he instituted the feast, should be noted. We might have expected the Lord in that night of supreme trial, of agony so great that he sweat as it were great drops of blood, to have thought of himself. But, no; Paul wishes us to understand that even then the Saviour thought of his disciples. He knew that their need of help would be great in years to come, and so ordained the memorial feast. Jesus remembered us; oh, shall we not gladly remember him?

Again, see the Master's exceedingly vehement desire to partake of the feast with the apostles (Luke 22: 15). It may have been that the Lord craved for the fellowship of loved ones as his hour of trial drew near; but probably the chief desire was due to a tender solicitude for them. Would that we all who are called by the name of Jesus, who plead for the faith and practice of the New Testament church, could truthfully say that with desire we desired to meet with our Lord and have communion with him in the Supper.

In the early part of the service at least, the traitorous Judas sat with the company. The Saviour announced his coming betrayal at the hands of one of the twelve; and immediately the disciples were filled with consternation. It is to the credit of the eleven that each of them apparently would as soon distrust himself as his brother. Each asked, "Is it I, Rabbi?" That none of these should have enquired, "Lord, is it Judas?" shows how effectually the traitor had masked his designs from his fellow apostles. Usually a man's character is better known to his friends than he thinks it is; but the trust of friends is no proof of real

discipleship. The Lord who looks upon the heart, and not men who judge by outward appearance, will judge us at last. Even the treacherous Judas, to divert suspicion from himself, dared to ask, "Is it I, Rabbi?" knowing all the time that he had made the bargain with the priests.

There is a word of the Lord's which is often erroneously as I think, believed to identify the traitor. Jesus said: "It is one of the twelve, that dipeth with me in the dish." All the twelve would thus dip in the dish; the words emphasize rather the enormity of his crime who should betray. In the East to eat bread with another is to enter into a covenant of hospitality with him. For the time, enmity must be laid aside; one must not seek the hurt of the other. Judas was shamelessly false in that he could eat bread with the Lord and then go out from the table to betray him (see John 13: 18; Psa. 41: 9). This thought has an important bearing on the implications of the Supper for us.

We cannot, and need not, dwell on the wonderful simplicity, yet perfect appropriateness of the feast as instituted by our Lord. The absence of show, the rich simplicity, greatly impress us. Simple elements, bread and wine, were chosen to represent Christ's body and blood. What food and drink are to man's physical nature, Christ is to the soul: He is our meat indeed, our drink indeed.

The careful reader will note how all the records record minutely the Saviour's acts of taking, blessing, giving, of the loaf and the cup.

In connection with the cup there is one striking word. "This is my blood of the covenant," said Jesus. It will be well to read Ex. 24: 1-8 and see what Old Testament associations this phrase, "blood of the covenant," would have. A covenant is a compact between two parties. Such agreements were often ratified with blood. We have what are called "blood covenants" which are indissoluble. Often there is a mutual transfusion of blood. Sometimes the blood of an animal is substituted. God of old entered into a blood covenant with his people. This was intended to show how certainly God would bless his people: they on their part pledged themselves to be true to God and do all his will.

If we apply to the Supper as observed now two of the thoughts we have gathered in our study, it will be profitable to us. We have seen two covenants—of hospitality and of blood. To sit at the board with another is to be bound by ties of friendship to that one. Christ who calls us to his table pledges himself to seek our good, and never our hurt; to support and help us. On our side, we declare that we will be true to Christ. It would be monstrous if we, as Judas, after eating with him, were to betray him or his cause by our unworthy lives. The Supper binds us to a life of faithfulness. Again: we sit with one another at the table; there is the communion of saints. That means we are pledged to help one another, to support and comfort one another. See Paul's great passage in 1 Cor. 10: 16, 17, and note how he regards the loaf as at once the symbol of the Lord's body which hung upon the cross, and also in its unity emblematic of the unity and harmony of the body, the church. So we learn of the mutual love which should be ours as we partake together of the sacred feast, and of the pledge to continued mutual helpfulness to which our common participation makes.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Items for this page will be very welcome. Send to J. I. Mudford, 76 Munro-st., Ascot Vale, Vic. Phone, Ascot 767.

