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## The Kellems-Richards Campaign.

Jesse R. Kellems and Chas. H. Richards are on their way here. They are due to arrive in Sydney on the 27th of this month. These brethren, although new to the Australian brotherhood, are far from novices in the work. They come with a record of successful missions to their names, and fresh from the triumphs of a big campaign.



J. McGregor Abercrombie,  
President of Conference of Churches of Christ  
in Victoria.

We are confident of their welcome here. The slightest doubt as to the wisdom of their coming, disappears, when we face the number of pleading requests from churches for their services. Only for about six months can they remain to help us; but two years would be too short to satisfy all the churches who wish their co-operation.

As I said, they are on their way. The Board of Management, too, is well on its way to meet them. All the details are being carefully considered. Plans have been made to ensure success. We are depending on the churches to help. Our work is so to arrange that all the churches possible will benefit from this meeting. It will be a time of enthusiasm and fellowship. Sometimes our local church work seems hard and

lonely; but here we will feel the pulse of our brotherhood in full action. We are out with a definite object, and are all out together. We are going by our presence to show our witness for the Truth. As the crowds fill the Olympia night after night, the power of the Christian faith will be manifest.

Our support is essential, for Jesse R. Kellems will represent our movement to the people of Melbourne. He is well qualified to do this, both by education and consecration, as well as by conviction. The plea will be presented. Christ will be exalted as the supreme authority in life. The New Testament will be appealed to as the Word of God. The union of Christians will be discussed on the basis of the New Testament ideal, and the elimination of the human traditions.

Such a mission as this will confirm the churches in their faith. Our small causes will reflect in their increased zeal the impetus of the big brotherhood movement.

Thinking of this protracted meeting as individuals, how it will revive our faith! To hear a great preacher giving forth of his intellect, of his soul, and of the fullness of his manhood, for the sake of Christ, will inspire us to help, and in the helping will come our strengthening.

These are all secondary expected results. These brethren are coming here first to preach Christ. They come as ambassadors on behalf of Christ. Their message is the message of reconciliation. How the world needs the simple story of the Cross to-day! What an opportunity for us to lead others to the sound of the gospel. Here is our work! Faith comes by hearing, but how the hearer comes may depend on us.

So we look forward to our special opportunity, in the certain conviction that this will be a time when many will be added to the Lord, when the number of the disciples will be multiplied greatly.

J. McGregor Abercrombie.

### PROGRAMME OF OPENING MEETINGS, VICTORIA.

- Saturday, June 30, 12.50 p.m. Party arrives by Sydney Express at Spencer-st.
- 3 p.m. Party present at Laying the Foundation Stone of new chapel at Brighton.
- 8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Swanston-st. Bro. C. H. Richards takes charge. Also on July 7, 14, and 21.
- Sunday, July 1, 11 a.m. Party at Lygon-st.
- 7 p.m. Party at Prahran. Empress Theatre, Chapel-st.
- Monday, July 2, 8 p.m. Public Welcome at Lygon-st.
- Tuesday, July 3, 8 p.m. Men's Rally at Lygon-st.
- Wednesday, July 4, 8 p.m. Devotional and Personal Workers' Conference, at Swanston-st.
- Thursday, July 5, 8 p.m. Bible School Workers' Rally, Lygon-st. Admission by Ticket.
- Saturday, July 7, 3.30 p.m. Junior C.E. Rally, Swanston-st. Admission by Ticket.
- Sunday, July 8, 11 a.m. Party at Swanston-st. 7 p.m. Commence Short Mission at Prahran.
- Sunday, July 22. Mission Begins at Wirth's Olympia.

Let every member prepare and pray for a great soul-winning campaign.

EACH ONE WIN ONE.



J. R. Kellems.



C. H. Richards.

The Missioners.

# "The Call of the Open Window."

Frank Funston.

"His windows being open toward Jerusalem, he kneeled and prayed and gave thanks before his God."—Daniel 6: 10.

Although in captivity in Babylon, Daniel, "because of the excellent spirit that was in him," had come to be esteemed "ten times more than all the magicians and astrologers." In spite of the dangers attaching to such a course, he was loyal to his God; he shut the door on Babylon and opened the windows to Jerusalem and to God. The thought we take from this is that call to mind, body and soul that we could name "the challenge of the open window."

*The open window is a source of fresh air.* Daniel needed "fresh air"—a new outlook on things. It was probably not long after Belshazzar's feast, with its drunkenness and revelry; with the terrible vision of the writing hand; the utter confounding of the accredited magicians; the terrible interpretation Daniel brought, and the slaughter that followed. In search of "fresh air," where better could Daniel look than towards God and towards "Jerusalem, thy holy mountain," "that city and that people called by thy name"? His thoughts went out to it, and his soul out to God. We are surrounded by things unspiritual, by people unspiritual; is it not good to "shut the door on Babylon"; to meet with God's people; to open the windows to God himself through prayer, and so to seek something to replace the effect which the world's life has in tending to choke our spirituality?

*The open window is a source of strength.* Fresh air is necessary for the maintenance of health at its best, and just as it is foolish to keep windows closed when one is languishing for fresh air, so is it sinful to neglect things which may be sources of spiritual strength. Educationalists have realised that the teacher's voice and the printed page are not the only sources of mental food; hence, picture-lessons, relief-maps, excursions to places of interest, and even the cinematograph in school. Lecturers with their lanterns rely on both eye and ear as receivers of their messages. Spiritual food may also be received in many ways—some claim to find it in a good novel or play, in a picture show, or in social life.

*But the open window may admit dust or poison as well as fresh air,* and we must discriminate about opening windows at certain times. Dust is good when rightly used—moistened and considered as soil—and the chemist could probably make use, in small doses, of many of the constituents of the poison that enters your window when the train passes through a tunnel. Both the tunnel-breath and the dust-laden air probably contain 99 per cent. of pure air, but our physical mechanism is no more adjusted to accept the good air and reject the poison than is our mental and spiritual self able to

sort out the good from the bad in those possible "sources of spiritual food" mentioned above. It may be safer to "keep the windows closed" from the influence of some forms of novel or play, picture show or social life.

*Various diseases may be fostered by the closed window.* The doctor tells us that fresh air and sunlight are the greatest enemies of certain diseases, and the closed window their best friends. The soul's window, if closed to external influences, just as surely brings illness to the spiritual system—this time in the form of narrowness and lack of sympathy with the viewpoint of others. Breadth of outlook and vision is a great need to-day, and we can say truly that one blessing the war has brought has been an increasing world-vision instead of one confined within national bounds. The greatest barrier to Australia's progress to-day is probably class-feeling and class-hatred instead of unity and national consciousness. With a narrow outlook and no united front, difficulties are magnified, molehills become mountains, and the vision of big things ahead is shut out by smaller things close at hand. A threepenny bit may obscure the sun's light and beauty, or a spider's thread across the eyepiece of a telescope may shut out worlds. If we take our viewpoint as that of the divine, or as that of the visionaries among men, we will not be narrow. God's love (John 3: 16) knew no bounds—it extended to "the world" and "whosoever." Jesus' view was that "one is our Father and all we are brethren," while even Robert Burns saw that day, "comin' yet for a' that," "when man to man the world o'er shall brithers be for a' that."

*The open window may be the means of seeing inside the building and judging its contents.* The trader's most genuine advertisement may not be the printed one, but his window display. Our words and acts are the open windows by which the world judges us—and Jesus Christ, for they will persist in judging him by his worst followers. As well to say that because Judas was a rogue, we will not have Jesus to reign over us; or to say that, because there are bad two-shilling pieces about, we will not handle money. Will we again betray the Christ by having worthless imitations in our windows? Rather let our windows display the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance—and the world will not fail to have dealings with us and with the One called our Master.

*A window too widely opened may cause disaster in blowing papers about, upsetting vases, etc., and the last-mentioned of the fruits of the Spirit may be allowed to give here its warning—seldom necessary in these*

times. Intemperance in spiritual things may give rise to bigotry or to the persecution of those of different faiths. Too much physical food may cause indigestion; too much mental food, brain fag; too much fresh air, exhaustion; and too much spiritual food a revulsion from such things. Cases have occurred where insistence on the performance of religious duties has led to rebellion and ultimate isolation from spiritual influences.

*But draughts of pure air will not harm.* God's own book provides such; his church exists to bring spiritual food to all; he can be reached to-day through prayer, and Christ is still "the fountain, the deep sweet well of love." The call to a larger life is still clamant. It is suggested to us in the book of Daniel—let us open the windows and let God into the holy of holies of our hearts. Isaiah called to a larger life: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes." And in our own time, Oliver Wendell Holmes has uttered the same call to a larger life. He says:

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,  
As the swift seasons roll!  
Leave thy low-vaulted past!  
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,  
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,  
Till thou at length art free,  
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea."

## How to Read the Bible.

You cannot be holy, my brethren, unless you do in secret live upon the blessed Word of God, and you will not live on it unless it comes to you as the sacred word of His mouth. It is very sweet to get a letter from home when you are far away; it is like a bunch of fresh flowers in winter time. A letter from the dear one at home is as music heard over the water; but half-a-dozen words from that dear mouth are better than a score pages of manuscript, for there is a sweetness about the look and tone which paper cannot carry. Now I want you to get the Bible to be not a book only, but a speaking trumpet, through which God speaks from a far to you, so that you may catch the very tones of His voice.

You must read the Word of God to this end, for it is while reading, meditating, and studying, and seeking to dip yourself into its spirit, that it seems suddenly to change from a written book into a talking book or phonograph; it whispers to you or thunders at you as though God had hidden Himself among its leaves and spoke to your condition. Ask the Lord Jesus to cause His word to come fresh from His own mouth to your soul; and if it be so, and you thus live in daily communion with a personal Christ, you will then with your feet take hold upon His steps; then will you keep His way; then will you never decline to go back from His commandments, but you will make good speed in your pilgrim way to the eternal city.—C. H. Spurgeon.

# Prayer for the Dead.

It is a significant fact that there is not a single passage in the New Testament which, either expressly or by just inference, countenances the practice of praying for the dead.

## One favorable text?

One passage has indeed been alleged—St. Paul's prayer for Onesiphorus (2 Tim. 1: 16-18; cf. 4: 19). The argument is that because the Apostle, writing to Timothy at Ephesus, the capital of the Province of Asia, sends a greeting to "the household of Onesiphorus," the latter was deceased; but this is at the best a precarious inference. The actual situation, as I have shown at large in "The Life and Letters of St. Paul" (p. 626), is that a number of Asian Christians, including Phygelus and Hermogenes, had accompanied St. Paul on his last journey to Rome, and on his arrest there had fled home, leaving him to his fate. It was a pleasant offset to their desertion that during his imprisonment another Asian, Onesiphorus, had occasion to visit the capital, and on learning his plight not only bravely sought him out and gained admission to his cell, but protracted his stay at Rome and paid him frequent visits. In writing to Ephesus the Apostle, by way of relieving the shame which his friends there must have felt for his desertion by their other representatives, mentions the generosity of Onesiphorus and invokes an eternal recompense for him and his.

