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The Bible School as an Investment.

Ralph Gebbie.

WHEN a rich investment offers in the business world, buyers are found in abundance, shares are soon at a premium and inability to buy brings genuine regret. Viewed as an investment our Bible Schools are far from arousing such eager interest. Investors are not thronging our superintendents asking opportunities to invest their all. Members often have to be buttonholed and urged to become workers, many classes are continually going without teachers, proper equipment is frequently lacking. Sometimes the whole work is carried on so mechanically that the scholar does not take the school seriously, his interest is never won, and soon he is among the lost. Yet here is a gilt-edged investment in a gigantic enterprise, offering the largest returns. As Horace Bushnell said to Henry Clay Trumbull, the famous Sunday School worker, "I've come to see that the work you are doing is the greatest work in the world. Sometimes I think it's the only work there is in the world." Were its investment value realised, willing workers in larger number would be attracted, the school would thrill with new life, and incalculable would be the results. How much money, work or prayer do we individually or collectively invest in our schools? We rejoice that some make liberal outlay, but too true is it that only a small remnant of our people is putting much into the Bible School. The enterprise is worthy the best organised effort of our whole brotherhood.

Not a soul among us is excluded from investing. All have more or less capital in these, money, capacity to work, or power to pray. When in greater measure we release these for our schools, efficiency and consequently larger dividends will be attained. By efficiency we mean the ability to win the youth for Christ and the church; to build them up in the knowledge of Christ and Christian living, and to send them out into the world as workmen for Christ and

humanity, 'workmen that will have no occasion for embarrassment in evaluating the words of truth.'

The first dividend is declared in the scholar himself. The influence of an efficient school upon him is beyond estimation. His life is enhanced in value both to himself and to the community. Millions of money are spent by a wise government upon education, whose end is in time, but through our Bible Schools we are educating for eternity. Secular education is profitable for a little, but religious education is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Tremendous are the dividends which the Bible School pays as a field for evangelism. Let us once again recall this fact. "The Bible School is a mighty force in the world; but from the standpoint of the church it is a field, a ripe field white to the harvest. From the best statistics we are able to gather, we discover that from two-thirds to three-fourths of the additions to all of our churches by conversion come through the Bible School. Dr. John Clifford, of London, set the figures as five-sixths. Certain it is that the church which pays easy-going attention to its Bible School, failing to support it, nourish it, care for it and man it as it should, is neglecting its most promising opportunity, and can hope for but meagre results." The Saviour in the parable of the sower gives us the reason for this. 'There are four kinds of soil into which the good seed may fall. Without doubt the child heart is good soil. It is not hardened by many years of worldly contact. The child heart is never shallow. Neither is it preoccupied like the thorny ground; it has no prepossessions; it is an open heart. Into this good soil lovingly may be dropped the good seed of the kingdom, to reap a hundred-fold in the after years.'

The church that properly appreciates the work of the Bible School is making certain

for itself a prosperous future, says a writer in "The International Journal of Religious Education" for February. "Most churches carry insurance against fire, but how many are guaranteeing to themselves that they will continue to exist in the years to come?"

A church that hopes to live must insure for itself a never-ending supply of new material in the form of young people. These young people needed are at present in the Bible School. To neglect them in any way is a suicidal policy, for here are potential church members, deacons, elders, preachers and missionaries. To a large extent we are determining what kind of workers they are to be in the future. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." In other words, small will be our dividends unless we invest our best in the Bible School. As those with the greatest plea ever given to a religious people, we should expend all possible time, effort, money and prayer in the school to ensure for our cause earnest, consecrated advocates in the future.

Non-investment spells loss, not only loss of dividend but loss of capital. He who withholds from the school cripples his own soul. "He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward."

The Christ asks us to invest. With divine passion he is interested in the results. He surrendered his all, pouring out his soul even unto death, that he might gain for himself not only those in the Bible School but the whole wide world. He asks us to invest with him, and for him, in this alluring enterprise. Were we to put our best into it, "He shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied."

Victoria's Aim.

1000 New Bible School Scholars Nett. 750 Decisions for Christ from the Bible Schools. An Offering of £365 on May 2 for the Work of the Department

The Claims of the Bible School.