Perth Chinese Mission.

Report Submitted to Annual Meeting on Sept. 6.

Our report for the past year is presented with feelings of thankfulness to our heavenly Father for his presence and guidance throughout a year that has been attended with much blessing and encouragement.

The number of scholars, excluding those who attend the gospel services only, is 15, and the teachers number 7. The school had issued circulars printed in the Chinese language, which should result in bringing our work more prominently before the Chinese in our midst. In the course of the year our evangelists in the metropolitan area were asked to give short addresses once a month at the Tuesday evening meetings. Bren. Blakemore and Connor have given short talks, which have been much appreciated, and we look forward with much pleasure to the visits of Bren. Warren, Scambler, and Banks. In May last Bro. Banks paid us a visit to ask for our co-operation in the extension work of the Home Mission Committee. The scholars took up the matter with enthusiasm, and the sum of £2/17/9 has been handed to the treasurer of the Committee. The secretary spoke of the anniversary which was held on May 26, and said it was a greater success than ever. A painting by Joseph Tie Ghan, one of the scholars, entitled "Peter's Visit to Cornelius," met with much appreciation by the large audience. The presence of Mr. A. S. J. Fry, the organising secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was an innovation which he thought should be of some help to the cause.

The outstanding feature of the year has been the visit of Bro. William Jame, who during his three months' stay with us has succeeded in winning 11 scholars for Christ. The number of Christian scholars is 26. The visit of Bro. Jame has been a tower of strength to the Christian scholars, and an inspiration to the teachers, putting new hopes into our hearts and inspiring us to greater efforts in the Master's cause. In order to be able to maintain the interest in the gospel services which Bro. Jame's visit has created, the securing of an evangelist for the work in Perth is an absolute necessity, and the great need of the hour.

Although the number of teachers has increased, the supply is still short of our requirements. We shall gladly welcome the day that will bring us all the teachers we want. We notice with a great deal of pleasure the lively interest the scholars have taken in the gospel services, and trust this interest will contribute much good to the cause of Jesus Christ. Another pleasing feature of the year is the substantial increase in the scholars' contributions to the Foreign Mission Committee.

During the year Mrs. Heilbronn, one of our teachers, left the State for a trip to the East. Our sister was a faithful worker, and before her departure was presented with several tokens of our esteem. Sister Heilbronn has returned to Perth, but we regret to state that she is unable to continue her work as a teacher. Though at times we may become depressed because of failure to accomplish the desire of our hearts, let us set our faces towards the sun, and endeavor to do more for Him who has done so much for us.—W. Alexander, Secretary, Chinese Mission, Perth.

The Fascination of the Chinese People.

An extract from a letter recently received in Melbourne from Mr. B. B. Chapman, of Wesley College, Wuchang, China.

I came here to study at a language school, and find Chinese, although in some ways hard, most fascinating to read, write, and speak. We work about six hours a day at it, and have most of the afternoon free to walk on the hills, which are beautiful now in the spring, play games (tennis with foreigners, or football, or running with Chinese students when one likes), to wander out on the streets, and talk to shopkeepers and soldiers, or to drink tea with old priests in tumble-down picturesque temples. The huge painted gods all round are taken seriously by few people nowadays.

But best of all is to go to a tea-house, and rub shoulders and chat (making the most of one's

stumbling Chinese) with all kinds of people, from beggars to prosperous merchants, or educated men. Everybody is extraordinarily polite, and glad to see you, and you can thus learn a lot of proverbs and new words and jokes, for the Chinese humor is as unfailling as their patience and their courtesy. And if you have with you some illustrated printed stories from the gospels, they are tremendously keen to read them, and ask you to explain and tell them more about this "Ye-su," who shows that "heaven" does really care, and has not left them either to the mercy of devils, or with no higher ideal than to get money. Isn't this rather worth while? It generally ends by some man (often out of great poverty) insisting on expressing his gratitude or friendliness by paying your tea-money, or by the "old board" (i.e., proprietor) refusing any payment. The people are most lovable and attractive, and the students a very fine and able lot, and with them the great hope of China seems to lie. They are perfect heroes when it comes to dying for their country or freedom.