There is thus no instance of prayer for the dead in the New Testament; and this is the more remarkable since the usage had already arisen among the later Jews. Had it been right, the Apostles would certainly have practised and enjoined it; and in truth it is

## Open to grave objections.

1. One can hardly read the New Testament intelligently without being impressed by the studious reticence which the sacred writers maintain regarding the condition of the departed, thus warning us against rash and harmful speculation. They constantly and emphatically affirm on the one hand the eternal blessedness and security of all who depart this life in the faith and love of Christ, and on the other the infinite calamity of a Christless hereafter; but beyond this they affirm nothing definite. If evidence be required, it is sufficient to observe that whenever we raise particular questions, we find ourselves in the region of debate. And the reason is that amid the limitations of our mortal state it is impossible for us to conceive the glory which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, even as it is impossible for one born blind to picture the wonders of the external world, its colors and beauties, which he has never beheld. Only if his eyes were opened could he conceive of these; and even so,

that we may conceive of the Eternal World and the state of its inhabitants, we must wait until the hand of death takes the veil from our hearts. And, therefore, the New Testament simply assures us of the ineffable glory which shall be revealed, and bids us meanwhile hope and trust. How, then, could we rightly pray for the dead, ignorant as we are of their needs in that unexplored realm?

2. Prayer for the dead is intercessory; and what does intercessory prayer mean? When we pray for others what is it that we do? We do not merely bring their case to the Throne of Grace and cast it upon God, leaving it with him without further responsibility on our part. Rather do we, desiring their good, and realising our weakness, seek his counsel and aid; we grasp his strength, ally ourselves with him, and vow to be thenceforth his fellow-workers on their behalf. This is the essential idea, the very *raison d'être* of intercession; and how can we intercede for those who have passed beyond our service and gone where they "no longer need our poor protection"?

## Our duty.

What, then, is our duty toward the dead? It is not prayer for them, but reverent and loving remembrance of them. And not only is this a Christian duty, an instinct of the heart approved by the New Testament, but it is the sort of "prayer for the dead" which was practised by the church ere she sank into the corruption of mediæval ignorance and superstition. "We make mention of the saints," said Origen, "and devoutly remember our parents or friends when they die in faith, at once rejoicing in the rest which they have won, and faithfully beseeching for ourselves also an holy consummation." It was not this that offended the Reformers, but prayer for the dead to hasten their release from the torments of a fictitious Purgatory. Let us realise that our dead are in the loving hands of God, and be content to leave them there in the sure hope of a blessed reunion.—Prof. David Smith, in the "British Weekly."

## The Resolution Carried Out.

Many resolutions are carried in meetings, but not carried out in practice. Please allow the recounting of a New Year resolution in one of our churches, and how it is being carried out.

The last day of 1922 was a Sunday, and the preacher presented the resolution for the New Year about to begin. Prayer, perusal of God's Word, personal work.

Five months only have passed in the new year, but they have been five of the happiest in the experience of the members who have had the resolution carried out.

The prayer life has been keen and consistent. The officers meet for prayer each Sunday morning, the Sunday School teach-

ers meet for prayer, there are prayers before the gospel service. Prayers are given prominence in all meetings. But better than all, many members can testify to definite answers to prayer in their own experience. Barriers have been removed, doors opened, homes united, wanderers returned to God, and many young people entered the fold. Prayer lists are held by many, and already several names ticked off.

Prayers are being answered almost every day, and God is honoring the praying church.

The perusal of the Word of God is just as keen as the prayer life. A literature department is of wonderful service to the church, as suitable books are easily available. Special prominence is given to books dealing with Bible studies. Hundreds of books have passed through the department since the opening a little over a year ago. A sane, sound and scriptural interpretation of prophecy is sought after.

On one occasion during the week the building was full afternoon and evening, when the subject of the return of our Lord was considered. The young people are evincing a desire for Bible study as seldom seen in church life.

The ladies are organising a Bible study class in the afternoons once a fortnight.

The last resolution follows naturally. If the prayers are true prayers, preaching must follow praying, finding must follow seeking, opening must follow knocking.

If the perusal of the Word is led of the Spirit, it will reveal the blessing of service. The soul-winner is not only wise, but will shine as the stars in the firmament. It is the servant who is *doing* that is rewarded by the returning Master. The members who are never known to bring people to the gospel service are conspicuous by that fact. Fortunately they are in the minority. True personal evangelism constitutes a little more than mere bringing to the meetings.

This work is frequently followed up by visits from preacher and people interested. Useful tracts are given, and books are loaned. The meetings of the church are discussed when conversing with people. Even non-members are bringing their friends to the services.

In a few words to sum up. What has happened?

The chapel was overcrowded. The meetings were held for one month in the district hall. The hall has been filled, and there were conversions every night.

What is going to happen now?

The meetings must continue in the hall. To return to the chapel is virtually to say to 150 people, "Good-bye, we do not want to see you any more."

Plans for a new building are being discussed. A "year of sacrifice" is to be entered into by the church.

One thousand pounds is to be raised by the members in this sacrificial year by weekly gifts.

May God lead others as he has led this church.

# Wonderful Rotorua.

Jas. E. Thomas.

An entirely different occasion that impressed me was at a bowling tournament, where about 300 bowlers had gathered in a competition on the fine green of Rotorua. When it closed, and they concluded with congratulatory speeches, all the crowd joined heartily in the National Anthem. They sang it as though they meant it. I have heard the National Anthem played and sung in Australia, and it has been the signal for many of the audience to hurry disrespectfully from the building. It was almost a mockery to have "God Save the King" on the programme. This was never so in New Zealand. People there show their loyalty by uniting heartily when they ask God to bless their king, and all stand to attention in a fitting manner while they sing.

## Weird Wairakei.

The most weird and wonderful sights in all the thermal region are at Wairakei. There is a very fair motor road that passes through the Hemo Gorge, and on either side the hills are planted with trees. This was done by conscientious objectors and those interned at the time of the war. It is a part of the very wise, far-seeing afforestation scheme of the Government, and the trees look healthy and flourishing. The road goes around the foot of the famous Rainbow Mountain. We paused at Waitapu for breakfast, and ran near by the Lady Knox Geyser. When soap was thrown into this boiling cauldron, it threw its steaming waters up over 50 feet. We came at last to the Geyser House Hotel, prettily situated among the pine trees, and from here we started with our guides on what is probably the most wonderful trip in all the world, through the famous Geyser Valley. It would be impossible to describe the weird grandeur of this walk. We first came to the marvellous Champagne Pool, 80 feet deep, boiling and sparkling continually at a temperature of 207 degrees Fahrenheit. Across the valley on the opposite bank is the Irishman's Terrace, called such because it is green. It is the nearest remaining resemblance to the buried Terraces of Rotorua. Passing the Pack-horse Geyser, we come to the great Wairakei Geyser, sending forth its hot stream into the air regularly every ten minutes. It is wonderful how these weird surging springs follow the unfailling clock-work of nature. The Dragon's Mouth Geyser bursts forth from its yawning gap every five minutes without fail. It certainly looks like Tartarus or Gehenna, and would have been a fit representation for the most vivid imagination of the ancient Greeks. The Lightning Pool, the Pink Porridge Pot, with its bubbling mass of clay, and the Ladies' Beautifying Bath, with seething mud that is said to beautify the complexion, are all very interesting. The Opal Lake has lost its color, and should be renamed Soap Suds Lake, or some such descriptive name. The Eagle's Nest Geyser plays every half-hour, and looks like a nest bubbling continually. Satan's Toll-gate explodes every four minutes, and the traveller does well to hasten through such a weird place. Whoever named these places seems to have had quite a realistic idea of Satan, for there is the Devil's Porridge Pot, Punch Bowl, his Toll-gate, the Dragon's Mouth, and at Tikitere is Hell's Gate. They are all very fierce-looking places, and possibly worthy of such expressive names. By putting a little rag into a small hole, the guide caused the Prince of Wales' Feather Geyser to play in 20 minutes. It sends forth its hot spray in the form of a beautiful Prince of Wales crest of feathers. The Twin Geysers play alternately: the Dancing Rock, that seems to be lifted by the hot water, is moved every 1½ minutes, while the Paddle Wheel is turned every 20 minutes. For those who can stay overnight, the most wonderful sight is the Karipiti Blow Hole, that is only a few inches in diameter, but sends forth its fiery stream in almost terrifying beauty. Scientists consider this to be

the safety valve of the North Island of New Zealand.

Following the winding road again, we came to the beautiful Huka Falls. They are a miniature Niagara, and are certainly the finest falls I have seen in the Southern Hemisphere. They are linked up to the hotel near for the supply of electric light, and more power-houses were in course of construction. So we, too, need to be linked up to the mighty power-house of God. We had a delightful drive to Lake Taupo, the largest lake in New Zealand. This is a magnificent sheet of water, across which motor launches bear the tourist for a small charge. This is said to be the finest trout-fishing area in the world, and anglers in the vicinity seemed to endorse this claim. It is possible to go on through the National Park to the railway, but we returned to Rotorua. On the way we saw the Aratiatia Rapids that come down the Waikato River with sparkling grandeur. As I climbed the rocks and saw the mighty Rapids, there seemed a fascination that brought me closer to Him who speaks to us in the rolling stream or the raging storm. It is in such a place that one likes to linger. Near to the heart of Nature, we get nearer to Nature's unfailling and wonderful God. Like Charles Lamb, we often wish that ours could be "the life contemplative" by the rolling stream, on the quiet mountain, or by the shining silvery sea.

We left Rotorua with regret, for it has a charm unique, and beauties that are found in no other part. We came by the express to the main trunk line, and journeyed southward toward the winding Wanganui River. Our way was through the King Country, that has been land reserved for the Maori inhabitants. There are many of their paha or villages along the route, and prosperous little towns are passed as we journey. The sale of intoxicating liquor is illegal in this area, though there were signs that some had brought some along with them even in the train. One fine muscular Maori was lamenting the fact that his countrymen sold their land to the Pakiaha, as the white man is called, and then they spend their money in races, motor-cars, or race horses. He called them Pukatere, which means "hollow tree," for he said they are empty-headed, and have no brains. These Maoris are not unlike many white folks that do not know the value or right use of money; but wherever I saw them there came to me only admiration for this magnificent race of people. They sang as we came along the way, and though they could not read a note of music, these sweet singers had splendid harmony. I have never heard "Annie Laurie" or "The Old Folks at Home" sung more beautifully anywhere than by these bright-eyed and intelligent people.

## The Bank of Heaven.

The Firm.—"My God."  
 Promise.—"Shall supply."  
 Amount.—"All your need."  
 Capital.—"His riches in glory."  
 Signature.—"By Christ Jesus."

# Religious Notes and News.

## Mr. Lloyd George for U.S.A.?

Mr. Lloyd George may possibly pay a flying visit to America this summer to speak at the annual conference of the American Council of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches. The American Council has sent the ex-Premier a pressing invitation through Dr. H. A. Atkinson, and the invitation is being considered by Mr. Lloyd George.

## A Girl Billy Sunday.

A fourteen-year-old girl from Pittsburgh, named Mary Agnes Vithestain, is attracting large audiences in various American cities as an evangelist of the Billy Sunday type. On a recent Sunday afternoon 3000 persons crowded one of the largest theatres in Washington in order to hear an address, in which she defended the story of Jonah and the whale as a literal history. At the close hundreds of her hearers pushed their way down the aisles in order to shake her hand. The chairman of the meeting was G. M. Diefenderfer, the President of the Washington Federation of Churches.

