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Opportunity.

IF I am to say in one word what the Bible School work has meant to me, that word would be "Opportunity."

(1) Opportunity to carry the knowledge and love of Christ to the rising generation with the realisation that the future of the church would be largely in the hands of those I had the privilege of instructing.

(2) Opportunity of working with the cream of the church membership, and having a fellowship of labor with those who at present are the stay and strength of the Church of God.

(3) Opportunity of developing latent talents in the ministry of God's Word, which would otherwise very probably lie dormant. I can point to some of our best preachers who have been first called in the Sunday School.

(4) Opportunity for a deep and personal study of the divine Word under the necessity of mastering the meaning in order to pass it on to exacting and critical scholars.

(5) Opportunity to study the psychology of the crowd and to appreciate the problem of "atmosphere" so vital and yet so little

understood by leaders of public meetings.

(6) Opportunities of fellowship with international, interstate, and interchurch Sunday School workers, a fellowship with the salt of the earth, and the light of the world.

(7) Opportunity so necessary to every Christian of keeping in touch continually with the words and deeds of Christ, and thus maintaining an atmosphere vital to the Christian well-being for its reflex action upon my own life apart from any good accomplished. I say "God bless the Sunday School."—Albany Bell.



North Perth School, W.A.—Winners of the 1923 Increase and Attendance Campaign.

Bible School Day, May 4.

A Forward Move in New South Wales.

From the President's Chair.

H. G. Payne.

"By their fruits ye shall know them" is the Master's practical test. Apply it to the Bible Schools' and Young People's Department, with what result? Undoubtedly sufficient achievement to justify this appeal.

Our operations prior to last Conference were constitutionally limited to Bible Schools with a tacit, loose inclusion of Young People's interests. On the initiative of the Committee amendment was made so that now both legally and actually Y.P. work is part of our joy and responsibility.



Granville School, N.S.W.

A school opened during the year in a private home, which now enrolls over 50. A building is urgently needed.

Some Fruits.

(1) The appointment of a full-time Organiser was regarded by some as at least experimental, but faith has been justified of her children. Because of his ability and personality there is no more popular man among the schools than A. L. Haddon, B.A.; and this after but one year of service.

(2) Conference Statistics will indicate an increase of nine schools, over 500 scholars, and 40 teachers.

(3) Annual Examination shows a record entry, with New South Wales holding the honor of possession of the dux of the Commonwealth, with a 100 per cent. pass.

(4) Annual Offering exceeded any previous year; a very happy and necessary cause and effect. Effect of the work already done, which had won the confidence of the brotherhood; and cause of the financial ability to continue that work.

(5) An Efficiency Campaign, which evoked favorable comment from other Sunday School Departments in Sydney, has increased the usefulness of schools.

(6) Social Life of Young People has been catered for in K.S.P. and P.B.P. Clubs, sixteen of which have been organised during the year, with more in prospect.

(7) The Development and Fostering of the Spiritual Life of the young people is part of our future work.

(8) Association with other churches in the Council of Religious Education, which directs the spiritual education of the children of New South Wales. Of this Council our Organiser is a sec-

retary, and he is also the Convener of Children's Year, which is receiving the imprimatur of public men, including the leading educationalists, secular and religious, of the State.

(9) N.E.I.—Assistance and advice rendered in numberless cases by interviews, visits, etc., which form an unnoticed, untabulated, but indispensable and important part of the work. Suffice to say that one of Sydney's leading religious educationalists recently described the Committee as "the most live Sunday School Department in N.S.W."

The present opportunities are unknown to the past, for never before has one man been free to give himself exclusively to work for the young, consequently, never have schools reacted so enthusiastically to the impulse of the Committee.

Is it worth while? If there be any peripatetic interrogation point doubting the wisdom of supporting it, let him walk through our schools, and he will become an admiring exclamation point.

We gratefully thank the brotherhood for past help, meanwhile in faith we plan another big year's work.

A Gilt-Edged Investment.

S. O. Gole,

Treasurer, N.S.W. Department.

Do you want your money invested to the best possible advantage? If so, invest it in the Bible School work, for of all the gilt-edged investments in the world, the greatest and best is work amongst the young people. The Bible School is the cheapest evangelistic agency in the world, and the most effective, and gives the greatest return for the effort and money put into it.

"Whatsoever a church soweth that shall it also reap." Sow a crop of Bible Schools, and you reap a rich harvest of churches.

Do you approve of the work of the Bible Schools' Committee and the Organiser? If so, have you helped them during 1923-24 with your prayers, your personal work and interest, and your purse? The Committee believes that the brethren throughout the State have approved of the work of our Organiser, A. L. Haddon, B.A., and we ask them to demonstrate their continued approval and renewed confidence by giving the Committee a record offering on 4th May. When we consider the vital importance of the work and its bearing on the future progress of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales we cannot but determine to make a liberal response to the appeal. Strong Bible Schools mean strong churches, increased help now

and in the future in men and means for Home and Foreign Missions, and all other church activities. The Bible Schools' Committee appeals for a record offering on 4th May. Last year the special effort amounted to £532, and we now confidently ask for £350 on 4th May, and £650 for the year. Let every member give according to his ability and love for the work amongst the young people.

That the Work may Continue
Let Every
CHURCH, SCHOOL, INDIVIDUAL,
Make a Sacrificial Gift.

£350 is the
IRREDUCIBLE MINIMUM
of our N.S.W. needs for May 4.

"A Little Extra."

R. K. Whately, B.A., Enmore, N.S.W.

That the religious education of the young is of supreme importance, most church members will agree. Some agree so whole-heartedly that they give up much of their time on Sundays and weekdays preparing for and carrying on this work. May their number increase. These and others will indicate their agreement on May 4 in a far easier but still very necessary way—by contributing to the Annual Offering. May their gifts increase.

The organisation of the Bible School and Young People's Department reveals the intention of the brotherhood to put into this service the "little extra" which is always the guarantee of a much greater usefulness.

When Mary broke over the feet of Jesus her pound of spikenard, she revealed the essential prodigality of love. Like Jesus, we love the child and desire to give him our best. Whether we wish this or not, however, our second-best won't do. Our second-best allows too many scholars to drift out of our schools, uneducated and unsaved.

The Bible School Committee and, in particular, its Organiser, have helped and will help in the bringing out of our best. The time has come to help them.



In Camp on the Hawkesbury River, N.S.W.
A K.S.P. camp, under the leadership of H. G. Payne, Chairman of Bible Schools' Committee.

Making the Most of the Day.

South Australia's Expectations.

The Morning Service.

The value of making the Sunday morning service an important part of the Sunday School Day programme cannot be too strongly urged. It provides a special opportunity to emphasise the vital relationship existing between the Sunday School and the church, the great importance of the spiritual development of the young people to the progress of the cause of Jesus Christ, and the necessity of every church member giving their sympathy



After meeting in a hired hall at Walkerville for many years, a handful of brethren bought land and built in Nailsworth. The school has gone from over 40 to about 150 in a few months. More room is needed already. Bro. John Smith, of Mile End, did heroic service as preacher during the days of transition, and prepared the way for the ministry of Bro. A. C. Garnett.

thetic and practical help to the Sunday School movement, whenever and wherever possible. Last year the Sunday School Committee, realising the great importance of the effort to put the Sunday School and Church Extension Building Fund on a stronger financial basis, gave the whole of the offerings received on Sunday School Day towards this fund. This year they have agreed to forego 75 per cent. of the contributions for a similar purpose, retaining 25 per cent. to help meet their own liabilities.

This spirit of co-operation is worthy of the highest commendation, as it will assist the Church Extension Committee to make possible financial assistance for the erection of Sunday School and church buildings where necessary.

The action of the Sunday School Committee last year helped to make possible the erection of a new church building at Gawler, for which a contract has been let.

The prayers and practical help of every church member throughout South Australia are urgently requested, that the influence and spirit of Jesus Christ may make itself felt in the lives of the young people of this great land.

Afternoon Session.

The children's service in the afternoon will be of a bright and pleasing nature. A short address with bright singing and Bible reading exercises by the children may be arranged. Parents and friends are invited to join the scholars in this service, and an appeal on behalf of our Cot in the Adelaide Children's Hospital, also Minda Home for weak-minded children, and for kindred institutions, will be made.

The Cot annually endowed by the Sunday Schools of the Churches of Christ has been occupied by the following children during the last year:—

A.B.—A little girl with operation on head. The home was opened behind the ear. She was well enough in a month to go home.

C.D.—A baby who had a serious operation on stomach, from which he recovered.

E.F.—A boy with a broken collar bone, through see-sawing at a Sunday School picnic.

G.H.—A motor accident to a little girl, whose scalp was badly cut, but she recovered.

J.K.—A neglected little girl from the country, deserted by her mother, whose father, a wood-cutter, was endeavoring to look after her. She developed pneumonia, and died.

M.N.—Another little girl from the Far North, with a broken leg through a fall from a horse. Doctor's and nursing skill brought about her recovery.

Y.Z.—A little boy with exzema on his face and head is now the occupant of the Cot, which he has occupied since 26th February.

In appealing for funds for the Minda Home we cannot too strongly emphasise the national importance of segregation and control of the mentally-deficient. The reproduction of a type which undoubtedly is a menace to a high standard of morality and efficiency is greatly minimised, and the economic gain to the community generally is incalculable.

The outlook of these afflicted ones, whose minds are clouded, is indeed limited, but under discipline and control they can be taught to think through their muscles and give some service to the Home.

We have now over 200 inmates, many of whom, whose parents are unable to pay, are in the Institution free of charge, a large percentage pay less than the amount required to maintain them, and only a few pay the full fees.

It is for these we plead, and with every confidence we appeal for funds to assist in the good work of

"Taking a little sadness from the world's vast store,
And making of joy's too scanty sum a little more."

A Few Facts in Figures.

The following amounts have been donated to charitable institutions for the years 1912 to 1923:

1912-23—Children's Cot Endowment	£356	10	0
1921-23—Minda Home	30	0	0
1921-23—Convalescent Home	6	6	0
1921-23—Burwood Boys' Home	2	2	0
1923—Dr. Barnardo Home	3	11	1
	£398	9	1

Our Expectations.

In conclusion we would like to express our confidence in the brotherhood when we seek its sympathy, co-operation and assistance in making this Sunday School Day, with the blessing of our heavenly Father, a day of inspiration to our teachers and scholars.