A Brief Word from Daltonganj.

Mr. and Mrs. Walters, our new missionaries, expect to arrive here in October. They will be located at Daltonganj, and Mrs. Pittman and I will take charge at Dudhi (a new work just being taken over).

We baptised a woman of good caste here on Saturday. For some years, through the influence of the Sahay family, she has been drawing towards Christianity. When she at last decided, her relatives beat her severely, and cast her out. As she cannot now find work anywhere, we have given her a little work in the mission. She seems very bright and happy in her obedience to the Saviour. She is a widow, with one little daughter, whom we have put in the Baptist Girls' School at Bankipore, as we have no girls' school here.—Palamau, India, Aug. 7, 1914.



Christian Hospital, Nanking, China, conducted by Dr. Macklin.

From the Field—Continued.

for a special effort in this community. The treasurer is Mr. Winch, 11 Berlin-st., Richmond.—R. Arnott, Sept. 21.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.—Good meetings yesterday. Bro. Josephs, from Moreland, and Sister Emmett, from Kalgoorlie, were received into fellowship. At the close of the gospel meeting, the usual meeting was held for prayers on behalf of the sufferers through the war, and for a speedy restoration of peace; the whole congregation without a single exception remained behind. These meetings are quite an inspiration. 212 at Bible School; this is a record attendance. Our gallery is to be reopened next Sunday evening. A deep interest prevails. Old South Melbourneites are cordially invited to be present.

ASCOT VALE.—Since last report two have been received into our fellowship by faith and obedience. Bro. Kingsbury, who is conducting a mission at Kyneton, will resume his duties with the church in this neighborhood next Lord's day. During his absence the prayer meeting was conducted by H. E. Knott, and the "We Mean Business Bible Class" and gospel service by A. R. Main. Excellent addresses were delivered by these brethren, and we desire to thank them for services rendered. At our gospel meeting Bro. Main delivered a most earnest and impressive sermon.—J.Y.P., Sept. 21.

CHELTENHAM.—Since last report meetings have been well maintained. Bro. Wilson being away on a visit to South Australia, preaching services have been conducted by C. Lang and F. M. Ludbrook; Bro. Lang also addressed the church and conducted the Bible Class. We desire to express our appreciation and thanks to these brethren. This morning there was gladness in the church, as Bro. E. T. Penny was enabled to again meet at the breaking of bread, after his accident in June last. Bro. Penny also addressed the church, giving a fine exhortation. The practices for the school anniversary are progressing. We look forward to a happy gathering of old and new friends on October 11 and 14. On the 17th the midweek meeting was conducted by a band of College students; they were greatly appreciated.—F.W.M., Sept. 20.

SWAN HILL.—The first district Conference in connection with the church was held at Swan Hill on 9th inst., and was a pronounced success. Bro. Hagger has been conducting a ten days' mission here, assisted by local evangelist Bro. Mudge. Meetings have been fairly attended. Good interest. Two confessions to date. Last Lord's day we held our Sunday School anniversary. Distributed 40 prizes, and had a joyful time. Bren. Mudge and Hagger journeyed to Kaneira, 45 miles, on Saturday last, and organised a church there with nucleus of 10 members, which we believe will witness for the truth in that corner of God's vineyard. The members appreciate the kindness of our Home Mission Committee in sending Bro. Hagger to help us. The evangelist returned to Ultima yesterday. Had good meetings there, and came on here and preached to good audiences in the evening, and conducted baptismal service and evening Lord's Supper.—C.W.D., Sept. 20.

