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"In Every Way, Christ is Preached."

Evangelism is one of the most important parts of the church's work. For the sake of the world, as well as for the good of its members, the church was called into being. By it the truth of God is held in trust, and it must constantly bear witness of that truth to men.

The Lord Jesus did not ask his disciples if they would be willing to testify of him; if it suited their convenience to do so; if, considering the wickedness of the world, it was worth while to make the experiment: he simply said: "Go... preach!" He laid the command on them, and that was final so far as loyal disciples were concerned.

Apostolic preaching centred in Christ himself. The preachers gave a definite message in which the true divinity of our Lord was declared, his atoning death and glorious resurrection constantly emphasised, and the way of salvation through him clearly proclaimed. Christ was the apostolic preacher's constant theme. There was no other name in which men could be saved. Philip preached Jesus. Paul proclaimed "Christ and him crucified" as the power and wisdom of God. To believe in Christ, to obey Christ, to love Christ and serve him day by day—this was the duty of man as expounded by the apostles. The definiteness and dogmatism of the first century preachers were justified by the results. Multitudes found the gospel to be God's power unto salvation.

The Pauline view.

Two passages from the pen of the greatest of the apostles impress us with a sense of the urgency of the message.

"Woe is unto me," writes Paul to the Corinthians, "if I preach not the gospel." To proclaim the glorious news of salvation is one of the greatest privileges a human being can have; yet to refrain from preaching is not merely to miss a privilege: it is to

commit a sin and incur a woe. The faithful Christian feels that he dare not be silent. The Lord's command is so urgent, the need of humanity so great, the gospel so surely the only hope of sinners, that we might well all exclaim: "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel."

In his Philippian letter the Apostle Paul refers to the way in which his imprisonment at Rome had fallen out unto the progress of the gospel. Most of the Christians were stirred up to speak with boldness the word of God. Then Paul says: "Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: the one do it of

illustrating Paul's faith and magnanimity. He would rather Christ were preached from a sincere motive of love; but if the gospel be delivered, even by men whose motive is not pure, that gospel may do its work in the hearts of the hearers. If Christ is preached, Paul can be content. The one thing he could not contemplate with equanimity is the withholding of the message of the gospel from sinful men.

A modern application.

People to-day have different opinions as to how the gospel should be presented. Some like sermons of an argumentative type; others prefer a strongly emotional style; some seek a quiet, simple statement of gospel facts. Some Christians believe more enthusiastically than others in big missions which in a spectacular way appeal to the masses and result in hundreds of additions. Others think that by steady work of an evangelistic type, conducted with decorum in church buildings, the greatest good can be done. Great central missions, tent missions, chapel preaching, street preaching—you may get advocates of the superlative merits of either.

Occasionally, we think, too much is made of these preferences. Christ prescribed the preaching of the gospel; he did not prescribe the manner of presentation. Where he has not bound us, we must be left free. Each in his own way may tell the story. Preachers have different kinds of ability. One man may be as right in his way as another is in his. Let none despise the other's gifts, or question either his motive or the quality of his work. Let all rejoice that "in every way... Christ is preached."

Soon we are to have the presence and help in Australia of one of our leading American evangelists in the person of Jesse R. Kellems, who, with Chas. H. Richards as leader of song, will conduct missions in dif-

Rebuked by Birds.

"Said the Robin to the Sparrow—
"I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so!"
Said the Sparrow to the Robin—
"Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me."

—The Record.

love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel: but the other proclaim Christ of faction, not sincerely, thinking to raise up affliction for me in my words." The action of this second class seems so despicable that we should expect nothing but condemnation. We cannot envy that man's state of heart or mind who preaches Christ of faction, or whose motive in energetic service is either that another may be outclassed, or that that other may suffer because of the effort. But Paul, rising above a thought of injury, and refraining from condemnation, continues: "What then? only that in every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and therein I rejoice, yea, and will rejoice." This is a noble passage,

ferent centres. These men are tried evangelists. Bro. Kellems has had remarkable success in the United States. His ability and faithfulness in presenting the gospel message are most highly spoken of. With united effort on the part of members generally, the Kellems missions can be made a

great source of blessing and gain to the Churches of Christ in this land. The plea we love will be commended to the people. The gospel of the grace of God, proclaimed with power, will win its way. Let us all, by co-operative effort, have the right to rejoice that Christ is preached and sinners saved.

The Message That Wins.

Jesse R. Kellems.

1. *In the first place, that evangelistic message which will find a ready access to the mind of to-day is the same old, but ever new, message of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Of this great fact there is not even a shadow of doubt in the mind of the writer. And many of us have made the pragmatic test. We know because we have seen it work. We have seen men of every type and of every approximation to the mind which we have been discussing coming to the Lord and gladly accepting him as King. Did you ever note that the evangelist is not the doubter? He is not the one who tears down the faith of men. He is out on the battle-line, and he sees the gospel at work. He sees men saved by it, and he knows that it does find access to the mind of the age.

This gospel was to be for all nations and for every people of every generation. It was intended for the mind of our day. Christianity was born in a city, and amid many of the same city problems as those which perplex us to-day, and it won gloriously there. It is, thank God, just as powerful to-day as it was then, if it is preached to-day with the same passion and conviction with which it was preached then. We need a mighty baptism of divine enthusiasm.

There is only one evangelistic message, only one which will win. Look at your so-called ethical sects, your pseudo-religious movements of the day, which deny to Jesus the place ascribed to him in the New Testament. They are not evangelistic nor do they move and stir the world.

2. *Let us consider, then, some of the characteristics of our emphasis of the gospel, if we would reach men to-day.*

(1) We must preach the big things of the gospel.

It is these big things of the blessed gospel which we must preach, if we are to find access in our evangelistic ministry to the big mind of this, the biggest age in the history of the world. How we have played with the gospel! How we have fooled with the little things, with the trifles, with the edges of it all, when the great and terrifying texts of the Scripture, the magnificent heart of it, is fairly crying out for utterance. That evangelistic preacher who plays with small subjects is doomed. The evangelistic pulpit is the place for magnitudes, for infinities, for the ruggedness and towering strengths of the mighty mountains.

"We must preach upon the great texts of the Scriptures," says Dr. Jowett: "we must preach upon those tremendous passages whose vastnesses almost terrify us as we approach them." F. W. Boreham says: "A multitude of grains of sand, no matter how beautiful each separate grain may be in itself, only make a desert after all; and there is no blinking the fact that deserts are not popular institutions. People don't like living in deserts; they like altitudes, magnitudes, infinitudes; they revel in the ruggedness of the ranges." Ah! he has struck at the very heart of it all. Too many sermons are like the sands of the desert; they do not inspire; by them we are not transported to the heights of thinking. What right have we to waste the hour of precious time, given to us by those who attend our ministry, by dealing with trifles?

(2) Not only must the evangelistic preacher preach the tremendous things of the gospel, but, if he would find a ready access to the mind of to-day, he must also preach the finality of that gospel. God pity us when men say of us, "We enjoyed that sermon because its language was beautiful or because of the wonderful click of its logic." Evangelistic preaching is a matter of life and death. It is not that men may accept the gospel of Christ; that it is a nice thing for them to do or a popular thing. It is a matter of life or death, and this urgency and entreaty must ring like a clarion call through our ministry or we fail.

(3) In the third place, the evangelistic preacher, if he is to find a ready access to the mind of the day, must emphasise the fact that the authority of the gospel is derived from the eternal truth of its content. The truth of the Christian religion is indeed eternal, for it rests upon the work of Jesus Christ himself, his death, his resurrection: in a word, in his historical presence in the world. The authority of the Christian religion is in him. You remember his own words: "I am the truth" (John 14:6). The only question is as to whether or not the record is a record which faithfully gives us the story of his life and work. The authority, therefore, does not belong to the speaker or the writer, but to that which he speaks or writes. And, to me, brethren, here is to be found the crux of the whole much discussed and much misunderstood question of inspiration. "The unity and the inspiration of the Scripture," in the words of a great modern theologian, "are

correlative terms." There has long been a question as to the nature of that unity. But this is a question which has never seriously bothered my own mind, for, to me, that unity is to be found in the testimony of all the Scriptures to the greatest fact that man has ever known—to the glorious, eternal truth that Christ died for our sins. The love of God for sinful men, as expressed and revealed in the atonement of the Lord upon the Cross of Calvary, and his life for our salvation—this is the focal point of it all, and this is what we mean when we conclude that the Scripture is inspired. The cross interprets everything; it explains for us every problem that should be explained. Not only is it true that the Scripture is inspired, but it is the only book in all the world which is inspired. It is the only book to which God set his seal in our hearts when we read and ask the question, How shall a man be righteous; how shall he be forgiven? From the beginning to the end, there shines out the one great thought, "that unity of mind and spirit and purpose" which culminates in the atonement of Christ. And when we preach it thus, we will not find great difficulty regarding so-called blank authority; for the authority comes from the eternal truth of the content of the message, and that truth is Christ himself.—Extract from address on "Evangelistic Preaching and the Modern Mind."

"Wits' End Corner."

Are you standing at "Wits' End Corner,"
Christian, with troubled brow?
Are you thinking of what is before you,
And all you are bearing now?
Does all the world seem against you,
And you in the battle alone?
Remember—at Wits' End Corner
Is just where God's power is shown.

Are you standing at "Wits' End Corner,"
Blinded with wearying pain,
Feeling you cannot endure it,
You cannot bear the strain,
Bruised through the constant suffering,
Dizzy, and dazed, and numb?
Remember—to "Wits' End Corner"
Is where Jesus loves to come!

Are you standing at "Wits' End Corner,"
Your work before you spread,
All lying begun, unfinished,
And pressing on heart and head,
Longing for strength to do it,
Stretching out trembling hands?
Remember—at "Wits' End Corner"
The Burden Bearer stands.

Are you standing at "Wits' End Corner,"
Yearning for those you love,
Longing and praying and watching,
Pleading their cause above,
Trying to lead them to Jesus,
Wondering if you've been true?
He whispers, at "Wits' End Corner,"
"I'll win them, as I won you!"

Are you standing at "Wits' End Corner?"
Then you're just in the *very spot*
To learn the wondrous resources
Of Him who faileth not!
No doubt to a brighter pathway
Your footsteps will soon be moved,
But only at Wits' End Corner
Is "the God who is able" proved!

—Antoinette Wilson.

The Christian's Powerful Repository.

J. E. Shipway.

Isaiah 26: 3.

How marvellously powerful is the Christian's God! Of him we dare not speak in the comparative degree. We open the Scriptures, and the first words that flash to our mental vision are those which fill us with something of an incomprehensible awe. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." We fling over the pages and our eyes burn within us as they rest upon the Psalmist's words, "My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Then if my help cometh from him, and he is my God, what of the power of this powerful repository of my trust?

One night, walking with a friend through the streets of a certain town, everything seemed grey, and drab, and dark and dreary, but in an instant, like a flash from the heavens, there was a sudden change; light had come, and, ah! what a transformation! But from whence came the light? Somebody in the great electrical powerhouse, some miles away, had merely put his hand to a lever. What a tremendous power stored up in that electrical repository, only waiting to be flung into action. As I mused I thought of the Christian's repository. "The Lord is thy keeper." "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee." "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one as we are." And what of the incomparable power of the Christian's repository? Surely it can be expressed in no better language than in a line of one of Montgomery's hymns—

"He spake, and it was done."