When a claimant makes his demands, and the demands are just, responsibility is laid upon some person or persons to meet them. To whom does the Bible School make its appeal? Firstly, to the one who undertakes work in it. It demands of him careful training, sincerity of life, patience and perseverance. Secondly, to the church officer. Certainly the Bible School has claims upon him. If he once realises that the school is the best ground in which to grow a good harvest, he will be concerned about its welfare in all departments. Thirdly, to the members of the church. There should be no gulf fixed between the church and the school, any more than there should be between adults and children in the home.

What claims, then, are made upon the officers and members of the church? There is demanded more sympathy with those who undertake the difficult work of training the young. More prayer, and less criticism, would be helpful. Better equipment is needed in most schools. Do church officers seek to assist in this matter, or do they allow the teacher to struggle on under unsatisfactory conditions with a work that is difficult with the best equipment? There is room for more co-operation. If teachers can find time to come to school with a lesson prepared, surely most church members could show their desire to help either by attendance at Bible Class, or by making use of the advantages of the Home Department. Let the claims be met.—Randall T. Pittman.

Children's Year.

There are in the State of Victoria over 160,000 young people between the ages of four years and twenty years who are not receiving religious instruction of any kind. These young people present a distinct challenge to the Christian church. The church cannot remain satisfied knowing that so many of our young people are growing up without any knowledge of their need of, and their duty toward, God. Here is a task that calls for the best that the church can provide in men, money and energy. Our Bible Schools and young people's societies are doing a splendid work, but their usefulness would be increased if churches everywhere would take a deeper interest in the work. Churches allow Bible Schools to be conducted, and place a part of the equipment of the church at the disposal of the few faithful souls who wish to do the work. They permit clubs to organise and carry on. How many share in the responsibility of the work? The present is a chal-

lenge to the whole church to take a hand in the work among our young people. We hope that the year 1926 will be memorable for two things: (1) That it will be marked by an earnest effort on the part of the whole church to hold and win for Christ the young people that we now have in our midst, and (2) that we will try and extend our borders that many young people, who are now lost to the church, may be brought within the sphere of her influence.

We firmly believe that both these objectives can be realised if we will rally our forces and enter the fray. Forward then to victory.—L. C. McCallum.

Annie Laurie or Rock of Ages?

It is Monday night—Easter Monday night and nine o'clock. Possibly I shall sleep all night to-night, or maybe, I shall be called out several times. But that does not matter. The calls of *to-day* have brought me into touch with real life; those of the *night* often do so even more.

I write, at the organiser's request, of the value of religious education in the light of a medical practice.

My youngest patient to-day was a baby boy whom I presented to his happy parents

fifteen minutes before going to the gospel service last night; my oldest one was 87.

At one end we introduce the cradle roll; at the other we invoke the inspiration of memory. But "Son, remember," does not always call up the smile of satisfaction—the leaves of memory can make a frightful noise in the dark. The steadiness of the boat depends much upon the material it carries. I do not wonder that Ingersoll's nurse refused to look after an infidel again.

Everywhere the value of the Sunday School protrudes itself. Not all who have gone to the school have become Christians, but they have all been helped. In the moments of crises the lessons which showed us how to live will show us how to die. Astronomy tells us that much of the light we enjoy comes from unseen stars. It is passed from the invisible to the visible stars. Some of the light we have comes from stars which do not now exist—the present of the observer being the past of the star. Behind the visible struggle are the unseen eternal lessons, shedding a light across the gulf. It is better to teach well the boy than it is to preach well the man's funeral sermon.

A teacher cannot see all the good he is doing, nor can he realise the future of those to whom he is doing good. Martin Luther's teacher used to take off his hat when he passed his class of boys, for, said he, "I do not know who it is I am teaching." What would he have done had he realised Luther's future? He who saves a man saves a unit; he who saves a boy saves a multiplication table.

This appeal is written from the steps of the eternal. It is an appeal on behalf of the soul. The body is the vesture; the soul the wearer. The former is the casket, the latter is the jewel. The one is the unconscious instrument; the other is the living agent. The soul is the life of the body, and the body is the servant of the soul. The shadows of earth will one day flee—what then will remain? When "Annie Laurie" no longer appeals, will they be able to sing "Rock of Ages"?—W. H. Hinrichsen.

What Do You Get for Your Money?

"I wish that I had a boy like—," was the phrase in which a reference was made to a young man who had just entered Glen Iris College. His boyhood days were over, but he was still a boy to the many who had known him and had watched him grow up in our Bible Schools.