ECHUCA.—Bro. Beard, from Bendigo, has been meeting with us for some time, and has helped in the meetings. On Sept. 13 he exhorted the church. We contemplate holding a ten days' mission, starting on October 20. Bro. Hutson, from the North Melbourne church, will be the missionary. Miss Ogden, our organist, who is leaving us, was presented last night with a selection of Sankey's hymns as a token of esteem.—E. Darlow, Sept. 21.

PRAHRAN.—On Sept. 20 we were pleased to have a goodly number of visitors present at our morning meeting, some of whom were from Geelong. The attendance at these meetings is improving. A fine spiritual meeting at night, and at the close of a stirring appeal specially to young women, one young lady made the good confession. The young ladies' and men's clubs are growing in membership. At a meeting of the men's club on Sept. 15, there were 17 present, and all took part, the syllabus item being prepared Scripture readings.—A.E.M., Sept. 20.

CARLTON (Lygon-st.).—A number of visitors met with us on Sunday last to commemorate the Lord's death, those from a distance being Sister Gallaway, of Warragul; Sister Corbet, Henley Beach, S.A. It was also a great pleasure to have fellowship once again with Sister Chas. Thurgood, from Henley Beach, S.A., who with her sainted husband was formerly associated with the Lygon-st. church. S. G. Griffith gave a fine exhortation in the morning, speaking again at night, taking for his theme an important subject, "The End of the World." We were delighted to have with us Bro. and Sister Percy Davey at the week-night prayer service on Thursday, on the eve of their homeward journey to Japan. Bro. Davey's address was very interesting.—J.McC.

MELBOURNE (Swanston-st.).—Our meetings on Sunday were full of help and comfort. Bro. Franklyn presided, and feelingly referred to the passing of Bro. Dunn, and the great loss the church and brotherhood have sustained in his death. Bro. Knott was the speaker, and gave us a very appropriate message, which was much appreciated. We had a splendid meeting at night, when Bro. Franklyn spoke on "Life's Work Finished." In both the morning and evening addresses a strong appeal was made to the young men to fill up the gaps in the ranks that are being made by the removal of our older brethren, who are one by one being gradually gathered home.

HORSHAM.—The meeting for worship was the largest we have had for some years; over 50 members broke bread. Record gospel meetings are the order of the day. The preparation by prayer and supplication for our mission is fully realised by the splendid meetings we have had every night since its commencement. Bro. Beiler is in good form, and the word is going forth with power. Sunday afternoon and night services were held in the Victoria Picture Theatre, and good crowds at both meetings greeted Bro. Beiler with rapt attention. Bro. Wadsworth is also a power in the meetings with his gospel in song. We are delighted to have these brethren, and pray God will richly reward them. We have had four confessions to date. The writer's daughter was the first to lead the way.—C. H. Spicer, Sept. 21.

CASTLEMAINE.—Much regret has been expressed at the passing of our esteemed Bro. Dunn, and special reference for those bereaved was made in prayer. Bro. Clipstone is doing good work here, and we are encouraged at the signs of progress. The Endeavor Society has an attendance of about 20, with profitable times spent together. Our services last Lord's day were seasons of helpfulness, our brother speaking morning and evening. Subject for evening, "God's Commandments," which was a telling message. The male quartette rendered an item. Have enjoyed fellowship of Sister Evans, of Brunswick, for two Lord's days.—D.S., Sept. 21.

Here and There

It was a considerable satisfaction to our Bro. Dunn that creditable issues of the "Christian" continued to appear up till the last. He directed its policy wisely from his sick-room, and scanned its pages with pleasure.

When, in his last illness, oxygen was artificially administered to help Bro. Dunn's distressed breathing, and relief had come, he said, "This reminds me of the text, 'I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.'"

So far back as 1877 the Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars of Victoria presented Bro. Dunn with a fine testimonial referring to his "sound judgment, untiring zeal, and uniform courtesy." It was by the exercise of these valuable qualities all through his years that he wielded his great influence and accomplished so much in the promotion of the temporal and spiritual interests of humanity.