As the electrician had only to touch the lever, and the city was flooded with light, so God had only to speak and the universe sprang into being.

1. His power in the heavens.

Look up, brother, and behold it! "The heavens declare the glory of God."

Scientists to-day are telling us some won-

derful things of these heavens. They say they have proven—"that light coming from the farthest stars, travelling at the rate of 188,000 miles a second, has taken 50,000 years to reach us." "The solar system to which we belong, in the great sidereal universe, is but a little point of light no larger than a star of the third or fourth magnitude." "Our earth goes round the sun every twelve months, but it takes the planet Neptune 165 years to make this orbit." "Jupiter, that shines in the midnight sky with such a beautiful lustre, would require 1300 of our earths to equal it in size."

Two gentlemen were on one occasion spending the evening in an observatory of a friend. They were told to look into the heavens between two bright stars. They replied, "We can see nothing but a faint mist." A powerful telescope was then focussed on the spot, and they were told to look through it; and that misty something hid from view shone out in all its wondrous brilliancy; it was a nebula comprised of 40,000 different stars, and each one held by divine power in its appointed place. Do we not marvel at the Keeper of the heavens, who is powerful enough to drive those planets and orbs through space, keeping each in its destined place according to the working of his will?

2. His power in the earth.

Looking up you behold his power above you; look down now, and behold it beneath you, for "The earth is the Lord's." Did you ever study a blade of grass by the aid of a microscope? If so, you have probably noticed that each blade has its perfectly formed pores, through which it breathes and receives moisture. Now, grass is the commonest thing to be found, and yet an examination of it opens our eyes to the wonderful works of God. Look again at the majestic flowers. In beauty they grow side by side. They smile upon us with open

faces, and regale us with a perfume which no perfumer of earth has ever yet been able to inspire. They are whiter than fuller's soap, and stand dressed in colors amenable to their nature. Has not God given us the grass and the flowers of the field to give us confidence in him? Does he not say, "If God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you. O ye of little faith?"

3. His power in man.

Having looked up and seen God's power in the heavens, and having looked down and witnessed it in the earth, let us now look around and behold it in man. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee." Here is a one-time cannibal eater, but we are not afraid of him now. Why not? Because the grace of God hath found him, and the story of the cross hath regenerated him. His mind is stayed on God, and he is kept in perfect peace, and we are not afraid. The same thing is true of all conditions of sinners who have found the great Repository of power. God, the Christian's powerful repository, can not only save, he can also keep. And he keeps us through Jesus Christ his Son. Why through him? Because he is the accepted assurance of our pardon; and "He can keep us from falling, he can keep to the end. What a Saviour is Jesus. What a wonderful Friend." Yes, remember, Christian, the Lord is thy keeper, and remember this, the devil knows the Lord is thy keeper. All men can say "He is our keeper," but only those who have given themselves to him can say, "He is my keeper." He is my keeper as though there were not another sheep for the Shepherd to carry and to care for. But, Christians, God can only be the repository from whom we are to draw our keeping power, in so far as we are yielded up to him to be kept. Yes, it must be

"All to Jesus I surrender—
All to him I freely give."

And if we will do this, we shall find him a perfect keeper, and secure in him we can say, "I shall not be moved."



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On Making Memories.

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The day comes round again when Christian people naturally turn their thoughts to *Mother*.

Many are the eulogies of *Mother* expressed on that day, which stir our love and revive some long forgotten incident, bringing back a sweet memory of childish pranks and childish days, every little incident finding a fitting background in *Mother*.

Mother-love stands as one of the highest, best, and most lasting influences in this world—a love that is likened to that of God himself; to millions it has proved the guiding-star through life, that never lost its lustre, in spite of clouds of trouble that seemed to hide its shining. Deduct this mother-influence from life, and though other loves remain, our hearts will seem desolate and barren, because that love not merely influenced, but formed our lives.

With these thoughts in mind of mothers that have been, we naturally get thinking of the generation of mothers whose influence is in the making, and whose ambition it is to live so well that the memory of their living will remain fresh and green when life has closed for them.

In many churches on this day there will be allotted seats for "Mother," and, may be, the preacher will preach an appropriate sermon. In thought I can see a young mother sitting there, clasping a babe in her arms, strange and wonderful thoughts in her heart in this first experience of being grouped with other mothers. By the expression of utter content and quiet joy in her face, one would think it was the wealth of the world she held in her arms—and so it is to her—feeling quite burdened with her newly-acquired wisdom, and wondering what the future holds for the wee bundle in her arms.

Near by sits one of matronly appearance, wearing a look of happiness. She sees her children growing around her, and feels amply repaid; to her, toil has been sweet, and the years have passed lightly over her head.

Close to her is one who bears the marks of toil and struggle in the fight; trouble seems to have been her road-companion all the way, and she wonders if the children far away will ever come back or remember the old home nest.

And there, where the shoulders can rest in the quiet corner of the church seat, sits another mother, with folded hands, and hair as white as snow—a look of ineffable peace and beauty on her face, which the halo of white hair emphasises—a look not merely of refinement, so much as a purified look of one that has stood many fires in the battle of her life, and we love her for those white hairs and for the shadows which are only making the sunset more glorious; the bent back becomes dearer because of the burdens that it has borne. To some the experience of the afterglow has been denied because the loved mother has passed over; but whether on earth or higher the influence of that life grows stronger each day.

But what is it that makes this influence such a strong one? I would like to know for the sake of that young mother with the baby; and others, with little children clinging to their dresses; types, it is true, but whose ambition it is to repeat in their own lives the influences that were exerted on them to keep virile and strong the things that true motherhood has stood for down through the ages, and to leave a memory behind that will be wholesome and fragrant, that will last throughout the lives of the little people whose characters they are helping to form. And one of the factors that make this influence strong is that it is based on the love of God. The mother of our ideal makes God the centre around which the whole circle of home revolves—a God to whom she herself goes in every hour of perplexity, and to whom she points her growing children. Such a one esteems religion a thing to be enjoyed, not endured, and who makes the highest things in life very real and attractive. I cannot imagine such a one using the

reading of a Bible chapter as a punishment, but rather making of it a happy bed-time hour, forming a memory that will last through life, instilling love of God and love of each other in each childish heart.

Another factor is the caring for the individual and ultimate good for each unit in the home, providing pleasure that will equip the mind and cultivate the heart for the greater battle of life. I like things new and I like things modern, provided they are good and an improvement on the old; but there is one thing that cannot be improved on and that is the old-fashioned home with its sweet old ways, where music and good books and good discipline formed such a composite and lovable whole, that in these days is rarely found. So many things, and so-called pleasures are in competition with the home influence to-day that will be to the detriment of the men and women of the future, and discipline is becoming a thing of the past.

Four brothers—grown men—went to pay a visit to their aged mother. One was an eminent lawyer, another a doctor in a large city, another an eloquent preacher, and the fourth a notable writer of the day. They sat around the fireplace in the old home, the mother looking with loving pride into the faces of her "boys," and naturally the talk became reminiscent of other days. Hearty laughter rang out at the memory of boyish pranks, which often ended in discipline, when one of them said, "But you know, mother, you really were a

bit hard on us." With a smile that defied contradiction, she answered, "When you can show me four such satisfactory men as I can—then—I will listen to your criticism."

Then, mother's life is often one of purest sacrifice, and mostly she is the last one to be conscious of any, but such it is! She works not only for the present—she builds for the future; she trains her boy, and when the time of maturity and manhood arrive, it is someone else who reaps the benefit of her training; it is another corner of the world where a disciplined soldier puts up a good fight. It is another home that claims the daughter on whom such love and devotion was lavished. And does that end it all? Is all the influence that has been exerted, spent for nothing? No! in the lives of her children she multiplies herself and the current goes on, and on, never ending; the circling years make that influence more strong, and the things that matter most stand out clearest, and we love her more, not so much for the unending tasks that filled her hands, but what she was in herself; and faith and love are real while such a memory lasts.

"Her hand is on my hair; her tireless hand—
All day at tasks for me she longs to bless—
Lies half in benediction, half caress,
She is so wistful just to understand
How that star-dusty, straying baby-strand
Of silk she used to twine has changed to tress
Of woman's hair, for all her tenderness,
That tried to keep me in the shelter-land.
Her eyes, prayer-like, are on my eyes. Her breast
Is trembling with the sigh that stirs my own.
Swift on sweet missions are her feet. Alone
She toils, and sings, and gladly gives her best.
Ah, sacred all! But more than I can bear—
Will some day be that dream-touch on my hair."

World Peace.

Allan D. Milne.

The world has scarcely emerged from the horrors of the European War, and we live to-day, although not in true peace, at least in a condition of cessation of warfare. But we have not forgotten; we shall not soon forget. We have all, in some degree, experienced the awfulness and disaster of the war. We have gained a slight conception of its ravages—death, cruelty, hardship, torture, devastation, starvation, economic depression, and unemployment—in fact, an innumerable trail of cruelties are the direct result of this abominable institution. They should all be too familiar to our minds to require any elaboration.

Not only was the war disastrous in its immediate results, but now we are experiencing, and shall continue to experience, the inevitable outcome of it. The whole world has been shaken and disturbed, particularly Europe, and the process of restoration is a long and painful one. But this is not all.

To-day we are in no better position than we were in 1914; we have no better guarantee of peace, in fact we have less, and are continually under the ominous cloud of another world tragedy. It will not be a mere repetition of its predecessor—that would be awful enough—but something vastly more terrible. The mind fails to comprehend what it might be. The frantic race for armaments increases, despite unending talk of disarmament and "holidays." Scientists are vying with each other in the invention of war methods and means. Wireless-controlled airplanes, deadly gases and liquids, and long-range guns are only a few of the numerous devices that will make the next war one that will be waged on whole nations and peoples. The term "non-combatant" will be obsolete, as women and children will also be victims of the fight.

That is the position to-day. We stand with the

memory of the recent carnage fresh in our minds, its tyrannical load still weighing heavily upon us, and the grim spectre of a much more dreadful calamity appearing in the future. Nevertheless we continue indifferent in the midst of all these manifestations of evil.

What is the church's attitude to this? What are Christians, whose Lord is the Prince of Peace, doing to prevent the recurrence of war, and to ensure harmonious relations among the human race? These are questions which are being asked every day, and no reply is forthcoming, because there is none. The church evidently has no attitude, except acquiescence; the Christians are silent before this iniquitous giant.

War stands as the direst of all our social evils that stigmatise our Christian civilisation, more hideous and more disastrous in its results. The church attacked the evil of slavery, and is at present engaged with the liquor traffic. Should not war be included in its programme? We are faced with a question that is a moral one. Every aspect of the religious life is affected by it. It affects our relationship with God (1 John 4: 20, 21), which is our first consideration, and concerns our conduct with our fellow men (Rom. 13: 9).

I believe, therefore, that in the first place we must adopt a definite attitude towards it; we must let the world know in no uncertain way that we regard all war as hateful and brutal, and sanction only those steps which are taken to preserve international peace. But this is not sufficient. We must be more than passive; we must take decided action. The institution of war is a glaring challenge to Christianity, and a clear call for the application of the principles of the teaching of Jesus. Shall we fail, and that ingloriously? "Blessed are the peacemakers! they will be ranked sons of God."

Queensland Conference.

F. E. Alcorn.

The fortieth annual Conference of the Associated Churches of Christ in Queensland was held in the Ann-st. chapel from March 28 to 31.