Literature and envelopes for the appeal will be distributed to the churches in the State by Bro. H. J. Horsell, Secretary of the Home Mission Committee, at an early date.

—T. H. Brooker, G. D. Wright, H. Taylor (Convener), Sunday School Day Committee.

The Bible School and National Life.

England's great statesman, Mr. Lloyd George, addressing the 120th annual meeting of the National Sunday School Union in the City Temple, London, last year, said:—

"The Sunday School is the University of the people. The quality of the knowledge they obtain there is higher and deeper than anything they get elsewhere. For imagination, vision, exaltation of purpose and inspiration, there is no national literature in the world like that which is studied in the Sunday Schools. We are groping in the fog at best, and I would rather trust the destiny of a people to a nation with its children trained in Sunday Schools than I would to a nation that had not. ... In the year 1800 the greatest warrior Europe had produced since Julius Caesar fell on the Austrian armies, shattered them, and, for the moment, altered the history of France, Italy, and perhaps of Europe. The same year—I am not sure it was not the same month—a little Welsh peasant girl marched over the hills of Merionethshire in quest of a Bible. That started the Bible Society, giving new life to the Sunday School. Napoleon's work will get feebler and fainter. That little story of the Welsh girl will get more powerful, more thrilling, deeper and more permanent in its influence as the centuries go by."

The Watch-Tower.

The hills are watch-towers of the Lord,
And from their stations high
They watch the valleys of the world
And mankind passing by.

At dusk they fire their altars, set
On peaks with twilight grey,
That we who walk the valleys low
May not forget to pray!

—Arthur Wallace Peach.



Cowandilla is a branch of Mile End, and has been a rich blessing to all concerned. Rooms have had to be added for the growing school, which now numbers about 100. The work grew without a visiting evangelist. What will it do under the leadership of Bro. Tease? The outlook is very encouraging.

Bible School Work in the Western State

The Year's Activities of the

W.A. BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
W. R. Hibburt.

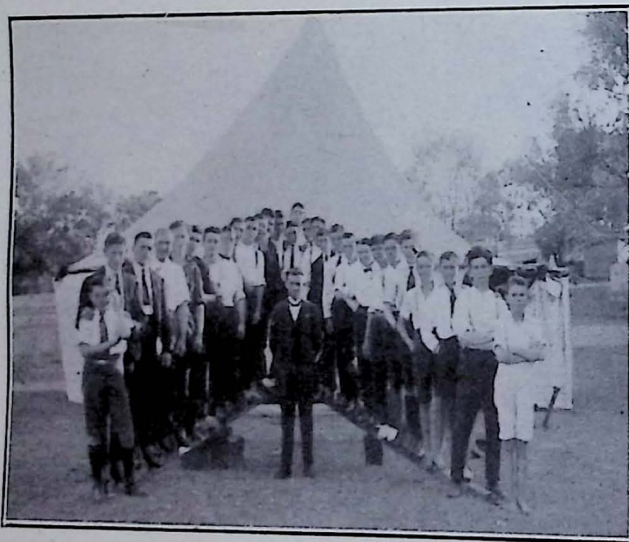
- (1) Part purchase of two adjoining blocks of land in a thriving suburb in readiness for the commencement of Bible School work.
- (2) A successful Bible School Rally and prize distribution.
- (3) A Young People's combined meeting, affording fellowship and development, also resulting in £9 to land fund.
- (4) Financial assistance to a new school, and encouragement and help to several unattached schools in country districts.
- (5) A Bible School Examination on lines calculated to make the special coaching the greatest factor in the Examination.

Increased knowledge consequent on preparation.
Inspiration resulting from fellowship with younger life.

Satisfaction because the influence of the school has helped some to decide for Christ.
Encouragement because of the ever-widening influence of scholars in Christian citizenship.—C. A. G. Payne.

What My Bible School Teacher's Influence Meant to Me.

I do not remember any special lesson taught by my boyhood teachers, but I do remember their Christian characters, their evident love for Jesus Christ, their service for Christ and the church, and their loyalty to the Book. These things, coupled with their teaching, which if not remembered,



1924 Training for Leadership Camp, W.A.

(6) A live attendance and increase campaign, resulting in an increase of 387 scholars in eight weeks.

(7) A training for leadership camp in which forty young men shared in a thorough and effective week's training.

Help your Committee in the Work of 1924-1925.

What My Work as a Bible School Teacher has Meant to Me.

I know that the unformed mind of a child is the most delicate thing in the world; and when that child-mind comes to me, every loving thought of God that I can instil is moulding a character which will one day be a living force in God's service. Friends, doesn't this thought make our Bible School work a wonderful privilege?—Phyllis Turvey, B.A.

Personally.—1. Forced me to an extreme care in my own character-building—a reflex result of soul-winning efforts to mould the character of others.

Generally.—2. Filled me with the resolve to urge more sanctified common sense in method, matter, and manners, in our schools, for Christ's sake.—F. D. Pollard, B.Sc.

was none the less an influence, have made a lasting impression.—R. W. Ewers.

My Bible School Teacher's influence helped me to see that there was more in Christianity than simply being seen at church three times every Sunday. It convinced me that Christianity means service.—M. Leach.

(1) Their teaching instilled into my life the desire for service.

(2) Their influence maintained and cemented that desire by bringing my life into actual usefulness.

(3) Their example gave me the realisation that of all directions in which one can exert influence for good, the greatest investment is in the service of the church, and this of all investments pays the highest rate of interest by its joys and personal inspiration.—A. M. Bell.

I had many teachers, but they were all one in their thoughtful care and almost reverent interest in my welfare. A faithfulness to their task, and absolute confidence in Him whom they had believed, strengthened my youthful faith, and stimulated my ambition to holy and noble living.—T. Marsden.

What My Bible School Days Mean to My Life.

Motherless, and naturally wayward, and ever ready for fun and fighting, I was a trouble to the school. Changed from class to class, but incorrigible. In despair placed by the dear old superintendent in a "disciplinary" class. In a quarter of an hour the teacher and the scholar were at fisticuffs! A lady teacher requested that she be tried. Patient, and interesting and inspiring, the incorrigible became meek and permanently influenced.—By "Worthwhile."

"Because a sincere ambassador and an example of Calvary's Royal Prince was prepared to pay the price, and knew no impossibilities," I was early brought to the knowledge of realising the danger of sin, and the need of a Saviour. Bible School workers, be faithful. God is with you.—G. Elliott.

Here Little is Best.

*He that is down needs fear no fall,
He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his Guide.*

*I am content with what I have,
Little it be or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because Thou savest such.*

*Fulness to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage:
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
Is best from age to age.*

—John Bunyan.

The Bundaberg Bible School, Queensland.

(See picture on next page.)

J. R. Combridge.

This fine Bible School came into existence during the Hinrichsen-Brooker tent mission, December, 1923. There were 105 additions during that mission. 31 of these were young people, and a fine nucleus for a Bible School, and right at its inception we were fortunate in securing a good superintendent in Bro. S. B. Jones, State school teacher at Elliot, who at great self-sacrifice entered whole-heartedly into the work. (His picture does not appear in the group, as he was absent through illness.) With the assistance of our faithful and enthusiastic secretary, Sister Laine, and a band of self-sacrificing teachers, he is sure to make our Bible School a notable feature of our work at Bundaberg.

In the group will also be found teachers from the Elliot and Thabeban Bible Schools. The Bundaberg church and Bible School are largely the result of the faithfulness of a little band of consecrated disciples at Elliot, who for years carried on a Bible School, and met every Lord's day to remember their Lord.

How many of our strong churches have grown out of a Bible School started in the home of some faithful disciple, and the church and Bible School at Bundaberg are further proof that God will always be with and bless the twos and threes who gather in his name, and place their best at his disposal.

I trust that the picture and report of the Bundaberg Bible School will encourage isolated members everywhere to gather the children in their district and teach them the things concerning the kingdom of God, and to remember their Lord in the breaking of the memorial loaf. Thus, far and near, Churches of Christ will abound where the day they are unknown.

Queensland's "Big Four" Aim.

The Bible School Union of Queensland is launching out on a forward movement which will seek to develop the work among the young people along four definite lines which have been called THE BIG FOUR AIM.

The Union therefore appeals to all lovers of the children to carefully note the constructive nature of these aims, and then to show a practical interest in this practical effort by giving a worthy offering, liberal enough to allow the Union to carry out the big policy outlined herewith.

Aim No. 1.—New Schools.

First and foremost in this work will be the endeavor to open up many new schools during the year. It may be said that this can be done by local brethren without the help of the Union, but the following matters should be considered:—

In many localities the opening of a school depends upon the possibility of securing a building. It is the policy of the Union to begin purchasing suitable blocks of land in developing localities, so that when a school is started, the land will be available. In some places the best that can be done is to rent a hall, and this will frequently be beyond the reach of a new school. Given sufficient funds, the Union can assist in this way until the school becomes strong enough to pay the rent itself. Then, also, many young schools are seriously handicapped by the lack of suitable equipment. The Union should have an equipment fund, from which, by means of loans or grants, new schools can receive assistance, and thus make a proper start.

The possibilities of this work have been well illustrated by the new school started at a little centre outside of Gympie. Here was a district with no school. A few local brethren went out

instruction. We believe that one reason why we cannot hold the adolescent scholar to-day is that we are trying to teach the High School scholar with the old antiquated methods of fifty years ago. We must seek the new and approved methods, and then place these before our schools. By means of demonstration, visitation, private study, and teacher training, our teachers should be helped to adopt the best of the latest methods of education. Only then will we get the best children and hold the best scholars until we bring them to the best Teacher, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Attendance can also be conserved and increased by such plans as regular absentee visitation, cradle rolls, rally days, attendance contests, etc. This means that the Union should prepare supplies and make them available to the schools, but this can not be done at the present. We are looking to the churches to supply us with a big offering on May 4, so that we shall have sufficient capital to secure that which is most suitable for our own schools. Certain supplies are already available in Brisbane, but prepared by the various denominational departments. What we need is a good variety of supplies in harmony with the distinctive position of the Churches of Christ. Given sufficient capital we can secure this from the Austral Co., or from other sources, and have it available for the schools of Queensland.

Remember also that every scholar held to the school is a most hopeful ground for the reception of the gospel, so that in seeking to win and hold new scholars we are making it possible to establish and extend the churches in the future

Aim No. 3.—New Societies.

