

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE, 1914

C.E. RALLY.

An enthusiastic crowd of young people filled Grote-st. chapel on Saturday night at the C.E. Union rally. The retiring President, H. J. Horsell, opened the meeting, and after briefly reviewing the work of the year, introduced Mr. E. J. Paternoster, the new President. The report read by Mr. T. P. Richardson, the Secretary, showed a membership in the Union of 1406, and there are 17 societies not affiliated, making a total of 56 societies and 1799 members. Practical work was reported, including the raising of £102 for Foreign Missions. A commencement had also been made with Home Missions, and 17/- per week was already promised toward the support of a Home missionary in the River Murray District, with headquarters at Berri. The intention was to support him as the "living link" of the societies. The judges awarded the Honor Banner, held last year by the Mile End Society, to the Croydon and Hindmarsh Societies, which were voted equal in general efficiency. The speakers of the evening were A. J. Fischer, of Tumby Bay, who gave an able address on "C.E. Definitions," and P. A. Davey, B.A., missionary from Japan, whose theme was "Effectual Consecration in the Kingdom of God." The speaker captured his audience by the narration of many instances of effectual consecration among Japanese converts. A recitation by Miss Riches, of Unley, a duett by Grote-st. members, a solo by Miss Teague, of York, and an item by the Juniors varied and enlivened the programme.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

The Conference was fortunate this year in securing such a distinguished visitor as Dr. Macklin to deliver the Conference sermon. The large Exhibition Hall on North Terrace was filled in every part. I. A. Paternoster presided. The speaker took as his subject, "Christ Destroys the Power of Satan in China." In very vivid terms he described the condition of the Chinese people. Among their philosophers they had such great men as Confucius and Buddha; but the great mass of the people of China

did not worship Confucius or Buddha, for in reality they worshipped the devil. The Chinese officials and magistrates robbed the people in a wholesale manner, and there was no hope of redress or justice if one had no money wherewith to bribe his superiors. It was believed that these same officials went to hell, and there pursued the same tactics of oppression and extortion. The history of the nation then was a tale of wrong and misery wrought upon an unhappy people who had the prospect that in the next world their miseries would be increased tenfold. In addition to the devil, they worshipped lizards, snakes, and all kinds of animals. The knowledge of Christ was quickly bringing a change for the better. The Bible was being read in all parts of China, and in this way Christ was destroying the power of Satan. The people were ready for a great movement upward, and if Christians did their duty, China would soon become a Christian nation.

A quartette from the Hindmarsh church was much appreciated by all.

BUSINESS SESSION.

On Monday morning, Sept. 14, in Grote-st. chapel, H. R. Taylor conducted a devotional service, and spoke of the bright outlook of the churches. Then the President of the Conference, I. A. Paternoster, took the chair, and similarly spoke optimistically of the work.

Greetings were received from J. I. Mudford, Secretary of the Federal F.M. Board; from T. Hagger, Secretary of the Victorian Home Mission Committee; from Miss Manning, Secretary of the Women's Conference, Adelaide, and from the churches on Eyre Peninsula. A verbal greeting was delivered from the Queensland Conference.

The President extended a hearty welcome to the following visitors: Dr. and Mrs. Macklin, from China; R. Enniss, R. Lyall, A. P. Wilson, J. J. Franklyn, and A. C. Rankine, from Victoria; W. A. C. Wendorf, from Queensland, and R. Harkness, just returned from a tour of the world.

The following briefly responded: Mrs. Macklin, Dr. Macklin, R. Lyall, J. J. Franklyn, A. C. Rankine, A. P. Wilson, J. E.

Tuck, J. Dale, F. T. Saunders. In his reply Dr. Macklin urged that an efficient body of men should be sent to do work in China. A good model to copy is the Canadian Presbyterian Mission, as it furnishes a lesson in respect, not to numbers, but efficiency. B. W. Huntsman and A. J. Fischer were welcomed as fresh additions to the evangelistic force working in South Australia. R. Harkness also expressed his pleasure at being once more at home among the brethren.

A special welcome was extended to A. H. Collins, incoming President of the Baptist Union. In replying, Mr. Collins apologised for Sir Chas. Goode, the President, and conveyed a greeting from the Baptist Union. He said that if there had been courting between the two bodies, he hoped that there had been no flirtation. It was possible to marry in haste, and repent at leisure; but it was plainly evident that the spirit of fraternal love was growing stronger.

T. J. Gore presented the obituary report. In concluding he made special reference to the death of Bro. F. G. Dunn, and then offered an earnest prayer that God would comfort all the bereaved ones.

At this point D. A. Ewers moved, "That this Conference place on record our hearty appreciation of the self-sacrificing and successful work of Bro. F. G. Dunn, as editor of the 'Australian Christian,' whose noble life and unflagging service, and whose unfaltering allegiance to the plea for a restoration of primitive Christianity commanded the respect and appreciation of the whole brotherhood, and we express our heartfelt sympathy with the widow and bereaved family, and commend them to the loving care of the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort." This resolution was carried by the members present rising from their seats.

The afternoon session began at 2.15, when J. Wiltshire led the devotional service, at which a good number were present.

It was decided by Conference that collections be taken up for patriotic purposes, half to go to the Red Cross work, and half to the Mayor's fund.

A welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Davey, missionaries from Japan. Both responded.

Jas. Manning presented a report on the South Australian Bible College. The attendance had fallen away during the first part of the year, but the last half year six had taken advantage of the teaching afforded. The income for the year from the money invested was £139, and the expenditure £66.

Alliance Deputation.

Mr. J. Ashton and Mr. P. Stanton came as a delegation from the South Australian Alliance. Jas. Manning, President of the Alliance, emphasised the importance of taking and reading the *Patriot*, the paper circulating in the interests of temperance. Mr. Jas. Ashton urged that we vote for the closing of hotels at 6 o'clock. We must never be satisfied until we secure national prohibition, and must see that the persons we vote for to represent us in Parliament shall be those who are ready to carry out the will of the people.

Mr. P. Stanton based his remarks on the verse, "Those that sleep, sleep in the night, and those that are drunken are drunken in the night." 80 per cent. of drunkenness was found to occur during the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. He believed that every member of the Churches of Christ would vote for the closing of hotels at 6 o'clock.

W. C. Brooker moved that we as a Conference urge all our churches to heartily co-operate in every possible way with temperance workers in this State to secure the closing of liquor bars at 6 o'clock. D. A. Ewers seconded, and J. E. Thomas spoke to the motion, which was carried with great enthusiasm.

Bible School Work.

A. L. Read presented the annual report of the Sunday School Executive. In dealing with the report the mover suggested that he did not think the time had arrived to appoint a State Bible School Organiser, but he thought it would be well to appoint a Federal Bible School Organiser. W. J. Taylor seconded the adoption of the report. D. A. Ewers pointed out that our Bible Schools had made greater strides than the schools of any other religious body in South Australia. G. D. Wright suggested that the first Sunday in May should be set aside as Bible School day. R. Enniss pointed out that thousands of pounds were spent every year in South Australia in preaching the gospel to the adults; he thought we should spend more in teaching the young. We should appoint a Bible School Organiser. W. Matthews said that he was glad to find that 226 Bible School teachers were members of the Christian Endeavor.

At 4.30 p.m. B. W. Huntsman began his address on Teacher Training. The only schools he knew of who employed only trained teachers were the Hebrew Sabbath Schools. We were not prepared to go as far as that, but we should endeavor to give our Bible School teachers as much training as possible. He emphasised three things in teacher training: 1. Perfect understanding of the pupil. It had been discovered that it was between the ages of 12 and 16 that most boys and girls became Christians. It

it necessary to know something of the physical condition of the pupil, as heredity played a very important part in a child's life, and children often went wrong because of things over which they had little or no control. 2. Teachers should know best methods of Bible study. A teacher must be able to tell a Bible story, and outline a Bible character. 3. A teacher should learn the value of simple expression. We must be perfectly sure that the child knows what we are talking about. Finally the teacher should bring the lesson down into daily life. We make the mistake sometimes of trying to do too much; but, if we could come into line with Paul, and say, "This one thing I do," we would be doing a great work for God.

G. D. Wright urged that we utilise the activity of the children, and encourage them to express themselves.

C. R. Mitchell expressed his surprise at finding the South Australian Bible Schools so well equipped. They compared very favorably with the Sunday Schools of New York, which were the best in the world.

R. Enniss referred to the School of Methods for Bible School Workers about to be established in Melbourne, and suggested that a similar course of lectures would prove profitable in Adelaide.

Bible School Demonstration.

The Bible School Demonstration was held on Monday evening in the large Exhibition Hall on North Terrace, and the huge building was comfortably filled. A. E. Riches presided, and in his introductory remarks said that he was proud to think that some of our schools could compare favorably with any in the world. He introduced the new President of the Bible School Union, W. J. Taylor, who expressed his thanks for the honor conferred on him. He was a strong supporter of Bible reading in State schools, and urged the brethren to vote for it when the opportunity came.

J. J. Franklyn, from the Swanston-st. church, Melbourne, in a bright and optimistic speech, said that it was not guns and powder that made a nation, but righteousness. The Bible School played a very important part in helping to mould the national character. Like the prisoner who wrote his commentary on the writings of the "weeping prophet," he would say to all Bible School workers, "Cheer up, Jeremiah!" It was said that if we saved an adult we saved a unit, but if we saved a child we saved a whole multiplication table. He earnestly advised all Bible School scholars to reverence age and goodness, and not forget or be ashamed of the parents to whom they owed so much.

Good, sensible and instructive items were rendered by the York, Unley and Norwood Bible Schools. The performances of the scholars reflected great credit upon those who had their training in hand, and were much enjoyed by the large congregation assembled.

TUESDAY'S SESSION.

W. J. Taylor conducted the devotional service in helpful fashion.

D. A. Ewers, in moving the adoption of the Statistical report, intimated that all the churches had sent in their statistics. There had been a net gain of 125 members during the year, the total now standing at 6772. (G. D. Wright pointed out that according to the statistical schedule each member had contributed 1/- a week for all purposes.)

W. L. Ewers said we would never win South Australia for primitive Christianity unless we set to work and organised Bible Schools in the districts surrounding the churches.

A. J. Fischer pointed out that on Eyre Peninsula Bible Schools were becoming the forerunners of the church.

D. A. Ewers called attention to the number removed by revision of roll; one church had struck off 144 names, and another 71. It was no use keeping the names of people who never attended on the church roll.

W. J. Harris called attention to the losses by revision, and said that more care should be taken in shepherding those already in the church.

The Bible Schools report for the year was considered very satisfactory. There were now 696 teachers and 5565 scholars, a nett increase of 81 and 590 respectively. There were also 56 C.E. Societies, with 1799 members as compared with 53 Societies and 1845 members last year.

Finance.

This year the debit balance was £138 4/3, as compared with £172/9/-.

D. A. Ewers and W. L. Ewers pleaded for systematic methods of giving.

W. Charlick said that he and others had been saving up for a rainy day, and this year they ought to give a little more than usual to counteract the falling off in other ways.

R. Raymond reported that at Renmark the brethren were devoting the proceeds of one orange tree to the Lord's work. If we could not lay by once a week we might lay by once a year. He urged the farmers in the church to devote a portion of land to produce income for the Lord's work.

T. B. Verco urged that the giving should be monthly, and someone appointed to canvass for the funds, and that these funds should be made available to the Committees monthly.

J. Johnson advocated assessing the members, and said he believed in the tithe system. He had always given a tenth of his income to the Lord's work since he became a Christian, and he hoped it would be adopted by all.

Conference Secretary.

J. E. Thomas proposed that D. A. Ewers should be appointed as general organiser among the churches, combining this position with that of Conference Secretary. It would mean an extra expenditure of three pounds a week, but it would also mean added efficiency. There was no man among the brotherhood more fitted for the work than Bro. Ewers. In Victoria it had been plainly shown that increased finances resulted in the appointment of an organising secretary.