There are many who would like to have a lad such as he, as there are many who would have rejoiced to have had a share in making the boy the man he now is. Some liberally subscribed to assist him in his education, and now feel that as he wins souls to Jesus, so their "share" is earning dividends in the kingdom of God. The same can be said of the making of Christian manhood and womanhood in the various walks of life. This is the specific aim of the

BIBLE SCHOOL & YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT
CHURCHES OF CHRIST, VICTORIA.



FOR CHRIST, THE CHURCH, AND THE CHILD.
A RECORD ANNUAL OFFERING, SUNDAY, MAY 2nd.
OUR AIM £365

Bible Schools' Department—to assist the workers in their endeavors to lead the youth of our day to Jesus, and to direct their young lives and talents into avenues of usefulness for God and his Christ. Every pound contributed is a "pound share" in the making of Christian manhood and womanhood, the dividends from which may never be paid in £.s.d., but in results, the glory and the power, and honor of which,

the heaven alone will reveal, to the glory of God the father.

Plan now, to take up a big "share" in the great dividend-paying work, and on May 2, make it your largest contribution. As Jesus paid for the "loan" of the fisherman's boat by a great haul of fishes, may we not expect that he will richly bless all who "loan" to him for his work amongst the young?—W. Gale.

The viewpoint of a visitor is always valuable. One who specialises in study and comes into contact with many schools should be able to set higher ideals and suggest helpful methods of school improvement. The superintendent who is most eager and able to help his school usually is the first to call in aid from elsewhere.

Helping the teacher.

United training classes, conferences, rallies, libraries cannot be undertaken to any great extent by the individual school. They are work for a central committee. Sluggards need to be stirred, others organised. The results make for efficiency and inspiration.

Organising young life.

There is something in youth that is lured by a wide-spread movement. A good society in each centre is valuable. If these societies are linked in a movement that is better. If the movement is national or world-wide that adds immeasurably to its value. The fostering of this united life is a peculiar duty of a department.

Co-operating with other departments.

Workers for the welfare of youth are in all the religious groups. Their work is similar. They can do infinitely more through co-operation in common tasks than by each working separately. "Children's Year" and the N.S.W. United Convention are evidence. The only group in Sydney which finds it difficult to give and take its full share of this united work is that which has no organised department.

Seeking new fields.

Our chief need is extension. Bible Schools are the surest and most successful way to secure it. Are our new causes to be confined to the neighborhoods where we now meet because local workers know that area? What of the more distant opportunities which await our united consideration? The enlargement of a foot or a hand is not well-ordered growth: the whole body should develop regularly.

Finding other tools.

Tremendous obstacles confront workers in religious education. Our present means of service are good, but they are not sufficient. Can the teachers with one hour a week (perhaps an additional hour in public school) hope to make righteousness co-extensive with intelligence and encourage the young to seek first the kingdom of God? Other time, additional instruments will have to be found. That church will mean most to the future which is most successful in discovering, through its accredited department, how best to meet the difficult situation now confronting us.

There are two statues of Pestalozzi, Italy's eminent educator. In one a pupil is shown looking with grateful admiration into the face of the teacher. The second is a better representation of Pestalozzi's work and greatness. He has turned the faces of two children not to himself but to the distant horizon.

Young People's Work in the Mother State

Working with God.

A. L. Haddon, M.A.

Man's most amazing privilege is to be a laborer with God. Of his own will he may thrust his life into divine tasks or he may refuse them. Dust and divinity are both in his make-up and either he will cleave to the one and hate the other (and go down to the vile dust from which he sprung) or else he will hate the one and love the other. And when he loves he serves.

Jesus said, "I will build my church." But he didn't actually; he used others. What if they had failed?

Jesus, the same to-morrow as yesterday, looks at the world which is being born and says: "For that new age I will build my church to meet its needs." But he won't actually; he'll work through us. What if we fail?

From another point of view the child builds the church of the future; we cannot do it for him, we can do it through him. This then is the divine order—the church built anew in every generation by Christ, through us, through the child. Here, indeed, we are laborers with God.

Every young life is, to some extent, a summary of the past and a seed of the future. In each are hidden immeasurable forces, as whole forests lie slumbering in a single acorn. By consciously controlling the experiences of the child, the church may create the attitudes, points-of-view, characters which will determine the nature of the church-to-be.

Human progress is achieved by each generation assimilating, purifying and building upon the traditions of the past. Church progress is achieved when each generation distils the essentials from past experiences, and instils them into young minds. Thus they may be used with new vision and enthusiasm in fashioning a better day. A lofty ideal is set before the Christian worker in the prayer: "Thy king-

dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We look for a new earth in which dwelleth righteousness. We are called to labor with God in the building of the kingdom of heaven.