There are at present very few Young People's Societies in connection with our churches in

erate with them, assist the weak, establish where there is a lack, and all the time foster this important part of the church's activity. Thus, in the preparation of plans, the securing of supplies, the formation of branches, the planning of inter-society visitation, there is a great field of activity open to the Union, limited at present only by the lack of finance. Brethren, by your gifts on May 4 help us to go in and possess the land of youthful activity and hold it for the Lord.

Aim No. 4.—New Souls.

This is the last, but the greatest aim set before us. Nay, it is our imperative duty. Without this the previous aims would be superficial and incomplete. As Paul can say to the individual, "Ye are complete in him," so we can say of the various phases of young people's work, "These are complete when they end in him." "All roads lead to Rome" was the saying of long ago. So we now would say that all the plans, methods, efforts and aims of the worker among the young should lead to Jesus. Our schools and societies should be Christo-centric. Our work is incomplete if the children pass through our hands without being brought face to face with the new birth in Christ Jesus. Therefore the Union must seek to prepare teachers for this intensely evangelistic phase of the work. It must conduct Teacher Training classes, which shall equip the teachers for this highest part of the work. It must aid the isolated and country teachers by means of circulating libraries of the best books on our distinctive position and on Bible School methods. It must plan Bible Examinations, so that the children's minds will be filled with the Word of the Lord. It must encourage evangelistic teaching in the schools, with the holding of special decision days. In fact, it should be largely like a branch of the Home Missionary Committee, concentrating upon the youth of the land. Brethren, will you not help us in this effort to win the young for Christ. Last year ninety scholars from our schools made the good confession. Thirty-one young people confessed Christ at Bundaberg, and were the foundation scholars of that fine young school. Let us get the vision of salvation in our school. Let us seek to become all things to all young people, so that by all means we may win them as new souls, born again in Christ Jesus.

An Army of 1,000 Strong.

The Union is seeking to enlist the personal interest of all church members in its work. To this end an effort is being made to secure 1000 members to the Union, who will pay an annual fee of 1/-, and will receive in return a beautiful membership card, being "enrolled in the circle of those who love to serve the children." Will you not show immediate interest in this matter by sending one shilling now to the Organiser, A. J. Fisher, Clara-st., Annerley? If you do this, you will receive your ticket by return of mail. Now, who will enlist in the army of friends of the children?

On May 4.

For the Annual Offering leaflets and offering envelopes are being sent to all the churches in the State. On the envelope is a space for your name and your church. If you put at least one shilling in the envelope, and write your name, then the treasurer of the church will send in your name to the Union, and a membership card will be issued for you, being sent to the Bible School secretary for delivery to you. Remember this when you make your offering on May 4. Help us in our forward movement, by your liberality.

Wanted! £150.

In order to carry out the plans indicated above, and to continue to pay a weekly sum to the Home Missionary Committee for the help given the Union by the Organiser, it is necessary that the Union receives a total income of at least £150. If every church and every member will share in this work, it can easily be accomplished. Let us unite in our prayers, efforts and gifts, so that the work among the young may advance by leaps and bounds, unto the extension of the kingdom of Christ and the salvation of souls.—A.J.F.



The New Bible School, Bundaberg, Queensland.

from Gympie, opened a school, and by this means won the interest of a splendid family, the majority of whom have since been baptised, and now are planning to set up the Lord's table. The "Bible School vision" discovered this place, entered it, and so helped to take the gospel to the people of that locality. If we can establish a chain of Bible Schools throughout the length and breadth of our land it will not be long before we have active churches in many of these localities.

Aim No. 2.—New Scholars.

A growing school is a living school. All of our schools should be increasing in size, for the population of the State is steadily growing, and we should at least keep pace with this growth, even if we do not surpass it. But to win new scholars it often means that we must adopt new methods, in harmony with the improved methods of public

Queensland. The Constitution of the Union will probably be amended at the Conference, to allow it to extend its activities into this most fruitful field of service among the young people of the State. We aim at having at least one Young People's Society in connection with every church or school in our State, so that the youth of our land will have something during the week to hold their interest and to bring them into contact with the influence of the church. If we provide a clean, attractive Christian environment, in which our young people can secure their pleasure and happiness, we shall be keeping them from many of the dangers and pitfalls of the world, and teaching them to "rejoice in the Lord always." The few societies at present in operation are isolated and scattered. Whether they be Christian Endeavor Societies, Bands of Hope, Clubs, Leagues, or of any other class, the Union should seek to co-op-

A Record Year in Victoria.

All previous records of progress in Bible Schools and young people's work generally were broken during the past Conference year. The schools have had the highest nett increase, also the largest number of scholars added to the churches, in the history of our movement in this State. The total enrolment in the schools now stands at 11,936. Only sixty-four short of the twelve thousand mark! There are 1414 officers and teachers engaged in this good work, one out of every eight of our total church membership! That fact itself is indicative of the emphasis which the brotherhood is placing on Bible School work. At the present rate of increase our schools will number

Perhaps the real difficulty on the part of both parents and teachers is failing in sympathy for and understanding of the adolescent. The boy at fifteen is no longer a child, he is not simply a boy. We are not prepared to treat him as a man. We are caught as it were on the horns of the dilemma—between childhood and manhood, and we fail utterly to meet the needs of the adolescent. But this is not a talk on adolescent psychology. What we want to emphasise is the statement made by Dr. Crane that the boy of fifteen "is most open to the religious appeal."

Here is a fact that must be kept constantly before those who have to do with the religious



Bethany Bible Class, Mildura, Vic.

twenty thousand in membership in ten years' time. Here is a vision to fill our churches with the spirit of adventure. An adventure that will surely lead to great achievement. To increase our school enrolment to twenty thousand in ten years will mean a church membership of twenty thousand at the end of that time. For the church membership almost keeps pace with the school membership.

Not only have records been broken in Bible School work, but in all sections of young people's work there has been splendid progress. The Kappa Sigma Pi and Phi Beta Pi organisations have had a year of increase. A number of new clubs have come into existence, and the interest in the work of the organisations generally has increased. Under the wise and careful shepherding of Bro. A. E. Hingworth, the Grand Chaplain, these young people's societies are being filled with a spirit of service and devotion.

Other organisations, such as Cricket, Football and Tennis Associations have enjoyed a year of prosperity. The Endeavor movement reports increased interest, particularly among the Junior Societies. Never before have we seen such a great army of young people linked up in their various activities within the sphere of the church's influence and oversight. Surely there is much to be thankful for, and much to encourage as we contemplate the year's work.

"Fateful Fifteen."

Dr. Frank Crane, in one of his recent Tonic Talks, writes about the boy of fifteen. There is wholesome advice and helpful suggestion in his words, both for the boy and those who have to deal with him. Dr. Crane says that the boy of fifteen is the hardest to understand, the most difficult to teach, most intensely emotional, most open to religious appeal, and altogether presents the most acute problem parents have to handle. He might have said Bible school teachers as well as parents, for they too find the boy, and the girl, of fifteen acute problems.

Religious Education

is the first obligation of the church.

Bible School Day,

May 4

Aim for Victoria:

"As Good as Our Previous Best"

education of our girls and boys. That somewhere around fifteen is the peak of the period for decision. Beginning at the age of nine or ten and rising to the highest point at fifteen or sixteen then dropping down to twenty or twenty-one the line marking the period of greatest decision for Christ can be traced. Of 326 additions to the churches by faith and baptism as a result of the Kellems-Richards Mission in the Olympia last July, 230 were young people between the ages of 9 and 17. Of the total additions to the churches in Victoria by faith and baptism during the past year 50 per cent. came from the Bible schools. The spiritual attitude of the vast majority is determined around "fateful fifteen." Dr. Crane closes his talk by saying, "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way, that leads to life, and few there be that find it"; and these few begin at fifteen or before.



Moreland, Vic., J.C.E. Society.

Bethany Bible Class.

One of the liveliest departments of the very fine and wide-awake school at the Church of Christ, Mildura, Victoria, is the Bible class whose photo we present on this page. In the past six months the class has grown from seven to thirty in number. During that time it has provided two secretaries, six teachers and a Cradle Roll Superintendent for the Bible school, and two deacons for the church. The class makes it a rule to invite all members of the school staff to their social functions and seeks to keep in touch with members who leave the district. In this way the class spirit is maintained among past as well as present members. Recently the class showed interest in the younger section of the school by donating a number of suitable books to the school library. Miss Gladys Knyvett is the energetic secretary. Mr. D. Wakeley, the preacher of the church, is the teacher of this splendid class. He must have been operating the camera, for he does not appear in the photo.

Moreland Juniors.

A visitor to the Moreland (Vic.) Church of Christ at ten o'clock on any Sunday morning will find a band of young people, most of whom are under sixteen, who are "doers of the word and not hearers only." In fact, unlike some grown-up folk, they believe in being busy with hands and feet in the service of Christ rather than being content with having their ears tickled by the eloquence of the preacher. To tell what these juniors did during the past twelve months would tax the space allowed for this paragraph. But here are some of the outstanding things accomplished. Besides contributing to the conduct of their meetings on Sundays, they have sent out 150 bunches of flowers. Letters were written to foreign missionaries and £6 given towards the support of an orphan in India. To the sick children of the metropolitan hospitals, 42 scrap books, 180 postcards, and 463 tickets were distributed. Six visits were paid to the Children's Hospital, 8 visits to the Melbourne General Hospital, 4 visits to the Eye and Ear, and 1 to the Austin Hospital. The City Mission Home in Albion St., Brunswick, received special attention. Eight visits were paid to this institution during the year. Many gifts of vegetables, groceries, etc., were taken. Also seven strong cots were made and donated in the name of the Junior Endeavor Society. Bro. Smith, the superintendent, is rightly proud of his Juniors.

Budding Editors.

The variety of talent and the versatility of gifts to be found among our young people is unlimited. That is why it is necessary to have a multiplicity of organisations and interests. One interesting development among some of the organisations is the expression of the literary talent. The Malvern K.S.P. Club publishes from time to time a very creditable little paper called the "Piper," mention of which has been made in this

page before. Now another club paper has come under our notice, the Christmas and New Year Magazine published by the Bambra Road, Caulfield "Phi Beta Pi" Girls Club. It is quite a pretentious little magazine of ten pages and covers Christmas story, humorous sketches, selected poetry, a children's story, social gossip, fashion notes, musical notes, beauty hints. Miss Marjory E. Cue is the editor. It is an Annual well worth repeating. We shall look for it again.