## Crazes.

Several mothers have pushed their babies in perambulators from London to Brighton; a New York girl has danced for fifty hours without stopping; these are two "records" that we have been invited to admire during the past week! Any wanton wastage of mechanical power would be generally regarded, in these days, as a reprehensible action, but so out of balance is the public sense of values, that the squandering of human physical power is acclaimed as a feat worthy of emulation. If those over-energetic mothers had each done a hard day's housework for an heavily burdened neighbor, or if the dance-crazed American girl had watched by a sick bed continuously for two days and two nights, no newspaper would have uttered a word of comment. The world is overflowing with unemployed human energy, which finds unnatural outlets and runs to waste; yet the churches are left to deplore the lack of energy

among their members. There are many records waiting to be broken in the sphere of Christian service, and it is the challenge of the Master to the adventurous spirit of youth that needs to be more vigorously spread abroad.—"Christian."

## Mark Guy Pearse.

Mark Guy Pearse is just completing his ministerial diamond jubilee, having entered the Wesleyan ministry in the year 1863. In spite of the fact that he is now over 81 years of age, he still takes lecturing engagements, one of his current lectures being entitled, "What's the Matter with Most of Us?"—a very apt title, surely, for an octogenarian. Up to the end of last year he raised by the sale of his books no less than £12,300 for the West London Mission, in the founding of which he was associated with the late Hugh Price Hughes. He is credited with the ambition of increasing that amount to £12,500 before his life's work is ended.

## A Mary Slessor Letter.

A correspondent sends us the following extracts from a letter received in 1914 from Mary Slessor, of Calabar, says the London "Christian." Those who have read the story of "the White Queen of Okoyong" will find interest in every point and characterisation.

"I have gone through the Pauline Epistles, slowly and thoroughly, this year; and, oh, how inexpressibly rich they are! Language is strained to its utmost capacity, and beyond it, to express the grandeur of the salvation and Gospel committed to our hands.

"Yesterday and to-day I have been feasting luxuriously on the first part of the fourth chapter of Ephesians, to the sixteenth verse. I cannot get past that yet. God's idea and purpose in and for the church—what a conception! Every word almost, every phrase, holds one in thrall. Oh, what a calling is ours! Oh, what a power the realization of it would give to us, as well as to the church! I just feel cheap, and my work and prayers and everything seem to shrivel, alongside the pattern book of the King's tracing, and of the ser-

vice and spirit of Paul, his prisoner and utterly selfless servant.

"But you are in the land of sermons—happy man! So you don't need my 'prentice hand' at it! May your soul be satiated with the finest of the wheat, and from honey from the rock at first-hand, direct from the Spirit of God!

"Your mother will be just luxuriating in your presence. My mother used to sit and look at me, with such eyes, and such an expression! Give her the fulness of her longing; give her your company all the time, and let her see your love. You have to make up for your sister's absence, too. Aye, but she is an honored servant to have her children so chosen, and sent on to the very front!"

**Who is Giovanni Papini?**

There is a thrill in the thought that yesterday, virtually unknown to English-speaking people, his name to-morrow will perhaps be a household word. By a single book, his "Life of Christ," he seems destined to become one of the world's great figures. In Italy the book has already created a sensation. Edition after edition is coming from the press in Florence, and translations are being made all over the world.

How did he come to write the "Storia di Cristo"?

"When the war came," he said, in an interview, "and nation after nation plunged in almost without thought or care, offering up holocausts of its men, destroying, burning, killing—then I laughed with all the joyous bitterness of having one's saddest convictions confirmed. That is precisely what I believed and thought about the human race; that it was criminal and imbecile; that it was incapable of good, and turned only to evil; that its dominating desire was only to destroy. Yes; I laughed; and I was glad that my deep-rooted conviction was so amply justified.

"In time, however, this mood of scoffing and bitterness passed by. I was tormented by the question, why should this be? I began to read history. I went back to the earliest historical times, as far back as 2500 B.C. And always, it was the same, the development of peoples and nations led to war. It led to war owing to the failure of religion, of religion actually based upon the true spirit of love. War and destruction seemed to be the natural climax. I began to examine the history of capitalism and industrialism since the fifteenth century, and the upshot, I found, had been always the same—war and destruction.

"Was there any way to avoid this horrible tragedy, to do away with it permanently? The only solution was to change the spirit of mankind—to turn it towards religion." Then it was that the idea came to him to write the "Life of Christ"—to make Christ live again.—"Australian Christian World."

**Church Union in Canada.**

Christian reunion has been under discussion in Canada for twenty years past. The suggested union at one time included Anglicans, Baptists, Congregationalists, Methodists, and Presbyterians. The two first-named dropped out, however, feeling that their doctrines and practices were of sufficient importance and distinctiveness to warrant their maintaining a separate existence. The nature and extent of union, so far as the other three denominations are concerned, will now be determined before many months have passed. A Bill has been prepared by the Joint Union Committee, which will be submitted to the Parliaments, the object of which is to safeguard the temporalities of the churches concerned. Before going forward to the Legislatures the Bill is to be considered by the representative assemblies of the three churches. It seems likely that the Congregationalists will accept the Bill with practical unanimity. In the Methodist body, however, there is likely to be a minority, the size of which is uncertain. In the Presbyterian denomination there is a strong and influential section opposed to Union altogether, and if the weak union is forced this section will probably break away and constitute a separate church.—"The Christian World."

# Proposed New Building

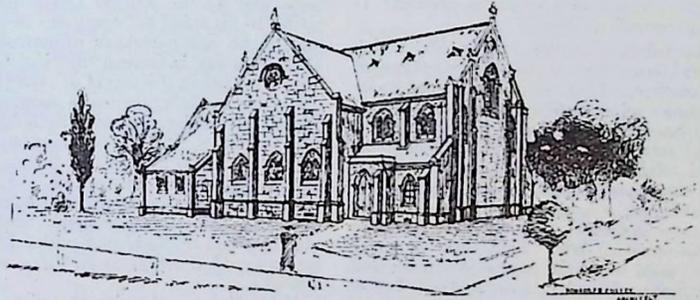
for the Church of Christ, Adelaide.

The accompanying perspective sketch and ground plans have been approved by the Grote-st. church. They are now being circulated by the Building Fund Committee for the information of the many brethren and sisters who have already contributed, and also with the hope of enlisting the practical support of those who have so far been waiting for some definite proposal to be put forward.

The completed building as shown in the ground plan will, with a gallery, give accommodation for 725 persons. The first portion, as shown in the

mother-church at Grote-st. in days gone by who have been richly helped and blessed by her ministrations, and cherish many happy memories of that time: will these remember the days of their youth and help in a worthy manner to perpetuate the work?

And will our brethren in the suburban and country churches to whom at all times (but especially at the Conference and other special meetings) the city church buildings are such a convenience, help us to erect this building in which they all have such a personal interest?



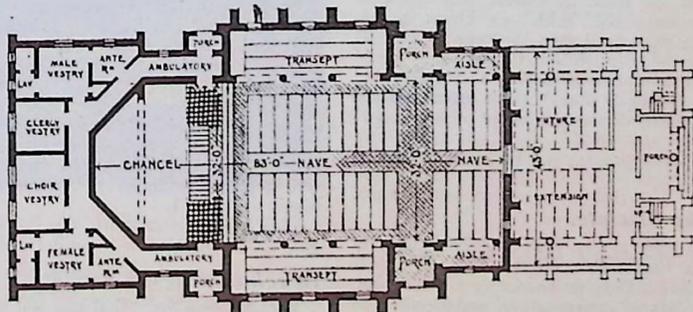
Perspective Sketch.

perspective sketch, which it is proposed to erect at present, will give seating capacity for 425, at an estimated cost of £6000. Towards this sum the committee are desirous of raising £1000 to provide two-thirds of the cost; they have so far secured a little over £2000 in cash and £500 in promises, leaving £1500 yet to be provided; this they hope to receive by October of this year.

On examining the plans it will be seen that the chancel is well proportioned for the conveyance of

The work in the city of Adelaide is the centre of our activities for the whole State, and the influence of the work done in Grote-st. church has been felt even in other States of the Commonwealth; we therefore appeal to the whole of the brotherhood to help us in this most important step forward, which is becoming increasingly necessary, but which is too much for us as a congregation to undertake single-handed.

Donations and promises will be thankfully re-



Ground Plan.

sound, and will accommodate a large choir, as well as providing ample space for the organ, an open baptistery, and a permanent communion table. On the left of the chancel and well forward has been placed the pulpit, whence the speaker has a full view of the congregation. A corridor behind the chancel provides entry into the various vestries, each of which has the necessary fittings and appointments.

Ventilation and lighting have been carefully considered, and provision has been made for various conveniences, and for ingress and egress as required by law. The materials to be used are brick and stone for general walling, wooden floors to pews and vestries, and all aisles and footways to be solid paved.

The committee are appealing for gifts, or for promises to be redeemed in October, and look with confidence to the brotherhood for such support as will enable them to proceed with the erection of the building at an early date. There are many brethren and sisters who were connected with the

ceived by the treasurer of the fund, Mr. E. W. Peet, 25 Gouger-st., Adelaide; or by the secretary, Mr. E. Ross Manning, 237 Grote-st., Adelaide.

**Victory and Praise.**

I have fought a good fight, said one  
 Who was nearing his journey's end;  
 'Twas a conflict stern, and the way was long,  
 But I had a Heavenly Friend,  
 And He ever marched at my side;  
 My Captain was He in the light;  
 His banner above me was love,  
 And He marched with His face to the light.

I will finish my course with praise;  
 My weapons for ever laid down:  
 My Captain is now on His throne;  
 He will give me the conqueror's crown.  
 —Hy. J. Glanville.

# The Mind of Christ.

Percy Dixon.

1 Cor. 2: 16.

To experience the blessing of Christ, we must know the mind of Christ, and conform to his will concerning us. The mind of man is made known to man by the process of communication. This may be either verbal or written, but comes direct from the spirit of man (1 Cor. 2: 11). So, too, the mind of Christ is revealed by the Spirit of Christ, for "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1: 21). This inspiration is recorded in the Bible, and being God-breathed, is known as the "Holy Scriptures" (Rom. 1: 2). The natural man cannot understand these writings, because that which is spiritual is "spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2: 14).

Further, by fulfilling certain principles which govern natural law, one person may transmit thought to another. That thought or song passing through one's mind, audibly and unconsciously expressed by another *en rapport*, is the same law in operation. In the realm of psychic phenomena, this is called telepathy, and can be more or less mastered by constant practice. Equally so, the mind of Christ can be known to all who exercise themselves unto godliness, and obey the precepts which control spiritual law. That then by which we learn the mind of Christ is the Word of God, through the Spirit of God (1 Cor. 2: 12). Let us now seek to know his mind as to these "last days" in which we live, and first of all

## In relation to the unbeliever.

We therefore, in communion with the Holy Spirit, search the word, and therein we read, the Lord is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3: 9). While finding this to be the mind of Christ toward the unbeliever, we also discover in the Word his mind expressing the attitude of unbelievers toward himself (2 Thess. 2: 7-12), many "even denying the Lord that bought them" (2 Peter 2: 1). Therefore we know the mind of Christ, and conclude that "all men have not faith" (2 Thess. 3: 2). Shall we then expect all men to come to repentance, and become disappointed at what some would call "the failure of the gospel"? Certainly not! and although "perilous times" await us, we should never be "ashamed of the testimony of our Lord" (2 Tim. 1: 8).