The first meeting was a Christian Workers' Session, and was presided over by the Conference President, Bro. F. Enchelmaier. There was only a moderate attendance. The subjects discussed were: "How to Win Men for Christ," led by Bro. Larsen, and "How to Retain in Active Fellowship those Won for Christ," led by the writer.

Sisters' Session.

On Thursday morning the Sisters' Auxiliary held their annual meeting. The devotional was led by Mrs. Larsen, after which the Secretary, Mrs. Berlin, read the greetings from sister States, and called the roll of delegates. A good number of country and city sisters responded. The session was presided over by the President, Mrs. Wendorf, who conducted the Conference in a capable and dignified manner. Mrs. Alcorn contributed a paper on the subject, "Increasing our Sphere of Service."

The report of the year's work showed that much good work had been done, and revealed that the Queensland sisters were alive to the needs of this great State.

In the afternoon Mrs. Burns, of Toowoomba, led the devotional service. In a happy speech Mrs. Moffat welcomed the visitors and country delegates. Mrs. Burns responded.

The obituary report was read by Mrs. Feurriegel, and showed that a number of sisters had been called to higher service.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Wendorf re-elected; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Larsen and Alcorn; Secretary, Mrs. Berlin, re-elected; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Handy; Treasurer, Mrs. Coward, re-elected; Home Missions, Mrs. Hutchins; Foreign Missions, Mrs. A. Herman; Bible School, Miss Wendorf; Hospital, Miss Stabe; Temperance, Mrs. York; Prayer, Mrs. Larsen; Isolated, Mrs. Alcorn, senr.; Obituary, Mrs. Feurriegel.

The President's address on "Hemility" was a very fine effort, and was listened to with great attention. Miss Hackett sang an appropriate message, and Mr. C. Young spoke to the sisters on "The Power of a Consecrated Life." After this address Mrs. Feurriegel made an appeal for the support of the sisters' orphan in India. £8/5/- was subscribed in a very little while. This concluded a very happy and successful Conference.

Bible School Demonstration.

In the evening a large attendance was present to enjoy an excellent programme arranged by the Bible Schools' Committee. The president of the committee was in the chair, and items were given by the following schools: Albion, Hawthorne, Boonah, Zillmere, Ann-st., Gympie, and Sunnybank. Special features of the meeting were:—

1. The presentation of banners and certificates by Mr. T. H. Scambler to the successful schools in the recent examination and attendance competition. Banners were won by Rosewood for school with under 40 scholars, Toowoomba for schools with over 40 scholars, while a third banner was won by Rosevale for the best average attendance.

2. A solo competition by children from over 12 to 17 years. Mr. C. H. Pratt, who was adjudicator for the competition, presented a gold medal for the winner. A second prize of 10/- was donated by a brother in the meeting. The winners were: 1st prize, Miss Gladys Clothier, Ann-st.; 2nd prize, Miss Ella Baldwin, Amerley. There were a number of vocal and musical items apart from the school items, and on the whole a very excellent programme was rendered.

Executive and Home Missionary.

The General Conference opened on Good Friday morning, and was well attended throughout. Af-

ter devotions led by Bro. Alcorn, the President of Conference took the chair, and welcomed visitors, new preachers and delegates. The following brethren responded for visitors: Bren. Scambler, Vic., and Morton, N.S.W. New preachers: Bren. Young, Arnold, Bassard and Alcorn. Greetings were received from the sister States, and several personal greetings, including one from Bren. Rankine, Davis, and the Federal F.M. Committee.

The work of the sisters during the past year was recognised, and a vote of appreciation accorded them for their co-operation at the Conference in providing meals, and for the splendid help rendered the brotherhood in many ways.

The report showed that during the year valued workers had left the State in the persons of Bren. Davis and Rankine, who had served zealously in Home Mission matters. The Conference expressed its appreciation of the splendid services rendered by these brethren.

The financial statement showed that the sum of £265/4/11 was raised for Home Mission work. This was £212/16/11 less than the year previous. The expenditure for the year being £235/11/5 as against £477/3/- the previous year. This falling off in the finances was deplored by the Conference, and it was unanimously agreed to set as an aim for this year the raising of at least £750 for Home Mission work. A good start towards this has already been made in that the annual offering for 1923 exceeds the total received for 1922.

Twenty-nine churches are affiliated with the Conference. The additions for the year totalled 113. By baptism, 74. By letter, 15. Other sources, 24. Over against this the report shows losses totalling 142. By death, 16. Letter, 24. Revision of roll, 84, showing a net decrease for the year of 29. Total on roll, 1706.

The Bible Schools showed 1054 on the roll, December 31, 1921. This year, ending December 31, records 1134, or a net increase of 80.

At present we have evangelists stationed in the following fields:—Hawthorne, Zillmere, Kingaroy district, Gympie, Roma, and Ipswich. Two new chapels were opened during the year. One in the West Moreton circuit, at Rosewood, and in the new field at Ipswich. These churches are all active, and doing a good work. The additions from these assisted churches number 30.

The College of the Bible received the recognition of Conference, which pledged itself to its support. The amount raised for this work last year was £204/7/5.

It was unanimously resolved "That this Conference places on record its appreciation of the able manner in which the Churches of Christ are represented through the "Australian Christian," especially in the magnificent leading articles contributed by the Editor."

The Conference rejoice at the prospects of having Bren. Hinrichsen and Brooker in this State for a six months' mission effort. Great things are hoped for from this effort. With their coming in mind the following motion was enthusiastically received and carried: "That this Conference sets before it the following aim, viz.: First, that we maintain our present fields, and open up at least one new field (Bundaberg). Second, that we seek to win at least 500 souls for Christ." The brethren throughout the Commonwealth are asked to pray for us. We realise that this is a great venture, but not too great for our brotherhood.

Connexional Fund.

The committee of this fund reported much activity during the year. It was through the efforts of this committee as generously supported by the brotherhood, that the fine new building at Ipswich was made possible at a cost of nearly 5000. Of this amount the Connexional Fund paid 1650 the remainder being raised by appeal to the brotherhood of Queensland. As a result of the appeal

loans amounting to £122 were received, and £108 as straight-out gifts. Besides this, another amount of £144/14/- was collected by Bro. A. C. Rankine, as a special fund to assist the Ipswich work.

Other loans by this fund were Rosewood, £250; Sunnybank, £50; making a total of £1326 on the year's operations.

It was reported by the committee, that Bro. Marriage, who had already made available for this fund the sum of £500, had further donated the sum of £200, making a total of £700 deposited by this brother to this fund, as part of his estate. These fine gifts are highly appreciated.

Other reports showed that the churches had been alive to community interests, and were represented on all important committees—Church Federation, Prohibition League, Chaplaincy, etc.

Election of Officers.

Home Mission Executive and Committee.—President, T. F. Stubbin; Vice-President, L. Larsen; Secretary, W. A. C. Wendorf; Assistant Secretary, W. Marsden; Treasurer, G. Colvin. Committee: F. E. Alcorn, H. Bassard, W. Berlin, H. Hinrichsen, W. Trudgian, B.A., C. Young, S. Trudgian.

Foreign Mission Committee: President, W. Berlin; Vice-President, C. Cockroft; Financial and Organising Secretary, H. W. Herman. Committee: J. Clothier, Blackwell, F. Enchelmaier, W. Marsden, senr., W. Marsden, junr., Shoebridge, and L. Larsen.

Bible School Committee: A. Reick, President; F. E. Alcorn, Vice-President; Miss R. Wendorf, Secretary; L. Barnes, Treasurer. Sister Herman, Bren. F. Enchelmaier, T. Martin, C. Young, C. Woff, W. Shoebridge, O. Potter.

Prohibition and Social Questions: J. Clothier, President; L. Larsen, Secretary; W. Marsden, Treasurer. W. Berlin, C. H. Pratt, W. Martin, W. Olsen, Mesdames Larsen, Stabe and Wendorf.

Connexional Fund Trustees: W. A. C. Wendorf, Secretary; J. B. Ash, Treasurer; J. Colvin, T. F. Stubbin, and F. Enchelmaier.

Model Trust Deed: Bren. Wendorf, Keable, Stubbin and Clothier.

Advisory Board: F. E. Alcorn, Bassard, W. Berlin, J. Clothier, E. Elvery, L. Larsen, W. Moreton, and T. F. Stubbin.

Isolated Members' Correspondent: W. Marsden.

Auditors: W. Mills, W. Trudgian, B.A.

Home Mission Demonstration.

The Ann-st. chapel was filled on Friday night by an enthusiastic audience. The retiring President, Bro. Enchelmaier, took the chair, and in a brief speech thanked the brotherhood for its support during the term of his presidency, and asked for the same support to be extended to the new President and committees, whom he introduced to the meeting. The newly-elected President, Bro. T. F. Stubbin, in a bright, happy speech, responded. Two very fine addresses were delivered by Bren. Burns of Toowoomba, and Scambler, of Hawthorn, Vic., the former speaking on "The Ever-Present God," while Bro. Scambler spoke on "The Transforming Power of Christianity." The Ann-st. choir added greatly to the enjoyment of the meeting by rendering two anthems.

The Conference was concluded on Saturday morning and afternoon. M. E. Arnold opened the sessions with devotions. The two main items for the day were the Bible Schools and Foreign Mission report.

Bible Schools' Department.

The President, Mr. G. Cane, took the chair. The report presented was adopted. Twenty-two schools are affiliated with the Union. One new school was opened during the year (South End, Toowoomba).

During the year an examination was held, 15 schools being represented, and 170 scholars competing. The examiners, Bren. F. J. Siver, B.A., and I. Whelan, of Sydney, commended in very favorable terms on the excellent standard of the papers. Of the 170 who entered, 156 passed. The principal awards were as follows: Junior gold

medal, Lillian Ratcliff, Hawthorne, 100 per cent. Senior gold medal, Dorothy Rade, Rosewood, 99 per cent. Other awards were 7 silver medals, 63 book prizes, 40 honor certificates, 28 pass certificates.

An attendance campaign extending over six months was also held. The result was: Certificate No. 1, won by Rosevale, with 99.9 per cent. Silverdale, second. No. 2 Certificate, won by Maryborough, with 81.4 per cent. Brisbane, second. Out of a total enrolment of 1007 competing the average attendance was 693.7 or 70.7 per cent.

The Secretary, Miss Wendorf, was thanked for her splendid report, and for the excellent work rendered to the Bible Schools during the year.

The Treasurer's report showed that £50/9/10 was raised during the year, and £49/12/11 expended.

The following motions were carried unanimously:—

1. That this Conference of Bible School workers recommends to the incoming committee we set before us the raising of £100 for Bible School work this year.

2. That this Conference of Bible School workers recommends to the incoming committee the advisability of co-operating with the Home Mission Committee in securing the services of an Organising Secretary, promising to pay £1 per week towards his salary.

3. That this Conference of Bible School workers recommends that the incoming committee be on the lookout for a suitable block of land in one of the rising suburbs for the purpose of purchase for the opening of a Sunday School in the not distant future.

N.S.W. Sisters' Conference.

The 29th annual Sisters' Conference was held at Enmore on Tuesday, March 27, at 11 a.m. Favored with beautiful weather, and a fine gathering of delegates, the Conference opened the day with a devotional session led by Mrs. Fox, who took for her topic, "Light Bearers" (Phil. 2: 15), "Let your light so shine," and gave some beautiful thoughts. Several sisters led in prayer. The business session, presided over by the President, Mrs. Arnott, was opened with a hymn and short prayer. Minutes of last year's meeting were read and received. Correspondence included a letter from Miss Marshman, who, being unable to be present, sent a beautiful greeting, also one from Miss Metzenthin, from the steamer "St. Albans," on her way to China. Roll-call of delegates showed a fairly good representation of churches.