Our Day of Opportunity.
May 4

Our Northern Frontier.

Jas. E. Thomas.

It was recently my privilege to visit the soldier settlement at Redcliffs, on behalf of our Home Missionary Committee, and to have part in the opening services in the new chapel there. What I saw was a revelation to me, and the story of those heroic settlers in this new home should be told to all our brotherhood. I went up with a feeling of admiration for these noble men, for I knew they were soldiers, and had done their part for their king and country. It was a privilege to me to go and thank them for what they had done for us all, and to take off my hat to them in grateful remembrance. It was also a joy for me to feel that our country was doing something worthy in order to help these brave men carve out a new home in the midst of a wilderness. I was, however, entirely ignorant of the tremendous task these heroic men have undertaken in the face of tremendous difficulties, and of the sacrifice they have to make in their new adventure. They are literally entering a barren waste of land from which they have to clear the trees that grow thickly on the sandy soil. If it were not for the wonderful irrigation scheme that takes the beneficent waters of the Murray along miles of channels to the gardens and vineyards of these soldier settlers it would be absolute folly even to plant the smallest flower. But the Government have planned for a splendid supply of water to overflow these orchards at least three times a year, and the desert is beginning to blossom as the rose. No one can adequately describe the hardships of the years of waiting that these men and their just as noble wives are sharing together. It will be at least three years before any fruit can come on the vines or trees planted, and then the price is uncertain that they will obtain. Many have put all they have into these blocks, and now are working making roads or little bridges for the Water Commission in order to live till the crops come to fruition. I saw men who were wounded and shell-shocked, and who cannot work in offices or at their old lucrative employment, battling on this barren, hot, frontier land, seeking to build a home for their wives and little families in this country. I saw a soldier with only one leg, letting water into his block, and his old father was helping him. There are dear women from beautiful city and suburban homes, who have gone up with the one they love to start new homes in this far-away lonely country. They toil alongside their husbands, and they wait for the harvest together. They waited for their dear ones to return from the war, and now they share the battle and wait for the victory in days of peace. I told these men that we would not fail them. We as a brotherhood will stand with them and help them build their new church home. They have a splendid wooden building that has been erected by Bro. H. A. Saunders to the plan of the Church Extension Committee. It is a credit to our brotherhood, and the nicest looking little chapel in the town. It has been nicely built at a most reasonable cost of less than £700. These people that have scarcely any income, contributed nearly £50 between them when we made an appeal, so that shows what their hearts are like. We had fine services. In the morning there were about fifteen different kinds of conveyances in the chapel yard. Lorries with bags of chaff for seats, old long-service buggies, antiquated sulkies, spring drays, and one or two motor cars, as well as motor cycles and push bikes. Some dear parents have gone up to share the hardships of these new homes, and give their love and encouragement to their dear boys, and how brave they all are. This chapel will be a spiritual home to hundreds in the days to come. Bro. P. C. Bennett, the preacher here, has a hard task, and is getting to know all these people. He, too, was a comrade in

the great war. He has a big field, and needs another man to help him in this great work. It was a great honor to conduct the first gospel service in this field at this new home. We had a splendid meeting: I promised so much that I must crave the sympathy and help of a generous brotherhood in helping to fulfil what I pledged. I said that if the Government were willing to wait till these men had some fruit before asking for their first payments, so we would stand behind the Church Extension Committee and help to pay for the building and keep the interest going for at least three years. I said that the Home Mission Committee would help keep a preacher, there, and also assist them to hold a tent mission. I assured them that kind-hearted city churches would help them get a little organ and table, some carpet for their building, and thus give them something of the comfort they had in their far-away city church homes. Did I promise more than these brave pioneers deserved? Did I promise too much? I feel that all will say Amen! to all I said, and that at our Conference gathering a worthy Home Mission offering, as well as gifts of love, to furnish this newest church home, will be lovingly given as our grateful response to this new call. The churches at Mildura and Merbein are co-operating, but they each have financial burdens. There is a great work to do, and a wonderful future in this northern frontier field. May we loyally buy the dried fruit and other products of these men and help them materially, and most of all, let us stand by them and help build a worthy cause that will be a spiritual blessing for these noble heroes in this their new home.

My Windows.

"Three windows in my House of Life

Look out three different ways,
One turns with wistful longing
To the Road of Yesterdays.
And watches how the shadows
Of the poplars, slim and tall,
Point mutely at remembered days;
And silence over all.

"And one looks out with eager eyes
Upon the Street of Now,
And sees the passers up and down,
And greets them with a bow.
The little street is frankly gay,
With checkered shade and shine,
And busy, too, with bustling joys
That wait on me and mine.

"The other window turns away
From Yesterday and Now,
And not a single backward glance
Its visions will allow.
Its gaze leaps out to hills afar;
Its clear eyes, purged from tears,
Up through the deathless pines can trace
The Path of Coming Years.

"And sometimes when the sun is down,
And I am all alone,
The little windows beckon me,
For they are quite my own,
And seem to love me, everyone,
At each I stand and look,
And read their little stories
Like the chapters of a book.

"The first one fills and thrills me through
With happiness and pain;
The next—I'm drenched with starlight,
And then I'm splashed with rain.
But the other window draws me,
And I smile through rainbowed tears,
For I read a happy ending
Down the Path of Coming Years."
—Barbara Young, in "New York Times."

Prayer Meeting Topic

April 30.

Concern for Benjamin.

(Genesis 44: 18-34.)

Horace Kingsbury.

This topic was chosen with a view to arousing persons of an older growth to greater concern for the spiritual well-being of the young.

The story of Joseph never loses its charm. It has been told and retold through the centuries, and will continue to be told while time endures.

It will be recalled that Joseph's brothers suggested putting him to death, as a sure way of preventing any possible fulfilment of his dreams. Reuben, however, proposed that he should be cast into a pit; and Judah recommended that he should be sold to the Ishmaelites. "Let not our hand be upon him," said Judah, "for he is our brother and our flesh." And his brethren were content.

Then came the period of service in Potiphar's house, the prison experience, the interpretation of Pharaoh's dream, the exaltation to administrative office, the food-conservation scheme, the sore famine, the visit of his ten brethren in search of food, and the request, "Bring your youngest brother unto me."

Simeon was left in Egypt as a hostage, and the brethren returned with heavy hearts to their father in Canaan. "My son shall not go down with you," he said, "for his brother is dead, and he is left alone; if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave."

Sheer necessity, however, compelled Jacob's reluctant consent, and Benjamin accompanied his brethren to Egypt.

The meeting with Benjamin moved Joseph deeply, and he concealed his emotion with difficulty. In extending hospitality to his brethren, who were still unaware of his identity, he treated Benjamin most generously, but he caused suspicion to rest upon him afterwards by ordering that his own silver cup should be placed in Benjamin's sack.

When the loss of the cup was reported, the brethren were so sure they were not involved that they expressed willingness for the death of any one of their own company whose guilt might be established. Upon search being made, to their utter amazement the cup was discovered in Benjamin's sack. "Then they rent their clothes, and laden every man his ass, and returned to the city." Great was their distress when Joseph decreed that Benjamin must remain in Egypt and become his servant.

For his brother's sake, for his own sake, and most of all for his old father's sake, whose life was bound up in the lad's life, Judah made a strong and pathetic plea for Benjamin's release. If they should return without Benjamin, he feared their father would die of a broken heart. He dare not face his father without his brother, and would willingly go into servitude himself, if only Benjamin could be restored to Jacob's heart and home. "For how shall I go up to my father," he cried, "and the lad be not with me?"

You see I have been carried on by this moving story till my space is gone, but it is not without its lesson for me. Somewhere I have heard:

"Heaven's gates are closed
To him who comes alone.
Thou must save another's soul
If thou would'st save thine own."

Suggested Hymns—Sankey's Collection.

1079—Jesus Saves!
757—Bringing in the Sheaves!
814—Rescue the Perishing!
350—I am Praying for You.

Foreign Missions.

Conducted by G. T. WALDEN, M.A.

F.M. Annual Offering.
Lord's Day,
July 6.

Notes from the Federal Secretary.

Bro. Au Kwong Hon, after eight months in Melbourne, and among the Chinese in Sydney, will spend four Sundays in Adelaide, and then journey to the West for some months, to labor among the Chinese there. Bro. Hon's work is spoken of in the highest terms wherever he has labored, and our Chinese brethren in Adelaide and Perth are looking anxiously for his arrival.

The Foreign Mission Committee appeals to our brotherhood for financial help, as the demands are so great that our treasury is empty. We have several young people at the College who finish this year, and are ready to go out into the whited harvest field. Who will help us to send them?

Bro. McKie is now at Pentecost, New Hebrides, where a new church building, capable of holding three hundred people, has recently been erected by the native Christians.

Our seven China missionaries are now in Hueilichow, where work is in full swing. They have a boys' school, girls' school, and daily dispensary. They have been received with great courtesy by the inhabitants. Like the Jerusalem church they are in favor with the people. All are in splendid health. Bro. Waterman, who had to remain at Yunnanfu for medical treatment, has entirely recovered.

Two notable books about our American Missionary Societies have just been published. The Life of Archibald McLean is one of the greatest books of our missionary enterprises that has been published. It is beautifully written. It is as fascinating as any book that I have read for years. Many of our members will recall the visit of Bro. McLean to Australia many years ago. Though he loved men, women and children, and thousands of them loved him, he never married. He was married to the Foreign Mission work, and he loved his work and his Lord with a great passion. The Austral Publishing Company will be glad to order this book from America, for any who desire it, and we hope that thousands will get it. Someone asked La Fayette what was the best way of teaching patriotism to the American people. He replied, "Teach them when young the name of George Washington"; and one may as fittingly say, "If you want to get additional inspiration for Foreign Mission work, know something of the life and labors of Archibald McLean."