Secondly, we observe in the Word the mind of Christ

## Toward the disciple.

Turning to John 21: 22, Jesus speaking to Peter said, "Follow thou me." These words also apply to every disciple. They do not imply a life of imitation, but a life of consecration, and be the follower rich or poor, high or low, free or bond, Christ would lead him according to his manifold wisdom and grace. In this same chapter we read that Peter "turning about seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved, following," and "saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?" Here we have a pointed lesson from the Lord, who answered, "What is that to thee?" and if every disciple "examined himself," and not the other fellow, and would the more see "Jesus only," he would then comply with the mind and will of Christ and enjoy the full possession of peace in his service. On the other hand, the mind of Christ instructs us that many "in the faith" shall follow the teachings of "seducing spirits" and depart "from the faith" (1 Tim. 4: 1). As disciples, then, we subject our minds to his mind, and accept the condition as irremediable. Therefore, summing up the position of the disciple, he should but continue to follow Jesus, and regarding "sound doctrine" to "put the brethren in remembrance of these things," and thereby "be a good minister of Jesus Christ" (1 Tim. 4: 6).

Thirdly, we would also know the mind of Christ

## Concerning his church.

In our Lord's prayer, he prayed that his people may be "one" (John 17: 21). Through Peter he would have his church to be "a peculiar people" (1 Peter 2: 9). But what do we behold in these "last days" of the church dispensation or age of grace? Are the members of this called-out body merely members of his body, and therefore holy, or in other words separate from all other bodies? If not, how then can the church function as one body, and do the will of Christ other than complying to his mind to "come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins" (Rev. 18: 4)? This cry is from a merciful God to his children who are in the world of "Babylon the Great."

We know there are many naming the name of Christ who belong to various lodges, orders, unions, societies, etc., who claim to belong to his body also. Can a Christian belong to two bodies and claim whole consecration? Is there such a thing as a partially consecrated member of Christ's body? Solve this problem, brethren, and the church shall be "holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5: 27), and function as to the expressed mind of Christ.

Why, then, is the church failing in her mission to the world? Have we the mind of Christ upon this question? Yes, for he says, "Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Rev. 3: 16). Laodicea to-day boasts of being "increased with goods" (Rev. 3: 17). What are these "goods" if not worldly movements engulfing the church? An indifferent church begat an Endeavor Society. From a form of godliness sprang a false pentecostalism. An unfaithful bride plays coquetry with prohibition and other reform movements. What shall we do then? Can we remedy the matter? No! What further? Have we the mind of Christ? Yes! Here it is: "As many as I love I rebuke and chasten: he zealous, therefore, and repent" (Rev. 3: 19), "and the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ" (2 Thess. 3: 5). Then shall we be gathered together unto him, and his prayer for oneness answered—not by anything we may do before he comes, because his foreseeing mind informs his church of her ultimate earthly condition, and heavenly destiny, and we humbly bow our minds to his will.

This leaves us now for the fourth and last appeal to the Book as to the mind of Christ

## In relation to the world.

We all know that "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3: 17). Nevertheless, we are also instructed by our Lord that "all the world" would worship "the beast" (Rev. 13: 34). This beast is the coming prince (Dan. 9: 26); the idol shepherd (Zech. 11: 17); the Antichrist (1 John 2: 18), he who "shall come in his own name" (John 5: 43).

If, then, we are to submit to Christ's teaching, why hope for a millennium through preaching, or organised effort? By not accepting the mind of Christ so many to-day are being deceived into believing the "lie" (2 Thess. 2: 11) that all sickness, wars, and evils of every kind—which by the way are ever increasing—must be banished from the earth for the sake of humanity by human means. "But we have the mind of Christ," says Paul (1 Cor. 2: 16). Have we? Why, then, do we differ so? Has Christ two minds?

May God bless his faithful servants and hasten the "day" when he shall come, for "the whole creation groaneth," and "we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Rom. 8: 22, 23).

# Sisters' Work.

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE.

The usual meeting was held on June 1. Attendance, 76. President, Mrs. Gill, presided. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. G. Mitchell, who read a splendid paper prepared by Mrs. Reg. Clark. Mrs. J. Hare sang a very sweet solo. A welcome was extended to our visitors, and to Mr. L. C. McCallum, who told us something of the work being done in connection with the coming mission.

Apologies were received from Sisters Hayward, Reg. Clark, P. D. McCallum, Lucas.

Additions from Bible Schools: South Richmond 1, Middle Park 1, Lygon-st. 6, Bambra-road 5, Coburg 3, Carnegie 1, Essendon 1, North Fitzroy 1, Burnley 3.

Home Mission Committee visited Brighton on May 17. A very happy meeting was held. These meetings draw us closer together as we talk and plan for the work of the home land. Mrs. Whately gave some fine thoughts on the Scripture lesson. Miss Jerrens read a thoughtful paper on "Christ's Personal Touch." Mrs. Kemp gave a talk on the coming mission. Soloist, Mrs. Wilson.—N. Lyall, Superintendent.

General Dorcas have held two meetings, and a fine lot of useful garments was made and distributed. A large parcel was sent for hospital patients. Many needy cases have been relieved with clothing and coal. The committee thank all who have helped.—A. Moysey, Supt.

Women's Mission Bands at Swanston-st., Essendon, and Gardiner have received visits. The monthly prayer meeting was held at Burnley.—A. Baker, Supt.

Prayer Committee visited Moreland. There was a large meeting, several sisters taking part, which made the meeting helpful and encouraging.—R. Swain, Supt.

Hospital Committee have paid 40 visits to the various institutions, and distributed home comforts, books, magazines, and warm clothing.—S. Meyer, Supt.

Fifty-five letters have been written and sent to isolated sisters; two replies received.—D. Brook, Supt.

Members from the Brighton church visited the Benevolent Home during the month, a large number of comforts being distributed. Mr. B. W. Huntsman spoke words of cheer to the old folk. Musical and elocutionary items were given, and much appreciated.—E. M. Tuck, Supt.

Next meeting of Executive will be held on July 6. Mrs. B. J. Kemp leads devotions, and Miss Vera Blake is expected to be present. Afternoon tea will be served in the usual way.—Miss Rometch, Secretary, 240 Graham-st., Port Melbourne.

Women's Mission Band.—Receipts (April-May).—Malvern, £2/19/9; Brighton, £1/10/-; Hawthorn, £2/4/6; Gardiner, £2/7/6; Burnley, £1; South Yarra, £1/4/6; Lygon-st., £1/13/-; Middle Park, 12/-; Total, £13/11/3.—G. Hayward, Treasurer.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

The monthly meeting was held in the Lake-st. chapel, Perth, on Tuesday, June 1: 34 sisters were present. The devotional was ably led by Mrs. Leece. She gave helpful thoughts on "Christ in the Home." Devotional was closed with prayer by Mrs. Moignard, of Collie.

Roll-call and minutes of previous meeting were read. Several sisters expressed a desire to link up with us. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Moignard. An interesting letter from Bro. Waters was read.

Financial statement by Treasurer, Mrs. Hagger, showed a balance of £14/7/1 in Conference meals account; general, £10/14/11. All accounts for Conference are not yet in.

Mrs. Berry, Superintendent of Woorooloo Sanatorium visitation, gave a detailed account of visit to Sanatorium. If possible they would like the amount allowed for visit increased. Mrs. Clay

# Our Young People.

W. B. Blakemore, B.A.

(Bassendeau) supported Mrs. Berry's remarks. The June meeting will be the quarterly. The devotional will be led by Mrs. Robinson, senr., Superintendent of Prayer Committee. At this stage Mrs. Pollard favored us with a solo, which was much appreciated. We were pleased to have Bro. Clay present, and to have a splendid talk on Foreign Mission work from him. Executive collection, 12/4.—M. Wilson, Sec.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SISTERS' AUXILIARY.

\*The meeting was held in Grote-st. on June 7. It was a Foreign Mission rally, and Miss Tonkin presided. After devotional exercises, the Superintendent of Foreign Missions, Mrs. Messent, read an able paper entitled "Our Gifts." The writer referred to the manifold gifts of God, and emphasised the motives that should prompt our gifts, and the loving and cheerful spirit that should animate our giving.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed, and 32 delegates responded to the roll-call.

Miss Tonkin welcomed the following visitors to the meeting: Bren. Dr. Killmier and Southgate; Mrs. Nelson, from Doncaster, Vic.; Mrs. J. Ewers, from Western Australia; and Miss Fountain, sister of the late Mrs. Filmer. Miss V. Downs favored with a well rendered recitation, and then Mrs. Black, late missionary on Pentecost, followed with an interesting talk concerning the work in the New Hebrides. She stated that in two years 52 natives accepted Christ.

Mesdames Ewers sang as a duet, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." A collection for Foreign Missions realised £3/15/3/4. Dr. Killmier, medical missionary elect for China, in an able address, pointed out the blessings that would arise from the establishment of a hospital in a heathen country, and the many opportunities to present the gospel.

Miss Tonkin thanked Dr. Killmier, and all who had helped to make the meeting so interesting.

Miss Grant will be the leader of the next devotional session.—V. B. Thompson, 12 Kintore-st., Mile End, S.A.

## S.A. Churches of Christ C.E. Union.

The Executive meeting was held on June 1. Bro. House presided over a good attendance. Reports from 8 Y.P. and 4 Juniors showed good work done. The president welcomed Bro. Beiler (Prospect) and Miss Allen (Strathalbyn), and new delegates from Mile End and Maylands Societies. Endeavorers are asked not to forget the aim of £75 each for Home and Foreign Mission Living Links. Societies are asked to forward amounts to treasurer as soon as possible. The Executive are trying to arrange for a basket tea and round table conference preceding C.E. Rally at Conference next September. This is especially in the interest of country Endeavorers. The "get-together" social at Hindmarsh on June 25, promises to be a great success if all Endeavorers will rally to it.

## On Preaching.

"God made a Preacher of His only Son." We are reminded by the Puritan: This was it when His ministry began, And so continued till His work was done. His own description of His task was this—"I gave to them the Word Thou gavest Me"; In that the Preacher's one true aim we see—Not of himself to praise or to condemn, But to bring hearts and lives into the view Of the great Searchlight of the Word Divine—Pages whereon the Spirit's teachings shine, Dividing what is false from what is true. Preacher! beware lest men's thoughts thou shalt teach; Christ in the Scriptures should fill all thy speech. —William Olney.

## Mothers and Daughters.

The Colac (Vic.) Phi Beta Pi Club held a mother's meeting on Monday evening, May 28. An invitation was extended to all the mothers who attend the church services, and there was a gratifying response. Appropriate items, consisting of songs and recitations, were rendered, and each mother received a basket of sweets and a small bouquet. On behalf of the mothers a vote of thanks was moved and seconded.

A brief address was given by the chaplain, who said:—"The chief aim of this gathering is to endeavor to foster in the daughter even a greater love and more careful consideration for her mother. How frequently we find that the daughter takes everything and gives nothing! It is cruel to treat an unselfish mother in this manner. Tonight we intend doing our utmost to entertain our mothers. It is just a little thing, but it may speak volumes, and we ought to endeavor to carry this spirit into all our intercourse in our home life. Mothers, I would ask you to continue your patient training and your prayers. A mother can always pray for her child, and she can support her prayers by her life. She can live in such a way that her child will know instinctively that she has been with Jesus and learnt of him. And now I would ask the girls to pray that God will help them to live each day aright. Covet not wealth, nor fame, but ask for wisdom, and God will grant it."



North Richmond Mutual Improvement Society.