College Annual Offering, Sunday, October 4.
Six young people confessed Christ at Chatterwood, N.S.W., last Sunday night, T. Bagley preaching.

The Victorian Women's Home Missionary Committee will hold a meeting at the Church of Christ, Cheltenham, on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 30, at 3 o'clock.

We have a few extra copies of the "Education Number" of the "Australian Christian." Early application from agents will secure a supply of these for free distribution.

N.S.W. Home Mission fields report five additions during August. Growing audiences and increasing Bible Schools. Erskineville, under Bro. Pond, is building a new primary department room.

We feel sure there will be a desire on the part of the brotherhood to perpetuate the memory of Bro. Dunn, and we invite early expressions of opinion as to the suggestion appearing in Bro. Craigie's "appreciation."

The northern parts of Victoria present open doors on every hand for the preaching of the primitive gospel. It just needs the means placed in the hands of the Home Missionary Fund in order to do magnificent work in many places.

The College of the Bible has no assured income, and is an institution run by faith. Depending upon God and the brethren, the work has been carried on all through this year, and it is the duty and privilege of every member of every church in the Commonwealth to make some sacrifice for our College on the First Lord's Day in October.

We are glad to report that the church at Glenelg, South Australia, has undertaken to provide £50 annually for the College of the Bible, the understanding being that this sum will be used to enable promising students to complete their studies. This is a most acceptable gift, and will mean much for the future of the work in our land.

Office-bearers of the Victorian churches are asked to note that the next quarterly meeting will be held in Swanston-st. lecture hall on Monday, October 19, at which meeting A. P. Wilson will introduce a discussion on "The Question of Drift in our Church Membership." This is an important theme, and demands a large attendance and great interest.

Bro. J. Binney wishes to express his very sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the brethren in New Zealand and the Commonwealth who have been so kind in sending messages during his illness. He wishes it were possible that he could reply to all these personally, but it is beyond his powers. Bro. Binney is bright and happy as ever, trusting in the Saviour and cheerfully awaiting the time when the Lord will call him home.

W. H. Clay writes:—"In response to the appeal to bandsmen and those interested in the formation of a brass band in connection with the Churches of Christ in Victoria, only six have taken the matter up, five of these being cornet players. Will others who are able and willing, communicate, without delay, with W. H. Clay, 30 Dundas-place, Albert Park? If a sufficient number of players will intimate interest to any extent, a meeting will be called to discuss plans and prospects."

Sister Simmonds, of Echuca, Vic., in acknowledging the last remittance for Bro. Davey, writes: "Bro. Davey is getting very feeble now, and would feel it dreadfully if he lost that 10/- per week. I do hope the brethren who are able will answer the appeal for him. After giving it so long, it would be hard if they tired at the very end of his days. If he lost it, he would have to leave Echuca, and I doubt if he would be so comfortable anywhere else. The lady who boards him is just fitted to look after him."

The opening session of the School of Methods for Bible School Workers was held on Monday evening last at Lygon-st. chapel. More than one hundred were in attendance, and we hear of still others who purpose taking the course. Those present were delighted with the work as outlined by the teachers. All who are interested in Bible School work are invited to join. Students may register next Monday evening, when the real work of the school commences. Each session commences promptly at a quarter to eight.

Two confessions in the Swan Hill, Vic., volunteer mission up to last Sunday night; the effort was to close on Monday.

The address of John Rodger, secretary of the church at Belmore, N.S.W., is now "Springburn," Drummond-st., Belmore.

Arrangements have been made for T. McCullum to do week-end work at Lancefield, Vic. He had an encouraging beginning on Sept. 13.

Large meetings are now the order of the day at Horsham, Vic., where J. R. Combridge labors under the Home Missionary Committee. There is now every prospect of a big church being built up there.

There are still one or two preachers available for volunteer missions with the weaker Victorian churches. Any church desiring such should write Thos. Hagger, the Home Mission Secretary, at Walsh-st., Coburg.