The Committee had unanimously decided to recommend the Conference to engage Bro. Ewers.

Jas. Manning, in seconding the motion, spoke of the good qualities which characterised Bro. Ewers.

W. J. Manning, as Assistant Secretary, declared his willingness to carry on the secretarial work during the periods when Bro. Ewers should be absent.

H. R. Taylor, B. W. Huntsman, H. J. Horsell, A. E. Riches also spoke. The motion was unanimously and enthusiastically carried.

D. A. Ewers thanked the Conference for electing him to the position.

T. Jones led the afternoon devotional service, and prayers were offered that the war in Europe might soon cease, and that God would send the much needed rain upon the land, and that the blessing of our heavenly Father might rest upon Bro. Ewers in his new capacity as Organising Secretary.

Election of Officers.

President.—G. D. Wright.

Vice-President.—E. W. Pittman.

Treasurer.—Jas. Manning.

Secretary.—D. A. Ewers.

Executive and Home Mission Committee.

—R. Barr, W. C. Brooker, G. P. Cuttriss, A. J. Gard, B. W. Huntsman, A. L. Read, T. B. Verco.

Foreign Mission Committee.—J. W. Cosh, P. A. Dickson, D. A. Ewers, B. W. Huntsman, I. A. Paternoster, J. E. Thomas, Miss Whitfield.

Temperance Committee.—W. C. Brooker, W. Charlick, G. P. Cuttriss, D. A. Ewers, J. Manning, W. J. Manning, I. A. Paternoster.

Addresses by Home Missionaries.

G. P. Cuttriss, from Moonta, said that during his stay there the church membership had increased from 11 to 50, while the Bible School had grown from 7 to 130. They now had a fine building. Before the work had been taken over by the Committee, they raised about £12 a year, but during the last year £205 had been contributed for all purposes.

A. J. Fischer said he represented a whole Conference—four churches, four out-stations, and four Bible Schools. He acted in many capacities, and had a very large district to work within a radius of 30 miles from Tumby Bay. He had been presented with a splendid horse by one of the brethren, and a sulky had been bought by the church, and he had travelled 2000 miles by these means. A series of missions was needed, also another evangelist.

B. W. Manning has been working during the last year at Cottonville. The kindergarten room had been enlarged, and a new baptistery put in the building. The average attendance at the morning meeting is about 60, and in the evening about 80. Six months ago the attendances had been 20 and 30 respectively. It was possible to reach a far greater number of people. They needed a new and larger building. One good grother had offered to install the electric light if a new building were erected.

J. Wiltshire, of Wallaroo, reported that they had much to encourage them in their work. During the year 33 had confessed

From the Directors of the Austral Company.

The Directors of the Austral Publishing Co. have had to face the melancholy duty of seeking to fill the breach caused by the passing of their beloved manager and editor, the late F. G. Dunn. As all will understand, the task has been a difficult one. After giving it the most careful consideration, the Directors believe they have been able to make arrangements whereby the best interests of our publishing house and our paper will be conserved.

Bro. D. E. Pittman, who has been a faithful servant of the Company for nearly twenty years, and foreman for a great part of that time, has been appointed manager. For about a year past Bro. Pittman has, in addition to carrying on his usual work, most ably assisted in the management of the office and in the conduct of the paper. The experience he has thus gained, and the efficient manner in which he has carried out his duties, give us confidence in the future welfare of the Company under his management.

The editorship of the "Australian Christian" has been offered to and accepted by Bro. A. R. Main, who will give his best thought and attention to the work. Bro. Main is a man of fine scholarship and high intellectual attainments, a brilliant writer, and above all a sound Scriptural teacher. In order to get the requisite time for this new work, it will be necessary for him to relinquish much of his preaching work and some of his outside duties. This he has consented to do.

Both these brethren will be certain to give their utmost endeavor for the interests of the brotherhood, the prosperity of the Publishing Company and the paper, and the good of the cause we love. It will be the constant aim of the Directors to so guide the affairs of the Company, that it shall deserve the confidence of the brethren and merit their custom for the book and printing departments of the business. We ask all our friends to extend to the Company and the paper a continuance of the support so generously granted in the past.

Bro. D. A. Ewers, of South Australia, will continue to contribute weekly the short articles on current events which he has so acceptably written for some years past, and his valued assistance will be appreciated by the brotherhood.

Literary contributions for the "Australian Christian" should be sent to the Editor, c/o Austral Publishing Co. Postal orders and cheques should be made payable to D. E. Pittman.

On behalf of the Directors,

W. C. CRAIGIE,

Chairman.

Christ and been baptised. The number on the roll was now 118, with an average attendance of 80 at the morning meeting.

Evangelistic work in the open air was engaged in. They had opened a new church building capable of seating 400. The outlook was particularly bright.

Roy Raymond, of the large Murray River district, reported good work. The church meets in the Berri Institute, membership 18; 17 on an average meeting around the Lord's table. They needed a building, as the Institute was devoid of windows or skylight. It was used by the Roman Catholics in the morning before our meeting, and in the afternoon the Congregationalists held a meeting. At Renmark, where there was a population of about 2500, at the first meeting they had 13 present. They wanted a large mission there. At Pyap West they held meetings, when sometimes 70 were present. Another man was needed.

At this stage Jas. E. Thomas gave a short address of encouragement to the Home Mission workers, whom he regarded as doing magnificent and heroic service. He appealed for funds to assist the work of the Home Mission Committee, especially in view of the poor prospects among the farming community. Giving showed Christian patriotism. An offering was then taken up, amounting in cash and promises to £310, the largest sum ever raised by us in one day. All then rose and sang the Doxology. On the motion of G. D. Wright, seconded by J. Manning, a hearty vote of thanks was carried to Bro. Thomas for the able manner in which he had made the appeal.

T. H. Brooker proposed, and T. Johnston seconded, "That it be a recommendation of Conference that the Evangelistic Committee consider the desirability of altering the Constitution so as to provide for the presidents of the various State Conferences (Churches of Christ) to be *ex officio* members of the Evangelistic Committee."

G. D. Wright congratulated the Trustees of our State Bible College in the efforts to improve the efficiency of the Bible School teachers in the various schools. Bren. Riches and P. A. Dickson also spoke in appreciation. It was resolved on the motion of Bro. Riches, seconded by Bro. Manning, "That we tender our thanks to the trustees for their efforts to provide means to improve and provide study for the teachers."

The discussion in regard to future work was opened by D. A. Ewers, who pointed out the bright outlook for Rose Park. A. J. Fischer, G. D. Wright, T. H. Brooker, Bro. Day, W. L. Ewers and W. Jackson spoke respectively for Mt. Gambier and Millicent, Rose Park, Chicago, Walkerville, Eyre Peninsula. The need of a church home in each of these churches was urged.

A. J. Fischer spoke words of appreciation for the work of R. Harkness and Roy Raymond in Eyre Peninsula. Bro. T. H. Brooker moved, seconded by Bro. B. Manning, that clause 1 to 20 be taken as read. Carried.

Bro. Curtis spoke of the work in the Murray River district, and also eulogised Roy Raymond's labors. All the districts are going ahead, and increasing in population.

The clauses pertaining to Home Mission fields were adopted.

The Home Mission Committee received intimation from the following churches that they are increasing their subsidy: Maylands, Mile End, Prospect, and Semaphore. The hope was expressed that they would soon become self-supporting.

Foreign Missionary Demonstration.

The large Exhibition Hall was again nicely filled on Tuesday evening.

D. A. Ewers, President of the State F.M. Committee, took the chair, and called upon the Grote-st. choir to render the first item, an anthem, entitled, "Abide with Me." The singers, under the baton of A. J. Gard, rendered very sweet harmony. Later in the evening they again pleased the audience by the rendering of the anthem, "Across the Bar."

F. T. Saunders conveyed a greeting from the Foreign Mission Committee and brethren of New South Wales. At the instance of the President a verse of "Hail, Sweetest Tie that Binds" was sung.

I. A. Paternoster, as Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee, extended a hearty welcome to Dr. and Mrs. Macklin, and moved a resolution that a message of greeting be sent to the Foreign missionaries in the field. J. E. Thomas seconded the motion, which was carried.

Miss M. Doley sang feelingly the solo, "Abide with Me."

J. E. Thomas delivered a good speech on the topic, "The Crisis in Europe and Missionary Enterprise," basing his remarks upon words found in the 76th Psalm. In the world's history there had been many crises, but out of these he believed God had brought much that was good. The conquests of Alexander the Great had brought about a universal language of Greek in the old world. Such great battles as Chalons, Waterloo and Trafalgar had results which, under the over-ruling hand of God, had been for good. The war at present raging was not the result of Christianity, but it had come because of the want of Christianity. Still, we believed that God would bring good out of the evil. The war would show how weak men's ways are. Militarism may change the map of the world, but it cannot change the heart of one man. It might again be asked, What effect would it have upon the heathen, when they saw the so-called Christians going to war? It would doubtless in a sense disgust them, but at any rate they would see that Great Britain had been faithful to her pledges, and it was gratifying to learn that India was being drawn closer to Britain. Christians should manifest a unity such as that which characterised the Empire in the face of crisis, and should with similar bravery advance against their common foe to win victories for the cross.

The concluding part of the evening was devoted to a lantern lecture by Dr. Macklin, who showed some fine slides illustrating life and mission work in China.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

E. Edwards led the devotional service and gave a stirring address on the text, "Launch out into the deep."

After a keen discussion on the question of keeping in close touch with the isolated members in the State, who number 771, it was decided on the motion of Jas. Manning, seconded by W. L. Ewers, that the financial secretary in his organising work in the State use every effort in the direction indicated.

A recommendation was made by the Conference to the churches in the nature of a form which, when duly signed, would give them complete control of the trustees appointed to hold their particular church property. Jas. Manning was thanked by the President for drafting the recommendation.

Jas. Manning presented the report and balance sheet of the Church Extension Building Fund. Emphasis was laid on the fact that nine chapel buildings have been provided from the fund, some of which would not have been erected if the fund was not established. The capital funds now amount to £1467/11/-, received from donations, collections, and interest, being an increase for the past year of £261/4/11. The loans to the fund without interest have reached £3655, an increase of £750. One loan of £100 has been converted into a gift. Assistance was given to Murray Bridge during the year, amounting to a loan of £350. An appeal was made for greater support to the fund, in order that assistance might be given to the cause at Rose Park, where there was a splendid opening.

E. Edwards reported that the Bordertown circuit had erected a building at Mundalla at a cost of £300. T. E. Edwards appealed for assistance for the church at Mount Compass, where an effort was being made to provide a building seating 140. B. W. Manning spoke for Cottonville, and W. Jackson and D. Wilson for Rose Park, where chapels are urgently needed. Several delegates entered into a discussion in favor of a forward move, and a call was made for promises and cash for Mt. Compass, £75 being raised.

It was decided that the Church Extension Fund be recommended that, provided the repayments due in February be extended, an appeal be made for Rose Park in December, when the annual offering is taken up.

A message bearing good wishes and God-speed was sent to Col. S. Price Weir and other brethren who are leaving with the South Australian Expeditionary Force.

The following motion was unanimously carried, "That we as a Conference assembled give full support to the Baptist Union in their desire to be represented with the Expeditionary Force by Chaplains A. Metters and Donald McNicol."

J. T. Train opened the afternoon's proceedings by conducting a well-attended devotional service.

Ten minute "Field Addresses" were given by E. Edwards, P. Warhurst, J. T. Train, J. W. Caines and T. Jones.

J. W. Caines said that the numbers attending the gospel services at Goolwa had largely increased. The building was filled every Sunday evening.

J. T. Train spoke optimistically of the work at Murray Bridge. They now had a beautiful building. As the population depended largely on the railway, they had suffered through removals. Some of his time had been spent at Lamerloo.