## An Historic Society.

We present this week a recent photo. of the Mutual Improvement Society of the Coppin-st. church, North Richmond, Victoria. The photo. was taken for a presentation to Bro. J. E. Allan, who appears in the group, on his retiring from the ministry of the church at Coppin-st. There are eighteen young men in the group; five others could not be present when the photo. was taken. The North Richmond Mutual Improvement Society has a long and honorable record. It was formed twenty-eight years ago, and has had an unbroken existence up to the present. At times during that period the numbers have been small, but the meetings were never allowed to lapse, and the good work was kept going. To a host of young men the Society has been a place for mutual improvement and practical training for leadership. Among the early members may be mentioned H. E. Knott, M.A., and Joseph McKenzie, M.A., both of whom are now preachers of the Word in the United States. To mention the church officers and Sunday School superintendents who at one time were members of the Mutual, would require more space than is at our disposal. Suffice it to say that many who are now filling places of responsibility in our churches received valuable training, when young

men, in this Society. In recent years two members have entered the College of the Bible, and one, F. Killey, has gone to the Foreign Mission field. The photo. shows that the present condition of the Society is prosperous. These young men have an honorable record to uphold. Long live the North Richmond Mutual Improvement Society.

## Conference at Berri, S.A.

Bro. C. H. Hunt, preacher of Church of Christ at Berri, South Australia, writes of an interesting Sunday School Workers' Conference, held on June 8. At the suggestion of our school a committee was formed representing all the schools in the district. The conference was held in the Methodist Church. Some sixty teachers and officers met for tea at six o'clock, and heard an address on "The Responsibility of the Teacher to his Work." At 7.30 a public meeting was held. Bro. A. E. Chapman presided. The topics for this session were "Preparation and Presentation of the Primary Lesson," and "Preparation and Presentation of the Junior and Intermediate Lesson." Bro. Hunt dealt with the latter topic. The discussion following the addresses was hearty and helpful. The conference was highly successful, and greatly appreciated.

## Federal Examinations.

The Bible School Departments of Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, and Victoria are participating in the examinations to be held early in July. It is likely that arrangements will be made for a central committee to judge the papers receiving highest marks in the various States, thus determining who is Federal Dux in the respective divisions.

## Victorian Notes.

Fifty-eight schools have entered for the examination which is to be held on July 9. Ringwood, St. Kilda, and Boort are conducting Aeroplane Increase Campaigns. Several other schools are planning for a campaign. Shepparton and Middle Park have ordered supplies. They will launch their campaign on July 1.

## Kellems-Richards.

A Bible School Workers' united welcome to the Kellems-Richards evangelistic party is being planned for July 5, in Lygon-st. chapel. This is likely to be the largest gathering of Bible School workers ever held in connection with our churches. Information has been sent to secretaries of all metropolitan schools. This should be brought before the staff immediately.

## Service and Sacrifice.

Calvary was outside the city walls because it is eternally inside the soul of God. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life." When we have sounded the deeps and heights of these words we shall have a clue to stars and suns and matter and motion and mind and heart; for all, all are of God, and God is love—so loves that he must give his best, that which conditions and underlies his Godhead—his only begotten Son! So, stripped down to the marrow of reality, we conclude that the greatness of God consists of service and sacrifice.—Dr. F. F. Shannon.

# Foreign Missions.

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

## The Latest News.

July 1 is the Foreign Mission high day of the year for Australia. The State F.M. Committees and the Federal F.M. Committee and the Austral Co. have completed their work in connection with Foreign Mission Day supplies. Every church in Australia will receive before this is published, or has already received, letters to members, posters, Bro. McClean's tract on "Building According to the Material Sent Up," letters to secretaries, and other communications dealing with our forthcoming offering.

The Lord has sent bountiful rains to enrich this great country of Australia. The people are looking forward with hope and confidence to a glorious harvest. We are sure this will help us to give liberally on July 1 to this work of preaching the gospel to the whole world.

We have just received letters from Bro. Anderson, of China, telling of the arrival of Miss Metzenthin at Yunnanfu. He writes on April 27: "Miss Metzenthin arrived safe and happy like a ray of sunshine last Monday." Mr. Waterman was planning a journey out to some of the villages of Hweilichow; he is finding much encouragement in the work there. Bro. and Sister Anderson are well. Bro. Anderson says, "Our prayer is that you will have no anxiety during the coming year, but that God's people will feel constrained to give and support in every way the good work."

Miss Mary Thompson wrote on May 10 that Sarabai, her Bible woman, has not been able to do any work recently on account of her eyes; but her daughter-in-law and another woman have gone out frequently with Miss Thompson in visiting the various homes in Harda, and helping on the school work. Miss Thompson says, "I am thankful that I am keeping well."

Bro. and Sister Escott are having their rest from the heat of the plains at Panchgani, where it is much cooler. Bro. Escott writes, "I rejoice in the fact that last year a very solid work was done in evangelistic effort. One marked feature in this year's work has been the spirit of enquiry manifested by the people." He has had a large number of patients at the dispensary, many of them serious cases. They had no place for these to rest during treatment, so Bro. Escott improvised a hospital on the verandah of the dispensary, and there these patients were brought, and returned home cured. He says, "We shall be glad when we have an out-patients' room to meet the need of these serious cases. One man had been to Indapur, to the Government dispensary, and the Brahmin doctor told him he could do nothing for him. The poor fellow died on the return journey. Recently I had a patient from Indapur; he had received treatment for a wound at the Government dispensary. Receiving no benefit from the treatment, he came to us at Diksal, after six months of suffering. Besides the wound, a large growth had to be cut out, and he made a rapid recovery, returning to Indapur a healed man. When one meets such cases one feels that the Diksal dispensary and the 'quack' doctor are meeting a pressing need. Since coming to Panchgani for a rest, have been able to save the life of the only child of the people where we are staying. It had a peculiar fit. We heard a great commotion outside, and on going out discovered the child apparently dead. The mother was frantic, and believing the child was gone, rushed into the house. I applied artificial respiration, and after a considerable time, there were signs of returning life, and finally she recovered. They had sent off in great haste for the doctor, but before he arrived the child was out of danger. I do feel that the people coming out to the foreign field if possible should have some medical knowledge. I know the old saying, 'A little knowledge is dangerous,' but in this case no knowledge is dangerous. The father of the child was in Bombay, and came

at once, and both the parents were grateful for what had been done."

Bro. and Sister Leach have sent the photograph of their dear little baby and the little mother. Bro. Leach suggests that any boxes for the mission stations should be sent with Bro. Coventry if possible, as it prevents long delays in receiving them, and saves a great deal of expense. Will all who are preparing boxes for Christmas please try to have them ready not later than the 1st of September?



Mrs. Leach and Baby.

One Australian correspondent sent a letter recently to Sister Campbell, missionary, Baramati. Miss Mary Campbell has been Mrs. Leach for the last two years. We have no Miss Campbell now among our missionaries. Bro. and Sister Leach are now at Mahabaleswar, enjoying a much-needed change in this cooler district from the heat of the Baramati plains.

One brother recently told the Federal Secretary he thought that if the people knew of the need of the fields, they would respond liberally. We have therefore tried to tell them all that we know concerning our work in foreign lands, and we hope

that this good brother will be found a true witness of the Australian churches.

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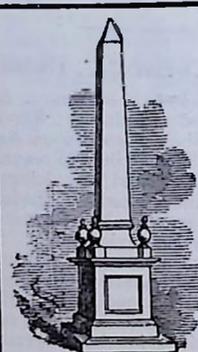
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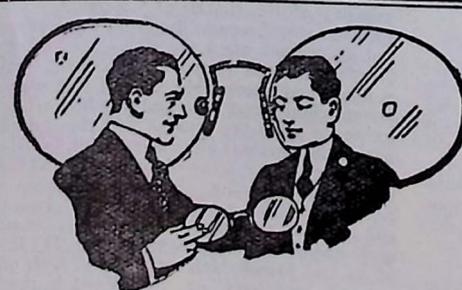


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# Here and There.

The secretary of the church at Gardiner now is Bro. W. A. Strongman, 42 Parslow-st., Malvern. Letters for Bro. Reg. Enniss, College Organiser, should now be addressed to Hilary Grove, East Malvern, Vic.

The College Organiser, Bro. Enniss, is planning to visit the New South Wales churches during July and August.

All offerings for the Victorian Bible School and Young People's Department should be sent to the Organiser, W. B. Blakemore, 70 Power-st., Hawthorn.

The following telegram from Ipswich, Qld., reached us on Monday:—"Sunday, tent crowded out; great interest; sixteen confessions to date.—Young."

On our front page we publish some of the early fixtures in connection with the forthcoming Kellems-Richards mission. The mission party is due in Australia next week.

The sickness now prevalent in Melbourne is affecting congregations. A large number of our preachers, too, have been indisposed, and unable to take their usual services.

The Victorian Women's Mission Band monthly prayer meeting will be held at Prahran chapel on Saturday, June 30, at 3.30 p.m. All members and friends are invited to attend.

Mr. Tennyson Smith reports a most successful Prohibition Campaign in Coleraine, Vic., under the auspices of a united committee of the Anti-Liquor League, W.C.T.U., Sons of Temperance, and the churches.

Our missionaries from America, Bro. Jesse R. Kellems and Chas. H. Richards, with their wives, will arrive at Spencer-st. Station on Saturday, June 30, by the Sydney express, due at 12.51 p.m. Members are invited to assemble on the platform to give our over-seas visitors a hearty Victorian welcome.

Bro. Thos. Hagger, preacher of Lake-st. church, W.A., has returned home after a visit to Melbourne occasioned by the illness of his father, who, we are glad to learn, has sufficiently recovered to remove anxiety. Bro. Hagger, while in Melbourne, visited different churches, and delivered addresses which were highly appreciated.

Members of the Melbourne and suburban churches are invited to rally in full numbers at 8 Swanston-st. chapel next Monday, 25th inst., at 8 p.m., to extend a hearty welcome home to Sister Vera Blake, our missionary from India. A unique lantern lecture on the life of Dr. A. L. Shelton, of Tibet, will be delivered by Bro. W. Gale.

Word has reached us which seems to indicate that at the last moment the Kellems-Richards mission party has decided not to use the song-book, "Wonder Hymns of Faith," but another compilation. The Austral Co. announce that, if this proves to be the case, it is prepared to take back copies of "Wonder Hymns" from purchasers who do not wish to retain the book on its own merits.

J. E. Allan, Organising Secretary of Kellems-Richards mission, reports that a splendid mission in choir practice was held last Saturday evening in Swanston-st. chapel. There was a good attendance of singers from many churches. Under the leadership of Bro. E. Tippet, conductor, and Sister M. E. Pittman, pianist, the singing was excellent. All singers of our churches are invited to join the choir. 500 voices wanted for the great Olympia mission. Practice held every Saturday at 8 p.m.

The May issue of "Joyful Tidings" (London) contained the following paragraph:—"Many readers will be interested and agreeably surprised to know that Sir Joseph and Lady Verco are expected to arrive in this country from Adelaide, South Australia, on May 4. It is many years since Sir Joseph left London, very much to the deep regret of all his friends, and he will receive a very warm welcome to the Homeland. 'Twynholm' is anticipating his arrival, and is looking forward to not a few visits from Sir Joseph and Lady Verco while they are in London."

The address of F. E. Alcorn, preacher of Ann-st. church, Brisbane, Qld., is now "Bristowe," Thistle-st., Kedron, Brisbane.