Bro. Gale has just concluded a 3000 mile Home Mission and Bible School tour. On the trip he took numerous photographs. These are being made into slides by the Crown Studios, and will be shown at the Home Mission Rally in Sydney on October 20.

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October 4

Let Every Member make a
Special Offering for Our
College

Some years ago G. H. Browne labored under the Victorian Home Missionary Committee in the Mallee country about Brim, and did a splendid work. All over Victoria, and in some parts of other States, the fine disciples that were then and there made can be found, and they often prove the backbone of the work.

A church of ten members was organised at Kaneira, Vic., on Sept. 19, by S. H. Mudge and Thos. Hagger. Meetings to break bread will be held each Lord's day morning in the home of J. J. Mudge, and later it is hoped to move into the hall. It is expected that the Swan Hill evangelist will give some week nights to gospel proclamation in the place. Geo. Curtis, Kaneira, is secretary.

The Lygon-st. church gave on Sept. 8 a farewell to twelve young men from the congregation, who are in camp waiting for transport to the seat of war in Europe. A nicely bound copy of the New Testament was presented by Bro. Griffith to Messrs. A. McColl, S. Jackson, P. Willmore, H. Gardiner, E. Dilworth, D. White, N. Patty, S. Major, J. Gaborit, V. Glenister, A. Robinson and A. Wraith. Mr. Willmore suitably responded for himself and comrades, thanking the church for the presentations and good wishes.

F. J. Miles writes:—"Will you please convey to your readers my hearty appreciation of letters received from so many of them, which I find it utterly impossible to answer? I have received as many as thirteen from ministers alone by one mail while in camp. I have worked from 4 a.m. until midnight, and have tried sincerely to carry out the wishes of mothers concerning their sons, and sisters concerning their brothers, and of girls in relation to other girls' brothers, but to answer their communications is an impossibility. I ask for the prayers of your readers in the position of great privilege and grave responsibility that I occupy as chaplain to the congregational denominations, viz., Baptist, Congregationalist and Church of Christ."

HAWTHORNE, BRISBANE, CHAPEL IN A DAY.

The date will be announced in next issue. Can you attend or send a carpenter for the day? Already 42 men and 18 ladies have volunteered. Who will have a share in the £200 required to cover cost of land and materials for building? Previously acknowledged, £32/14/-. Bro. F. Stubbin, Boonah, £1; Bro. Stabe, Zillmere, £1; First Installation from Brisbane, Bro. Banner, £1/1/-; Sister Busst, £1.—W. H. Nightingale, Wride-st., Woolloowin, Brisbane, Qld.

EAST WIMMERA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The first Conference of the Churches of Christ in the East Wimmera District was held in Swan Hill on Wednesday, Sept. 9. There was a large and representative gathering at both sessions of the Conference. Brethren and sisters came from as far as Boort and Kaneira to be with us.

The morning devotional was conducted by Bro. McDonald, after which S. H. Mudge was elected chairman, and C. McDonald secretary. A welcome was extended to visitors by Bro. McDonald, and responded to by Bro. Thos. Hagger. The chairman outlined the purpose of the gathering, and moved that we form a Conference. This was seconded by Bro. Kilpatrick, and agreed to. Greetings were received from the State H.M. Committee, Bro. Shipway, and Sister Jenkins.

The afternoon devotional was conducted by Bro. Mudge. The election of the Executive Committee resulted as follows: President, C. McDonald; Vice-President, G. Goudie; Secretary, S. H. Mudge; Treasurer, Geo. Walker; Committee: D. Anderson, J. J. Mudge, G. A. Mott. During the afternoon S. H. Mudge spoke upon "The Opportunities of this District," pointing out the number of large centres where we are not represented, but in a great many cases have a fair membership.

Bro. Hagger gave a fine address upon "Suggested Methods of Work," urging us to set up the Lord's table wherever possible, the use of local talent, and systematic distribution of literature. Bro. C. M. McDonald spoke of "The Value of Bible School Work in Evangelising this District."