Election of Officers.—President, Mrs. C. Rush; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. E. Davis and Mrs. J. Clydesdale; Secretary, Mrs. T. J. Andrews; Assistant

Foreign Missions.

The report presented at the Foreign Mission session included details of our Federal work in India, China, and the New Hebrides. Mr. Scambler gave a very fine missionary address at this session, taking as his subject, "The New Future."

The Balance Sheet showed that the following amounts had been raised:—Annual Church Offerings, £504/2/7; Children's Day, £38/8/10; Indian Orphan Fund, £28/5/6; Other amounts, £84/9/-; Total, £1155/5/11. Of this amount £417 had been forwarded to the Federal Treasurer.

Bro. Sutcliffe, a brother of 80 years, was made a life member of the F.M. Committee, in recognition of his devotion and gifts to the cause of Foreign Missions.

The customary votes of thanks to all who had helped to make the Conference a success, especially to the sisters, who so ably cared for the creature wants, and Bro. Scambler, who addressed every session, brought a very happy and successful Conference to a close.

The picnic was held under ideal conditions at Kalinga Park, a good crowd being present. A good programme of sports was carried out by an enthusiastic sports committee. Everybody agreed that the picnic was one of the best yet held. For the catering and sports arrangements special thanks are due to Bren. Barnes, W. Marsden, jun., and Berlin, and a band of young people with Sister Walters at their head.

We go forth into this new year with renewed strength and confidence, trusting that the Lord will abundantly bless our every service with unparalleled success.

Secretary, Mrs. E. Morris; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Morris. Superintendents of Departments: Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. J. Fox; Foreign Missions, Mrs. Bull; Hospital, Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Ball; Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Webster; Dorcas, Mrs. Corbitt; Temperance, Miss Hall; Isolated, Miss Simmonds; Obituary, Mrs. Flood; Social, Mrs. Steer; Catering, Mrs. Cox. Representatives on General Temperance Committee, Miss Hall, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Webster; Bible School, Mrs. Arnott, Mrs. Webster and Miss Holderness; Foreign Missions, Mesdames Bull, Corbitt and Fox.

The afternoon session opened with hymn and prayer, and devotional service led by Mrs. Davis, who read from John 11, several sisters again engaging in prayer. Welcome greetings to delegates and all assembled were given by Mrs. Harward in a few well-chosen words, responded to by Mrs. Whately, Melbourne. Minutes of morning session read. Reports.—Executive, Mrs. And-

rews; Treasurer's, Mrs. A. Morris. Freewill offering, £1/14/9; donation from Blackheath, £1. Roll-call of Churches. President's address. The subject chosen was "Pure Religion," and was listened to attentively and with appreciation.

Superintendents then read their reports. Obituary: Mrs. Flood had written many letters to those whose dear ones had gone home. A solo was sweetly sung by Mrs. Plummer. Prayer meeting: Mrs. Clydesdale reported holding prayer meetings at most of the churches during the year, supported by her committee, and many blessings received. Isolated members: Mrs. Plummer; a large number of letters written and some replies had been received; the work is much valued by those in isolation. Hospital: Mrs. Potter reported the work done for the year. Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Fox. Foreign Missions, Mrs. Bull. Dorcas, Mrs. Corbitt has had a fairly busy year, and seven societies sent in good reports which were read. Temperance, Miss Hall's work has been somewhat hindered during the year through illness, but hopes to be in full working order this year. Resolutions, etc. A greeting from Mrs. Bamfield from the Merewether Dorcas, was read. Mrs. Whelan suggested that, to stimulate a greater interest in the Women's Missionary Society, churches in some districts might combine their meetings. The suggestion was agreed to be a good one, and would be discussed later on.

The evening devotional service was led by Mrs. Webster. Hymn and prayer by several sisters. Community singing was enjoyed by all. The social session was opened with hymn 1049, and prayer. Greetings read from W.A., S.A., Tasmania, and Victorian sisters, to Conference, also General and Federal Conference. Introduction of new officers by retiring president. Enmore Male Quartette Party gave an item, a solo by Mrs. Tilley, and a very fine address from Bro. E. Davis, the topic being, "The Talents," also an anthem from Enmore choir helped to make an enjoyable programme. Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had helped to make the Conference day a happy one; also to the officers of the City Temple for use of Temple for meetings, etc.; Enmore officers for use of Tabernacle for Conference. During the evening Mr. Hilder announced the death of Bro. John Andrews, a well known and beloved member of Enmore church. The choir then sang his favorite hymn, "I am so happy in Jesus." The "Glory Song" and prayer brought the day to a close.—Mrs. E. Morris.

Treasurer's Report, April, 1922, to March, 1923.
Receipts.—To Balance from 28th Conference—General Fund, £20/4/7; Erskineville Fund, £4/13/9; Girls' Hostel Fund, £7; Women's Missionary Society, 5/-; Bible Women Fund, £1/5/-; Receipts during year—28th Conference Collections, £14/17/3; Donations, General, £3/3/9; Donations, Special, re the Waterfall Work, £3/5/-; Miss Metzenthin, Gift of Medical Chest, £8/8/-; Bank Interest, £1/5/8; Erskineville Support, Donations for Support, £36/4/-; Women's Missionary Society, Donations, £31/7/-; Girls' Hostel, Glen Iris, Donations, £9/19/6; Miss Mary Thompson Gift, Donations, £30/15/-; Total, £175/13/6.

Payments.—By General Fund—Expenses at 28th Conference, £8/2/3; Printing and Stationery, £1/13/3; Afternoon tea, £1/7/2; Sundries and Petties (Laundry), £1/3/4; Donations to Special Funds—Home Missions, £2; Foreign Missions, £2; Temperance Work, £5; Waterfall Work, £5/5/-; "Australian Christian," £1; Miss Metzenthin—Gift of Medical Chest, £8/8/-; Erskineville Support—Payment to Home Missions, £36; Women's Missionary Society—Payment to Home Missions, £13/18/6; Payment to Foreign Missions, £11/16/6; Girls' Hostel—Payment to Foreign Missions, £16/19/6; Miss Mary Thompson Gift—Payment to Mr. Clydesdale, £30; Purchase of Gift, 15/-; Balance at Bank—General Fund, £15/5/3; Erskineville Fund, £4/17/9; Women's Missionary Society, £2/17/-; Bible Women Fund, £4/5/-; Total, £175/13/6.



Inaugurating Cradle Roll, Rockdale, N.S.W.

The Realm of the Bible School.

Conducted by W. B. Blakemore, B.A.

Sunday School Day in South Australia. May 6, 1923.

This year in South Australia the Sunday School Executive have combined with the Church Extension Fund in making a united appeal for church and Sunday School extension work. It was felt that a stronger appeal could be made, and a larger amount raised by this means. Bro. Horsell, Secretary of the Home Mission Committee, has charge of this portion of the Sunday School Day services, and we trust that the morning meetings will be very successful, and the financial result encouraging to those who have Sunday School and church extension work at heart.

For the young people the principal services will be in the afternoon and evening.

It is suggested that at the afternoon service a talk on "Christ Healing the Sick" should be given and mention made of the good work being done at the Adelaide Children's Hospital (where a cot is maintained by the Churches of Christ Sunday Schools), and at "Minda," the home for weak-minded children. An offering in aid of these institutions will be taken, and it is hoped that at least £50 will be raised for this purpose.

In the evening a service specially arranged for young people will be held. Bright singing led by the teachers and scholars will aid in making the service attractive, and the address will bear specially on helping the young people to make the great decision for Christ.

The services throughout the day will be of an inspirational character, and it is hoped that all the schools will participate in them, and that great blessing from our heavenly Father will crown the efforts of the day.

Geo. D. Wright, President.
T. H. Brooker.
H. Taylor, Convener. S.S. Day Com

An Interesting Experiment.

The school at Cottonville, S.A., is inaugurating the Quarterly Examination. It is an interesting experiment, and, judging from first results, one that promises to be successful. Mr. H. C. Bond, the secretary, has given us the following report:—

The first quarterly Scripture Examination for Cottonville Bible School took place on Sunday, April 1. The questions asked were all based on facts, and dealt with the lessons in Division II, Austral Graded Lessons, for period January to March.

The examination papers were set by the superintendent, and were in four sets, for ages 8 and 9 years, 10 years, 11 and 12, and 13, 14, and 15 years.

Each child was given a typewritten set of questions, and wrote the answers in pencil. There were 61 children present, ages from 8 years to 15 years, and of these 40 received 100 per cent., 2 90 per cent., 1 95 per cent., 1 90 per cent., 2 85 per cent., 1 80 per cent., 3 75 per cent., 1 70 per cent., 4 60 per cent., 2 50 per cent., 4 less than 50 per cent. We feel that the results were so good that we intend to hold another examination on the last Sunday in June.

The Annual Examinations.

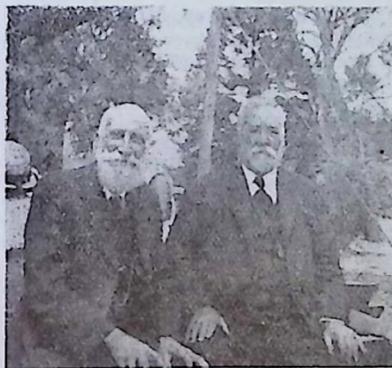
At the request of the Conference of inter-state representatives, held in Melbourne last October, the New South Wales Bible School Committee will set the questions for the forthcoming examination, to be held early in July. The questions will be based on the following lessons from the April-June quarter of Austral Graded Lessons, Division II., and will be available for all States desiring to use them.

"The Passover."—Exodus 12: 1-12, 28-30.
"Crossing the Red Sea."—Exodus 14: 13-31.
"Manna in the Wilderness."—Exodus 16: 11-31.
"The Giving of the Law."—Exodus 20: 1-18.

"The Tabernacle in the Wilderness."
—Exodus 40: 17-38.
"The Report of the Spies."
—Numbers 13: 17-33; 14: 6-10.
"The Serpent of Brass."—Numbers 21: 4-9.
"The Death of Moses."
—Deuteronomy 32: 48-52; 34: 1-7.
"Joshua Appointed Leader of Israel."
Numbers 27: 15-23; Joshua 1: 1-18.
"Moses and the People of Israel."
—(Review Lesson.)

Sunday School Veterans.

We are privileged to introduce to our readers this week two of South Australia's veteran Sunday School workers, T. H. and W. Brooker. These brothers joined the first Sunday School among the Churches of Christ in South Australia sixty-eight years ago, and have been continuously connected with the work ever since. They are



South Australian Sunday School Veterans.

known and honored by the entire brotherhood of their State, and by many brethren in other States of the Commonwealth. Bro. T. H. Brooker has been, for many years, superintendent of the Hindmarsh school, and is also a member of the Conference Sunday School Executive. The secretary of the State Committee writes: "He is a grand old father in school work." Bro. W. Brooker was with the Hindmarsh school in the beginning, but, for many years, has been connected with the work at York, which is a daughter of the Hindmarsh church. Recently he has been very ill. His many friends will rejoice to hear of his recovery, and with the writer hope that he and his brother may be spared for a long while to bless the schools out of their storehouse of rich experience and by their example of faithfulness.