T. Jones, from Lochiel, said his people were not rich in pocket, but rich in faith and in Christ. There was a fine band of young people. One farmer had promised 3 acres of his crop for the Lord's work. Forty attended the Bible Class, mostly men, some nearly seventy years old.

P. Warhurst, evangelist at Naracoorte, reported successful work. A fine school-room had been erected at a cost of £175. A brother had recently given a fine block of land adjoining the church property, upon which it was proposed to erect necessary accommodation shortly. He appreciated very highly a gift of testaments and Bibles from the British and Foreign Bible Society.

E. Edwards represented the churches of Bordertown, Mundalla and Wampoony. A new chapel had been erected at Mundalla at a cost of £300. The membership was increasing, and a Bible School had been formed. Wampoony had suffered through removals. During the year the circuit gave the large sum of £236 to the Home Mission Committee.

Foreign Missions.

Miss Cameron, from the Maylands church, who is going out shortly to the Foreign Mission field, was present on the platform.

I. A. Paternoster introduced Mrs. F. G. Filmer, missionary from Pentecost, New Hebrides. Mrs. Filmer said she was sorry that she was compelled to leave the field for health reasons. She thanked the brethren for help and prayers. Her husband was training the young men to fit them to preach the gospel, and she was doing her part by training the girls, of whom she had eight in her class.

Another work was to care for the babies. The native women needed training in this respect. Many take their children into the scrub, hang them up in a basket, and leave them to die. She found difficulty in getting help to care for these neglected children, as the native women have a great objection to minding other people's children. The women are regarded as much inferior to the men, and are often cruelly treated. They are sold for pigs, and are returned if the would-be husband does not consider his bargain satisfactory. Amongst the native Christians the women are held in proper respect. Every married couple have a quarrel during the first week of their married life, and the missionaries are called upon to settle these domestic difficulties. The speaker said that she would much rather be working on the mission field.

Mrs. W. E. Macklin, from China, urged that mission study classes be formed in the churches, and also that mission libraries be established. She spoke of work amongst

the Chinese, many of whom were very poor, living in a poverty of which her audience could have no idea. The poor made great demands on the missionaries' time and means. The Chinese were ready to copy things, which was an advantage when they copied good things, but a great disadvantage when they imitated that which was bad. She asked for the prayers of the brotherhood.

The Foreign Mission report was adopted on the motion of D. A. Ewers, seconded by W. Burford.

F. T. Saunders read a greeting from his brother, A. Saunders, who is a missionary in the Philippine Islands. A. C. Rankine conveyed a greeting from the Federal Foreign Mission Board.

Bible in State Schools.

R. Taylor came as a delegation from the Scripture Instruction in State Schools League.

In his remarks, Mr. Taylor spoke of the happy union of the Baptists and Disciples of Christ at Pt. Pirie. It was a deplorable fact that many were growing up without a knowledge of the Bible. In South Australia the Bible had been banished from the State schools. The system advocated had been in operation for about half a century in N.S. Wales, and it had worked well. As those pleading for a return to the Scriptural way, we should endeavor to get at least Scriptural instruction in State schools.

D. A. Ewers said it should be known that we have no desire to oppress our Catholic brethren; he moved, "That this Conference of Churches of Christ heartily supports the Scripture Instruction in State Schools League in their effort to secure a referendum with a view to the introduction of Scripture lessons into the State schools on the basis of the system now in use in New South Wales, Western Australia, Tasmania and Queensland." E. W. Pittman seconded the motion.

T. B. Verco opposed the motion as far as the instruction is concerned, but he would favor selected portions of the Bible being read in the State schools. G. D. Verco explained the Nelson system. T. Jones, G. P. Cuttriss and W. Burford spoke in favor of the motion. T. J. Gore said he had changed his views somewhat, and, although he did not particularly like the phrase "Scriptural instruction," he had an earnest wish that the Bible should be introduced into the State schools. In reply, D. A. Ewers pointed out that if we rejected the system proposed, we would have no hope of getting the Word of God into our State schools. The motion was carried.

W. Burford moved, and J. E. Thomas seconded, a comprehensive vote of thanks to the sisters who had provided good cheer; to the press, which was the best in the world; and also to the officers of the Conference, especial mention being made of the work of the President, who had carried out his duties most successfully.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the Austral Publishing Co.

It was resolved that a greeting be sent to South Australian students in College.

The retiring President, I. A. Paternoster, pronounced the benediction, which brought the business session of a most successful Conference to a close.

Home Mission Demonstration.

A very large congregation assembled in the Exhibition Hall. T. J. Gore led in prayer.

I. A. Paternoster, the retiring President, said that during his term of office he had visited nearly all the churches in the State, and had thus endeavored to bring the interests of the Evangelistic Committee before the brotherhood. He had much pleasure in introducing the President for the ensuing year, G. D. Wright, of the Norwood church.

The new President was received with great applause. In the course of his presidential address he deplored the dreadful war raging in Europe. At such a time it was all the more needful to spread the gospel of the Prince of Peace. Hard times would doubtless follow the war, and drought was causing great depression. Sacrifices would have to be made, but we must see to it that our church work did not suffer; that should be the last to be sacrificed. A great lesson could be learned from the drought, viz., that better use should be made of the blessings of God when they came in the shape of good years. Our Bible College at Glen Iris was a splendid institution. He advocated that in future good sites should be secured in growing centres, so that the Church of Christ would not need to build in back streets or undesirable localities. Union with the Baptists had not advanced as quickly as we might have desired, but there were many things to encourage us to believe that in respect to the two bodies our Saviour's prayer might be answered, "That they all might be one." An opportunity would soon be given to vote for the early closing of liquor bars; the result would lie very largely with the churches. Thousands of pounds had been spent on Bible Schools recently; this was an evidence of how important this work was held among the brethren. During the year there had been a gain of 591 scholars, and this was very gratifying.

The Norwood choir and orchestra rendered in a pleasing manner "The Radiant Morn has Passed Away."

R. Enniss made an appeal on behalf of the College of the Bible. The Australasian churches would need to raise £1500 every year, in order that the work of the College might be carried on efficiently. He was glad to inform the meeting that one church in South Australia had already made a promise of £50 a year for all time. He urged that there should be a generous response in October, when the annual offering for the College of the Bible would be taken up.

At this point the Norwood choir and orchestra were again heard in the anthem, "Oh, for a Closer Walk with God."

D. A. Ewers, the newly appointed Organising Secretary of the Home Mission Committee, thanked the brethren for electing him to such an important position. Two

good missions had lately been held—one at Balaklava, conducted by W. C. Brooker, at which there had been 33 confessions, and the other at Port Pirie South, at which J. Johnston had been the missionary. In the latter there had been 29 confessions. For his address Bro. D. A. Ewers took the subject of "Conflict and Victory." Great struggles were going on in the world, not only on the battlefield of Europe, but also in trade and in politics. There was the strife of labor and capital, of employer and laborer, strife in the stock exchanges; and in the religious world there were conflicting creeds and sects. Even in nature there were the warring elements. Above every other struggle there is the struggle between good and evil. As a factor in this great strife our co-operative work as churches had its place. From the year 1846, when the first little chapel was built in Franklin-st., the cause of the Churches of Christ had grown and spread. Through prejudice and misrepresentation the churches had fought their way. The pioneers of the movement had laid strong and deep the foundation, and during recent years our growth had eclipsed that of any other religious body. Forty years ago there were 460 members in the State; there were now close on 7000. We were now faced by bad times, but we could not retire honorably from any field. To hold our own we must make sacrifices; we must trust in God and go forward.

The Norwood choir, whose singing was a feature of the evening, here rendered the anthem, "Holy Music." The conductor, H. H. Sando, is to be complimented upon the efficient manner in which the anthems were rendered under his direction.

A collection for patriotic purposes, realising £18/8/-, was taken up. Half is to be sent to the Red Cross funds, and half to the Mayor's Patriotic Fund.

Dr. Macklin said that he looked upon the Home field as the base for Foreign Mission work; the missionary was doing the work of the church abroad. It took more to keep a man in the Foreign field than it did to keep one in the Home field; so much had to be spent in travelling expenses, furloughs, etc. In his opinion, intending missionaries should pass a severe medical examination. It took several years for the missionary to become efficient; and, if he broke down during that time, it meant a great loss. The business men and preachers of the brotherhood should get together and select a representative man, who would be something more than merely a living link. He mentioned Mr. Meigs, and Drs. Osgood and Butchart, as types of men that the Australian churches should send to the mission field. One of the problems of the missionaries was that of their children; they had usually to be sent to the Home land for health and education. Two of his boys were now in America, working to educate themselves. He suggested that the churches in Australasia should take some large area in China and missionise it thoroughly. Our churches should have representatives to bless and lift up the people of China.

Picnic.

On Thursday, Sept. 19, the Conference picnic was held at Long Gully. It was estimated that between four and five hundred spent the day in the hills. The weather being beautiful, the outing was enjoyed by all.

S.A. Conference Notes.

"Cheer up, Jeremiah."

A. J. Fischer "represented no one church, but a whole Conference" from his district.

G. P. Cuttriss said that in Moonta "the church work went slowly that it might make haste."

I. A. Paternoster made a good chairman, but his duties were light, as all were on their best behaviour.

Mixture of metaphor. Dr. Macklin said the churches "are getting out of their shell and beginning to bud."

"The liquor traffic would kill the church if it could; the church could kill the liquor traffic if it would."—J. J. Franklyn.

J. J. Franklyn, who was on his first visit to Adelaide, has come to the conclusion "that every prospect pleases and only man is vile."

Three fine addresses by H. R. Taylor, W. J. Taylor, and E. Edwards, at the morning devotional meetings. They should have been heard by hundreds.

"The proudest man in the building this afternoon" was Roy Raymond's description of himself on account of being the selected "living link" of the C.E. Societies.

In his optimistic report, J. Wiltshire, an enthusiastic open-air worker, said that "at least 5 of the 33 baptised at Wallaroo were won for Christ in the open-air services."

J. E. Thomas made a good point in his appeal for the Home Mission offering in the fact of 12 motor cars being outside the Exhibition Hall at the Conference sermon.

E. W. Pittman was a good help both in the business sessions and public meetings with his musical talents, while Miss Magarey did excellent service as Conference pianist.

J. J. Franklyn "caught on" with the story of the man who, reading the book of Lamentations for the first time, in his sympathy wrote on the margin "Cheer up, Jeremiah."

E. A. Riches, President of the Sunday School Union, said he believed that we had in the new school at Norwood "a building equal to any erected for the purpose in the Commonwealth, if not in the world."

A. J. Fischer, as "the baby preacher," supposed he "was expected to make a noise." He announced the birth of "the baby church" at Pillana a fortnight previous to the advent of "the baby Conference" on Eyre Peninsula.

F. T. Saunders gravely assured the Conference there need be no hesitation in going to the Federal Conference in Sydney next Easter if held there, as "the supposed smallpox was only chicken pox in an aggravated form."

B. W. Manning finds the success of his work at Cottonville embarrassing, as the chapel is too small. In summer the evening meetings will consequently be held in the open air on the church property with electric lights.

"This is church union at Berri," said R. Raymond, when describing the regular meetings of Methodists, Roman Catholics, Congregationalists and our own brethren in the same building, on the same day, but at different hours in that town.

The tone of the Conference from the start was cheerful and optimistic. The representatives assembled simply refused to allow their en-

thusiasm to be qualified by drought or war. The Lord's work had to be done, and they were determined to do it.

The largest meeting was that to hear the Conference sermon in the Exhibition Hall. It was an inspiring crowd, but the Sunday School demonstration was nearly as well attended, while the Home Mission and Foreign Mission meetings were not far behind.

Among visitors were Dr. and Mrs. Macklin, from China; P. A. and Mrs. Davey, from Japan; C. Mitchell, returned to Australia from America; R. and Mrs. Harkness, returned from England; W. and Mrs. Wendorf, from Queensland; F. T. and Mrs. Saunders, from Sydney; and Bren Dale, Mill, Franklyn, Tuck and wife, Huntsman and wife, R. Enniss, Mrs. and Miss Lewis, and A. P. Wilson and wife, from Victoria.