The second book is, "The Christian and His Money Problems," by Bert Wilson. Bro. Wilson was one of our American Foreign Mission Secretaries. I met him in India in 1920. Of that visit he wrote a book, "The Land of Salaam," in which he tells something of the work of our beloved Mary Thompson. Bro. Wilson is now President of Eureka College, Illinois. Every Christian has his money problems, and this book answers a great many questions that perplex the Christian. It is a book that can be made a text book in a class, as at the end of each chapter there are questions suggested for discussion. Some men find it difficult to wisely give money. Some men find it difficult to wisely give money. One of our rich brethren said on one occasion to a friend, "I have no difficulty in making money. My difficulty lies in wisely distributing it." This book of Bro. Wilson's will help the man with many pounds, but it will also help the man with a few pounds to give intelligently and wisely. Our work in Federal Bible Schools and Temperance is making a great demand upon our pockets, and sometimes perplexes one as to why should I give? Bro. Wilson's book will help us answer these questions.

Send your orders for these books to the Austral Publishing Company.

A Trip to Jalgaon Supe.

I was allowed the privilege to go to an out village and see the patients, so I took the advantage of it and decided to go the first time to a new village, where no one had given any medicine to those people except our mission dispensary.

I was very much in doubt as to whether those people would accept our medicine, and the message which we intended to give them. When I was first called to that village, a man sent for me to see his son who was ill with typhoid fever. It was rather difficult to treat such a case at home, but I tried and took the opportunity to treat the boy. Careful nursing was ordered, so the relatives followed the orders and the boy recovered after twenty-two days.

While I was in the village for that day those people gave me meals with them in their own vessels, and showed me much hospitality. The man with whom I took meals was quite opposed to Christian people at that time, but now he himself says, "Christianity is a good religion, and the people of that religion are more kind-hearted than people of other religions."

After fifteen days I was called to visit another case in the same village. I went without hesita-



G. H. Oldfield, M.B., B.S.

tion and saw the case; this boy was sick with pneumonia. I treated the case, and by the grace of God the patient recovered within fourteen days.

Treating those two cases caused the village people to have faith in this mission dispensary. Therefore we thought it would be very good if we visited that village on our first trip to out villages with medical help and the gospel message. Mr. B. Patole (a preacher of this mission) and I went on January 8, 1924, with medicine and with the message of Jesus of Nazareth. This village, Jalgaon, is 10 miles from Baramati to the north-west. We had no vehicle to go to out villages in, so we had to hire a tanga from Baramati.

We arrived there at 9.30 a.m. At first we took a stand in the Chawdi (public place), then I went to every house and saw many patients in the houses.

Many people of the village are suffering from malaria, which is due to mosquitoes which grow in dirty water—the people drink that water. I examined thirty-five patients, and out of those only seventeen cases were treated with our medicine; others have no faith in medicine, but they worship their gods for healing (gods which are made of stone). Some other people were induced to take medicine. They ask me to visit them once a week, but to go to a distant village every week would cost more than we are able to spend for such a purpose.

The people were very eager to hear the message along with the medical advice, so the preacher preached six times to 56 people with different parables, and they liked the message. Twenty-six tracts were given free, and three

There are many distant villages where the

gospel is not preached nor medical help given to the people, therefore, I am trying to go to such villages in company with a preacher, and we want to help the people to know more and more of Jesus of Nazareth, our Saviour, Lord and Master.

It is not a difficult task when one is anxious to preach the gospel, but we have to wait patiently and the fruit will come in time.

The Foreign Mission Board in Australia sends help to this mission field; we are very thankful to the people in Australia for sacrificing to render such help for the extension of the kingdom of God.

We know you have done much by sending money and equipment, and we hope that God will allow you to send more help to continue this work which is quite necessary at present in this area.

We request you to pray for us in your midst; prayer is more necessary than other things; by prayer so many things are carried on in the world, and therefore we wish you to pray for us in this present situation.

May God bring us nearer and nearer by his grace and through service to him.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely in his service,
K. L. Kolhatkar.

State Foreign Mission Secretaries.

Please send offerings to the following:—
Victoria—J. E. Allan, 51 Watts-st., Box Hill.
N.S.W.—J. Clydesdale, 9 Grand-par., Brighton-le Sands.

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W.A.—W. Clay, 9 Chester-st., Subiaco.
Qld.—H. W. Hermann, Francis-st., Eagle Junction, Brisbane.

Tas.—J. Foot, jr., 14 Balfour Pl., Launceston.
Federal Secretary.—G. T. Walden, M.A., 74 Edmund-av., Unley, S.A.

COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 20.—Swanston-st. Church, Easter Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock. The choir, assisted by leading artists, will render "The Daughter of Jairus" (Stainer). Conductor, Mr. Ernest Tippet. Organist, Mr. C. H. Mitchell. Pianist, Mr. Harold Barrett.

April 17 to 22.—Victorian Conference. Thurs. 17th, 3 p.m., Preacher's Session; Lygon-st. 7.45 p.m., Reception to Delegates and Welcome to Visitors by Exec. of Conference, and the Presidential Address, Lygon-st. Fri. 18th, 9.45 a.m., General Conference, Lygon-st.; 2 p.m., Home Mission and Christian Endeavor Session, Masonic Hall, Collins-st.; 7.15 p.m., Home Mission Demonstration, Masonic Hall, Collins-st. Sat. 19th, 9.45 a.m., Bible General Conference, Lygon-st.; 2 p.m., School and Foreign Mission Sessions, Lygon-st.; 7.30 p.m., Foreign Mission Demonstration, Masonic Hall, Collins-st. Sun. 20th, 2.45 p.m., Conference Sermon, Auditorium, Collins-st. Mon. 21st, All Day, Picnic, Royal Park Cricket Ground. Park-st., Brunswick; 7.30 p.m., C.E. Demonstration, Masonic Hall, Collins-st. Tues. 22nd, 3 p.m., College of the Bible Old Boys' Club, Swanston-st. Lecture Hall; 7.30 p.m., Bible Schools' and Young People's Demonstration, Masonic Hall, Collins-st. APRIL 27, MAY 4 & 6.—Brunswick, Glenlyon Rd., opp. Bruce St. S.S. anniversary services. Tuesday night, May 6, children's demonstration. Admission, silver coin. Bright singing under leadership of Mr. R. Lydiard.

ADDRESSES.

T. C. Dawson (secretary Geelong church).—19 Elizabeth St., Newtown, Geelong, Vic.
E. Snooks (secretary Ulverstone church).—Ulverstone, Tasmania.
T. F. Stubbin (secretary Boonah church).—Boonah, Qld.

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Bible school offering: May 4.

We acknowledge with thanks the help of Mr. W. B. Blakemore, Victoria, Bible schools organiser, in collecting and preparing matter for this special Bible school issue.

On Monday we received the following telegram concerning the mission at Invermay, Launceston, Tas.:—"Great interest: seven hundred present Sunday night; thirty-six confessions first fortnight.—Clements."

Boonah C.E. Society, Qld., gave a moonlight picnic on Mar. 19, when a happy time was spent and the ladies' hostel will benefit to the extent of about £3. One of the most promising fields in Queensland is awaiting a preacher to come and reap a big harvest.

Bro. H. G. Harward, President of our Federal Conference, was called over to Melbourne on Monday of this week to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Ferries, of Flemington. The sympathy of the churches will be extended to our esteemed brother in his bereavement.

Our readers will note with pleasure that Hon. Wm. Morrow, M.L.C., has been returned as a representative of the Northern District of South Australia. For a long time now he has had the confidence and support of the people of Port Pirie and district. We congratulate our brother on his success.

Collingwood mission, Vic., conducted by Bren. Ball and Searle, continued successfully until the gale on Saturday night damaged the aged tent so much as to necessitate services being held in the chapel. Nevertheless the fine enthusiasm has not been lost, for at a splendid meeting on Sunday night five decisions for Christ brought the total public responses up to fourteen. The campaign closes on Tuesday, 15th inst.

General S. Price Weir has resigned from the position of president of the Y.M.C.A. in Adelaide after five years' splendid service. He is at present president of the O.B.I., which office he has held for five years. Both of these offices demanded a great deal of time and consecrated judgment in the changing times following the war, and we are glad that the brotherhood was able to provide a brother for such services for the men and boys of the city. Bro. Weir is vice-president of our S.A. Conference.

We are pleased to note that, at the conferring of degrees at Melbourne University on Saturday last, the following were amongst the recipients: L. A. Anderson, M.A. (in absentia), W. Tippet, B.A., Dip. Ed.; G. H. Oldfield, M.B., B.S. We heartily congratulate these brethren upon their success. Bro. Oldfield is the second of our missionary students to gain his medical degree. The newspapers have been making much of the fact that only 67 of the 171 candidates who sat for the final examination of the medical school obtained a clear pass.

Bro. Au Quong Hon, Chinese evangelist of Australia, arrived in Adelaide on Tuesday, April 8 (from Melbourne). He will conduct a month's mission amongst the Chinese of that city. In the evening he was tendered a welcome social in the Grote St. Church of Christ lecture hall. J. Warren presided over the large gathering, and spoke words of welcome on behalf of the Federal Foreign Mission Committee, supported by F. C. Rankine for Grote St. church, and Daniel Num for Chinese of Adelaide. Bro. Hon suitably responded. A most enjoyable programme was submitted, followed by supper.

After a residence of fifteen years in Australia, Bro. W. B. Blakemore, B.A., has arranged to pay a visit to his native land. Bro. and Sister Blakemore came from U.S.A. to Perth; after years of happy and successful work there, they came to

Victoria, in which State Bro. Blakemore has served first as preacher of Swanston St. church, and more recently as organiser for our Bible Schools' and Young People's Department. The Committee of this Department has granted our brother leave of absence, and he intends to sail about May 7. We join with his many friends in wishing him a happy voyage, a pleasant stay in America, and a safe return to his family and friends in Australia. Bro. Wm. Gale will have the oversight of the Department during Bro. Blakemore's absence, the Moreland church having kindly given consent to this arrangement.

The "Sunday School World" tells the story of a carpenter who, many years ago, found a group of four boys "ganging" around a barn on which he was working. He persuaded them to become his Sunday school class. For five years the class held together under the carpenter-teacher. So fond of their teacher did these lads become that they kept up a custom through the years of sending

*"I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day,
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded at my will.*

*"I came again when days were past,
The bit of clay was hard at last;
The form I gave it still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.*

*"I took a piece of living clay,
And gently formed it day by day,
And molded with my power and art
A young child's soft and yielding heart.*

*"I came again when days were gone,
It was a man I looked upon;
He still that early impress bore,
And I could change it nevermore."*

their teacher a birthday letter. The last letters received came from Earl Conway, missionary to Central Africa; D. R. Crissinger, Comptroller of the United States Currency; Geo. J. Christian, President Harding's private secretary; and, last of all, Warren G. Harding, the lamented President. What an investment that humble carpenter made!