Emphasising the Cradle Roll.

The school at Rockdale, N.S.W., believes in the Cradle Roll Department. They held a special meeting, to which mothers and babies were invited, to mark the inauguration of the Cradle Roll. Well done, Rockdale! You are beginning at the right place to find an open door into the homes of the community, and into the hearts of the parents. May your Cradle Roll grow to be a big factor in the extension of the cause of Christ in the hearts and homes of many people.

Progress in Queensland.

The new cause in Ipswich, where C. Young has recently commenced his ministry, is growing rapidly. About four months ago a Bible School was organised with thirty foundation members, including the Bible Class. Since then the school has more than doubled; over sixty now on the roll. There have been fourteen additions to the church from the school.

A Prayer-Meeting Topic.

Horace Kingsbury.

"LOVEST THOU ME MORE THAN THESE?"

Scripture Lesson.—John 21: 15-19.

The interview with Peter by the Sea of Tiberias is one of the few recorded events in the post-resurrection life of our Lord.

Peter had been quite prominent among the twelve, and rather pronounced in his expressions of devotion to Jesus. He had gone so far as to say, "If all shall be offended in thee, I will never be offended" (Matt. 26: 33), and even to declare, "I will lay down my life for thee" (John 13: 37). However, when the opportunity came to make good his promises, he sadly failed, and when Jesus was led away to the house of Caiaphas, he followed him *afar off* (Matt. 26: 58). He soon found himself seated at a fire kindled by the Lord's enemies, and when charged with being a disciple of Jesus, began "to curse and to swear, I know not the man" (Matt. 26: 74).

Jesus would not let Peter go. He knew the denials were not a true index to the heart and character of his sorely tried disciple. He would not overlook the virtues because of the vices. He would help a poor, penitent, prostrate man back on to his feet; make him to believe in himself again, though very conscious of his weakness; and cause him to realise his true self in a life of devoted service.

It is not without significance that the angel at the empty tomb of Jesus said to the women, who were to bear the news of his resurrection, "Go, tell his disciples and Peter, he goeth before you into Galilee" (Mark 16: 7). Peter, doubtless, felt he had forfeited all right to be counted as a follower of the Lord, and humanly speaking, he had, but the yearning, understanding love of the Master took him in.

The question, "Lovest thou me more than these?" looks back to the profession of a superior love. The fact is that all the disciples failed their Lord in the hour of testing (Mat. 26: 56), but Peter's denials aggravated his default. His answers to Jesus' questions show that he is now done with comparisons and prideful boasts; and he would say to the reader of hearts, "Under all my boasting and mistakes you know I love you."

The love that would not let him go, would not let him off, and for Peter there was not only a restoration to favor, but a fresh commission for service. "Feed my lambs," the Master said. "No other look recognises the place of the children so fully or so kindly as the Bible." "Be a shepherd to my sheep," said the Chief Shepherd. He knew their proneness to go astray. "Feed my sheep," said the Saviour, who would never have it so that "the hungry sheep look up and are not fed."

But that was not all. There were many things Peter must suffer, and ultimately he must die for Jesus' sake. He is said to have suffered martyrdom during the Neronian persecution, and to have been crucified head downward, because he deemed himself unworthy to be, in the mode of his death, conformed to his Master. Let it be here recorded that that Master said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life" (Rev. 2: 10).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

1. Christ wants your love and mine. He would say to each one of us, "Give me thy heart."
2. Love must find appropriate expression in a life of service. Cp. 1 John 3: 13-18.
3. The love that reaches up reaches out. Cp. Matt. 25: 31-40.
4. "Tho' I forget him, and wander away, Still he doth love me wherever I stray." Cp. Luke 15: 11-24.
5. Christ can use his chastened children. "The Master is here, and calleth thee."

Foreign Missions.

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

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Bro. Robert Lyall.

This year Bro. Robert Lyall, our Victorian Treasurer, completes 25 years of treasurership of Foreign Mission funds. During that time we think it would not be exaggerating to say that he has handled about £100,000 of Foreign Mission money, and it will be generally agreed that his association with the finances of our movement have greatly helped in the gathering of funds for Foreign Mission enterprise. The name of Robert Lyall has always stood for sound finances, and he is one of our trusted financial men with the Australian Brotherhood. It will be the wish of every one that he may be long spared to continue the good work he has so splendidly done, and it is not improbable that he will live to complete his jubilee as Foreign Mission Treasurer.

Miss Vera Blake has arrived in Australia in fairly good health, and she was warmly welcomed by the brethren and sisters of Western Australia. The only difficulty of our missionaries calling at Western Australia first is that the W.A. folk set such a standard of hospitality that it makes it a difficult matter for the rest to come up to their standard. They meet our missionaries with motor cars, and take them beautiful drives along the shores of the famous Swan River, and through their wonderful King's Park, and then there is the missionary banquet at the other end. But we are sure that the welcomes that Miss Blake will

receive from the other States will not lack anything in affectionate regard and appreciation of the splendid services that she has rendered in our work with the orphan girls. In Adelaide several of the sisters were at the Adelaide Station to greet her, and the Federal Committee had arranged for a lunch at the Kiosk in the Botanical Gardens, where a large number of the preaching brethren were present. Miss Blake paid a visit to the Preachers' Fraternal, where she was very cordially welcomed. The Federal Committee have arranged that apart from welcome meetings Miss Blake will not undertake any itinerary work for two or three months; she needs absolute rest, and we hope that the various churches will understand that they can show their appreciation and good-will to Miss Blake by not asking her to address meetings till she has had a thorough good rest.

Sydney Owes Mother.

A little boy, Sydney by name, thought of a happy idea that mother ought to pay him for all the jobs he did for her. So on mother's breakfast plate one morning he placed the following account:—

Mother Owes Sydney.

For getting the wood 6 times 6d.
For lighting the fire 10 times 6d.
For running two messages 2d.
For being a good boy 4d.

Total 1/6d.

His mother did not say anything as she saw it on her plate, but folded it up and put it in her pocket. Sydney felt happy as he thought what he could get with the money—marbles, tops, and lollies, and lots of things. Next morning there was an envelope addressed to him on his plate, and his heart jumped for joy. He opened it quickly, and this is what he read:—

Sydney Owes Mother.

For his happy home, 10 years 0
For all his food 0
For nursing him when sick 0
For his last new suit 0
For being good to him 0

Total 0

What a surprise it was. He hadn't thought of all that. His look of expectancy was changed to shame. With face down he went round to mother, and asked her to tear his bill up, and said he was sorry. He'd be glad to help mother for nothing. Mother kissed him, and said that she knew he would. Sydney felt much happier after all that he did not get the money.

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The address of Bro. Ethelbert Davis, preacher of Mosman church, N.S.W., now is "Brooklyn," 21 Macpherson-st., Mossman. (Phone, Y 2307.)

Will Beiler has accepted a two years' engagement with the Prospect church, S.A. Meetings last Lord's day were hearty and encouraging. A forward move is expected.

We are glad to learn of the continued success of the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission at South Yarra, Vic. To Monday last there were 50 decisions. The closing fortnight should see great results. The attendances are large—about 300 on week-nights and 600 on Sundays.

Miss Blake arrived in Melbourne by the "Naldera" on Wednesday last from India. She was welcomed at the wharf by a large company of friends. Our sister will rest during the first part of her furlough, and afterwards be free to visit churches in different States.

On another page we print a short article by Bro. Horace Kingsbury, dealing with a prayer meeting topic, in the belief that many brethren will be interested and helped. We think that a weekly study might prove helpful, and should be pleased to hear from those who would like such to be made.

At Hornsby, N.S.W., on April 29, Bro. Harward commenced a week's meeting for deepening spiritual life, speaking morning and night. The speaker at the afternoon service was Mrs. Springer, who told of the work of our American missionaries in India. Recently Bro. Coventry gave an account of his work among the thieves' caste.

Offering envelopes have been sent to all church secretaries in Victoria in connection with the annual appeal for the Bible School and Young People's Department. It is hoped that every church in the State will have a share in supporting this good work. All moneys should be sent to W. B. Blakemore, Organising Secretary, 70 Power-st., Hawthorn.

Services at Inverell, N.S.W., are on the upgrade, especially in our country centres. Harvest thanksgiving services were good, followed by a splendid social evening. The church mourns the loss of one of the pioneer members in the person of Sister Harding. A largely attended in memoriam service was held on April 15, when Bro. Hutson spoke on "The Kiss of God." The duplex envelope system has been adopted. One baptism since last report.

May 20 is the first anniversary of Bro. Pater-noster with the church at Chapel-st., Norwood, and the church proposes to celebrate the occasion by holding "home-coming" services. All old members are asked to be present either in person or with a greeting. Many who have been members of Chapel-st. are scattered throughout the Commonwealth and New Zealand, and this is an opportunity for them to renew fellowship. Bro. G. Jessup, Lands Title Office, Adelaide, S.A., is the secretary.

Bro. J. W. Nicholls writes as follows regarding our Victorian benevolent work:—"Parcels have been received during the month from the following stations:—Ringwood, Windsor, Fairfield, Box Hill, Dandenong (2), Sale, Essendon, Moonee Ponds, Brim (2), Darebin, Carnegie, and Essendon J.C.E. All donations should be sent to R. H. Bardwell, "Carola," Christmas-st., Northcote: parcels to Church of Christ Mission, Burnley Railway Station; correspondence to Jas. W. Nichols, "St. Leonards," 8 Edgar-st., East Malvern."

Hurstville, N.S.W., reports that on April 24 Bro. F. J. Winks, senr., passed to higher service. His body was laid to rest in the Woronora Cemetery on Anzac Day. Anzac Day service was fittingly remembered; a united service was held around the monument, the address being given by Bro. Crossman. About 1000 people gathered. Ser-

vices on Sunday were well attended, especially at night, when Bro. Crossman spoke on "What our Fathers Told Us." The church at present is suffering the loss of a number of very active workers in the school and other auxiliaries, who are moving from the district. But new teachers are offering. Miss Nellie Harris has been appointed superintendent of the Kindergarten in the place of Miss L. Cunningham, who is moving to Homebush.

Mr. W. H. Rose, of Melbourne, writes as follows regarding Mother's Day celebration:—"On Saturday, May 12, Bands of Hope and Junior Temperance Societies will help in the celebration of Mother's Day by the sale of Mother's day emblems, distribution of white flowers, and the circulation of appropriate literature in their own centres. On the Sunday, Societies will join in special church services and parades at the churches and Sunday Schools. Her Excellency Lady Forster has kindly extended her patronage to the celebration. It is fitting that all should participate in this celebration, the festival of Home. It is a day of grateful remembrance for the judicious care and love of Mother. The stars have nothing so bright, and the heavens nothing more pure and lovely than the love-service of a mother to her child. She adapts her ability to suit the need—a nurse when in sickness, a schoolmaster when at lessons, a playmate when at play, using the whole power of her loving soul to do us good. Let us on this festive day appreciate the finer traits that are in human nature by the remembrance of the truest friend we have, by wearing a white flower or emblem in honor of Mother. In connection with the effort in the metropolis, large supplies of white flowers will be required. Societies situate in areas where the flower supply is limited will be assisted from the central depot. Band of Hope Union Office, 430 Bourke-st., Melbourne. Friends in the country and suburbs are invited to help in the supply of small white flowers. A motor car will stand near the Swanston-st. entrance to the Flinders-st. Station from 8.30 to 9.30 a.m. on the day of the celebration for the purpose of collecting flowers. Those sending by rail are asked to note that the Railway Department will carry flowers at half rates, if the parcel is marked 'cut flowers' and the freight prepaid."