This can be done only as we work with God in another direction—in the moulding of individual lives after the Christian pat-

IN N.S.W.

May 2 is Y.P. Sunday. Preachers are asked to arrange special services. The annual offering from the churches was taken earlier in the year. On May 2 we ask for £100 from Bible Schools through the Coin Card Collection.

tern. Laws of growth are divinely implanted in each soul. The nature of these laws we cannot change. But we can reverently study them and loyally co-operate with God in order to the fullest unfolding of each personality until all attain unto the full-grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

What's the Need of a Separate Y.P. Department?

There are some services which can be rendered by a Bible School and Young People's department which cannot be rendered as well by any other agency.

Urging the church.

There is the task of calling the whole church to awaken fully to the vital importance of evangelising and teaching the young. God's appointed hour is brief. A few years and impressionableness gives place to a measure of rigidity. Some preachers periodically place the situation before the congregation: many do not. The one who is most consistent himself is usually first to invite the department's representative to assist. And where there is no local worker particularly keen are the brotherhood's interests to be neglected?

Improving the school.

The looker-on sees most of the game. Familiarity frequently dulls perception.

"The Good Shepherd was carrying a lamb one day. 'Why do you carry it?' asked a passer-by. 'Is it lame or only tired?' 'Neither lame nor tired,' the Shepherd said, 'the mother will not keep with the flock, but wanders beyond hearing of my call. 'The only way I can keep her by my side is to carry her lamb.'"

Western Australia.

School Activities and Ideals.

A Record Year.

J. A. Ewers.

The following summary of some of the activities of the Bible Schools' and Young People's Committee will surely justify the above title:—

(1) Our financial statement shows that the sum of £442 was handled during the year. £300 was borrowed money, but contributions from various sources totalled £142.

(2) An appeal issued by the committee resulted in promises totalling £51/10/- annually from various schools and young people's organisations, towards the upkeep of the Dhond Hospital.

(3) A record increase of 611 scholars in the 1925 increase campaign was the result of energetic canvassing by 14 schools. The 1926 campaign (now in progress) is being entered for by 17 schools, and after 6 Sundays, there are 414 new scholars.

(4) Two blocks of land at Inglewood were purchased at a cost of £110 as a site for a chapel. This was the outcome of the formation by Miss Sharp of a Bible School in a private house, which speedily grew to over 50 scholars. The committee was appealed to for assistance, and it could see no other than the obvious solution of providing a building. After various unsuccessful efforts, arrangements were at last made to borrow money, and as a result a suitable building is now nearing completion. A church has been organised, and will take over the financial responsibility. A mission to be shortly conducted by Bren. Hürriehsen and Brooker should put the young church on a good footing, and the committee is hoping that the school and church which they have fostered will grow within a few years into a self-supporting cause.

(5) A most successful conference of Bible School workers was held in two centres on successive Saturdays. There was good discussion on suitable topics introduced by capable leaders. This innovation will probably be repeated.

(6) The usual annual camp for young men gave place this year to a special young men's day at Attadale. Opportunity was taken to farewell the students leaving for Glen Iris, and the gathering was addressed on the topics "Plan Your Life Work" and "Work Your Life Plan." The gathering was inspirational, and voted by all to be an unqualified success.

(7) Besides the above activities the committee has conducted the usual routine work comprising the annual examination, and the annual demonstrations, and general correspondence with the 21 Bible Schools and the 15 young people's clubs and organisations in connection with the churches. Truly we can say that it has been "a record year."

The Bible School and Evangelism.

L. Peacock.

Because the Bible School is the teaching service of the church, and teaching is a necessary antecedent for conversion, the Bible School therefore plays a very important part in the winning of souls for Christ.

The ultimate winning of the child is the aim of the faithful Bible School teacher, and Bible teaching and personal influence are the two most powerful forces at the teacher's disposal. Teaching was the method adopted by Christ (Matt. 5: 2; Mark 10: 1), and his apostles (Mark 6: 30). Teaching is the beginning and ending in the formation of Christian character. Instruct first, in-

spire next, and then instruct again. The "personal touch" force at the disposal of the teacher is perhaps the greatest of all, and he must see to it that by the example of his life, the scholar is brought nearer to the pathway of Christian duty and conduct. "The teacher is more than a student, dealing with books; he is a living soul in contact with living souls."