A. H. Collins, Vice-President of the Baptist Union, in conveying fraternal greetings, said he was the embodiment of the only "vice" in the Union. He told the story of the darkie whose stubborn mule was compelled to flight by a drop of vitriol, and who wanted a drop on himself because he "had to catch that mule," as an illustration of the rapid numerical progress of the Churches of Christ. "As the Baptist representative he was the darkie, while the chairman, I. A. Paternoster, was the—." When the laughter that interrupted him had subsided, he proceeded "was the President of the Conference of Churches of Christ."

The Late F. G. Dunn
In Memoriam Service

From the subdued chords of the organ which first broke the silence to the triumphant "Glory Song" at the close, the meeting in Swanston-st. chapel on Lord's day afternoon in memory of F. G. Dunn was characterised by deep emotion controlled by calm faith in God. The stillness which brooded over the large audience, the tense, restrained utterance of the speakers, the impressive singing by choir and congregation, betokened an assembly of mourners. Living words from the Book of books, the burden of the messages delivered, the sentiment of the hymns, rendered it apparent that here were mourners who yet could say with confidence, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

After the singing of the opening hymn, "O God, our Help in Ages Past," S. G. Griffith led the meeting in prayer. Portions of the Scriptures were read by G. Gordon. Then a favorite hymn of our departed brother—"Shall We Gather at the River?"—was sung.

Representing the Swanston-st. church, with which F. G. Dunn had been associated since 1865, J. J. Franklyn addressed the meeting. He said that the representative character of the gathering was a great tribute to a great man. Bro. Dunn had been an active worker in various departments of church service, and was an elder at the time of his death. Like Abel, though dead, he yet speaks—of the value of early discipleship, of the satisfaction which comes from a life of conviction, and of the rewards of Christian service. He commended to God the bereaved family, who must long

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

A solo, "Peace and Rest," was rendered by Miss Jessie Jolly.

W. C. Craigie, representing the Austral Publishing Co., spoke of his long personal friendship with F. G. Dunn, and of the great regard in which he held him. Many mourned a broken friendship, but all mourned a "lost leader," who had taken the torch of truth from the hands of the pioneers and had held it aloft to the present generation. The vacant chair in the home, the vacant pew, made us sad, but by faith we looked to a higher life than this. The speaker referred to Bro. Dunn's valuable work as a writer. The pages of the "Australian Christian" reflected his broadminded, serious, becoming manner. A keen critic, he was yet kindly. Clear, instructive, impartial, his leaders had had extensive influence, and that influence would abide.

R. Enniss spoke on behalf of the churches in Victoria. He referred to Bro. Dunn's influence on the various departments of Conference work from the days of struggle up to the present. It was given to few men to occupy so many positions faithfully as had been filled by F. G. Dunn. At the back of all his service there was a good, faithful character. Ian Maclaren had said that he envied the man who could turn the pages of the book of life and let the world look on. Such a man was Bro. Dunn.

An anthem, "Across the Bar," was rendered by the Swanston-st. choir.

F. M. Ludbrook, representing the Foreign Missionary Committee, said that F. G. Dunn was a born leader, and a great missionary man. He interpreted the term "missionary" in its highest sense, because he had been with Jesus on the hill-top and had heard the command, "Go ye into all the world." Bro. Dunn's place would be hard to fill. Yet the work would go on. God's ways were often mysterious. Little children were sometimes taken from us, as corn-shoots plucked before the grain had appeared. Even in the ripe sheaf of corn, there was the firstfruit. Bro. Dunn was a firstfruit of the Lord. Another year, and he would have reached his jubilee; he is to celebrate that in a better world.

The Federal Conference Executive was represented by A. C. Rankine, who said that a good man was God's best gift. Like David, F. G. Dunn had served his day and generation, and had "fallen on sleep." Speaking of the influence of Bro. Dunn, and of the value of his ripe experience, he said that we probably were too near to appreciate his full worth. Yet we had always recognised his earnest insistence on the duty of keeping to the old paths. The close of Bro. Dunn's earthly life was a triumph. With Victor Hugo he could say, "My tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare." The evening time of his life was enlightened by his love of the Saviour.

"At Evening Time when Day is Done" was sung by the congregation.

A. R. Main, on behalf of the College of the Bible, said that the very sense of inadequateness of expression bore witness to the

esteem in which we held Bro. Dunn. There were three elements of his greatness specially noteworthy—the magnitude of his service, the diversity of his gifts, and the quality of his work. The College had suffered a severe loss. Bro. Dunn had seen the value of education, and had advocated its claims from the platform and through the press. His last message was a characteristic one; it showed his hopes and ideals, and revealed his allegiance to the cause he loved. His work had always been given in the spirit of the lines—

"Not myself, but the truth in life I have spoken,
Not myself, but the seed of life I have sown."

At this stage it was announced that M. Wood Green was very seriously ill. The announcement still further increased the solemnity of the meeting, and the hymn "Asleep in Jesus" was sung with deep emotion.

H. E. Knott then led in prayer, and pronounced the Benediction. The "Glory Song" was sung, and the audience dispersed, feeling that they had been in touch with the great realities of life, and that all was well with those whose trust was in the living God.

The End of the Day.

How shall we write, or what shall we say to give adequate expression to our deep sense of loss in the death of our much loved and greatly esteemed Bro. Dunn? The end of the day has come to him, and he from among his fellow-laborers in the vineyard of the Lord has gone out to return no more. The dark-veiled Messenger of the Supreme Master has beckoned him,—and he must needs away. And what a full day was his, full of service, of earnest devoted labor, of unrelenting toil. Ah, well!—

"For toil there comes the crowned rest;
Instead of burdens, eagles' wings;
And I, even I, this life-long thirst,
Shall quench at everlasting springs."

My literary acquaintance with Bro. Dunn extends back something over 25 years, my personal acquaintance is of less than a decade. Now both are but cherished memories.

The brotherhood have sustained a loss, the magnitude of which only the coming years will disclose. The man who can fill with signal ability and general satisfaction the duties of editor of a weekly religious journal is of a type of which but few are created.

Bro. Dunn was a man of fine literary instinct. His vision was distinguished by clearness, his conclusions by wisdom. His writings have been read by many, who keenly appreciated the wide range of subjects dealt with, the lucid and able treatment which each received, and the simple and unaffected style in which his editorials were uniformly written. As an editor, Bro. Dunn filled the highest traditions. Unobtrusive, ever concealing his personality in his official position, always considerate, kindly and tactful, he did honor to the responsible place to which his brethren had called him. His letters were always in keeping with the character of an earnest Christian and a deeply cultured man.

Of the splendid service Bro. Dunn gave in other spheres of work for the Lord Jesus Christ, I must leave others who were more closely associated with him to speak, but I cannot forbear to mention the debt we all owe to him in regard to his labors as Manager of the Austral Publishing Co.—one of the grandest enterprises in connection with our brotherhood in Australasia.

With thousands of others I join in deep and loving sympathy for our bereaved Sister Mrs. Dunn and her family. May God comfort and sustain them all.

And so Bro. Dunn has gone home, one of "God's gentlemen." May it be ours to meet him in the morning, where the day has no end,

"Where the sweet light shineth ever,
And the sun goes down no more."

J. Inglis Wright.

The home-call of our esteemed fellow-worker, Bro. Dunn, has created a vacancy in the ranks of the brotherhood which will be hard to fill. His long association with all the enterprises of the churches made his advice and judgment most valuable. His sterling worth and Christian integrity commanded the respect of all. I feel a sense of great personal loss. I always considered it an honor to include him in my circle of life-long friendships.

I cannot recall the time when I did not know him. As far back as I can remember, I find him occupying a place in my life. In my boyhood days I looked up to him with feelings akin to awe and reverence. As a young Christian, I often asked him for advice, which he readily gave me. When in business, I was glad to take his advice.

Now that he has gone I bring to memory the recollections of helpful addresses in church meetings and Conferences of years ago. His clearness of thought and his expositions of Scripture always appealed to me.

At times I thought his opinions somewhat conservative, but he never was an obstructionist. His weight and influence were ever given to the advancement of the cause of New Testament Christianity, of which he was a most able exponent. When last in Sydney we had the pleasure of entertaining him in our home, and now look upon that little visit as a sacred season of fellowship.

The Federal Executive having lost its representative official head, I would like as Vice-President to urge the brotherhood to enthusiastically support the various organisations connected therewith until the next Conference is held, namely, the College of the Bible, the Aged and Infirm Preachers' Fund, and the Foreign Mission work.

With his departure, another gap has been made in that now rapidly diminishing band of faithful men and women whom we are proud to call "Our Pioneers." Let us of the present generation be equally faithful. The Lord is at hand. To the sorrowing family we offer the word of consolation, "He being dead yet speaketh."

A. E. Illingworth, Federal Vice-President.

Mr. G. P. Rees, Secretary of the Baptist Ministers' Fraternal, forwarded the following message to W. C. Beiler, Secretary of the Victorian Preachers' Association of the Churches of Christ: "At our meeting yesterday it was reported that your leader and editor—Mr. F. G. Dunn, had

passed away. The Fraternal instructed me to convey to the brethren of the Churches of Christ our sincere sympathy with you in your great loss. One who has been for so long a leader in thought and action among you will be greatly missed. We pray that the Great Head of the Church may guide you at this time, and raise up brethren who will fulfil the tasks so worthily and successfully carried on by the late Mr. F. G. Dunn."

Mr. Robert Philp, on behalf of the Council of Churches in Victoria, of which he is Secretary, writes as follows to T. Hagger, Victorian Conference Secretary:—"By direction of the Council of Churches I beg to forward to your Conference of Churches of Christ our sincere sympathy in the loss you have sustained in the death of Mr. F. G. Dunn. Very sympathetic reference was made to him at our last meeting by the President, and testimony borne to his Christian character and work. We know the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren, and earnestly pray that you may be comforted in a loss so great and stimulated to fuller devotion by an example so good."

J. Ernest Allan, Hon. Sec. B.C. Old Boys' Club, writes: "By the home-going of Bro. F. G. Dunn God has called to higher service a true and loyal friend of the Old Boys of the Bible College. During their college days he was ever ready to help them in all their difficulties. Bro. Dunn revealed his love for young men by his unbounded enthusiasm and keen interest in the College and its students. His advice to exit students was always timely and helpful, and given in his usually kind and sympathetic manner, and by reason of such advice many old boys are better equipped to carry on their work for God. They mourn the loss of a loving brother, kind counsellor, and true friend. The old boys loved Bro. F. G. Dunn. God bless and comfort his sorrowing family and raise up such another friend of the young preacher."

In addition to the appreciations which have been published, many messages of loving tribute have been received by Mrs. Dunn. The South Australian Conference forwarded a copy of the resolution which appears on another page, and Miss Manning, on behalf of the S.A. Sisters' Executive, sent a letter of sympathy. The preaching brethren of Sydney, and the Bible Training Institute of that city, carried resolutions of sympathy and appreciation, which were conveyed by H. G. Harward. Reg. Ennis, on behalf of our Victorian Bible School Union, and Clarence L. Lang, for the Victorian C.E. Union, have voiced the universal feeling of esteem and regret. Individual brethren and personal friends have hastened to express, with what adequacy human speech can, their sense of loss, their love for and admiration of our departed brother, and their sympathy with his sorrowing relatives.

How beautiful the figure in which Christ represents himself as saying: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock. If any man will open the door, I will come in to him"! Is not that enough? The great God stands at your heart and mine, and, gently tapping as if by the fingers of his love, he calls, "Open, open, open," and his fulness is ready to enter in.—*Simpson.*

Precious Passages of the Word

No. I.

By T. J. Gore.