As a result of the work of the N.S.W. Home Mission Organiser, Bro. H. G. Harward, and through the generosity of Bro. R. C. Edwards, a Bible Training Institute for preachers has been established in Sydney. Dr. Bardsley has been appointed President, with a teaching staff consisting of Bro. C. S. Rush, B.A., A. L. Haddon, B.A., and J. Whelan. The classes will meet on Monday evenings at the City Temple.

The Toowoomba press gives a long report of the farewell social tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burns on June 11. W. Alcorn presided, and a large number of speeches, representing the church and other organisations, testified to the value of the work of Bro. Burns in church and community. We gather from the report sent that Bro. Burns has taken over a business at Roma, where he will also do evangelistic work, thus allowing Bro. Spratt to evangelist in surrounding districts. Various tokens of appreciation were presented to Bro. and Sister Burns.

Ipswich, Qld., reports thus regarding Hinrichsen-Brooker mission:—"Weather conditions have not been favorable for large attendances at tent mission services. Nevertheless, attendance is improving and interest increasing. To date six have confessed Christ (four men and two women). Sunday, June 10, was a great day. Morning sermon was inspiring. At the Bible School new scholars were welcomed. The gospel was proclaimed with power to a full tent. Monday night a large number of young folk from Ann-st., Brisbane, assisted in the gospel service. The prayers of the brethren are asked for.

In a personal letter from Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A., Bro. H. E. Knott writes:—"I had a letter from Bro. G. Chandler this week. He seems to be enjoying things back in America. He has had 40 baptisms since beginning his work in London, Kentucky, last Christmas. At the Oregon State Convention, which is to be held in July, I am to give the educational address, and also an address on the training of young men for work as deacons and elders in the church, so I am still pretty much in my element." We noted from the church Bulletin that the elocutionary abilities of Mrs. Knott are being freely used, while Bro. Knott's addresses are also appreciated.

Jas. W. Nichols, Superintendent Benevolent Section of our Victorian Department of Social Service, writes:—"At the last meeting of the Department of Social Service, it was reported by the Benevolent Section that three sacks of dirty and useless rags from the Depot had to be burned. We should like to bring this matter before the attention of the brethren. We not infrequently receive articles which are really useless for the purpose of distribution among the poor, such as packs of cards, torn books, old newspapers and old rags that have no value except to the paper-making industry. We wish to thank very sincerely all those good people who are sending us useful articles, and to solicit a continuance of their interest in this Christian service."

The Brisbane press of recent date contained the following report of a plucky rescue:—"The motor boat, 'Sapwing,' left yesterday morning for the Seventeen Mile Rocks, carrying a picnic party, numbering about 60, from the Ann-st. Church of Christ Sports' Club. Owing to the wet weather the picnickers decided to commence the return journey early, and at about 2 o'clock, when stepping on to the boat from the narrow jetty to which it was tied, Miss Nash slipped and fell into the water. Another of the party, Mr. Hugh O'Connell, jumped in, fully dressed, and as Miss Nash rose for the second time, he caught hold of her and swam with her to shore. Other members of the party warmly congratulated him on the plucky rescue, and expressed the hope that the particulars would be brought under the notice of the Royal Humane Society."

"Scriptural Songs" is a collection of 169 hymns. The book is somewhat different from the usual small hymnal selected for evangelistic work. Most of the hymns have a distinctly scriptural touch, being based upon some Biblical scene, or containing a definite doctrinal message, and over each is set a text from the Word, with a further reference to a passage in the Book for quiet reading. The first three hymns contain teaching upon the Creation, the fourth is entitled "The Perfect World that Adam Trod," and deals with Eden and the Fall. The fifth hymn is set under the text "Thou shalt come into the ark," while the eighth brings us to scenes in Egypt and the Passover. One hymn is entitled, "Thou art the Christ, O Lord," and there are some on the new birth, baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the second advent. Many of the hymns are new to us, but there are also a number of the good, old, well-tried messages in song. The music is good. Some of the hymns are bright and "catchy" in tune; those containing a theme such as "The Creation," however, are of a rather more majestic type. The book is of convenient size for evangelistic missions, and should prove of service in Australian work. Price, post free, 1/3.

Five meetings were held in connection with the opening of the new church home at Dunolly, Vic. On Saturday night, June 16, a bright musical programme, interspersed with brief congratulatory speeches, was rendered. The services on Sunday were conducted by T. Bagley and W. D. Taylor. General regret was expressed at the absence of C. A. Bowen through sickness. The building, which was erected by H. Saunders, assisted by local brethren, at a cost of about £500, is 40ft. by 20ft., and will seat 150 people. During the last four years the work has been carried on by H. Jackel, W. Taylor and C. A. Bowen, students from the College. A two weeks' mission recently conducted by F. Youens, assisted by J. Searle and C. Bowen, resulted in 12 additions. The officers and members are working in harmony, and they hope to make the church one of great influence for good in the community. The church greatly appreciated a fine clock presented by Mr. and Mrs. R. Lyall, and also financial help from sister churches. They still find it hard to raise the balance of money, and are hopeful of further donations to assist them. Same may be sent to A. D. Campbell, Elgin-st., Dunolly. The church receives a subsidy of 10/- per week from the Home Missionary Committee. The officers are eager to reach the stage of self-support and independence.

## COMING EVENTS.

JUNE 25 (Monday).—Swanston-st., 8 p.m. Welcome to Miss Vera Blake. Lantern lecture on Dr. Shelton, by W. Gale. Come to this brotherhood missionary rally.

JUNE 30.—Ceremony of laying the stone in the new building at Brighton, corner of Wilson and Male-sts. Saturday, June 30, 3 p.m. Address by Dr. Jesse R. Kellems, of U.S.A. Take train to Middle Brighton Station. All invited.

JUNE 30 & JULY 1.—Opening of Gardiner New Church Building. Saturday, June 30, at 7.30 p.m. Principal A. R. Main, M.A., in the chair. Sunday, July 1, a series of inspirational services with representative speakers at 11, 3 and 7. Gardiner Bible School will render special singing at the afternoon meeting. Brethren everywhere cordially invited. Take Darling train to Gardiner or Commercial-road electric tram to Scott Grove. Further details in Saturday's "Age" and "Argus."—W. A. Strongman, Secretary, 42 Parslow-st., Malvern.

JULY 1.—Prahran, 7 p.m. great Gospel Service will be conducted by the Kellems-Richards Mission Party in the Empress Picture Theatre, Chapel-st., near the Colosseum. Come, help fill this large hall, and learn the hymns that are to be sung in the great Olympia meeting.

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## NECESSARY ADDITIONS.

The Apostle Peter directs attention to certain essential additions to the character of redeemed souls. It is not enough to come to Christ in the way of his appointment, nor will it suffice to mentally accept fundamental truths. Disciples of Christ must "go from strength to strength," "from glory to glory," making the necessary additions Peter enumerated when he wrote, "For this very cause (because of what God had done for them) adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in your virtue knowledge; and in your knowledge self-control; and in your self-control patience; and in your patience godliness; and in your godliness brotherly kindness; and in your brotherly kindness love."

It appears that in the original the words translated in the R.V., "adding on your part," may be expressed thus, "*Lead up hand in hand*," a reference, many believe, to the Grecians joining hands whilst dancing; so, to the faith already possessed, other qualities should be joined. It must be remembered that God keeps adding blessing upon blessing; summer follows winter, harvest succeeds seedtime, grace and peace are multiplied for new-born souls, and even heaven is reserved for the faithful. In like manner, writes the apostle, we should join virtue to virtue, continually adding Christ-like qualities, thus making our "calling and election sure," so that finally there may be granted unto us an "entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

### MONDAY, JULY 2.

He hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises.—2 Peter 1: 4.

"The whole spiritual firmament glows with promises, as with stars of varied magnitude, but of enduring fixity. But all their force and beauty and sweetness are from Christ."

"Thou, O Christ, art all I want,  
More than all in thee I find."

Bible Reading.—2 Peter 1: 1-4.

### TUESDAY, JULY 3.

Adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue, and in your virtue knowledge, etc.—2 Peter 1: 5-7.

It is a very lofty thing to be a Christian; for a Christian is a man who is restoring God's likeness to his character, and therefore the apostle calls it a "high calling." High as heaven is the calling wherewith we are called. But this very height makes it seem impracticable. It is natural to say, All that was well enough for one so transcendently gifted as Paul to hope for: but I am no gifted man—I have no iron strength of mind; I have no sanguine hopefulness of character; I am disposed to look on the dark side of things; I am undetermined, weak, vacillating; and then I have a whole army of passions and follies to contend with. We have to remind such men of one thing they have forgotten—it is the "high calling of God," if you will; but it is the "high calling of God in Jesus Christ." What this world calls virtue is a name and a dream without Christ.—F. W. Robertson.

Bible Reading.—2 Peter 1: 5-7.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 4.

Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure.—2 Peter 1: 10.

"Help us to make our calling sure;  
O let us all be saints indeed,  
And pure as thou thyself art pure,  
Conformed in all things to our Head!"

Bible Reading.—2 Peter 1: 8-10.

## THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN.

### THURSDAY, JULY 5.

For thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—1 Peter 1: 11.

"Far out of sight, while sorrows still enfold us,  
Lies the fair country where our hearts abide,  
And of its bliss is naught more wondrous told us,  
Than these few words: "I shall be satisfied."

Bible Reading.—2 Peter 1: 11-14.

### FRIDAY, JULY 6.

For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there was borne such a voice to him by the majestic glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.—2 Peter 1: 17.

As he (Peter) spake, a cloud—not a cloud of thick darkness as at Sinai, but a cloud of light, a Shekinah of glory—overshadowed them, and a voice from out of it uttered, "This is my beloved Son; hear him." They fell prostrate, and hid their faces on the grass. And as—awaking from the overwhelming shock of that awful voice, of that enfolding Light—they raised their eyes and gazed suddenly around them, they found that all was over. The bright cloud had vanished. The lightning-like gleams of shining countenances and dazzling robes had passed away; they were alone with Jesus, and only the stars rained their quiet lustre on the mountain slopes.—F. W. Farrar.

Bible Reading.—2 Peter 1: 15-18.

### SATURDAY, JULY 7.

And we have the word of prophecy made more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts.—2 Peter 1: 19.

"Ye children of the light,  
Arise with him, arise;  
See how the Day-star bright  
Is burning in the skies!"

Bible Reading.—2 Peter 1: 19-21.

### SUNDAY, JULY 8.

Holy men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.—2 Peter 1: 21.

C. H. Spurgeon wrote, "We could not afford to dispense with a verse of Holy Writ. The removal of a single text, like the erasure of a line of a great epic, would mar the completeness and connection of the whole. As well pluck a gem from the high priest's breast-plate as erase a line of revelation."

Bible Reading.—Psalm 119: 97, 104.

### PRAYER.

Gracious Lord, for the great salvation thou hast provided; for the many blessings thou dost daily bestow; for help to go on from strength to strength and from glory to glory, and for all the bounties of thy grace, accept my thankfulness. Help me to do my part, that my calling and election may be made sure. May I remember my first cleansing from sin, and cultivate those graces which thou wouldst fain see in me, daily becoming, even as thou hast desired, more godly, wise, self-controlled; more patient, kind and loving. For Jesu's sake. Amen.