Less than four weeks ago, when Bren. P. R. Baker and Les. Brooker commenced the tent mission at Chelsea, Vic., there was no Church of Christ, and very few of our own scattered members knew each other. Last Lord's day between 30 and 40 members broke bread, and over 40 children and teachers were in the three weeks' old Bible school, with new children coming each Sunday. Bren. Jackel and Graham have been kept busy with visitation work. Twenty confessions have been made to date in the tent. A great meeting was held on Sunday night, when P. R. Baker replied to charges made by the Anglican minister. This will certainly be productive of much good, especially regarding the baptismal question. The support of all who can be present at the meetings will be greatly appreciated.

Our Maylands (W.A.) correspondent writes: "The church much appreciated a visit from Sister Vera Blake on her way back to India. Her talk has largely increased the interest in Foreign Missions. Although only occupying seventh place in numerically, yet this church holds third place in the Foreign Mission contributions: £62 5/2 for the year. We are fourth in the aggregate, £272, and year. We are fourth in the attendance of members we hold first place in the breaking of bread, 73 per cent. Our evangelist frequently urges this as one of the tests of

true membership. We have had 21 decisions for the year. On last Sunday evening, we also had the joy of seeing two more added by obedience. One restoration and one confession. Open-air work and increased Bible class attendance are being entered upon with every promise of success."

Members of Melbourne and suburban churches and all Conference visitors are urged to throng the Auditorium on Sunday afternoon for the Conference Sermon. The great building should be crowded from floor to top gallery. Bro. H. A. G. Clark is to be the preacher. It will be a great service.

Bro. G. E. Burns writes from Queensland:—"About two years ago I was led to make a re-dedication of my body, soul and spirit to the Lord Jesus. Following that re-dedication I accepted by faith the truth that my body had now become the temple of the Holy Spirit." After this, believing that the Spirit would perfect his temple, our correspondent says that he received bodily benefit. He had suffered with his eyes for many years—astigmatism, inflamed eyelids and sensitive conjunctiva—and more recently was afflicted with hay fever with its distressing accompaniment of violent uncontrollable sneezing. All these ills are declared to have been removed. Bro. Burns closes: "Christ Jesus by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit has wrought a miracle in my body, and it is the heritage of every child of God to claim similar blessings through faith in his dear name."

Bro. Shipway writes as follows:—"In 'China's Millions' of April 1, I notice two reports that are interesting to members of the Churches of Christ. The first is the escape of Miss Sharp and her companion Miss Darroch from Chinese brigands. Miss Sharp is one of our Western Australian sisters working under the auspices of the China Inland Mission, and she gives a wonderful account of the rescue. She says, 'On the arrival of the soldiers I was dragged down the steep mountain side, sometimes by the hands, and sometimes by the feet. I fell exhausted and the brigand then left me, and for shelter I crept into a cleft of a rock, upon which the soldiers stood to fire after the fleeing bandits.' Miss Darroch, her companion, suffered in much the same way, but Miss Sharp continues, 'When the news of our deliverance came a conference was being held at Chow-kia-kow. As one of these meetings was in progress the pastor hastened into the pulpit and hastily announced, 'Venerable mothers and sisters, brethren and sisters, cease from crying and praise the Lord, for he has already heard your prayers and delivered the captives.' We are thankful that we have our health and reason after what we have seen and endured.' Some conception of the strength of China's brigands can be realised when Miss Sharp tells us that this particular company numbered about three thousand. The second report is of the capture and execution of the brigand Pu, the man who captured Dr. Taylor. Mr. Parker, Mr. Gowman and Dr. Shelton. The report says: 'Pu has been the direct cause of the death of hundreds by torture and all sorts of frightful means, and was until a few days ago the possessor of millions of dollars extorted and robbed.' Pu was trapped in one of his city houses, where the soldiers quickly effected his capture, and execution followed almost immediately. He who had overthrown the servants of God hath at last himself been overthrown."

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SUNDAY.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child.—1 Cor. 13: 11.
"To be a man too soon is to be a small man."—Ruskin.

Reading.—1 Corinthians 13: 9-13.

MONDAY.

Even a child maketh himself known by his doings.—Proverbs 20: 11.

"Boys, if you are going to be Christians, be Christians as boys, and not as your grandmothers. A grandmother has to be a Christian as a grandmother, and that is the right and beautiful thing for her; but if you can not read your Bible by the hour, as your grandmother can, or delight in meetings as she can, don't think you are necessarily a bad boy. When you are your grandmother's age you will have your grandmother's kind of religion. Meantime, be a Christian as a boy. Live a boy's life. Do the straight thing; seek the kingdom of righteousness and honor and truth. Keep the pace with the boys about you, and be filled with the joy of being a loyal and simple and natural and boy-like servant of Christ."—Henry Drummond.

Reading.—Proverbs 22: 1-6.

TUESDAY.

Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth.—Ecclesiastes 12: 1.

"I will save us from a thousand snares. To mind religion young."—Dr. Watts.

Reading.—Ecclesiastes 12: 1-7.

WEDNESDAY.

And the child grew, and waxed strong, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.—Luke 2: 40.

"The boy that by addition grows,
And suffers no subtraction,
Who multiplies the thing he knows,
And carries every fraction;
Who will divide his precious time,
The due proportion giving,
To sure success aloft will climb,
Interest compound receiving."—Palmer.

Reading.—Luke 2: 40-52.

THURSDAY.

My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother.—Proverbs 1: 8.

"If I were hanged on the highest hill,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
I know whose love would follow me still,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
I know whose tears would come down to me,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!"

Reading.—Proverbs 1: 7-15.

FRIDAY.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right.—Ephesians 6: 1.

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Reading.—Ephesians 6: 1-9.

SATURDAY.

I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the evil one.—1 John 2: 14.

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Reading.—1 John 2: 14-17.

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Attitude of Jews to Jesus.

Particularly since the war—but doubtless there had been preparations even before it—two great things have come about. The Gentile world and the Gentile press are talking continually of Palestine and the Jews, and, generally speaking, in not a very flattering sense. Whilst that is going on among the Gentiles, the Jews as a people, as never before in their history, are talking of the Lord Jesus, and in a flattering sense. There are leading Jews, for instance, Claude Montefiore in London, who are deliberately telling the Jewish nation that what they have heard from their infancy concerning Christ is a lot of lies. They are telling them that all that is contained in the Talmud is based upon a tissue of lies, that there is not the slightest truth in it, and that therefore they must put it aside. Claude Montefiore is bringing out a book, and a notice in advance has appeared in one of the Jewish weeklies to say that he insists that a Jew will not find his true life unless he takes some of the teachings of the New Testament.

The result is that this change having come in the Jewish world, it has placed a weapon in our hands to help us, particularly in the open air work. The Jews who live in London may not come into the mission halls, but, thank God, they do stand around in the open air and give their attention! Only ten years ago I was walking past the open air meeting and sneered, but Jews to-day, like myself, are listening, and we have a wonderful opportunity of starting with Christ. We can say to them now that the leading intellectual Jews are on our side concerning the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. They insist that he was the greatest prophet that ever lived. We start there, and then we carry on: "If that is true, then a prophet brings God's message. Christ spoke God's words, and a prophet does not tell lies; therefore he must be what he said he was, and he is more than a prophet." We start right there, and we have tested it already, and God's blessing is upon it. We go right ahead, and begin with that challenge, "What think ye of Christ?"

Incidentally, as witnesses, we tell them what we think about him, and what we have discovered in him.—Herman Newmark in "The Scattered Nation."

S.A. Sisters' Auxiliary.

The meeting of the South Australian Sisters' Auxiliary held on April 3 took the form of a Home Mission rally, and was presided over by Miss Garland.

After opening exercises, the secretary read minutes of previous meeting which were confirmed. Thirty-eight delegates responded to the roll call. Mrs. Fischer welcomed Mrs. Lagan, from N.S.W., to the meeting. Mesdames Matthews and Hardy each rendered a solo.

Mrs. Garland read some Home Mission notes, furnished by Bro. H. J. Horsell, showing the progress the H.M. churches were making and emphasising the need of funds in order to establish churches in isolated districts. After this a collection was taken up, which realised the sum of £3/12/3½. Bro. Raymond, of Gawler, aroused our interest in Home Missions by a stirring address in which he gave items of his own experience in pioneering work. He referred to the many promising fields still without a preacher. Miss Garland thanked Bro. Raymond for his address, and the meeting closed with the benediction. Mrs. Mauger was appointed to lead next devotional session.—V. B. Thompson.

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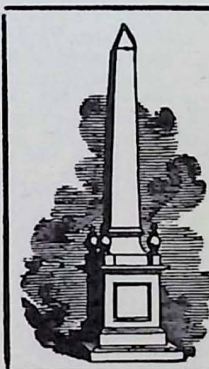
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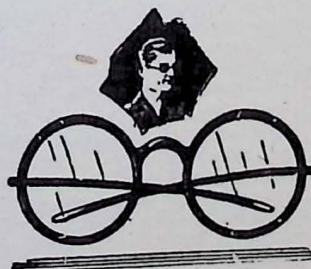
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News of the Churches.

New Zealand.

Palmerston North reports that record meetings are being maintained at gospel services. Additions almost every Sunday to Bible school. Mid-week prayer service is a time of great spiritual blessing. Mr. Rodger has commenced a special study of "Training for Personal Evangelism" in anticipation of a protracted mission later. The church's sympathy goes out to Sister Pudy in her sad bereavement. Sister Martin's work in girls' club is greatly appreciated.

Tasmania.

At the recent business meeting of the church at Ulverstone, Bro. E. Snooks was appointed secretary, and Bro. Barnes treasurer. A fine spirit prevailed. By special offering all debts with the exception of that on the building were cleared, and a small balance left in hand. Regular meetings are solidifying, and members are rallying well around Bro. Brown in his work. April 6 was observed as harvest Sunday, and a fine array of produce graced a tastefully decorated building. Two confessions at the gospel meeting crowned a glorious day. Monday evening at the harvest social opportunity was taken to farewell Sister C. Haydon on her departure to the mainland. Bro. Brown, supported by Bren. E. Snooks and H. Clarke, spoke of the sister's work and handed her a token of remembrance from her friends.