I have often thought that, with my constant study of the Word of God and with my ever increasing faith in its glorious inspiration, and wondrous power, and marvellous preciousness, I ought to send some thoughts on to our paper, "The Australian Christian." I feel that I might interest some of my brethren who love the Bible, and ever see new beauties on its page. It has been my constant companion for more than fifty years, and I can truly say that its preciousness grows on me, so that I delight more and more to read it as the days go by. Hence I will begin by writing some articles—short they may be—on some of "The Precious Passages of the Word." I shall take first that one which appears in 2 Tim. 4: 6-8. This marks the ending of the finest life that was ever lived on earth except that of the Master. It thrills us with the thought of victory, of triumph, of magnificent and glorious hope. It makes us thank our heavenly Father that such a splendid man lived, struggled, and at last gained the crown.

In the first place I note that the passage is thrilling in the Authorised Version. It has wondrous power as it stands. But we can get nearer to its power and blessing by taking the Revised Version. Here we find that its beauty and its preciousness are more apparent. "For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure is come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing." We may notice how much the little word *the* adds to the passage. In the Revised Version it occurs four times. In the Authorised Version it occurs only once. "I have kept the faith." Now this word "*the*" is the exact translation of the Greek definite article. In the Greek there is no indefinite article; this want is supplied in another way. We have in the passage the indefinite article "*a*" twice as the rendering of the Greek definite article in the Greek. Now we may notice that this is probably the most definite passage in the whole New Testament. Paul is standing by the river of death. Its waters are murmuring beneath his feet. A little while longer and he will be in the presence of the crown. As he looks back over his chequered life, over his life filled with the noblest purpose that could animate the soul, he says, "I have fought the good fight." I gather he did not mean just any fight that we might denominate a fight, as though there were many good fights. It seems to me he looks upon the good fight as the privilege of every follower of Christ. The good fight was the great battle for God, for Christ, for his Word, and for the church. The details and

particulars of struggle are laid down in God's own revealed Word of truth. It is for every child of God to fight the good fight. Again, he says, in the Authorised Version, "I have finished my course." It will be noticed that the word *my* is printed in italics, which indicates it is not in the original Greek. The word there was the definite article in the Greek. Paul says, "I have finished the course." He is not looking at some course he mapped out for himself, but at the course mapped out by his Lord. This he had finished. The Saviour's last expression on the cross may be cited. He said, "It is finished," referring to the great work in human redemption. Paul's soul was thrilled with ecstatic joy when he thought of the course, the Lord's course laid down for him, and was now in sight of its close, and of the crown. "I have kept the faith." In all his life did his faith ever grow weak? Did he ever fail to believe with all his soul the blessed Word? Was it not he who said the Word of God is living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart? The great fortress of faith he had kept. This great soldier had gained the victory.

The reward is in sight. "Henceforth there is laid up for me, the crown," not, a crown, of righteousness, which the Lord would give him. And now, I may say I have a most beautiful expression—one of the most encouraging which ever fell from the lips of this mighty hero of the cross. He says the crown is not only for him, but for all those "who have loved his appearing." When he comes now so near, and as it were at the very close, he looks specially upon the love of the soul for the Master rather than the deeds done. He sees into the centre of all deeds and sees nestling there love. Even when the soul greatly tempted fails, it can look to the Lord in the most beautiful of all words he ever used. Christ did not upbraid Peter for his failure, but lovingly said, "Simon, Son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" How sweetly beautiful is the thought "to all them that have loved his appearing," that is, have loved Him!

We wonder sometimes when God is so great, so terrible in majesty, that he uses so little violence with us, who are so small. But it is not his way. His way is to be gentle. He seldom drives, but draws. He seldom compels, but leads. He remembers that we are dust. We think it might be quicker work if God threatened and compelled us to do right. But God does not want quick work, but good work.—Henry Drummond.

Government by God.

By W. H. Griffith Thomas.

There have been several forms of government seen through the ages, but all incomplete, and in themselves alone, really useless. Once autocracy was tried, but found pernicious through tyranny. Then came aristocracy, but this alone was also found unsatisfactory. Now some who ridicule aristocracy are trying plutocracy, government by money, but this is proving itself infinitely more dangerous. And others are trying democracy, and we shall see how this fares.

It matters not what may be the form, man was never intended to be independent. Democracy alone has in itself the elements of a terrible tyranny, and it is not preaching the politics of earth, but the politics of heaven, to say that though there are elements of good in autocracy, aristocracy, plutocracy, and democracy, any and all of these must be guided, held, and controlled by Theocracy, government by God. De Tocqueville well says that "men never so much need to be theocratic as when they are most democratic."

What the world needs, what each man needs, is the Absolute Monarchy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Man needs the laws, rules, and sanctions of Christ's Kingdom, for these would permanently settle all the difficult problems of individual and social life. Just as the demonstrations in Trafalgar Square some years ago were settled by an appeal to Crown rights, to the claim of the Crown over that area; so in like manner, any difficulties through sin, any "demonstrations" of sin, individual or corporate, can be quickly settled by claiming and acknowledging the Crown rights of the Lord Jesus. Only let Christ reign supreme in heart and life, and the difficulties of life are met by the Gospel of the Kingdom.—Sel.

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In the Realm of the Bible School

IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE.

Sunday School Lesson for October 18,

Mark 14: 32-42.

"Into the woods my Master went,
Clean forspent, forspent.
Into the woods my Master came,
Forspent with love and shame.
But the olives they were not blind to Him,
The little green leaves were kind to Him;
The thorn-tree had a mind to Him
When into the woods He came.

"Out of the woods my Master went,
And He was well content.
Out of the woods my Master came,
Content with death and shame.
When Death and Shame would woo Him last,
From under the trees they drew Him last:
'Twas on a tree they slew Him—last
When out of the woods He came."

—Sidney Lanier.

Gethsemane is one of earth's most sacred spots. The present garden, on the slope of the Mount of Olives, is visited annually by thousands of believers, to whom the place is hallowed by the thought that probably there was the scene of their Lord's suffering and betrayal.

The Master's companions.

After the Supper Jesus went with the eleven (Judas had left for the purpose of bringing the guard to seize Jesus) across the Kidron to the foot of Olivet. Leaving eight outside, the Master took with him Peter, James and John into the garden. These three were on other occasions with the Master in sacred experiences. John Watson says: "One was the type of vision, to whom the very heaven would yet be opened; one was the type of action, who should declare Christ's name before councils; one was the type of heroism, who, first of the apostolic band, was to seal his testimony with his blood. They were spectators of Christ's most wonderful works, the witnesses to his glory, the companions of his passion. When Jesus called back Jairus's little maid from the dead by his kindly word, they stood beside the couch; when the veil between the seen and the unseen dissolved, and Jesus' garments shone white as no fuller on earth could whiten them, they were on the Mount; when he drank the bitter cup of this world's sin, they saw his hands tremble at the lifting thereof. He is your intimate to whom you turn in the solemn moments of life, and this was the honor set by Jesus on the three apostles."

It will not be presumptuous to inquire into the reason for the presence of the three, though there is no explicit statement regarding it. We may naturally believe that, even in this hour of supreme trial, the Lord Jesus knew that the experience would be of permanent value to these disciples, and through them to all subsequent believers. Most of us, however, will be led to note with gladness the Saviour's desire for the fellowship of his loved ones. With all reverence we may say that for his own sake, as well as theirs, Jesus took the three with him, and came to them be-

tween his prayers. "The desire for fellowship in hours of darkness and of sorrow," says Lyman Abbott, "is one of the desires of love, and is strongest in the hearts in which love is the richest." There is much that is helpful in this. The Saviour, by very experience, can sympathise with the longings of the human heart. He knows our craving for fellowship. Knowing the advantage of it, he called his disciples into a society, a church, which in part exists for the purpose of providing such fellowship: More, we may reflect that the Master who loved the company of disciples of old is still the same, and seeks our fellowship to-day.

The agony.

The three were told, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death; abide ye here, and watch." Into the full meaning of the sorrow of the Son of God, no human being can hope to penetrate. The phrases used to describe the agony indicate its terrible intensity: Jesus was "greatly amazed and sore troubled." He "was in an agony" so that when he prayed "his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." Our Lord had said of his sorrow, "I have a baptism to be baptised with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!" (Luke 12: 50). We may find it impossible to advance much beyond these explicit statements, together with the reference in the letter to the Hebrews to One "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." We may be sure that it was not the fear of the death, the natural shrinking from physical suffering, which moved our Lord so deeply. There is, of course, nothing out of harmony with Scripture in the view that as a man our Lord did thus shrink. He felt, as we, or more than we, the horror of death, and particularly the ignominious death of the cross; "as Luther says, 'Our hard impure flesh' can hardly comprehend the sensitiveness of a fresh unstained soul coming into contact with horrible antagonism." But we believe in a weight of sorrow which none but Jesus had to bear; he had the consciousness of the world's sin and was the sin-bearer. Gethsemane, and the cry of bitterest agony on the cross, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me," need the apostolic comment if we are to begin to understand them: "Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf."

A lesson in prayer.

Thrice the Saviour prayed in almost the same terms that the cup of suffering might be removed, if it were the Father's will. There is a repetition in prayer which is condemned by Jesus—mere formal utterance, the repeating of a habitual prayer learned by rote;—but there is also a repetition which reveals the earnestness which is es-

sential to true prayer. We may learn of Jesus how to pray. It is fervent prayer which avails (James 5: 16).

God's apostle has told us to be sure in our speech and promises, to recognise the divine will (Jas. 4: 13-15). Jesus gives a model prayer in its spirit of resignation. His petition closed with words which could be our life's motto: "Not my will, but thine, be done." Since the redemption could not be accomplished were the Master to be spared the drinking of the cup of agony, then he was content to sacrifice himself; because "he saved others, himself he could not save." Dante, in one of his exquisite lines, has told us that "in his will is our peace." We may measure our advance in Christianity by our readiness to say, "Thy will be done."

"I cannot always know and understand
The Master's rule;
I cannot always do the tasks he gives
In life's hard school;
But I am learning, with his help, to solve
Them one by one,
And when I cannot understand, to say—
'Thy will be done.'"

No one will think that Jesus' prayer was unanswered because the cup was not removed. True prayer is ever answered. The Lord received from heaven strength to endure; there appeared an angel strengthening him (Luke 22: 43; cf. Heb. 5: 7).

In Jesus' loving rebuke to the three, and particularly to Peter, who slept while he prayed, we have a lesson in the use of prayer. "Could ye not watch?" the Master asked; "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." Jerome of old put the lesson in these words: "He enters into temptation who neglects to pray."

The disciples needed the Master's rebuke and exhortation. We need not blame them excessively, as if their sleeping proved their lack of sympathy. Luke tells us they were sleeping for sorrow. But yet they failed; there was a better way for sorrow to seek its outlet. Jesus chose that way. That the flesh was weak was so much added reason for watchfulness and prayer. The rebuke to Peter ("Simon, couldest thou not watch one hour?") is wonderfully tender when we consider the great disparity between this disciple's boastfulness and achievement (14: 29).

THE BEST SELF.

Much of the consciousness of defeat experienced by true souls is caused by the fact that they do not express the best self. The best self, unless constantly insulted, lingers beside the lower nature, never weary of whispering of the more excellent way; always pointing to a higher path above the dusty, worn one where men sell their birthright for gold, for popularity, or for power. It walks in white amid the foul places where sin goes hand-in-hand with suffering, without soiling even the hem of its garment. Sometimes the heat and clamor of the highway drives the lower nature into a cool, quiet spot, where it sees in vision the old ideals of truth and beauty and realises the possibility of grasping the meaning of the best. There, if the longing soul would tarry, would it not receive power to enter in and possess the best self?—Mary R. Baldwin.

at our C.E. meeting, Roy Raymond gave an interesting address on the work and its progress at Berri. On Tuesday evening a very large number of the church members went to Wallaroo to hear Dr. Macklin. Thursday evening we had a large attendance at the prayer meeting, when Bro. Raymond gave a splendid address on "Bearing Fruit for the Master." This morning Bro. Verco gave the exhortation, and made an appeal for the offering next Lord's day for the College of the Bible. Sister Mrs. Grigg, from Snowtown, met with us this morning. This evening Bro. Verco chose for his evening subject, Rev. 22: 17.—J. H. Thomas, Sept. 27.