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Bro. J. E. Shipway concluded his ministry at Port Pirie on May 27. He has done a very useful work for five and a half years, and leaves the field with the best wishes of the Committee for his future sphere in Melbourne. There have been seven additions at Port Pirie during the past month. The work is in good heart. We are seeking for a successor.

St. Morris.—Dr. E. R. Killmier has won the affection of the members and appreciation of many non-members of the church. His work in the Bible School is esteemed, and all meetings of church and school are very good. This is a good field for some able and energetic brother. We hope to secure a preacher for this suburban field soon.

Wallaroo.—Splendid anniversary services, S. J. Southgate assisting. Work in better state than for some years. Attendances and financial position improving. Bro. Warren reports that the chief trouble is the removal of many members from the town. They have lost heavily in this respect. One or two additions to the membership.

Naracoorte.—Bro. Pascoe reports very favorably. It is his best report. Attendances are gradually growing, and the work is in a hopeful state. Bible School is better than for a long while. One received by faith and baptism during the month.

Eyre Peninsula.—Bro. Russell writes encouragingly concerning work at Tumby Bay and Ungarra. Sunday services are increasing in attendance and interest. He finds the motor cycle a great asset to his work. He is spending much time in the homes of the people, and visiting those far removed from the meeting places. He is well received, and has the confidence of the churches among whom he labors. He hopes to assist the cause at Butler to better days.

Barmera and Cobdogla.—Bro. Mudford writes that the schools at Barmera and Cobdogla are encouraging. Attendances at Barmera the best since he has been with the church. A building is urgent for Cobdogla, and a schoolroom should speedily be erected at Loveday. This would make a fine circuit of work. Little children could be gathered in at Loveday.

Berri and Winkie.—Bro. Hunt states that all goes well in these fields. Subsidy is again being increased. The brethren are realising their obligation to the Committee, and endeavoring to meet it. One or two more additions.

The Organising Secretary is visiting Berri, Winkie, Lyrup, Barmera, Cobdogla and Moorook, conducting S.S. anniversary services at Barmera, preaching at Berri and Winkie, giving a few inspirational addresses, and three lantern lectures at different parts. Home and Foreign Missions and Bible School work will be assisted. Strathalbyn (twice) and Goolwa have been helped during the past month.

Gawler.—R. Raymond writes in an optimistic way. The attendances at all services are encouraging and growing. An application is made to the Church Extension Committee for a loan to erect a chapel and schoolrooms. If we are to meet the growing demands and look after the young life of the church, a building must be commenced soon. There is no meeting-place for the young people on week-nights. A class of young men and women who for some time met in the home of the preacher, has had to be disbanded owing to the need of more accommodation. There were 35 in attendance latterly. Help the Church Extension Fund, brethren.

Finance.—The annual offering amounted to £1159/17/11. This is only £3/1/10 more than 1922, and we required £350 more. We are again overdrawn on the bank. We appeal to the brotherhood to stand by and back up the very important work in the home land. Those who made promises and have not fulfilled same are asked to forward their amount now. Will C.E. Societies pass on their "Living Link" money, please? Duplex envelope offerings should be sent along regularly. And donations will be especially welcome. Pray for the work, and remember the brethren who are faith-

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# News of the Churches.

## New Zealand.

On May 25, Nelson Berean Class commenced its session for the year. It meets on Fridays after the Training for Service Class. On May 27 Bro. Percy Bolton acceptably exhorted, while at night Bro. Carpenter preached on "The Fool's Creed." Bro. Griffith exhorted on June 3, and Bro. Carpenter spoke at night. The Bible School is growing. Average attendance around the Lord's Table for May amounted to 102. Much interest is also shown in the gospel services.

## Tasmania.

At Launceston since last report a married woman confessed Christ and was baptised. A gathering arranged by the sisters of the Sewing Class on May 21 was a great success. On Sunday, June 3, Bro. Campbell delivered two excellent addresses to large congregations. The C.E. Society, Bible School and other auxiliaries are in good working order.

On June 4, the annual prize-giving in connection with Ulverstone Bible School took place. Mr. Warmbrunn (superintendent) presided over a large gathering. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in the rendering of items by the children, and the distribution of prizes. Owing to the inclement weather, the picnic could not be held, but a tea was arranged for the children in the chapel. Bro. Bowes was well enough to take charge of the meetings on Lord's day, June 10, being laid aside for some weeks. The work in all departments is in a healthy condition.

## Queensland.

The family of Bro. and Sister Nagel, of Maryborough, mourn the loss of Walter from the home. After a few days' illness he passed away. Impressive services were held on Sunday, 10th inst., and at the close of Bro. Anderson's evening address, a younger brother of the deceased and two others came out for Christ, while two other young people came forward as a testimony that they wished to re-consecrate their lives to Jesus Christ.

At Toowoomba on June 10 visitors were Sister Townsend, Invercargill, N.Z.; Sister Gray and Bro. Jenner, Annerley, Q. Bro. Burns exhorted, and bade farewell to the church, also reading a farewell message from Sister Burns. The gospel service was well attended. Bro. Burns delivered his farewell message. Bro. Burns is assisting the work at Roma during the next six months, which will enable Bro. Spratt to visit the outlying districts. On Monday, June 11, a social farewell was tendered to Bro. and Sister Burns.

Brisbane reports that on June 3 meetings were well attended. Bro. Bassard, who was visiting Ann-st. in the interests of the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission, spoke at both services. On June 10 Bro. Alcorn addressed a good morning meeting on "Practical Christianity." Sister Miss Munt, of Rosewood, was received into fellowship. Bro. Alcorn's evening subject was "Almost a Christian." Bro. Hack has resigned the leadership of the choir. He was an excellent conductor, and will be greatly missed. The church also regret to report the death of Bro. R. H. Boyle, who was at one time a deacon and treasurer of Ann-st. church.

## Western Australia.

On May 27 all services were well attended at Maylands, about 70 being present in the morning. The gospel meeting was well attended, 106 present. Bro. Sterling immersed his own son who had previously accepted Christ. The next Lord's day Bro. Sterling received his son into fellowship.

On June 10 at Fremantle one young lad was received into fellowship. He made the good confession the previous Sunday. At the gospel service members of the Loyal Orange Lodges were present, when Bro. S. H. Mudge gave a forceful address on "The Struggles of Protestantism." Over 130 present. Preparations are well in hand for the Bible School anniversary, and the tent mission due in August.

At Bunbury since last report a young lady put on Christ in baptism. Bible School is still growing, new scholars being enrolled nearly every week, and teaching staff now numbers eleven. The second meeting of the Band of Hope was held on the 1st inst. It was well attended, and members supplied a good programme. The evangelist gave a blackboard talk. Mrs. Santisson, secretary of the W.C.T.U., Perth, gave an instructive message. Services are well attended. The mid-week prayer meeting is a source of inspiration.

At Northam, attendances at Lord's day meetings are increasing, and the work generally is going well. At the end of May a farewell social was given to Sisters Edmondson and Baker, and each received a suitable presentation. Sister Edmondson was a foundation member of the church, and Sister Baker has been in membership for many years. The British and Foreign Bible Society held their quarterly meeting in the chapel, when Bro. Hughes delivered a lecture on the work of the Society. The tennis club has been formed, and the court will be opened shortly. A tender has been accepted for the rebuilding of the kindergarten room.

## South Australia.

On May 10, at Grote-st., Bro. Walden conducted the services, and also gave an address to the Adelpian Bible Class. Of late eight have been added to the church membership—six by faith and baptism and two by transfer.

Meetings at Balaklava are well attended, and good interest prevails. At the close of the gospel service on June 17 a young married woman confessed Christ. On June 7 the aged Sister Mrs. Woolmington passed away at the age of 80 years. Christian sympathy goes out to the surviving ones.

Bro. H. L. Rodda, secretary of Kadina church, who will shortly be going to Adelaide to reside, was recently tendered a farewell social, and presented with a small gift of remembrance. On June 5 the Endeavorers journeyed to Wallaroo in order to hear a missionary address from Dr. E. R. Killmier. On June 10, Bro. A. C. Garnett, of Grote-st., gave a soul-stirring Foreign Mission address. In the afternoon he gave a most interesting address to the Bible School.

At Henley Beach on June 10 Bro. A. C. Rankine was the speaker. In the evening one young lady was immersed. Bro. Jack Weeks ably rendered a solo. On June 17 Bro. Rankine delivered splendid addresses. He terminates his short ministry with the Henley Beach church next Sunday. All will be sorry to lose Bro. and Sister Rankine. They have been a source of help and strength. Our brother has delivered many fine discourses; especially at the mid-week meeting has his splendid teaching been of great benefit. Arrangements have been made with Bro. Ross Graham, late of Prospect, to take up the work as week-end preacher from July 1.

At Mile End on Monday, June 11, the Y.P.S.C.E. had an evening with the church officers. On Tuesday, at the Y.M.A., it was the monthly men's meeting, when a goodly number listened to a rousing religious address from the Hon. John Verran. At the close of the meeting the male members of the church pledged themselves to the purchase of a motor cycle for Bro. Manning. On Wednesday Bro. Baird, of North Adelaide, was at the mid-week meeting as a deputation in the interests of Foreign Missions. Sunday's meetings were good, and at night in the Town Hall two adults confessed Christ. "Year of Sacrifice" offering coming in very satisfactorily.

The Berri and Winkie churches have been helped by a week's visit from Bro. H. J. Horsell, who conducted the services at these places on May 27. An inspirational service was held on Tuesday following. Bro. Horsell gave an interesting lantern address on both Home and Foreign Missions. A meeting of the sisters was also held, and definite organisation was made in the interests of Home Missions. On June 4 a working bee was held, and

the whole of the Berri chapel was painted outside and inside by volunteer labor; this saved the church £20. The whole of the property is now in splendid order, the manse having been thoroughly renovated, verandahs and bathroom being added. Splendid meetings are being held. Another young man confessed Christ on June 10, Bro. Hunt speaking. On June 13, a young people's social evening was held in honor of Bro. F. Mercer, who has taken unto himself a wife. Bro. Mercer is doing a very fine work in the C.E. and Sunday School.

Wallaroo on June 4 held the annual all-day convention. In the morning Commandant Day (Salvation Army) gave an address on "Home Holiness." Mr. A. Richardson (Presbyterian) spoke on "The Spiritual Overcomer." In the afternoon Bro. E. G. Warren led the song service. Mr. T. P. Willason (Methodist) gave an address on "The Need of a Revival." The young ladies of the church gave a nice missionary item. Dr. Ray Killmier delivered a splendid address. Bro. Rootes spoke on "The Secret of a Successful Christian Life." He presided over the closing service. The young ladies again gave a beautiful item, and Dr. Killmier a very inspirational address on "Medical Missions." Bro. E. G. Warren's subject was "The Cross Still Stands." The sisters provided meals. Bro. A. C. Garnett, M.A., gave a great discourse on Foreign Missions last Sunday night. Bro. and Sister Riches, from Mile End, were visitors on June 17.

## Victoria.

Bren. W. F. Nankivell and J. E. Allan conducted the services at Balwyn last Lord's day, in the absence of Bro. J. E. Thomas through illness. The thanks of the church are extended to these brethren for their help and messages.

The church at Lygon-st. is deeply indebted to the brethren who have so kindly filled the platform during Bro. Eaton's illness. Thos. Hagger, of W.A., spoke on Sunday morning, and A. R. Main in the evening, both giving splendid addresses.