"The Christian Evangelist" of recent date contains the following appreciative notice of one of our brethren and his liberal gifts:—"Our columns this week carry the exceedingly gratifying news that the productive endowment of Bethany College was raised to 1,400,000 dollars, by a gift of 300,000 dollars from M. M. Cochran, of Uniontown, Pa. With this gift Mr. Cochran's donations to Bethany pass the 1,000,000 dollars mark. We heartily congratulate the College, and as heartily also we congratulate Mr. Cochran. The thanks of the whole brotherhood are due to him, and no doubt if a vote could be taken it would be unambiguously given. What he has done for Bethany College puts the stamp of a new appreciation upon our colleges, and leads the way to better facilities for education among the Disciples. We can think of nothing more important, not only for ourselves, but for American Christianity and American life at large. What civilisation to-day needs is the pure and undefiled religion of the New Testament, worked out in a sincere and practical way in the daily life and habits of the people. For that ideal Christian Colleges stand, and without them there is no hope for an adequate or satisfactory experience in this world or salvation in the world to come. Bethany's good fortune is therefore a very heartening one. This 'grand and glorious feeling' is greatly increased when we reflect that earnest, prayerful, and heroic efforts are being made to put all our colleges in easier financial circumstances. We have not too many schools. The trouble is that those we have are not financially well enough supported, nor even properly patronised by our own people. These two faults go together. But it is plain to us that the Disciples of Christ are about to experience a great educational

renaissance. We fondly believe, we devoutly pray that our lean years educationally are coming to an end. That means that we shall be able to carry on in a satisfactory way with our great plea."

BIRTH.

ARCHIBALD (*nee* Gertrude Johnson).—On April 3, at Nurse Fraser's Private Hospital, Yack-andandah, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hy. Archibald—a son (Albert Norman Hamilton).

MARRIAGE.

PEDERSEN—RUSSELL.—On April 28, 1923, at Church of Christ, Warragul, Clarence Walter A. Pedersen, to Alice Mary Russell, Bro. Waters officiating.

IN MEMORIAM.

CLARK.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved son and brother, John Turner (Jack), who was killed in action in France on May 4, 1917.

Not now, but in the coming years,

It may be in the better land,

We'll read the meaning of our tears,

And there, some time, we'll understand.

—Inserted by his loving father, mother, brothers and sisters.

DUNN.—In loving memory of Captain Francis Henry Dunn, M.C., Adj., 23rd Battn., A.I.F., who was killed in action at Bullecourt, May 3, 1917. Dearly loved only son of Eleanor Rea Dunn, Story-st., Parkville, and the late F. G. Dunn.

LITTLEJOHN.—In loving memory of our beloved elder son Leonard, who was called suddenly home on May 4, 1922. Safe in the arms of Jesus.

LYALL.—In loving memory of our dear parents, who passed away at North Melbourne, Henry Lyall, 2nd May, 1920, also Eleanor Lyall, 19th June, 1920, members of church at Swanston-st., Melbourne, 1865-1920.

"Fairer than morning, lovelier than the daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with Thee."

—Inserted by Mrs. F. G. Simpson, Mrs. E. R. Dunn, Mrs. W. B. Renton, Mrs. C. G. Lawson, Robert, Alexander R., Isabel and Henry J. Lyall.

COMING EVENTS.

MAY 6 & 7.—Church of Christ, Victoria Avenue, Chatswood, N.S.W. New Church Building. Opening services, Sunday, May 6, 11 a.m., 2.45, and 7.30 p.m. Special speaker, Thomas Bagley, Victorian Home Mission Secretary. Public meeting, Monday, May 7; speakers, H. G. Harward, Thomas Bagley, and J. Whelan.

MAY 6 & 8.—Anniversary of Essendon Church of Christ Bible School. Sunday, May 6, afternoon and evening, in Essendon Town Hall. Special speaker and singing. Annual concert in St. John's Schoolroom, Buckley-st., Tuesday, May 8, 8 p.m.

MAY 20.—The Church at Ipswich, Queensland, most earnestly asks for your prayers in connection with the Hinrichsen-Brooker Mission, commencing May 20. Pray, pray, pray.

MAY 20-23.—Home Coming, Chapel-st., Norwood, S.A., May 20-23. All who have ever been members of church, Bible School or auxiliaries, plan to come home or send greeting.

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ASKING, AND RECEIVING NOT.

The contention that, if men have sufficient faith, God will give them all they ask for, is shown to be false by the words of James in our New Testament lesson—"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss." No one passage should be isolated from its context or considered apart from other Scriptures, or there would appear to be evidence that whatever is asked for in faith will be received. If men could only see as far as God sees, many prayers would not be offered. Sometimes men ask for the recovery of those who, if permitted to live, would experience struggles and sorrows from which they might have been spared. Sometimes, men crave for health and strength, not knowing that on account of their weakness spiritually they would, if their petitions were granted, be robbed of many valuable lessons to be learned only in the school of suffering. Sometimes, as with those to whom James wrote, men ask selfishly, thinking of their own pleasures instead of God's glory and the good of others, and their prayers are unanswered. "If the Lord will" should be added to every petition we offer, and every resolve we make, else we "ask amiss," and plan wrongly.

MONDAY, MAY 21.

Whence come wars and whence come fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your pleasures that war in your members?—James 1: 1.

"No laurel decks the brow,
Nor trump of fame
Sounds to posterity
His humble name."

"But truly great the man—
A conqueror he—
Who over self obtains
The mastery."

Bible Reading.—James 4: 1, 2.

TUESDAY, MAY 22.

Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?—James 4: 4.

"When President Edwards came to die, his last words, after bidding his relations good-bye, were: 'Now, where is Jesus of Nazareth, my true and never-failing Friend?' And, so saying, he fell asleep."

Bible Reading.—James 4: 3, 4.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23.

He giveth more grace.—James 4: 6.

"A gentleman and his little son were working together in the garden. To the latter was assigned the work of gathering up the loose stones and throwing them into a neighboring ditch. Finally he cried: 'There's one that I can't lift. I tried with all my might, and couldn't lift it.' 'My son,' replied the father, 'you did not try with all your might, for I was here as a part of your might, and you did not ask me to help.' There are remedies and resources with God when all human physicians and strength fail. If we are God's children, those remedies belong to us."

Bible Reading.—James 4: 7, 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 24.

God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.—James 4: 6.

F. B. Meyer wrote: "Earthly thrones are generally built with steps up to them; the remarkable thing about the thrones of the eternal kingdom is that the steps are all down to them. We must descend if we would reign, stoop if we would rise."

Bible Reading.—James 4: 9, 10.

FRIDAY, MAY 25.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.—James 4: 8.

Have you no words? ah, think again:
Words flow apace when you complain.
And fill your fellow-creature's ear
With the sad tale of all your care.
Were half the breath thus vainly spent,
To heaven in supplication sent,
Your cheerful song would oftener be—
"Hear what the Lord hath done for me."

Bible Reading.—James 4: 11, 12.

SATURDAY, MAY 26.

Speak not one against another, brethren.—James 4: 11.

"Be kind to each other:
The night's coming on,
When friend and when brother
Perchance may be gone:
Then midst our dejection,
How sweet to have earn'd
The best recollection
Or kindness—returned:
When day hath departed,
And memory keeps
Her watch, broken-hearted,
When all she loved sleeps."

Bible Reading.—James 4: 13, 14.

SUNDAY, MAY 27.

But now ye glory in your vauntings: all such glorying is evil.—James 4: 16.

"A farmer went with his son into a wheat-field to see if it was ready for the harvest. 'See, father,' exclaimed the boy, 'how straight these stems hold up their heads! They must be the best ones. Those that hang their heads down, I am sure, cannot be good for much.' The farmer plucked a stalk of each kind, and said, 'See here, foolish child. This stalk that stood so straight is light-headed, and almost good for nothing, while this that hung its head so modestly is full of the most beautiful grain.'"

Bible Reading.—James 4: 15-17.

PRAYER.

Merciful Father in heaven, may my will be lost in thine. Save me from desiring only those things that will increase my pleasure, or add to my comfort. May I commit my all to thee, trust thee for the future, and rest in the confidence that thou doest all things well. May I take no step, do no work, and seek no gift, but for thy glory. If thou dost choose to afflict me, may I be willing as was Paul to suffer and not be ashamed, knowing him whom I have believed, and being persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day. For Jesu's sake Amen.

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The newly appointed Committee held its first meeting on the 19th. Deep interest was manifest by every member in the work of spreading the gospel in this State. A sub-committee was appointed to prepare a report on fields occupied, and to present plans and recommendations for the year's work.

Mrs. Springer, a returned missionary, from India, and who is on her way home to U.S.A., arrived in Melbourne at the time of Conference. She was present when the discussion took place on the Home Mission office. A few days after a very fine revolving chair was sent to the office with Mrs. Springer's best wishes. The Committee at its meeting expressed its sincere thanks to the generous donor. Mrs. Springer's wish is that our work may grow and prosper, and that world-wide missions will be our motto—the whole world for Christ.

During the month the fine new church home was opened at East Kew. This is the result of the Hinrichsen-Brooker Mission. The membership is over 100, and Bible School 70. A strong board of officers has been appointed, and the faithful work of the missionaries will now be carried on by H. B. Robbins and A. Hinrichsen, who have accepted a term of engagement as part time preachers.

Shepparton.—C. L. Lang will close his work on the 20th inst. He will be succeeded by Bro. Dan Stewart. We look for good progress now that the church has entered its new and commodious chapel.

Warnambool.—Theo. Edwards settled here during the month. He has made a good start, and is much impressed with the prospects of the field. He is planning for a good, successful term of service.

F. Cornelius and H. Hargreaves, after spending a brief holiday following Conference, have returned to their respective fields, Colac and Boort, with fresh vigor, to continue in their work.

Bro. Pratt, of the College, commenced week-end service on the 22nd with the church at Stawell. He will travel over 300 miles each week, and will not have much opportunity for visitation, but we feel sure he will do good work.

Bro. W. Thomson, of the College, has taken up the work at Ringwood. The secretary writes stating that "all the members are well pleased with the preacher." The church reduced its building debt last year by £70. The building has only been erected about 18 months. Good work is being done.—Thos. Bagley, Organising Secretary.

OBITUARY.

BANNER.—On Monday, April 9, in the Public Hospital, Bro. James Sylvester Banner fell asleep in Jesus. His passing away was quite unexpected. He was a man who never had been ill until a fortnight before his death, when he developed pneumonia and pleurisy. While being treated for these acute appendicitis set in, for which he was operated on Saturday, and at 4 o'clock on the Monday the call came. Bro. Banner was a member of the church of long standing. He united with the church in Gympie 36 years ago, and was associated with the late Bro. D. A. Ewers during his ministry in that town. Many years he spent in active work in the church. For years he filled the office of a deacon, and filled it with benefit. He was a speaker of some ability, and those who heard him speak highly of his services in this direction. At the time of his death he was a member at Ann-st. and an officer. For his quiet unassuming character and sweet kindly disposition he was loved by all. He leaves a widow, two daughters, and two sons to await and mourn their loss, and to look forward with a sure and certain hope of a glorious reunion "when the day dawns and the shadows flee away."—F. E. Alcorn, Brisbane, Qld.