The Bible School is a great force in evangelism because it is a prepared field. The young people are in the habit of coming to the Lord's house, of studying the Word of God and of singing the



The boy at play to-day will be the man at work to-morrow, shaping the affairs of this world. The Bible School realising these facts, aims to share in the child life and capture that life and make it contribute to the purposes of God.

Beautiful Christian hymns. They make their friends in the church, and come into contact with Christian leaders.

The Bible School is a force in evangelism because the work is done among young people at an impressionable age. The instructions and impressions positively given between the ages of ten to twenty-five years are almost invariably lifelong lessons. It is the time when "young men shall see visions," and the imagination is being stirred with hopes and dreams of the future. "It is the time when sight passes into insight and consciousness into conscience."

"Youth, the glorious springtime when all our powers are blooming into manhood and womanhood, when all the future is rosy with promise, is the time to take the Creator into partnership with us."

The success of the work of the past, imperfect no doubt, as it has been, should encourage us to keep on. It is said that 80 per cent. to 85 per cent. of professing Christians were reached through the Bible School.

Keep on keeping on.

Beware of False Profits.

W. R. Hibburt.

1. What is a church profited if it gains a leisurely existence by neglecting to minister to the young, but ceases to exist in one generation?

2. What is a church profited even if it boasts of a beautiful building, fine services, a great preacher, and a wonderful choir, but allows its Bible School work to become secondary business?

3. What is a church profited that lazily relegates the supreme business of the whole church in the giving of the gospel to a world of youths to a few willing workers but inefficient staff?

4. What is a Christian profited that idles his Sunday afternoons away and loses the opportunity of winning (over a given number of years) a whole battalion for Christ?

5. What is a Bible School or a young people's committee profited that merely coddles and entertains the child and misses the main objective of a life for Christ?

Broadcasting.

If I were given the opportunity to broadcast to men everywhere a message in 30 words stating the value of the Bible School work, I think would say—

The live Bible School is the greatest force in moulding the present generation from which will come the world's statesmen, teachers and leaders of industry, and in whose moral character lies the destiny of the world's future.—A. J. Ingham.

When God needs men he trains them. Our work is to interest the young in places where his voice can be heard. He gave us the Bible School to accomplish that.—A. G. Brown.

The Bible School as an avenue of service or a field for investment has no equal. It returns great dividends that will stand throughout eternity.—E. R. Berry.

If you want your boys and girls to have good companions, a healthy atmosphere, clean thoughts and right lives send them to a Bible School. And, by the way, there's room for you too.—W. J. Thomson.

A prepared place for a prepared people.

The prepared place—the church.

The prepared people—the young folk.

The place of preparation—the Bible School.

This is the testimony of history.—A. Lucraft.

The church of to-day is the Bible School of yesterday, and the school of to-day is the church of to-morrow. Truly the child is father of the man.—C. A. G. Payne.

Support the Bible School. It is difficult to imagine a greater force for good. And when it is combined with the example and teaching of Christian homes there certainly is nothing greater. R. W. Ewers.

Worth-while Things.

Are we doing the worth-while things of life

As we travel along our way?

For after all has been said and done,

It's the worth-while things that pay.

Do you want to be happy and pleasing to him

As you travel this old world through?

There is a way this is brought about,

But it's mostly up to you.

If you would be happy, go out in his name

And serve in a worth-while way.

If he's blest you with talents, then use them

for him,

And for all he will richly repay.

True happiness comes from work that we do

For his sake, in his name, in his way;

Then let us go out other lives to make bright.

And we will be happy always.

"Service is the yardstick by which greatness is measured."

Queensland Appeals for £100.

Our Greatest Asset.