During the afternoon Miss May McDonald delighted the Conference with her singing.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Home Mission Committee for sending Bro. Hagger to the Conference, and to the sisters for the excellent way they had provided meals.

The public meeting was largely attended. A splendid programme was presented, and addresses given by Bren. Mudge and Hagger.

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Will Mr. Vick, from N. Wonthaggi, send his address to E. J. Bone, 2 Broome Crest, Wonthaggi?

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MORRISON.—In loving memory of Richard Morrison, who entered his eternal rest on Sept. 30, 1908.

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COMING EVENTS.

SEPTEMBER 26 and 30.—Windsor School anniversary. Afternoon, at 3, Mr. F. M. Ludbrook. Evening, Mr. Ross Graham. Wednesday, 30th, Entertainment and distribution of prizes by Mr. D. Pittman. Saturday, Oct. 3, tea meeting at 6.30. Sociable evening. All welcome.

OCTOBER 2 and 3.—Northcote Church of Christ. Sale of useful articles will be held in the School Hall, High-st., near Town Hall, on Oct. 2 and 3. Opening by Mrs. Chown at 7.45.—N. Butler, Sec.

OCTOBER 2 and 3.—Friday and Saturday, in the Freemasons' Hall, Curzon-st., North Melbourne, Sale of Work and Gifts by North Melbourne Church of Christ Dorcas Class. Opening ceremony to be performed by Alderman Crichton on Friday, Oct. 2, at 3 p.m.

OCTOBER 4.—Brighton Church of Christ Bible School Anniversary. Special services. All heartily invited.

OCTOBER 9 and 10.—"Something doing" in the marquee attached to the Church of Christ building, "The Octagon," near Carnegie Railway Station. Sale of Work and Gifts, on Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10, 1914, from 3 till 10 p.m. Keep the date open and come. Admission, threepence. Musical programme.—S. Gracie, Hon. Sec.

OCTOBER 20.—Great Home Missionary Lantern Rally will be held in the City Temple, Campbell-st., Sydney, on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 8 p.m. Home Mission Organiser will illustrate his 3000 mile Home Mission Tour with numerous slides taken on the journey. Conference President will preside. Collection.

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Obituary.

EVERETT.—Rachel Emma, at nine years of age, the daughter of Bro. and Sister W. G. Everett. Little Rachel's painful illness extended over four months, during which her condition varied much from time to time, and those to whom she was dear hoped against hope that she would recover, but the end came on Sept. 9, and yet not the end, for there is a blessed future for all who are Christ's. Rachel was thoughtful beyond her years, and gave many simple evidences of her faith in God. She rests from her suffering awaiting the day of glad reunion. May God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, through the comforting ministry of the Holy Spirit, give needed consolation to the bereaved.—T.J.B., Invercargill, N.Z.

HARDER.—Bro. C. Harder fell asleep in Jesus on Sept. 6, aged 68 years. He had been a great sufferer for over a year, and unable to attend the meetings; but Bro. Harder found Christ precious to his soul, and passed away in the hope of life eternal. Sister Harder is a member with us. May God comfort her and the family our brother has left behind.—A. C. Rankine, Hawthorn, Vic.

TAYLOR.—We regret to chronicle the passing away of our young Sister Violet Taylor, aged 19 years. She fell asleep on Sept. 18. For over a year Sister Taylor was afflicted with a disease which carried her off. She was a young woman with a sweet disposition, and a bright young Christian. She loved the church, and attended the services as long as she had strength. We shall greatly miss her. To her Christ was a living reality. We deeply sympathise with the bereaved family.—A. C. Rankine, Hawthorn, Vic.

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NEW SOUTH WALES HOME MISSIONS.

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Individuals: Bren. L. Rossell, £10; J. Stimson, £15; F. S. Steer, £1; P. Winter, £10; J. G. Snow, £1; Anon., Paddington, £1; Anon., £10.