Western Australia.

Splendid attendances all day at Lake St. on April 6. Bro. Clay addressed the church in the morning. At the school session Miss Blake gave a most interesting talk to school and friends. At night Bro. Hagger preached to a large congregation. There was a baptism at the close of the service.

The church at Bassendean held a teaching campaign from Mar. 23 to April 6, when instructive addresses were delivered by Bren. Luerft, Hibbert, Stirling, Youens (once each), and Hagger (four nights), on the "Plea of the Church of Christ." Fair meetings have been the rule during week nights and a full house each Sunday night, when Bro. Cameron continued on the same theme. One addition has been the result, and the younger members of the church have been built up in the faith. The lady who confessed Christ was immersed on April 6.

Queensland.

At Charters Towers a young lady confessed Christ on Mar. 30, and another on April 6. Bro. Coward preaching. These two, who are both from the Bible school, were baptised on April 6. The school is growing in interest and numbers.

At Ma Ma Creek there have been five additions as a result of Bro. Fisher's visit. Some time ago the committee decided to draw up a plan for speakers for the Sunday morning services, and each brother appointed is earnestly trying to carry on the work. All were cheered by a visit from Bro. A. J. Green, of N.S.W., on April 9, and his address was much appreciated.

The church at Boonah has been without a regular preacher for months. Meetings are keeping up remarkably well. Bro. Fleming, from Ipswich, and Bro. J. Lohbeiger, from Silverdale, have been present on several Sundays, and their addresses have been appreciated. The Bible school picnic was held on Mar. 17. A social was held at night, when a good programme was well rendered to a crowded house.

Zillmere had a splendid attendance at morning meetings for worship on March 9. Bro. Wendorf delivered a fine address on "A Mother's Love." In the evening Bro. Adermann gave an uplifting address on "The Name of Jesus." Two confessions at Boondall since last report. Young people's class of 30 members formed. Morning meetings good. Gospel meetings splendid: will soon need to enlarge building. Miss Oakley, who is

leaving for England and Scotland, was wished bon voyage at a social gathering. She will represent Q.B.S.U. at the World's Bible School Convention to be held in Glasgow.

At Toowoomba on April 6, the church was encouraged by an exhortation from Bro. S. Draney. Mention was made of the departure of Bro. and Sister Skerman and their daughters, Sisters Alice and Vera (who have removed to Mosman, N.S.W.). The church will greatly miss their fellowship and work. The gospel service was well attended. Bro. A. Coleman delivered the message. Prior to the address, Bro. G. S. Skerman spoke a few words of farewell. On Apr. 5 a number of the brethren and sisters visited the home of Bro. Skerman, and on behalf of the church, Sister Elliott and Bro. Stitt presented gifts to Sister and Bro. Skerman. On Monday, Apr. 7, the officers held their monthly meeting. The progress of the church, financially, is satisfactory.

South Australia.

Splendid interest continues at Maylands, and Bro. Collins spoke at both meetings on April 13. Bro. S. Price Weir, D.S.O., V.D., was received by letter from Norwood church.

Meetings at Tumby Bay are keeping up well. Bro. Reg. Enniss, organiser of the College of the Bible, recently addressed the church. Sunday school scholars are increasing. Mrs. Hammond has kindly presented the kindergarten class with a very nice carpet square for their room. There were two confessions on April 6. Bro. Russell preaching.

Stirling East had a very successful Bible school anniversary on April 6. Meetings well attended. Bro. G. D. Wright, of Adelaide, was the speaker, and the addresses were much appreciated. Harvest thanksgiving services at Aldgate Valley were well attended. One confession at night. Bro. Train speaking. He is able to take up some of the work again after having had to give up all work for a few months.

At Semaphore on April 13, two young women, baptised the previous Wednesday evening, were received into fellowship. On the same date the anniversary services of the Junior and Senior Endeavor Societies were held. Bro. Tease, of Cowandilla, gave a splendid address to a good audience in the afternoon. At the evening service Bro. Rootes preached to a splendid congregation. The singing by the Endeavorers, under the leadership of Miss Bray, and Miss Scanlan at the piano, was greatly enjoyed.

Wallaroo on Tuesday, April 8, had a good Senior C.E. meeting. Mrs. Richardson, the Presbyterian minister's wife, gave an interesting account of the W.C.T.U. Convention in Tasmania. There was a good attendance of young people at the Thursday night prayer meeting. Bro. Hill presided over a delightful service on Sunday morning. At night Bro. E. G. Warren preached on "The Crucifixion of Christ." A young girl made the good confession. Bro. and Sister Trowbridge sang very sweetly. Bro. Trowbridge is having a successful time in his Junior C.E. Society. All departments of the work are healthy.

Nailsworth reports the baptism of two young sisters from the Sunday school who confessed Christ on Sunday, March 23, after hearing a very fine message from Bro. Garnett on "The Hand of the Traitor." Four were welcomed into fellowship on Sunday, April 6, two by faith and baptism, and two by letter of transfer from Prospect. Fair meetings at gospel services. Bro. Garnett has chosen for his subject during the last five weeks, "The Last Days of Christ." The choir is a great help to the evening services, and is much appreciated. Sunday school is growing, and a new room is needed for kindergarten. A working bee met and laid the foundation of the new room on Saturday, April 12. The boys' club is still progressing.

On April 13, Croydon had large attendances at both meetings. In the morning Bro. Paternoster continued his address on the "Sermon on the Mount," and in the evening he spoke in reference to the late sister Miss Doris Hitchens, who called home during the past week after a long illness. The sympathy of the church is extended to the loved ones who mourn. Mr. and Mrs. G. Paternoster, who are over from the West, were present on Apr. 13. Sister Wittney is still laid aside.

At Kadina on April 2 a very successful prayer meeting was held, when 42 were present. At the close a farewell social was tendered to Bro. and Sister G. Crouch and family, at which nearly 50 members at Kadina for about 22 years, and leaving to reside at Enfield, near Adelaide, were present. Very successful and large meetings were held. The speaker for the day was Bro. Paternoster, of Norwood.

At Mile End, April 13 will be counted among its red letter days. Crowded meeting at the Lord's table. One received into fellowship, and in connection with the "Year of Sacrifice" a record offering. One hundred pounds was made the objective for that day, and the church came within a very little of receiving it. At night there was another crowded meeting, and at the close of the gospel address to men seven of them made the good confession. All were delighted to have Bro. Elder Riches present; he has been in hospital under an operation, and is speedily recovering.

Work is progressing favorably at Hindmarsh. Meetings are fairly well attended. Bright gospel services are held on Sunday evenings, and Bro. Paternoster delivers good addresses at all meetings. Evening meeting on April 6 was specially good. On Mar. 24, the annual meeting of the Intermediate C.E. Society was held. A very fine time was spent, about 100 Endeavorers being present. A good report was presented. Bro. Caudle has returned from the Adelaide hospital after having undergone an operation, and is progressing favorably. Sister Hitchens is still laid aside with sickness.

At Unley, while the preacher was on holiday, Bren. H. J. Horsell and G. T. Walden proclaimed the gospel to large audiences. The Sunday school anniversary services held on March 30 and April 1 were a decided success. Bro. Walden spoke at "The Mother Church" at the morning service, and J. W. Cosh, supt., presided. Jas. E. Webb conducted a brief teachers' recognition service, and broke bread. In the afternoon the school, assisted by the orchestra, acceptably rendered the service of song, "The Angel at the Door," under the leadership of Bro. F. A. Messent. Bro. W. Brooker was the speaker at the evening service, and was greatly appreciated. A splendid programme was given by the scholars before a crowded building on the Tuesday night. Meetings are still on the upgrade, and during March the average number observing the Lord's Supper was 206. Last Lord's day morning Bro. G. McKinnon of Cottonville, gave a splendid address to a large congregation. On Wednesday evening, April 10, the church tendered to Bro. and Sister Webb a complimentary social. Bro. Cosh expressed the church's gratitude and congratulations for the work of the past year, and promised co-operation in the work for the year to come.

Victoria.

Good meetings at Swanston Street last Lord's day. Bro. J. W. Baker gave a very fine exhortation in the morning. Bro. Shipway's sermon in the evening was much appreciated. Bro. and Sister P. A. Dickson were present at this meeting.

At Moreland on April 13, Bro. H. Swain gave a fine exhortation in the morning. Three young ladies were received into fellowship by faith and obedience. At night Bro. Wm. Gale to a house spoke on "The Authority of Jesus."

The work at Prahran continues satisfactory. On Mar. 30, Bro. Colin Hinrichsen gave the good exhortation. In the evening Bro. McCallum preached. One young lady made the good confession. She was baptised the following Wednesday. On April 6 there were good meetings in the morning and evening.

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One confession at Ballarat East on Sunday last. Since last report Bro. Davies, of Gardiner, has been received into membership at Croydon. Bro. Black has accepted engagement as preacher.

At Cheltenham on Sunday at all the services direct reference was made to the Easter season. Bro. Pittman gave a fine message at each meeting. At St. Arnaud the aged Bro. Petersen, after a prolonged illness, has been promoted to higher service. Miss Millie Doyle, who made the good confession, was baptised last Lord's day. Bro. George Hughes has been giving helpful addresses.

East Kew morning meeting was addressed by Bro. C. Hinrichsen, and at the evening service Bro. A. Baker spoke on "The Wings of God" to a fair gathering. Last Wednesday evening a fine programme was given by the scholars and teachers of the Sunday school. The prizes were distributed by the superintendent.

At Hampton on April 10 a very nice church social was held in honor of Sister Mrs. Allen, who with her family has returned to Surrey Hills to live. Speeches of appreciation were given, musical items were rendered, and a presentation was made. Good meetings on Sunday. After the gospel address by R. T. Pittman, a girl from the Bible school made the confession.

Hawthorn Bible school anniversary services were continued on Sunday with much success. The speakers were Bren. H. Kingsbury, F. T. Saunders, and T. H. Scambler. Bro. Philip Rees presided at the morning meeting. The Ladies' Guild provided meals, and happy fellowship was enjoyed. The church was delighted to receive a visit from Bro. and Sister P. A. Dickson. Bro. Dickson congratulated the church on the success achieved.