MALLALA.—Our Bible School anniversary services were held on Sept. 20. Bro. Wiltshire, of Wallaroo, was the preacher. His inspiring addresses were highly appreciated. The school rendered efficient singing under the baton of F. M. Worden. Our Methodist friends closed their Bible School and evening service for the occasion, thus swelling our Sunday evening meeting to nearly 300 in number. On Monday a large number participated in the tea. A public meeting followed, presided over by Bro. Goodwin. The chairman and Bro. Wiltshire each delivered a message. Special singing items were rendered by Sisters D. McLachlan, E. Moyle, J. Parker, and A. Kenner. Sister McLachlan presided at the organ. To-day F. M. Worden presided. Bro. Goodwin exhorted. Sisters Laurie and Hurcombe, from Henley Beach, were with us around the Lord's table. At the gospel service Sister Laurie rendered the message in song.—A.W.H.

BALAKLAVA.—On Sept. 20 we had some very fine meetings, Bro. Ewers being in fine form. About 60 present at the Adult Bible Class. At the gospel service two girls from the Bible School confessed Christ. We are holding a mid-week gospel service instead of the usual prayer meeting. Good attendance last Wednesday evening. To-day we had big meeting for worship; about 160 broke bread; several received into fellowship. We were pleased to see one young woman take her stand for Christ at the close of the gospel service.—P.H.R., Sept. 27.

YORK.—Since last report three who were baptised were received into the local fellowship. We had Bro. Saunders, from N.S.W., speak to us on the 20th; a good address. In the evening, a good meeting. The writer preached on "God." To-day, good meetings. The writer spoke morning and evening. I am to commence a mission at Prospect on Oct. 11, with my brother Ira A.—E. J. Paternoster, Sept. 27.

NARACORTE.—A good number of members met to break bread in the morning, and in the evening the gospel was preached by Bro. Warhurst to a good attendance. Last Friday evening the members and friends of the church met together for a social evening, to welcome Bro. and Sister Warhurst back from Conference, the church having decided to have our brother labor here for another twelve months.—H.H., Sept. 28.

NORTH ADELAIDE.—The 29th anniversary services of the church were held on Sept. 23. The tea was followed by a public meeting. W. R. Taylor, from Semaphore, was chairman, and addresses were given by G. T. Cuttriss, from Hindmarsh; C. Verco, from Kadina, W. Miller, from Norwood. The secretary's report showed all branches of work in a healthy condition. Although without a settled preacher, all meetings have been well attended. Finances showed that £33/8/- had been collected from all sources. The following assisted the programme: Solos, Mrs. W. R. Taylor and Miss C. Jackson; recitations, Miss D. Jackson; Dr. Verco proposed a vote of thanks. The whole church expresses sympathy with the loss of Bro. Dunn.—D.

SEMAPHORE.—Yesterday we celebrated our Bible School anniversary. J. E. Thomas exhorted, G. P. Cuttriss addressed the children in the afternoon, and H. R. Taylor preached to a crowded house at night. The church has suffered severe loss during the last week, Sisters Bloor and Thurlow removing to Unley. They have been splendid workers here since the inception of the cause. J. W. Cosh and family have also removed to Glen Osmond. Last Lord's day there was one confession.—W.

New South Wales

PADDINGTON.—Good meetings on Oct. 20. Bro. Stowe, of Lidcombe, exhorted acceptably and profitably. At the evening meeting a young lady came forward in response to the invitation, and was baptised last Wednesday.—F.C.

LISMORE.—We are attempting the reduction of the Tabernacle debt. The scheme for this was £100 by Christmas, but on Wednesday last, when the first rally was held, we reached the £125 mark, and so at present we are aiming at £200 by Christmas, of which amount we had £146 last night. Owing to various causes, though largely the political situation, we have decided to postpone our district Conference, and intend holding it some time in the new year. The services have been splendidly attended of late. One baptism last Sunday night. Increased efforts are being made to secure greater numbers at the Bible Schools.—S.S., Sept. 21.

BROKEN HILL (Railway Town).—Successful Bible School anniversary services were held in the Burke Ward Hall on Sept. 6 and 7. In the afternoon Mr. Clive Taylor gave a very helpful address to the children. In the evening the writer spoke to a large congregation. The singing was well rendered. Sister Trennery officiated as organist. Mr. B. Clarke was conductor, and was assisted by an efficient orchestra. On Monday the public meeting was presided over by A. Clarke, supt. The treasurer's and secretary's reports were satisfactory. A very interesting address was given by Mr. Stanley (Methodist minister). The scholars sang some choice pieces to the pleasure of a large audience. The writer distributed the prizes, and voiced the thanks of the church to all who had assisted. The hall was very nicely decorated. This morning Bro. Chapman presided over a good attendance, and the writer gave an exhortation on the morning lesson, and Conference gleanings.—E. J. Tuck, Sept. 20.

MEREWETHER.—Lord's day morning, Sept. 14, Bro. Nesbit exhorted. In the evening the gospel was preached by Bro. Fretwell. One made the good confession, and was baptised straightway. Lord's day morning, Sept. 21, Bro. Fraser exhorted. The two young sisters received the right hand of fellowship. Our evangelist's subject at night was "Repentance." Bible School improving both in teachers and scholars. The writer and Bro. Fretwell made reference to the loss of our esteemed Bro. Dunn.—Joseph Fraser.

INVERELL.—Our meeting on Thursday evening for prayer and praise was nicely attended. Lord's day morning meeting rich in blessing. Feeling reference was made to the sad departure from our midst of the late F. G. Dunn. The church extends its Christian sympathy to his widow and sorrowing relatives. Evening service address was based on "The Syrian Leper." We are pleased to report one confession at the meeting held at "The Wattles." Delunga meeting, fine attendance. Attentive hearing.—H.W. Cust.

JUNEE.—Yesterday, 27th, J. Wilson exhorted, and at night Bro. Woolnough delivered an inspiring address to a fair attendance. Next Saturday we intend holding our annual Bible School picnic in the local park. We are still working towards our new chapel, but are badly in need of funds to enable us to proceed with the building. We require £200 as a loan or gift. Please communicate with S. Wilson, Crown-st., Junee.—W.L.C.

HORNSBY.—Excellent meetings all day on Sunday last. In the morning C. Rush, from Marrickville, addressed a good meeting on "The Woman at the Well." Being the Sunday School anniversary, the chapel was tastefully decorated. Splendid singing, speaking, and enthusiasm all day. In the afternoon Bro. Rush again addressed the meeting, and left us with the words "If they can do it, we can do it," ringing in our ears. The cradle roll call was enthusiastically responded to both by parents and children. Special singing by the scholars was a feature of the evening service, when Bro. Payne spoke on "The Child Life of Jesus." On Tuesday next a special entertainment is to be given by the school, followed by the annual picnic at Normanhurst on Eight Hours' Day.—L.J.P.

MARRICKVILLE.—Good meetings yesterday. A fine attendance at Bible School, 226 present. The size of our building determines the limit of our growth. Two confessions at gospel service. This makes 9 confessions in five weeks by our senior scholars. We ought to reap an abundant harvest from our great school. The evangelist enjoyed a great time with Bro. Payne and his fine congregation yesterday. Rally day was observed. Aggressive work was ably manifested in all departments of work. Watch out for Marrickville Children's Day Foreign Mission offering.—C.C.S.R., Sept. 28.

MEREWETHER.—Lord's day, R. Gordon exhorted on "The Christian Armour." Bro. Fretwell preached in the evening on "The Good Confession. The Lord's day School is increasing.—Joseph Fraser.

PADDINGTON.—We had a good attendance to-day at the breaking of bread, several visitors being present. Bro. Collins presided, and W. R. Avenell gave an address which was much appreciated. One sister who had been immersed was received into fellowship. Bro. Collins conducted the gospel service. The Bible School are busy preparing for the anniversary, which will be held on Sunday, the 3rd, and Tuesday, the 6th Oct.—A.W.S., Sept. 27.

SYDNEY.—Special anniversary services in connection with the Lord's day School to-day, Bro. Harward delivering three fine addresses in keeping with the occasion. Two of the girls from the school came forward. Fine singing by scholars under the conductorship of E. Parker. Glad to see present at the morning service Sister Jordan and Sister Harding, from Lismore; Sister McGregor, Fitzroy, Vic.; Bren. Rossell, senr. and junr., Petersham; Bro. Davis, Manning River; Bro. and Sister Watson, Paddington; Bro. and Sister Thompson, Hornsby; Sister Mattinson, Williamstown, Vic. On Wednesday night Bro. Davey, from Japan, gave an interesting address. Church annual tea to be held Tuesday, Oct. 13.—J.C., Sept. 27.

PETERSHAM.—Good morning meeting, a number of visitors meeting with us. Bro. Poole exhorted. Anniversary services of the Lord's day School were held. We had a good gathering in the afternoon. The children sang splendidly, and the Hon. D. R. Hall addressed the meeting. At 7 every available seat was taken. The children and their singing made the meeting very bright and attractive. The teachers rendered an anthem, which was much appreciated. Bro. Poole gave a very searching address. Three new members were received into fellowship at our after meeting for breaking of bread. Our aged Bro. Rootes passed away to-day after a long illness.—T.L., Sept. 27.

LILYVILLE.—To-day being the Bible School anniversary, the meetings were well attended. At 11 a.m. we had amongst the visitors Bro. Uhle, from America; Bro. Wilkie, from Wagga, who presided; Bro. Pond, Erskineville, who exhorted. At 3 p.m. many parents were present, when the school of over 100 rendered some fine singing. W. G. Fox, Chatswood, and Bro. Dane, addressed the children. At night the chapel was crowded, when the school took the chief part in the meeting. Bro. Saunders gave a most inspiring sermon, his theme being "Jesus at the Door." We extend our thanks to R. A. Fox for preparing the programme.—E.B., Sept. 27.

ERSKINEVILLE.—A nice meeting at breaking of bread. We had with us Bro. Saunders, from Lilyville, who gave a helpful exhortation. We were pleased to have with us in fellowship, after a long illness, Sister Patrick, and Sister Jones. Large attendance in Bible School and Adult Class; several new members. At the gospel meeting we had a very large gathering, Bro. Pond delivering the gospel address. The address of W. Budgen, secretary of the church and Bible School, is now "Wilroy." Eshen-st., Burwood, and P. J. Pond's new address is 19 Charles-st., Erskineville.—W. Budgen.

NORTH SYDNEY.—On Sept. 20 Dr. Bardsley gave the address in the morning. At the evangelistic service Bro. Webber preached from Phil. 3. Our praise and prayer meetings on Wednesdays

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AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

The biographer of Frederick W. Robertson, searching for material for his book, went into a bookstore in Brighton and asked the proprietor if he remembered anything interesting about Mr. Robertson. The man led him into another room, and, pointing to a picture of the wonderful preacher, said, "Whenever I am tempted to do a mean thing I come in here and look for a moment at that picture, and that pure face restores me to my better self." What, therefore, may it be to us, sad and sorrowful and sinful, to look upon the picture of our Lord on Calvary?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Gems of Thought.—"He dreamed; and, behold, a ladder set up on the earth, and the top reached to heaven; and, behold, the angels of God ascending and descending on it" (Gen. 28: 12).

And lo! there was a ladder. Lo! there hung A ladder from the star-space, and it clung To the earth: it tied her so to heaven; and oh, There fluttered wings:
Then were ascending and descending things That stepped to him where he lay low.