Meetings good at Cheltenham on Sunday, P. R. Baker speaking at Parkdale in the morning, and Wm. Judd at Cheltenham. Bro. Organ presided, and received in a fine young lad who had been baptised. P. R. Baker spoke at night to a good audience.

The 22nd anniversary of the South Richmond church has been held. On June 3 Bro. J. E. Allan gave a fine address in the morning, and Bro. Hattwell at night. On June 7 at a coffee supper and concert, an enjoyable evening was spent. Services are well attended.

Ararat had well attended meetings on June 17. Bro. Wilson, Anti-Liquor League, had charge at Sunday morning service. 72 were in attendance at Sunday School. One received in at morning service. One interested family came a distance of 23 miles. The Young People's Club is doing well.

Boronia church had good meetings on Sunday. At Bible School there were 41 scholars. On Saturday afternoon the church bade farewell to Bro. and Sisters Warden (2), who leave shortly for Swan Hill. The K.S.P. continues to grow. In connection with it a football team has been raised. A Sisters' Auxiliary has been formed.

On June 12 Colac church had a visit from Bro. Coventry, who gave a very interesting account of his work among the Bhamptas at Baramati. The Phi Beta Pi gave a social evening in honor of the mothers of the church. A musical programme was given, and a happy time spent. Each mother left the meeting with a bouquet of flowers and with other gifts. The Bible School has in progress an increased attendance campaign.

At Ringwood work is moving on steadily under the guidance of Bro. Wilkie Thompson. On May 6 a young Bible School scholar was baptised and received into the church the following Sunday. On June 10, a young lady was baptised. The young people are busy making a tennis court at side of chapel. Annual church meeting was held on June 11, when the election of officers took place. Bro. Darvell resigned as superintendent of the Bible School, and Bro. Lindsay Smith was elected in his place. Reports from all departments showed the work to be progressing satisfactorily.

Hawthorn had good meetings on Sunday. T. H. Scambler preached morning and evening. There was one confession. The Ladies' Church Aid Society held an American tea during the week, which realised about £10 for College furnishings.

At Moreland on June 17 eight were received into fellowship—three by letter, and five who were baptised at combined meeting at Brunswick (Coburg, Moreland, and Brunswick). The walls of the kindergarten are up, and roofing is going on. In reporting S.S. anniversary violinist Ralph Scott, aged 10, should have been mentioned.

East Kew had another big meeting on June 10. Bro. Hagger, of W.A., preached, and one young lady confessed Christ. In the morning one was received in. Last Lord's day meetings were good. Two were received in. Several members, including Bro. A. Hinrichsen, are sick. Bible School is still going ahead. Attendances are very good; new scholars introduced weekly.

Good meetings at Warrnambool on June 17. In the morning Bro. Edwards spoke on "Our Treasures," and in the evening on "What is Sin?" On the 13th Bro. H. R. Coventry gave an interesting account of his work in India. The sympathy of the church is extended to Bro. and Sister W. H. Pearl, of Mile End, on the loss of their daughter Cassie, till recently one of Warrnambool's isolated members.

Oakleigh church held a meeting of members to receive report of committee on best means of paying off debt on building fund, to facilitate proceeding with erection of new Bible School. The 25 members present agreed to adopt a scheme of direct giving, and responded in cash and promises the sum of £153. Those not present are to be approached with a view to complete the aim, "debt extinction."

On June 6 South Yarra church held a social to welcome new members. Bro. Tease presided, and 75 new members answered the roll-call. Bro. Tease is giving a series of mid-week special addresses. Last Lord's day eight were received into fellowship, including Bro. and Sister Biden, by letter from Hurstville, N.S.W. Bro. T. Hagger at night gave a fine discourse to a crowded meeting. One young woman made the good confession.

At Geelong last Sunday Bro. Stuart Stevens addressed both meetings; at the former the subject was "Christ the Altogether Lovely One"; at the latter the preacher spoke on "What is Involved in Being a Christian?" The roof of the chapel being completed, working bees have transformed the walls from green to light bisuit. It is hoped to complete the interior renovation this week. The Phi Beta Pi Club have undertaken the whole of the renovation expenses.

At Harcourt, since the departure of Bro. W. J. Thomson, Bro. R. K. Gerrand is ably fulfilling the duties of week-end evangelist. An address by Bro. Roy Coventry on Foreign Mission work was enjoyed. Bro. Gerrand visited the Sutton Grange church, addressing the gathering. Late fellowship has been enjoyed with a number of former members; amongst them, Bro. and Sister H. J. Patterson. Last Lord's day evening, an excellent address was delivered by Bro. Patterson.

Gardiner church had good meetings last Lord's day, with one addition by letter. Next Lord's day's meetings should be the last in the College building, which, by the kindness of the College Board, has been used since the inception of the church on September 6, 1914. Arrangements are being made for the opening of the fine new building at the corner of Malvern-road and Scott Grove on June 30 and July 1. Bro. Kingsbury is obtaining a good grip of the work, and is organising the church for service.

North Melbourne Bible School held its anniversary on June 10. Bro. Gale spoke to the children in the afternoon, and was much enjoyed. Bro. Dawson's address in the evening was very interesting. On Tuesday evening a splendid programme was gone through. The celebrations concluded with tea meeting and distribution of prizes on Thursday evening. Large attendances at all meetings. Bro. N. Halleday gave a splendid address on June 17. In the evening Bro. Dawson spoke to a very large gathering. The choir sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" splendidly.

At Wedderburn meetings have been good of late. The chapel has been renovated, and the result is very satisfactory. A social was held to give a present to a sister who is to be married.

Very good meetings at Swanston-st. last Lord's day, and excellent addresses from Bro. Shipway. A social meeting of members and friends was held last Wednesday evening week to welcome Bro. and Sister Shipway; this passed off most successfully. All expressed a hope for good work to be done in the future.

At Ascot Vale, since H. J. Patterson, M.A., has been on furlough, meetings have been well attended. On June 10, Bro. Kenneley gave a nice address. In the evening Bro. Allan preached. On the 17th Bro. Mudford spoke in the morning. In the evening at a men's service Bro. Geo. Gardiner preached, assisted by Bro. D. R. Moncur. A male choir helped with the singing. During Bro. Patterson's leave the two Thursday evening prayer services were taken by Bro. J. Burns and Bro. D. R. Moncur. The church mourns the loss of the esteemed Bro. Campbell, senior, who was called suddenly to higher service.

At Brighton Bro. F. T. Saunders on Sunday morning delivered a fine missionary message. In the evening a memorial service was held in memory of the late Sister Hewitt. Addresses were given by Bren. B. W. Huntsman and T. R. Morris. Sisters of the church recently visited the Old Folks' Home at Cheltenham. They distributed gifts among the patients, and Bro. Huntsman conducted a service in the chapel. In addition to the new building being erected, more rooms are being added to the present building, which will provide accommodation for Sunday School and young people's work. A mother and her son were recently added to the church by baptism.

Brunswick Bible School anniversary services were held on April 15, 22, 24 (concert) and 29 (prizes). N. C. Halleday was one speaker. R. Nankervis held the baton, J. Melody, junr., was pianist, and Miss Elsie Gibbs, organist. May 20, J. Roberts, presiding, handed the Young Worshipers' League church morning hymn books or prizes as the church's awards for attending service at least 50 Sundays in the year, nine girls and three boys participating, with more to come. On May 30 the church annual business meeting was held. Principal officers elected: N. McDonald, C. Lovell, W. Jenkin (re-elected) and D. Gibbs, as deacons; Secretary, W. Jenkin; Treasurer, S. Jenkin (both re-elected). On June 13, at a combined prayer meeting of Coburg, Moreland and Brunswick, there were six immersions for Coburg and four for Moreland. The sisters have restarted a sewing class. The boxes, per D. Gibbs, for the South American Evangelical Mission in Argentine, etc., yielded £3/17/7 for half-year ended April 30. The J.C.E. Society has presented the elderly members with pretty cushions and padded stools, and a nice stool for the organist. Sister Mrs. Edhouse has presented the church with a wall clock.

### New South Wales.

Interest continues to be shown in all services at North Sydney. On morning of June 17 Bro. McKenzie delivered an appreciated address on "Grace." In the evening Bro. C. R. Hall feelingly presented the gospel message. Bro. C. R. Hall will from now onwards conduct the gospel service each Lord's day. The men of the church intend to paint the building shortly.

Merewether reports fair attendances at meetings. On June 3, Evangelist A. G. Martin spoke at Islington Baptist Church, and Messrs. Pascoe and Reid, of Islington Baptist Church, exhorted in the Reid, in the evening. One young morning and spoke in the evening. One young man made the good confession at the conclusion of the prayer meeting on Tuesday last, and was baptised at the gospel service on June 10. Bro. Martin has resigned as evangelist at Merewether.

At Hurstville on June 10 one young man made the good confession, and four sisters were baptised. Last Lord's day Bro. Crossman was the speaker at both services. At the close of the gospel address on "Jesus Christ—His Person and Offices," a young lady confessed Christ. Since Conference 14 have accepted Christ. A united C.E.

meeting was held with Dumbleton on Monday night. After discussion of the topic a social half-hour was spent.

There were good audiences at Lismore on June 10. Bro. W. Atkin was presiding elder. Amongst visitors present during the day was Bro. Roffey, of Petersham (Sydney). At night Bro. P. J. Pond preached on "Christian Baptism—Is it Necessary?" All shades of religious opinion, including the Roman Catholic, were represented in the audience. One young girl confessed faith in Christ. An accommodation committee has been appointed to care for visitors from a distance to the opening celebrations of new church edifice, Sunday, July 8, and Monday following.

St. Peters Bible School continued anniversary services with a public meeting on June 12. Bro. A. L. Haddon's address was enjoyed. A fine programme was rendered, and prizes were distributed. On June 17 Bro. A. J. Fisher gave a splendid address in the morning. Owing to illness Bro. C. Casperson was unable to fulfil his appointment, and Bro. Flood took the evening service. Attendances were very fair all day. The church is grateful to the workmen who are giving their services freely in assisting with additions to the building; also to the ladies for refreshments.

Fair attendance at Taree on June 3, when Bro. E. J. Saxby addressed the church in the morning, and Bro. Edwards delivered the gospel address in the evening. Sunday, June 10, Bro. Edwards was the morning speaker, and fellowship with Bro. and Sister Jacob Saxby, of Chatswood, was enjoyed. At the close of the gospel address in the evening one young man took his stand for the Master, Bro. E. J. Saxby preaching. Bro. W. J. Crossman, evangelist, of Hurstville, has accepted an invitation to labor with the churches in Taree district, and will commence his ministry about the first Lord's day in September.

### OBITUARY.

HOLLAND.—Mrs. Jean Holland, wife of Walter George Holland, and daughter of Russell Dick, of sainted memory, passed peacefully away at "Elie Brae," Mowbray-st., Upper Hawthorn, Victoria, on Thursday, June 7, 1923. While latterly she met with the church at Gardiner, formerly she lived in the Box Hill district, and had fellowship with the church at Doncaster. She had long loved the Lord, and had gladly served him, and while death came with some suddenness, she was not unready for the heavenly call. Her adornment was that of a gentle and peaceful spirit, which is indeed precious in the sight of God.—Horace Kingsbury.

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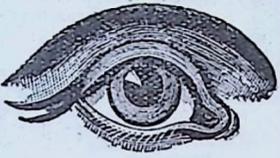
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