MAHAFFEY.—News has reached me that Bro. Mahaffey was called home on Nov. 21 last year. Before entering the College of the Bible, it was my privilege to labor for the church at Moree, N.S.W., under the Home Missionary Committee, and after the tent mission conducted by Bro. Thos.

Bagley, to take up residence with Bro. Mahaffey. Our brother lived to the ripe old age of 89 years. Born in the north of Ireland, he ever held to the principles of Protestantism in a manner expected of one from such a birthplace as County Down. Coming later under the influence of the Restoration movement, he became a member of a little group to "contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints," being baptised by Bro. McCracken on December 31, 1893. Together with his friend and fellow elder, Bro. William Winter—the "grand old man" of the Moree church—who pre-deceased him by several years, and Bro. John Hodson, who is still in Moree, the church at that distant outpost, 413 miles from Sydney, near the border of Queensland, had an illustrious trio. He was a fine old man, and as such I loved him. As Paul loved Timothy, so was I, a lad in my later teens, beloved by him—and his love like his prayers, was a benediction. No one ever read the

Scriptures just like he did. But all loved to hear him, and to see him, stand up in the morning service beside the little white-covered table, and read or preside, with his trembling voice, shaking hands, and withal sweet humility. He passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Duke, at Gunnedah, N.S.W. He died full of faith in him who alone can take us to be with him in glory.—William Gale, Moreland, Vic.

PEDLER.—Sadness filled our hearts on March 20, when we received the sad news that Sister Irene, only daughter of Bro. and Sister Pedler, Ungarra, was taken home after a sudden attack of appendicitis. Sister Irene gave her heart to God last year, at the close of Bro. Blackburn's ministry with the Churches of Christ on Eyre's Peninsula, and since then her devotedness and pure Christian character won the high esteem of all who knew her. We commend the sorrowing ones to our heavenly Father, who is "a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother."—W.A.R.

HARDING.—Sister Mrs. Henry Harding died at the home of her son Fred, at Inverell, on Sunday, April 8, at the age of 76 years. Our sister was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Greenshields, of South Australia. They were prominent workers in the church at Alma and Lochiel. Prior to the building of these places of worship they held service in their own home in the Woolunga district. Our sister joined the

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News of the Churches.

Tasmania.

At Hobart one sister was immersed and received into fellowship on Sunday, making ten additions for April. The Senior C.E. Society has also gained ten members.

All meetings at Ulverstone are well attended. The C.E. Society is having some fine meetings; at the last, ten papers were written by the young people, the subject being, "God's Gifts to Us: Our Gifts to God." For the next meetings there were fourteen papers promised. At the close of the C.E. meeting a short prayer meeting is held to pray for the success of the forthcoming Penguin mission.

New Zealand.

At Palmerston North Bro. A. E. Wright's term as acting evangelist expired on March 31. For some months he has labored patiently and faithfully. On March 25 two young people made the good confession. The following Lord's day three young girls and one lad took up their stand for Christ. At the present time Bro. H. Grinstead and Bro. Wright take the gospel services alternately. Bible School attendance keeping up well. The Girls' Club, under Sister Martin, meets each Monday evening for spiritual and physical culture. The Boys' Club, under Bro. Wright, meets on Thursdays, and usually a lecturette is delivered, with an appropriate application. Good attendances at prayer meetings, and much interest has been created since "Verse Night" was introduced, nearly every one taking part, by reading a favorite verse or chapter, or by stating a few thoughts. Sister Kerr is laid aside through sickness.

The 65th annual meeting of Dunedin church was held last month. Secretary's report stated that the Mission Circle by a sale of work raised over £27, and contributed towards salary of an evangelist in South Africa, helped New Zealand girl students at the College of the Bible, and gave £3 for local church expenses. The Dorcas Society helped in 24 cases, and gave away over 200 garments. The Benevolent Institution and Children's Convalescent Home at Kew were visited, and sick comforts distributed. The sisters helped the W.C.T.U. by taking the blocks assigned to the church prior to the general election. £6 to Foreign Missions was given by the Loyal Berean Class which S. G. Griffith conducted. The church had lost five members through death, seven by transfer, and twenty-two by revision of roll. Additions to membership were six. Eighty-seven contributors used the duplex envelopes; £61 was raised for Foreign Missions; £77 (including £52 to Roslyn) for Home Missions, and £10 (from envelopes only) for the Building Fund. The choir, led by Mr. Hickey, has a membership of 20. The J.C.E. Society, led by Miss C. Sandstrom, has 102 members. It donated £6/10/- to mission work. Lately the death occurred of an esteemed choir member, Bro. W. McMillan. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sell recently celebrated their golden wedding. J. J. Franklyn is delivering a series of addresses upon "The Second Coming of Christ." April 15 was harvest thanksgiving day; the next evening proceeds of a sale of produce were handed to the Y.M.C.A. for boys' work.

Queensland.

At Harlaxton, the prizes won for the past year were presented to the Bible School scholars by Mr. T. R. Roberts, M.L.A., on Sunday afternoon, April 22. A new organ has also been installed.

On April 25 most of the Bundamba members journeyed to Booral, to pay a surprise visit to Bro. and Sister Morgan, the occasion being the 90th birthday of Bro. Morgan. After partaking of the good things provided by the sisters, suitable speeches were made, interspersed with singing, by Bren. G. Green, J. A. Finlayson, and R. Shanks. A suitable present was given. Bro. Morgan feelingly responded. For the last three years as many as could go met at his house every other Sunday afternoon to break bread.

Bro. and Sister Spratt's ministry at Roma still continues to be blessed. Record attendance at both meetings on April 22; 47 broke bread—the largest for any one day in Roma. Bro. Spratt preached a powerful message, taking for his text "Sin." The Bible School has been reorganised, with a staff of 12 officers.

Lord's day, April 22, at Brisbane morning meeting, 114 partook of the Lord's Supper. At night 36 waited to remember their Lord, making 150 communicants for the day. Sisters Mrs. Pittman and Mrs. H. Berlin were amongst the visitors. Bro. S. Trudgian presided, and Bro. Alcorn delivered a good address. His subject was, "Continuing Steadfast." At night Bro. Alcorn preached to a good audience on "The Influence of the Church in the Community." The Tennis Club is conducting a tournament.

Lord's day, 22nd inst., was one of the best since the church at South End, Toowoomba, commenced. Splendid attendance all day. Bro. A. Day spoke very nicely at the morning meeting on "Love." The open-air mission was continued. Bro. Adcock spoke on the theme of "The Rich Young Man," and Bro. Stitt's subject was "What Think Ye of Christ, Whose Son is He?" There was an attentive and earnest audience in the hall, the latter speaker being in charge. Sister Lizzie Parsons again assisted with the music.

The church at Toowoomba has been somewhat handicapped during the early part of the month, owing to the evangelist being away on holiday; Bren. C. Day, Waghorn and MacLeod have acceptably exhorted, and delivered the message to the people, during the evangelist's absence. April 22, the attendance at the meetings was fair. Bro. Burns, who has returned from holiday at Roma, exhorted the church. The gospel service was conducted by the evangelist, who gave a powerful and stirring address from Mark 16: 16.

At Ipswich on April 18 the following brethren were appointed officers:—Bren. Walker, Martin, Neumann, Boettcher, Woodward, Feeny, Newlands. At the close of the service a young lad from the Bible Class confessed Christ. All meetings were largely attended on April 22. At the morning service three were received into the church. At the Bible School all previous records were passed; 62 in attendance, including 24 in the Bible Class. The evening service was most encouraging, many strangers being present, who closely followed Bro. Young's address on "Objection to Believer's Baptism Answered." Two adults (man and woman) came forward. A happy day was brought to a close with a baptismal service.

The work in the Boonah-Silverdale circuit continues steadily. Home Mission offerings of over £15/10/- from Silverdale, and £18 from Boonah-Mt. Alford. The brethren have completed the new fence on the church property, and over £60 is now available in cash in hand and promises for installing the electric light, and for painting of the chapel. Mt. Alford Bible School picnic on March 10 was a happy success, and the anniversary and distribution of prizes on the 11th were greatly enjoyed. Bro. Malcolm McKay, who was very seriously injured at the saw mills nine weeks ago, is still confined to the hospital, but has greatly improved. Members of the Warwick, Vogler and Warren families have suffered also from accidents: fortunately none very seriously. The churches congratulate Bro. T. F. Stubbin in being elected President of Conference. Services at Silverdale on 15th were very good, Bro. Arnold being present all day. Attendances at Boonah were also good, Bren. Morrish and Stubbin being in charge. Bro. A. Abbott's visits and addresses to church and Bible School on Easter Sunday were much appreciated. The church eagerly anticipates a mission to be conducted by Bren. Hinrichsen and Brooker in July. Cyril Nesbling and Sister F. Schossow, of Silverdale, are both out of hospital again.

South Australia.

At Henley Beach on Lord's day, April 29, Bro. A. C. Rankine was the speaker at the morning service, and delivered a very thoughtful address on "The Chiming Bells." Mr. Roy Gray, of the S.A. Alliance, was present at the evening service, and delivered the address. On Saturday afternoon, April 21, a working bee was held to clean up the church grounds.

During the absence of Bro. Shipway from Port Pirie, meetings were taken by local brethren. The church appreciated very much the efforts of Bren. A. Arnold, C. McDonald, W. Smith, J. Pamel and Mr. Magor, from the Congregational Church. Bro. Shipway's addresses since returning have been with his usual force and eloquence. At the prayer meeting held on April 26 a young sister was baptised. The Young People's Society continues to be well attended, and is doing great work.

The Bible School anniversary at Mount Compass on Easter Sunday and Monday was a great success. Bro. F. Collins, of Maylands, was the speaker at all services, and was very much appreciated. Prizes were presented in the afternoon. Good bright singing at all services by the scholars. Easter Monday, tea meeting was held in the District Hall, and sports for the young people. At the public meeting a musical programme and a splendid address on Sunday School work were given.

The sisters of the Glenelg church recently held a meeting with the object of forming a Ladies' Guild. Mrs. W. T. Magarey was elected President; Mrs. Vawser, Senr., Vice-President; Mrs. Morgan, Secretary, and Mrs. McGlasson, Treasurer. One of the first objectives is to work to build up a fund to purchase a manse. Last Sunday afternoon Bro. Taylor gave an eloquent address at the Anzac memorial service held on Colley Reserve, and in the evening a men's meeting was held, the singing being led by a male choir, who rendered several pieces in first-class style.

At Prospect, since last report, several have been given the right hand of fellowship, having been transferred by letter, while one of the Sunday School girls who was baptised at Hindmarsh has also been given the hand of fellowship. When Bren. Probert and Garland left for the College of the Bible, farewell meetings were held and presentations made. After Bro. Ross Graham left supplies were arranged for, and during the last couple of months Bro. Beiler has been acting, and has delivered some helpful addresses. There was a special church meeting on April 18, when the church decided to ask Bro. Beiler to accept an engagement for two years.

Victoria.

Gardiner church meetings are improving. Last Sunday's attendances were large and the services most enjoyable. Bro. and Sister Clapham and sons were welcomed into fellowship.

At Warragul, attendance good. Bro. Waters spoke morning and evening. At night the subject was "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Mr. Lewis rendered an appropriate solo.

East Camberwell continue to have good meetings at both morning and evening services. Last Lord's day Bro. Hinrichsen spoke in the morning and Bro. Baker in the evening; his subject, "What am I preaching for?" being enjoyed by every one present.