—Jean Ingelow.

We are either stepping-stones or stumbling-stones. If the first, men climb up over us to God; if the second, they stumble down over us into the pit.—D.

Bible Reading.—Gen. 28: 10-19: Heaven and earth connected.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Gems of Thought.—"And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord" (Deut. 34: 5).

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

—Longfellow.

To live in hearts we leave behind us is not to die.—George Eliot.

Bible Reading.—Deut. 34: 1-8: Death or life, each is God's.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Gems of Thought.—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things" (Matt. 25: 21).

Awake! arise! the athlete's arm
Loses its strength by too much rest;
The fallow land, the untilled farm,
Produces only weeds at best.—Longfellow.

When Nelson signalled from his flagship to every person in the fleet, "England expects every man to do his duty," it did not mean the same to all. To the captains it meant that they should do their very best as commanders; to the marines, that they should do their best at the guns; to the sailors, that they should do their best in sailing the ships; to the cabin boys, that they should do their best as messengers. Success is not a question of talents, but of doubling them.—Girard B. Hallock.

Bible Reading.—Matt. 25: 14-30: The way to success.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Gems of Thought.—"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man [one who trusts in riches] to enter into the kingdom of God" (Mark 10: 25).

Shame and woe to us if we our wealth obey;
The horse doth with the horseman run away.
—Horace.

Be thou as the sun in heaven, let thy gold be thy rays.—Macdonald.

Bible Reading.—Mark 10: 17-31: A poor rich man.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Gems of Thought.—"How oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?" (Matt. 18: 21).

Some people forgive after the manner of a lemon-squeezer. When the last drop of juice, by way of apology, explanation, atonement, repentance, has been squeezed out, a reluctant forgiveness is offered, but often offered in such a way that the offending one feels worse than before. Many seem not to know what real forgiveness is. They allow little things to rankle with them. They keep the attic of their hearts a storeroom of old fronts and wrongs and injuries, and they spend much time in looking them over. In the end such people become moody, vindictive, revengeful and miserable.—J. Wesley Johnson.

Forgive, and do not forget that you have forgiven.—D.

Bible Reading.—Matt. 18: 21-35: True forgiveness.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Gems of Thought.—"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16: 16).

If asked what of Jesus I think,
Though still my best thoughts are but poor,
I say, He's my meat and my drink,
My life, and my strength, and my store;
My shepherd, my husband, my friend,
My Saviour from sin and from thrall,
My hope from beginning to end,
My portion, my Lord, and my all.

—John Newton.

What the Himalaya range, the most stupendous mountain system on the globe, sweeping across historic lands as far as from New York to Chicago and back to New York, and rising so high that the superb Matterhorn, if lifted bodily and placed upon the Jungfrau, would not reach its glittering heights, is to all the mountain ranges of the earth, that and more Jesus is to the long lines of men who have risen highest in moral grandeur. He is the loftiest specimen of manhood the race has produced; he is the fullest manifestation of divinity God has given to the world.—MacArthur.

Bible Reading.—Matt. 16: 13-19: Who is this?

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Gems of Thought.—"When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it" (Matt. 26: 24).

Christ's kingdom has no room for neutrals. A neutral is a *neither*; he is neither for nor against. In ancient Greece and Rome the neutral in time of war was declared to be infamous, and was made an outcast and outlaw. Near Niagara was a tribe called "The Neutral Nation," but the tribes on both sides of them rose up against them and destroyed them.—James Wells.

Had Luther been of the Pilate type, there would have been no Reformation.—J. W. Johnson.
Bible Reading.—Matt. 26: 19-28: Weighed, and found wanting.

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Obituary.

CROUCH.—We regret to report the death of our Sister Alex. Crouch at the early age of 32 years. Our sister had been ailing for some time, and quietly passed away on September 9. She leaves behind her husband and one little girl to mourn her loss. We deeply sympathise with the bereaved family.—Geo. T. Petty, Doncaster, Vic.

YATES.—Our Sister Mrs. John Yates passed away on Sept. 6 at her residence in Park-st., Unley. She was born at Bashford, Nottingham, England, on March 1, 1826, and came to South Australia with her husband and family in December, 1865. For a number of years they lived at Middleton, where her husband was teacher of the public school. From thence they removed to Inman Valley, where he also had charge of the public school. In 1884 they retired into private life,

and went to reside in Park-st., Hyde Park. They both became members of the Park-st. Church of Christ, and continued so while they lived. Bro. John Yates died about seven years ago. Our sister had been a member of Park-st. church about 30 years. She was faithful in her attendance at the services of the church. She loved the Lord Jesus and his church. She was strong in faith. The writer knew her for many years, and esteemed her for her many sterling qualities. She loved to talk of the things concerning the kingdom of God. It was a pleasure to visit her in her home, and to speak of the precious things in the Word of God. She leaves one son and two daughters, Mr. E. Yates, Mrs. Jas. Hancock, and Mrs. G. Dennis. Our aged sister had reached 88 years. She has gone to be with the Lord. We laid her body to rest in West Terrace in the presence of many friends. Bro. Huntsman and myself officiated at the graveside.—T. J. Gore, Henley Beach, S.A.

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From the Field—Continued.

continue to be well attended, averaging 30. On Sept. 27 Alan Price gave an uplifting address in the morning. A good congregation assembled at the gospel service, when Bro. Webber gave the address. The choir rendered some good music. The Bible School is making extensive preparations for the coming anniversary on Oct. 17. The address of F. J. Reeson, the secretary, is now Bay-road, North Sydney.

ST. PETERS.—Since last report the work has been on the upgrade. On Sept. 27 Bro. Gilmour exhorted on "Faith." Sunday School, average attendance, 60. Evening service conducted by Bro. Jagers, who spoke on "Whom Seek Ye?" Prayer meetings well attended, and very helpful, under Bro. Pond's guidance.—C. E. Cook.

CHATSWOOD.—Good meetings at both services to-day. In the morning Chas. Morris presided, and F. T. Webber spoke from Psalm 46: 10. At the evening service, following address by T. Bagley, three made the good confession. At the baptismal service six who confessed their Lord on the previous Sunday evening were baptised.—Walter J. Fox, Sept. 27.

MOSMAN.—On Sept. 22 we celebrated the opening of our new Tabernacle in Cowles-road, with a tea and public meeting. The tea, which was served in the school-room, proved a great success. The meeting was a crowded and enthusiastic one, Alan Price acting as chairman. A. Oldfield spoke upon our efforts in the past and our hopes of success in winning souls to Christ in the future. Bro. Oldfield is the father of the church here, for it was due to his efforts in the past that it was established in Mosman. We also had short addresses from T. Bagley, T. E. Rofo, G. T. Walden and others, and we thank the Enmore choir for the musical items rendered during the evening. The sum of over £132 was donated to the building fund at the meeting. On Lord's day, 27th, we had well-filled meetings both morning and evening, G. T. Walden giving very helpful addresses on both occasions.—A.A.M., Sept. 28.

SISTERS' CONFERENCE.—A very successful drawing room meeting, arranged by the Foreign Mission Department of the Sisters' Conference, was held in the City Temple, Sydney, on Friday afternoon, Sept. 25. Taking advantage of the presence in Sydney of Bro. and Sister P. A. Davey, the ordinary monthly business meeting was merged into this meeting. A splendid gathering resulted. Sister Mrs. J. Fox, President, took the chair, and after a hymn and prayer, Mrs. Evan Lewis gave one of her beautiful recitations. Sister Mrs. Davey gave an address in which she spoke of the advantage which the knowledge she had gained while in Australia would be in the work in Tokyo. She made several suggestions to the sisters as to ways in which they might give practical assistance to the Japanese mission. Much helpful information was imparted to those present. After a hymn was sung, Bro. Davey was called on for a further talk, and he gave several instances of the value of the missionary enterprise in the lives of the people of Japan. He showed how the missionaries were able to lift up downtrodden and despised people and make them jewels for the crown of Christ. An offering was made for the support of the Bible student, Ung Foo, supported in Shanghai by the Sisters' Conference. The sum of £1/13/6 was received as a result. The drawing room was preceded by a short business session, in which the routine business of the Conference was transacted. At the close, afternoon tea was handed round, and a very profitable meeting concluded.—E.H.S.

Victoria.

NORTH RICHMOND.—On Sept. 24, the annual business meeting of the church was held. During the last six months there have been 21 additions to the church. The balance sheet showed the total receipts for current expenses and benevolences to be £222, and cash in hand for new Bible School building, £190. Pleasant meetings were held last week. At the close of Bro. Procter's address on "New Testament Conversion," a lady who had been attending the meetings for some time made the good confession.

MORELAND.—Good meetings morning and evening, J. C. F. Pittman addressing both meetings. Last Sunday four baptisms took place—two adults and two young people, who were received into fellowship this morning. The Sunday evening prayer meeting is now in the charge of the Senior Endeavorers, with good results. Bro. Jordan was elected a deacon in place of H. Clegg, who has removed to another suburb.—P.G.L., Sept. 26.

CHELtenham.—During the week the church has been called to part with one more of the faithful, Bro. Alb. Chandler having been called to rest. For some time past he has been in poor health. He leaves a wife and young family to mourn his loss. Again, at our morning meeting to-day our hearts were saddened as we heard of our Bro. M. Wood Green being just within the border, his long life of faithful service for his Master being just about to close. A. P. Wilson has resumed his work, and this morning his address was on behalf of the College Fund collection. In the evening the service was "in memoriam" to Bro. Dunn and Bro. Chandler, there being a good meeting. The new Bible School orchestra promises to be a feature at the forthcoming anniversary on the 11th and 14th of October.—F.W.M., Sept. 27.

DRUMMOND.—The mission began to-day. Bro. Day, of Northcote, is the missionary. The chapel here is very small, so the members decided to get the small tent from the Home Mission Committee. Our aged Sister Main kindly allowed us to erect the tent on her ground, and weather permitting, we hope to see her at some meetings.—J. C. Shipway.

KYNETON.—Our mission began on Sept. 13, and ended on Sept. 20. It was opened by the writer, and on Monday Horace Kingsbury arrived. He preached every night during the week, Saturday excepted, and on Sunday spoke three times. There were no decisions, but the church was built up spiritually, and much of the old prejudice against us has been broken down. The attendances during the week averaged about 65, with over 100 present on Sunday night. The editor of the *Guardian* newspaper was present at the meetings, and gave lengthy reports. The writer led the singing, and Sister Elsie Harman, our faithful organist, presided most acceptably at that instrument. This morning we had a nice number around the Lord's table, including Bren. Day, Hamilton, Sisters Day (3), of Glenlyon. Sister Hamilton has undergone an operation in the public hospital here, but is progressing favorably. Fine number at Bible Class, and a large gathering to hear the gospel.—J. E. Shipway.

CARLTON (Lygon-st.).—Fine meetings on Lord's day at the breaking of bread and the gospel service at night. S. G. Griffith gave a powerful discourse in the evening upon "Human Anxiety and Divine Care." On Thursday evening the students from the College of the Bible had charge of the meeting. Two nice addresses were given by Bren. Whelan and Anderson. Bro. Garnett read the Scripture lesson, and Bro. Warren sang two solos. The claims of the College were also placed before the audience by Reg. Enniss.—J.McC.

WILLIAMSTOWN.—The meetings are keeping up well. A fine lot of young men attend the evening services. Last Saturday we were favored with a visit from the young men of South Yarra cricket club. A friendly game was played, the visitors winning the match. Last Sunday Bro. Bennett spoke morning and evening, giving two splendid addresses. He also addressed the Bible School in the afternoon. At the close of the evening service a young man responded to the invitation.—E.M.H.

PRAHRAN.—On Sept. 23 our prayer meeting was conducted by a band of students from the College, Bro. Enniss also being present. All enjoyed the visit. At the close of the meeting, one who had confessed her faith the previous Lord's day was baptised. Lord's day, Sept. 27, a nice meeting in the morning, and at night Bro. Gordon delivered a special address on "The First Five Minutes After Death." A young man and his mother confessed Christ. We are preparing for a sale of gifts in December, and the members are

working enthusiastically for the various stalls.—A.E.M., Sept. 28.