Other Receipts: Bible Schools Committee, 2nd instalment, £20; Church, repayment, part loan, £1; Sale of Constitution, 3d.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

Gems of Thought.—"What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter" (John 13: 7).

Let us take to our hearts a lesson, no lesson can braver be,
From the ways of the tapestry weavers on the other side of the sea.
Above their heads the pattern hangs, they study it with care,
The while their fingers deftly weave, their eyes are fastened there.
They tell this curious thing besides, of the patient, plodding weaver,
He works on the wrong side evermore, but works the right side ever.
It is only when the weaver stops, and the web is loosed and turned,
That he sees his real handiwork, and his marvelous skill is learned.

—Anson Chester.

Providence is a greater mystery than revelation.—Cecil.

Bible Reading.—John 13: 1-7: The "hereafter" in mystery.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

Gems of Thought.—"He forgetteth not the cry of the humble" (Psalm 9: 12).

Lord, grant us grace to love thee so
That, glad of heart and glad of face,
At last we may sit high or low,
Each in his place.

—Rosselli.

A sculptor wrought a beautiful statue, and a man who saw it said: "I do not understand your statue. You can carve, I know, but your statue is all out of proportion. Can't you see it?" "You can not see it as I see it," remarked the sculptor. "You will find at the foot of the statue a place to kneel, and when you kneel at the foot of my image of Christ, you will see it in its true proportion." There are things in Christ which you can never learn or see until you have knelt at his feet.—Harrington C. Lees.

Bible Reading.—Psalm 9: 1-12: God hears the lowly.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

Gems of Thought.—"Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14: 23).

A visitor at the hospice of St. Bernard in the Alps tells of one of the noble dogs coming in one morning holding his head and tail to the ground, and slinking away to a dark corner of his kennel, as if ashamed to look anyone in the face. The monks explained to the visitor that the dog had not been able to find anybody in the snow that morning to rescue, and therefore was ashamed to come in from his search. How will it be with us when we reach the end of our life, if we have not rescued any one from the storms and the dangers?

Bible Reading.—Luke 14: 15-24: Seeking the lost.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

Gems of Thought.—"There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8: 1).

"Jesus paid it all, all the debt I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow."

We are like the little child who was in the garden, with his mother, when a bee stung his mother on the palm of her hand. The child huddled close to the mother and cried, for fear the bee would sting him too. "Look," said the mother, "the sting of the bee is in the palm of my hand. He can not sting you also." And so Jesus suffered the sting of death for us—and we can not suffer for it.—J. R. Miller.

Bible Reading.—Rom. 9: 1-6: Safety in the Saviour.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Gems of Thought.—"The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life" (John 6: 23).

Thy words are sweet and strong,
They fill my inward silences
With music and with song.

They send me challenges of right,
And loud rebuke my ill;
They ring my bells of victory,
They breathe my "Peace, be still!"
—William C. Gannett.

Truth is the edict of God.—H. W. Shaw.

Bible Reading.—John 6: 55-63: Truth and life.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Gems of Thought.—"Weeping may endure for the night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psalm 30: 5).

I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December,
A magical thing,
And sweet to remember:
"We are nearer to spring
Than we were in September."
I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December.

—Oliver Herford.

Bible Reading.—Psalm 30: 1-12: Weeping and joy.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Gems of Thought.—"Lo, I am with thee alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28: 20).

I'm footsore oft, and weary,
For the way has been so long,
And the storms that beat around me
Have been so fierce and strong;

I've climbed up dreary mountains,
Whose paths were rough and steep;
I've waded through dark waters
That were so cold and deep.

But all the way so weary
One joy has been my own;
I've always known one comfort,
I have not walked alone!
For one has e'er been near me,
Whose face I could not see,
But I can not tell to any
All he has been to me!

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Thrice Holy God. Psalm 99; Isa. 6: 1-4.

The God who cares. Exod. 3: 7-10; Matt. 7: 7-11; 1 Peter 5: 7.

The God who changes not. Malachi 3: 1-6; Jas. 1: 13-17.

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