The church and Bible School at Garden Vale are having good attendances, lately having visitors from Tasmania and New Zealand. Brethren visiting the district will receive a cordial welcome. The chapel is on the corner of Point Nepean-road and Ashung-st., near the railway bridge.

Box Hill church had good meetings all day on April 29. Splendid interest in gospel service, with a fine address from Bro. Wedd. Bro. S. Moar, of Kaniva, now resident in town, had fellowship. Bro. and Sister Clissold have been welcomed back after their long holiday in New Zealand. An Intermediate C.E. Society has been formed, and will commence meetings next Lord's day, with Bro. Eric Buckmaster as superintendent.

Good meetings at Swanston-st. last Lord's day. The church was glad to have the presence of Bro. E. C. Murrichsen, who was the morning speaker; also a brother and sister from Kalgoorlie. Bro. Gibson gave an excellent address at the evening service, and received good attention.

At North Williamstown on Sunday Bro. Treharne gave a good address to the church in the morning, and Bro. Reg. Lmmiss gave a splendid address in the evening to a good congregation, his subject being "Sin." One girl confessed Christ. Bro. Johnston paid a visit to French Island.

Ballarat reports fine meetings on Lord's day. At night a large, interested meeting heard Bro. Connor on "The Old-Path Baptism." The church regrets the impending loss to South Melbourne of Mrs. Holyoak and family. They have been amongst the most consistent members. Prayer meeting on Anzac night was conducted by four of the young men—W. Fordham, J. Morrison, L. Williams and H. Reid. It was very fine, and was well attended. School attendance, 175.

During past month meetings at Fitzroy have been good, interest being well maintained, Bro. Brown preaching. Owing to ill health, the church has granted Bro. Brown leave of absence till the end of the year. The brethren are sorry to lose him, for he did a good work. On April 29, Bro. Braden and Bro. Earl, of the College, took up the work. Bro. Braden exhorted acceptably, Bro. Earl taking the gospel service, which was well received. Fine spirit in the meetings.

Good meetings at Middle Park. Two young men of the Bible Class have confessed Jesus Christ since last report. All departments in a healthy condition. Last Saturday evening the teachers and scholars of the Bible School had a social time together; the evening was well spent. After the gospel meetings some of the members, with the preacher, break bread at the home of the Misses Boyce, one of whom, unfortunately, is laid up through accident. The church prays for her speedy recovery.

Fine men's meeting was held at Collingwood on April 22. Special singing by K.S.P. Club, under the capable leadership of Bro. Stewart, was quite a feature. Bro. Stewart's message, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision," was appreciated by a large congregation. Meetings are kept up well up to standard. All auxiliaries are in a healthy condition, especially Christian Endeavor, which is growing every week. Bro. Ames, as superintendent, and Sister Brooker as secretary, are doing a good work. Bro. Stewart goes to Shepparton on May 1.

Since last report one brother has been baptised and received in at Maryborough. Attendance still keeps up at every service. A Church of Christ League of Loyalty has been formed, and new members are enrolling every meeting. Five weeks have just elapsed since its organisation, and over sixty members have linked up to assist in the work of the church. The League has purchased a bicycle for the benefit of our brother preacher. Last meeting took the form of a social. On Thursday, 26th April, the Girls' Guild held a concert, which was a marked success.

Interest in all meetings was well sustained at Warrnambool on April 29. In the afternoon Bro. Edwards took part in a public Anzac service held in the Botanical Gardens; and at night he delivered a splendid address on "The Spirit of Anzac." His daughters again assisted with special singing. During the week an enjoyable social was held, when a formal welcome was extended to the new preacher, his wife and family. Subsequently Bro. Edwards outlined some plans for future work. These were heartily approved of. Hopes are entertained by all for a forward move.

At Brighton excellent services were held on Sunday. Bro. Lewis, who recently came from Malvern, presided very acceptably. In the evening Bro. Huntsman spoke on "Turning to the Lord." A number of visitors were present. A company of men meet every Saturday afternoon to assist in making additions to the chapel. The young men of the Kappa Sigma Pi Club are also helping. The club had a "mock trial" last Tues-

day evening, which proved very interesting. At the last meeting of the Women's Mission Band Sister Mrs. Springer gave a splendid address on her work in India. A special class has been started for scholars and teachers entering the annual examination. The new chapel is making good progress, and will be a fine church home when completed.

The annual business meeting of Moreland church was held on April 25. Reports from the various auxiliaries all showed a fine spirit of unity. The balance sheet revealed a surplus. The secretary, Bro. C. Sampson, was re-elected; also the treasurer, Bro. W. Brown, and most of the old officers. The average attendance for the year has been: morning, 149, and total of members breaking bread for the day, 152. Seven have never missed; three missed only once, and six twice. Increase during the year, by faith and obedience, 26. Meeting on 29th was over the average by 10. It is hoped soon to start the extension of the building, as the present accommodation is too small for the congregations attending. Bro. William Gale's ministry is being greatly blessed.

The Carnegie Sunshine Club on Saturday, 28th, went to Brighton and took for an outing to the beach 43 of the girl inmates. Races were organised, and fruit, cakes and sweets distributed. All voted the time well spent in giving some brightness to the lives of others. At the morning service on 29th, the attendance was the largest we have had of members for some time, and Bro. Saunders gave a stirring message dealing with the importance of Bible School work. The gospel meeting took the form of a young women's service, under the auspices of the Sunshine Club. All exercises were taken by the club members, a special feature being the recital of the New Testament Scripture. Bro. Saunders was in good form in his address dealing with "The Womanliness of Jesus." The attendance at this meeting also was the largest we have had for some time.

At South Yarra we had a rather eventful week. On Wednesday, at daylight, a number of members journeyed to the Port Melbourne Pier to await the arrival of the s.s. "Naldera," and to welcome Sister Miss Blake, our missionary on furlough. On Saturday night the local Mission Band, under the direction of the energetic president, Mrs. F. Lee, arranged a welcome to Miss Blake. The chapel was tastefully decorated, and there were present a very representative gathering of members and visitors. Bro. D. Lewis presided. Miss Baker, on behalf of the Women's Mission Band, welcomed Sister Miss Blake; Mrs. F. Lee, president of South Yarra Mission Band; Miss Sear, J.C.E.; Bro. Mudford, F.M., and A. Searle. Bible School, also spoke words of welcome. Sister Miss Blake responded. Last Lord's day Sister Blake addressed the J.C.E. There were over 99 present. Bro. Tease addressed the church. 14 were received into fellowship. At night there was a crowded meeting. Five were buried in baptism, and nine made the good confession. On Monday three more confessed. Total to date, 51.

At Cheltenham on Sunday meetings were large and inspiring. The tennis court is now open, and creating much interest amongst the young people. The church being at a loss to obtain a suitable residence for its preacher, decided to secure a property of its own. The members, when asked to provide for a fund for this purpose, took up the question in a good spirit, and many promises for annual donations were received, in addition to over £200 cash at the time. A block was secured at a cost of £210; a building is now erected, and ready for occupation. The total cost, including fencing, is £421/11/6, in addition to cost of land. To assist in meeting this liability, the duplex envelopes were substituted for the single, to give the members opportunity to give small amounts when they were not in a position to contribute largely. About 25/- per week is received in this way. On Saturday, April 28, the sisters conducted a sale of gifts, which resulted in over £66 towards the liquidation of the debt incurred. The building is internally fitted with every convenience for easing the labors of the wife of any resident preacher.

New South Wales.

Meetings at Bankstown are well attended, and a fine spirit prevails. Splendid address from Bro. J. Crawford on April 22. The church is much indebted to brethren who conduct the gospel meetings, and thanks them for their help.

At Chatswood on morning of April 29, Bro. Fox addressed the church. Visitors, Bro. and Sister Hunter and Sister Springer. At the gospel service Bro. Payne, from Hornsby, gave a fine message on "The Prodigal Son." A fine spirit has prevailed at all the services during the erection of the new chapel.

Attendances at all meetings at St. Peters are keeping favorably. Lord's day, April 22, Bro. Clydesdale, from Rockdale, exhorted. Bro. Eldridge spoke at evening service. On April 29 Bro. Ken MacKenzie addressed the morning meeting. Bro. Cyril Flood took the evening service, and gave a forceful address on "The Drama of Life in Three Acts." Two children from the Bible School made the good confession.

At the City Temple on Sunday morning Bro. J. Saxby gave a fine, thoughtful address from Phil. 3: 10. At night a splendid gospel sermon on "Can a man rob God?" was delivered by Bro. A. L. Haddon. The previous Lord's day Bro. J. Chapple spoke from Amos 5: 8, and at night Bro. J. Fox preached on "The Ark." Both were greatly appreciated. Sister Lillie passed away last week, having reached the age of 86 years. Bro. Harward conducted the funeral at Waverley Cemetery.

Lord's day, April 22, at Lismore, Bro. T. Morton, of Paddington, Sydney, was present, and delivered a helpful exhortation. At night Bro. P. J. Pond preached from Luke 4: 18, with reference to the Anzac commemoration. On Anzac Day a united service was held with the Presbyterian congregation. The church expects to have new building opened at the end of next month. The prayers of God's people are asked on behalf of Bro. H. G. Harward's mission here, following the opening celebrations.

Enmore reports that everything in connection with the anniversary passed off well. The singing of the children was enjoyed by the large crowds of people who attended. On Saturday, 28th, a sale of work was held under the auspices of the Dorcas Class. Mrs. John Hindle declared the sale opened. The takings, which amounted to £112, are to be divided between the church (for renovating purposes) and Bro. and Sister Escott, India, also for renovating purposes in connection with their home. The Bible School had a stall at the sale to raise funds for school prizes, and the takings at this stall amounted to £25. On Wednesday, April 25, an impressive Anzac service was held. Sunday, April 29, good attendances all day. Bro. Siver gave stirring addresses at both services. One lad made the good confession.

Work is steadily progressing at Broken Hill, and good interest is maintained at all meetings. The auxiliaries are improving. The mid-week prayer meeting, at which Bro. Blackburn is giving an interpretation of the Book of Revelation, is particularly well attended. Four additions are reported; one restoration, two baptised believers, one faith and baptism; one Sunday School scholar at Railwaytown has also taken her stand for Christ. The Sunday School during the last three months has received twelve new scholars. The kindergarten section is being reorganised. By voluntary labor and with much material given, a fence, valued at £100, has been erected round the building. On April 4, the Sisters' Guild held a most successful sale of gifts, etc. A good programme was provided. Nett proceeds were over £30. As a result of this splendid effort the brethren are painting the chapel exterior. A tennis club has been formed; the young people are making preparations for laying down the court. Several church members who have been inmates of the local hospital, have recovered. Sister Blackburn is laid aside through sickness, but is improving.

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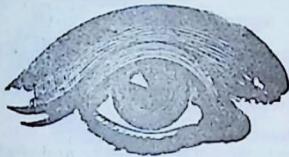
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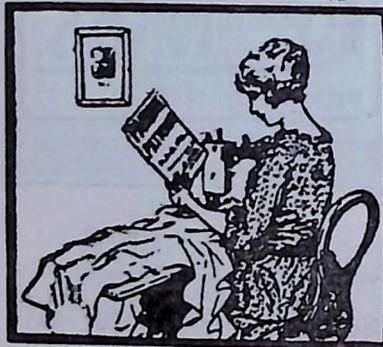
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