BET BET.—Last Sunday reference was made to the loss sustained by the brotherhood through the death of Bro. Dunn. We are holding a fifteen days' mission, commencing on Oct. 4. Bro. Larsen is to conduct the mission. Harold Patterson has been with us to-day, and is to preach this evening.—G. A. Sewell, Sept. 27.

BALLARAT.—Fine meeting yesterday. Sunday School is making good progress. The Bible Class, which is ably taught by Bro. Wilkie, had an attendance of 53. We hope soon to reach the 100 mark. Good gospel service last night. One confession and one baptised believer added. We are all happy to have Bro. and Sister Bailey, from Ascot Vale, with us once more. Expressions of regret are heard on every hand with reference to the death of our Bro. Dunn. We all realise that one of our safest and sanest men has crossed the border line.—H.P.L., Sept. 27.

BOORT.—The meetings to-day were very good and the interest in the gospel meetings is maintained. On Thursday last we had Bro. Hagger with us, and arranged for a public meeting, at which there was a good attendance, and we were treated to a fine address on "Going Back to Jerusalem." We have arranged for Bro. Oldfield to spend the coming vacation with us.—A.T.L., Sept. 27.

HORSHAM.—Splendid meetings since last report, and another record at breaking of bread on Lord's day morning. Eight have so far made the good confession. W. Combridge and wife spent a few days with us, and gave a helping hand. Bren. Beiler and Wadsworth in good trim. Our mission will close next Friday.—C. H. Spicer, Sept. 28.

BRIGHTON.—We continue to have big meetings, and many strangers are manifesting an interest in our gospel services. Bro. Moore is presenting the gospel message in a very unmistakable manner, and results must follow. Our Sunday School celebrates its anniversary on Sunday next, October 4, and special singing has been arranged.—R.P.C., Sept. 27.

GEELONG.—Since last report we have had large meetings. Every department is in a healthy condition. Last week the Presbyterian Young Men's Guild visited our Young Men's Club, and gave a very instructive Shakespeare evening. On Saturday last we entertained a number of young men from Balmmain-st., Richmond, who were in Geelong at a social. We had a number of visitors with us last Sunday, including Bro. Chas. Hale, of Hobart, who is a former resident and worker in Geelong. In the evening Gilbert Chandler preached a special sermon to men on "A Square Deal," which was deeply appreciated. The S.S. anniversary takes place on Oct. 11. Our organist, who has been officiating for the past seven years, is making a short visit to Hobart.—G.B.

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S.A. HOME MISSION FUND.

Receipts from August 16 to September 26.
Subsidies from Assisted Churches: Wallaroo, £2; Moonta, £3; Maylands, £10/16/8; Berri, £2 10/-; Murray Bridge, £4/10/-; Semaphore, £6 6/-; Prospect, £5; Bordertown and Mundalla, £8 11/8; Ungarra, £1/10/-; Butler, 14/-; Pillana, 10/-; Tumby, 15/-; Pyap West, £1/10/-.

Donations: Wallaroo, Duplex Envelopes, £1 8/-; Stirling and Aldgate, collected by sisters, £1 3/1; Unley Church, £3; Sisters' Conference, £61; Offering at Conference, £24/15/2; Southern District, £4/19/9; C.E. Union, £3/18/1; Conference Promises Redeemed, £77/10/-; Donation for Picnic Train, £10; Picnic Receipts, £9/10/6; Sale of Conference Programmes, £5/3/4; Lamerook Church, £1; Men's Rally Tea, £7/3/9.

Total, £258/5/-.

Expenditure.

Debit Balance, August 16, £138/14/3; Rent of Exhibition Hall, £36/4/-; Picnic Train, £10/4/-; Travelling Expenses, £3/14/3; Salaries and Subsidies to Churches, £192. Total, £380/16/6.

Debit Balance, Sept. 26, £177/9/6.

Here and There

College Offering Day next Sunday, Oct. 4.

D. A. Ewers will be at the Aldgate Valley church anniversary next Lord's day.

Dr. and Mrs. Macklin left Adelaide for W.A. last Saturday on the "Katoomba," and expect to spend a fortnight there.

In the Foreign Mission report last week, Henley Beach was credited with contributing £11/3/6. It should have been £111/3/6.

W. C. Brooker commences a mission at Queens-town, S.A., on Oct. 11, and E. J. Paternoster another at Prospect on the same date.

Some ten brethren are meeting at Jumbuk, Vic., on alternate Lord's days to break bread. This is an example that all scattered members should follow.

W. H. Nightingale telegraphs:—"Brisbane first instalment Hawthorne building, sixty-seven pounds; over hundred raised; site for building selected."

At the S.A. Foreign Mission Committee meeting last week H. J. Horsell was elected President, B. W. Huntsman Vice-President, J. W. Cosh Treasurer, and I. A. Paternoster re-elected Secretary.

Our readers will read with pleasure the first of a series of short articles by our beloved brother, T. J. Gore. A life-long study of the Scriptures and a ripe, mellow Christian experience qualify Bro. Gore admirably for the task of leading us to an appreciation of the "precious passages of the Word."

Victorian church officers are asked to plan to attend the quarterly meeting in Swanston-st. lecture hall on Monday, October 19. "The Question of Drift in our Church Membership" is a theme that should command the thoughtful and prayerful attention of every evangelist, elder and deacon among us.

Including present College students who have week-end preaching appointments, there are in Australia and New Zealand fifty-six churches with Glen Iris trained men as preachers. A moment's reflection will show that our churches would be poorly supplied with preachers to-day were it not for our College of the Bible.

In connection with the observance of Children's Day a photograph of Dr. Rijnhart, the heroic missionary of our U.S.A. brethren, who gave his life for Tibet, is being supplied to schools ordering exercises. Inquiries having been made re these, schools are informed that the photographs are not yet to hand from America. As soon as they arrive, they will be forwarded to school secretaries.

Our College needs and deserves your support.

In order to provide space for the South Australian Conference report, several of our regular departments had to be omitted this week.

Children's Day for Foreign Missions falls on November 1 this year. Bible School secretaries who have not yet ordered supplies are urged to do so early. If, because of local conditions, the day fixed is not suitable, schools are urgently requested to render the exercise later on. In any case it is possible for every school, however small, to have a missionary address, and take an offering.

At the Adelaide Preachers' Fraternal last Monday, B. W. Huntsman was elected president, and H. J. Horsell re-elected secretary. Confessions were reported as follows: Mile End, 2; Cottonville, 1; Stirling East, 2; Hindmarsh, 1; Unley, 1; Croydon, 1; Norwood, 1; Grote-st., 3. G. P. Cuttriss read an interesting paper on "Our Duty in Reference to the Liquor Bar Early Closing Referendum," containing many practical suggestions, for which he received a hearty vote of thanks.

Ira A. Paternoster writes:—"I note the suggestion re some memorial to Bro. Dunn. This should certainly be attended to, but I think in a way that would have been pleasing to him, and also of some practical good to the brotherhood he so loved to serve. I would suggest that it take the form of some fund for the College of the Bible; say, perhaps, toward maintaining a chair in Sunday School Pedagogy, or toward a new wing for the College to be known as The Dunn Memorial Wing. This thing commends itself to me far more than the placing of a stone on the grave. I think, too, if this were done, the brotherhood would respond more freely. However, I shall be glad to do what I can over here for whatever is proposed."

Mr. Justice Hodges, of Victoria, recently made a strong plea for the religious education of the young. With other things, he said:—"Some persons held that man was a religious animal. He was more. He was an animal who had learned to take care of himself in the world, and the Christian element had to be brought in to save him from being a mere wild beast. That being so, was the church to teach religion, or leave it alone? Carnal knowledge was useless to make a man or a nation strong and great. Germany, one of the most scientific nations of the world, had illustrated that fact by the way she had acted during the present war." Some people pay but little attention when a preacher talks in this way; perhaps these will treat with respect the words of one of our leading judges.

It is with the deepest sorrow that we have to record the passing from us of another of our most widely known and faithful workers. After a short illness, Bro. M. Wood Green died on Tuesday afternoon at his home in Cheltenham, at the age of seventy-four years. Brethren in all parts of the Commonwealth have happy memories of our brother's noble service during a long ministry. We find it hard to part with one after another of those we have learned to esteem most highly for their work's sake, but we thank God for the inspiration of their lives and the hope of reunion in a nobler life than this. We hope to give a worthier and more extended notice in our next issue. Meanwhile we tender to our Sister Green and her family our sincere sympathy, and assure them of the regard and prayers of the brotherhood for them in their time of sorrow.

Jas. McGregor, an honored member and deacon of the church in Gore-st., Fitzroy, has attained his jubilee of service. Fifty years ago last Lord's day Bro. McGregor was baptised by H. S. Earl. From that day to this, our brother has only been absent from the Lord's table on four occasions; twice he was hindered through sickness, once he was on the high seas, and once he was isolated from his brethren in West Australia. This is a magnificent record, at once an evidence of the Lord's goodness and of his servant's faithfulness. J. McGregor was a member of the first Sunday School of the Churches of Christ in Melbourne. He was a companion of the late F. G. Dunn at day school, and for many years a colleague of his in Christian

service. Bro. McGregor is the worthy son of a worthy father, whose memory many to-day revere. We can never honor too highly the faithful brethren who in the early days of our movement stood for the faith and practice revealed in and enjoined by the sacred Scriptures. Their labors have made our present happy position possible. Faithfulness on our part similar to that which these displayed will ensure the victory of the cause of Christ. A host of friends will join with us in wishing our Bro. McGregor very many years yet of fellowship and happy service.

God bless the cheerful person—man, woman, or child, old or young, illiterate or educated, handsome or homely. What the sun is to Nature, what God is to the stricken heart, are cheerful persons in the house and by the wayside. They go unobtrusively, unconsciously, about their mission, happiness beaming from their faces. We love to sit near them. We love the nature of their eye, the tone of their voices. Little children find them out quickly amid the densest crowd, and passing by the knitted brow and compressed lip, glide near, laying a confiding hand on their knee and lift their clear, young eyes to those loving faces.—A. A. Willits.

"How shall they hear without a preacher?" Give liberally for our College work next Lord's day, Oct. 4, and so help to prepare men to carry the good news to others.

COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER 4, 7, 14.—Fitzroy, Gore-st., Bible School Anniversary. Oct. 4: Speakers, 11, W. H. Clay; 3, J. J. Franklyn; 7, C. R. Mitchell, M.A., from America. Special singing by scholars. Wednesday, 7th, Demonstration by scholars. Collection. Wednesday, 14th, tea and distribution of prizes.

MARRIAGE.

BAXTER—CAMERON.—At Church of Christ, Mildura, on August 27, 1914, by Hugh Gray, evangelist, Percy George, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Baxter, of Mildura, to Florence Alice Eleanor, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Cameron, of Merbein.

DEATH.

GREEN.—On September 29, at his residence, Balcombe-road, Cheltenham, Matthew Wood Green, evangelist, Church of Christ, dearly beloved husband of Sarah Jane, and loving father of Matthew, William (Blenheim, New Zealand), Meredith, Sarah, Oliver, Elizabeth and Ernest, and grandfather of Ernest, Harold, Elsie, Ethel, Horace, Una and Valmai, aged 74.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHITFIELD.—In fond and loving memory of a loving son and brother, Edwin John (Jack), who passed to a higher life on October 1, 1909.

'Tis sweet to know we'll meet again
Where parting is no more,
And that the one we loved so dear
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WINSOR.—In loving memory of my loved husband, William A. Winsor, who passed away on Sept. 29, 1913. Still sadly missed.
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 Songs in the night. Acts 16: 16-26.
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