At Oakleigh a social was held to give members an opportunity of expressing their appreciation of Bro. P. Boak (deacon and treasurer for some years), and bidding him au revoir, previous to his leaving for a trip to the motherland. Bro. Brooke presented him with a shaving mirror on behalf of members. Bren. Walters, Brooke and Saunders have edified members at worship. Interest in the gospel addresses of Bro. Brooke is maintained and prospects are bright.

The harvest thanksgiving meetings at Shepparton on Mar. 30 were well attended. Bro. Stewart's addresses were good and appropriate. Special contributions were taken for purpose of squaring up the deficit to the H.M. Committee, and to was raised, thus almost realising the aim. Preparations are being made for forthcoming mission, and cottage prayer meetings are being conducted in various homes. A party went out to Bro. Paul's home at Lemnos on Friday, 4th inst.; a very bright and helpful service was enjoyed.

Good meetings all day on April 13 at Box Hill. At morning service Bro. L. C. McCallum, of Prahran, helped much by his exhortation. Feeling reference was made to the home-call of Sister Mrs. Sinclair Moar (formerly of Kaniva), who passed away on 10th after two years or more of patient suffering. Prior to his address, Bro. McCallum expressed his appreciation of being able to add his personal tribute to the worth of Sister Moar, having had long acquaintance with her and her husband. The church's deepest sympathy is extended to Bro. Moar and the family of five young children.

Good meetings at Lygon St. on Sunday last. In the morning Dr. Oldfield gave the church an instructive and helpful message. At night the choir delighted the audience with a splendid rendering of "Penitence, Pardon, and Peace." Miss Edna Bagley and Mr. Nat. Haddow were the soloists. A. T. Eaton preached on "The Cross of Christ." He received a very attentive hearing conferred upon him last week. Miss Elsie Preston and Norman James were the winners in the C.E. prize in the essay competition. They each receive a gold medal. Thelma McCance gained third place in the essay competition. The church congratulates these brethren and sisters. The church extends sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Cameron in the loss of her husband, and to the family in the loss of their father, Mr. Donald Cameron, who

passed away last week. On Wednesday last, Mr. Henry Westcott and Miss Rosie Dyson were united in marriage. On Saturday Mr. Leon Scott Hunter and Miss Madeline Florence Haddow were united in marriage. Mr. A. T. Eaton officiated at both services.

At Surrey Hills the meetings have generally improved. The church enjoyed happy times during Bro. Eaton's short stay. Bro. H. A. G. Clarke has commenced his ministry, and was tendered a welcome social, which was very well attended. K.S.P. meetings show great promise, and the tennis club is in a healthy condition. A harvest thanksgiving service was held on April 6, and was followed by a social evening, when the gifts were sold, the proceeds going to the General Dorcas Committee. The Sunday school has unfortunately lost the services of several teachers recently, including the Misses Hall by removal from the district.

Ballarat (Dawson St.) had a day of fine services on Sunday. Attendance at the breaking of bread was large. In the evening, a special musical service on "The Crucifixion" was held. The choir, under Miss M. Jolly, rendered the "Story of the Cross" effectively. Miss Connor sang "He was Despised" and Mr. Baker "The Man of Sorrows." These with scripture readings, and a message from Bro. Connor on "It is Finished," made a deep impression on a large congregation. Bro. Wilkie at York St., and Bro. Tucker at Mount Clear, preached the gospel. Sister Powell leaves for Camberwell, and Bro. and Sister Grindlay for Geelong, where they will live.

Meetings continue to be well attended at Gardenvale. Services have been held during the week for the deepening of spiritual life. On Friday, April 11, five who made the good confession were baptised, making sixteen additions to the church since March 9. On Monday, April 14, a farewell social was given to Bro. Mercer, who is leaving to continue the work at Black Rock. Bro. R. Morris presided over a large gathering who had come to show their appreciation of Bro. Mercer's services. At the conclusion of the social, Bro. Mercer was presented with a beautifully bound Scofield Bible as a token of love and esteem from the members and friends.

New South Wales.

Meetings at Merewether are still progressing. The members are greatly uplifted by the various addresses given by the brethren at both morning and evening services. The Sunday school is making good progress. The school recently held its annual picnic when an enjoyable time was spent.

On Mar. 30 Bro. J. Elliott addressed Taree church in the morning. At the close of the evening service one young man made the good confession, Bro. Crossman preaching. On Tuesday, April 2, three young men (two from the church at Wingham) were baptised. Last Lord's day Bro. Crossman was the speaker morning and evening.

April 13 was the occasion of the "Back to the City Temple Services" at Sydney City church. Capacity meetings were the rule all day, representatives of almost every suburban and country church being present. Special speakers and special music made the meetings most enjoyable. We hope to give an extended notice next week. The Sydney church was established in 1851.

At City Temple, Lismore, on April 6, Bro. Alan Brown exhorted at the morning meeting. At night Bro. P. J. Pond preached on "Enter at the Strait Gate," and two young ladies, and a married sister made the good confession. Since the opening of the new church edifice last year, baptisms average more than one per week. The Phi Beta officers were installed last week, with Sisters Pond and Jordan as chaplains, and Miss O. Price as Alpha.

On April 12, Rockdale Junior Endeavorers enjoyed their annual picnic at Cronulla. On Sunday, April 13, the society passed their previous day, April 13, the society being present. At attendance record, 35 juniors being present. At the morning meeting all were pleased to have the fellowship again with Sister Mrs. McIntyre, who has been ill for some weeks. Bro. Whelan gave a splendid spiritual talk, at night Bro. Clydesdale gave an instructive address. Attendances at all services are still improving.

At Marrickville last Lord's day Bro. Crisp gave a fine address on the "Godhead," at the close of which a man took his stand for Christ. The subject is the first of a series of special subjects to be dealt with by Bro. Crisp. Attendances at meetings are good. The review of past year at recent annual business meeting discloses satisfactory position. Prospects for future are bright. The following were elected to the diaconate: Bren. Francis, Grierson, Harris, Hunt, Lewis, Maxwell, F. Morris, H. Morris, Taylor and Webber.

At Chatswood on April 13, Bro. J. Clydesdale addressed the church. Several visitors were present, and the two young sisters and brother who put on Christ the previous Sunday were received into fellowship by Bro. R. Verco. In the evening a great young people's service was held with a young people's choir, and junior quartette; soloist, Miss Blanch Hall. Bro. J. Whelan gave a very powerful address on "The Glory of his Face," after which four young girls from the Bible school and one man confessed the Master before a fine congregation.

DEATH.

ROMERIL.—On April 6 (suddenly), Christina Elizabeth (Tot), the beloved wife of George L. Romeril, loving mother of George, Alice, Harold, Louis and Lennie. Loved eldest daughter of James and Emerald Legg, of Macclesfield, and loving sister of James, Emerald, Walter, Percy, George (deceased), Herbert, Irene, Annie and Edith. "Some time we'll understand."

IN MEMORIAM.

HARDING.—In affectionate memory of our dear mother and grandma, Marion Harding, who fell asleep in Jesus at Inverell, N.S.W., on April 8, 1923.

We are thinking of you to-day, dear mother,
Thinking of the happy past,
Picturing you in memory,
Just as we saw you last.
But in that bright, celestial city,
Where no tears bedim the eyes,
In our Father's house of many mansions,
We shall meet, dear mother, by-and-bye.
—Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law,
Louie and Geo. Skaines, and grandchildren,
George, Melva and Cedric (Queensland).

ORGAN.—A loving tribute to the memory of our dear son and brother (Bert.), killed at Vaux on April 15, 1917. "Underneath are the everlasting arms."

—Mother.
PATTERSON.—In loving remembrance of our dear wife and mother, who passed away at Wasleys, late of Williamstown, S.A., on April 7, 1919.

Oh, call it not death—it is life begun,
For the waters are passed, the home is won;
The ransomed spirit hath reached the shore
Where they weep and suffer and sin no more.
She is safe in her Father's house above,
In the place prepared by her Saviour's love,
To depart from a world of sin and strife,
And to be with Jesus, yes, this is life.
—Inserted by her loving husband, daughter and son-in-law, Gertrude and Walter.

PICKRELL.—In loving remembrance of Bro. William Pickrell, for many years an officer of the Hornsby church, who through a long life faithfully served his Master, then bade farewell to time and welcome to eternity on April 21, 1923.

—Inserted by the church at Hornsby, N.S.W.

STICKLAND.—In loving memory of Joseph Stickland, who passed away April 18, 1917. Time passes, shadows fall, Love and remembrance outlasts all.
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OBITUARY.

AIRD.—One of the isolated members of the Prospect church passed to her reward recently in the person of Sister Mrs. Aird, daughter of our esteemed Bro. Wright, senr. Our sister had been a patient sufferer for quite a time, but bore her suffering with Christian fortitude. Our sister had been a member of the Church of Christ for 43 years, and had always been a faithful and consistent Christian. The loving sympathy of the church is expressed to the loved ones who mourn her loss, and our prayer is that guidance and blessing be given for such a time as this may be graciously given by our loving heavenly Father.—W.B., Prospect, S.A.

DRANEY.—At the ripe age of 89 years, Bro. Henry Draney, late of Toowoomba, passed away on Saturday, March 29, at the home of his son, Mr. Richard Draney, of Toowong Post Office. Our brother was born in England, and arrived in Australia some 62 years ago by the sailing vessel "Young Australia." As a young man, our late brother enlisted in the 11th Hussars, and served with his regiment in the Crimea, participating in the memorable siege of Sebastopol. On arrival in Australia, he settled in Toowoomba, where he lived for the major part of his life. It was while in Toowoomba, during the ministry of the late Stephen Cheek, that he united with the church. For nearly forty years he was an active member of the church, serving as a deacon until the natural infirmity of old age necessitated his withdrawal. Until the end he was an ardent advocate for the plea of the disciples. He spoke to the writer in glowing terms of the work of Bro. Cheek, Troy, Ewers and others, who were associated with them in the pioneering days. Bro. Draney was the father of twelve children—eleven sons and one daughter. He is predeceased by the daughter, two sons, and his wife. One son, Bro. Sam. Draney, is a well known and much loved officer in the church at Toowoomba. His body was conveyed to Toowoomba, where, before a large assembly, he was laid to rest beside his wife and other members of his family. The writer, assisted by Bro. Stitt, secretary of the Toowoomba church, conducted the service. He rests from his labors in sure and certain hope of the resurrection.—F. E. Alcorn, Brisbane, Qld.

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