F. E. Alcorn.

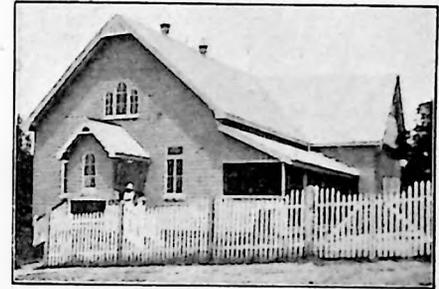
Of all the array of our church assets which is the greatest? We think of our growing membership, of the many wealthy and influential members we have in our churches; of all our church properties, buildings, land, etc. But there is one asset we possess which is greater than any one of these, and that is the asset of the young life of the church, our growing boys and girls. This hardly needs any proving in these days. Theoretically the principle is believed and accepted by all, but it is not worked out in practice. The State, society and educational authorities all recognise the value of the child, and as a result much time and money are expended in preparing for his future welfare, but the church lags on behind, planning for many things, but overlooking the wealth of its young life. Certainly the church has made a fair amount of progress along these lines, but she is still hopelessly in arrears. If we judge the church's attitude to this department of her work by her contributions for the maintenance of the work among the young, we must frankly admit that up to the present she has not taken the matter seriously. Our Bible Schools and young people's organisations are grand institutions; our Bible School teachers and Y.P. workers are a noble band and are making a wonderful contribution to the work of the kingdom of God, but their hands are tied by poor equipment and insufficient means of support. Our appeal is to the churches to come to the rescue and provide the means for further advancement. There are some aspects of our church life that we may be able to dispense with, but we cannot afford to neglect the men and women of to-morrow. In saving a boy or a girl for Christ, we not only save a soul from death but we save a life to be used in service in the church. Henry Clay Trumbull says, "Jesus Christ not only gave to children a place in the kingdom, he gave them the chief place." The church can afford to do no less.

Carry On!

A. J. Fisher.

Because of the growing interest and enthusiasm of the church in the work among young people, the past year of the Bible School and Y.P. Union has in every way been a record. Finance has been most encouraging, affiliations of schools and societies have increased, union membership has been more widespread, rallies and union activities have been better supported than hitherto. Better still during the year three new schools were formed, the enrolment increased 13.2 per cent. to a total of 1,783 in the schools, and several new Y.P. societies have been formed. Best of all, 152 scholars accepted Christ, this being the highest number on record, and representing 31 per cent. of the gross increase of the churches.

It is plain that a forward move has commenced. Surely the results have justified the efforts. And surely the churches will make possible an even larger advance during this coming year. Brethren, though the workers change the work continues. Carry on for Christ and the young lives entrusted to our care. Give more than ever before on May 2.



Albion chapel, Qld., moved bodily forward, with large hall erected at rear for school and Y.P. purposes.

Bible School Work in Tasmania.

The Attribute of the Church.

A. R. Taylor.

The fundamental attribute of the church toward itself, and offspring, the Sunday School, should be that of a spiritual growth with fruitfulness. This everlasting and eternal attainment can only be procured through partaking and dispensing freely all the divinely-appointed food, the Word of Life, for man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (Matt. 4: 4). Therefore, said the Good Shepherd, feed my lambs and feed my sheep; teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Add not to it, nor take from it lest ye die eternally, saith the Lord (Rev. 22: 18, 19). May the consummation of our efforts be crowned as the apostle of old. For I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is a crown laid up for me, said Paul (2 Tim. 4: 7, 8). He had not shunned to declare the whole counsel of God (Acts 20: 27).

he did, would, I fully believe, have become one of the most powerful preachers of our brotherhood. All efforts to win boys and girls for Christ should have the heartiest support of us all.

Living, Though Dying or Dead.

N. G. Noble.

Material monuments vainly testify to human attempt to keep the remembrance of those departed. But time has crumbled most of them, and new ones must be continually polished. The best monument is an indelible impression for good that one may leave upon one's century, even if names be forgotten by man. Most of earth's goodness has no biography. Personality became an effect. Christian, invest your influence for Christ in a child. Christ is living, and the child is living—and will become a multiplication table for good. You may, yea must, even if departed, live your life again in a child, or children, whom you took to, or taught Jesus only, in the Bible School. "He that loveth his life for my sake, and the gospel's, shall keep it unto life eternal."

Only a Child.

Lionel Johnston.

What a thrill passes over the evangelistic meeting when a noted sinner, deeply dyed with guilt, a drunkard or a confirmed gambler, steps forward and declares his acceptance of Jesus as his Saviour! Does a similar thrill pass over the audience when a boy or girl bashfully takes his or her place at the front to declare allegiance to Jesus? "Oh," they say, "it's only a child." And yet a greater triumph of the gospel has been achieved in the latter case than in the former. In the former a soul has been saved, but in the latter both a soul and a life. The writer, during years of experience, regards as his brightest converts many who have been disciplined to Christ during childhood. The most impressionable years of a person's life are spent in Christ's service. Opportunities for training and development in many cases are past when an adult accepts salvation. Obligations are entered into and ties are formed that stand in the way of the fullest service. I can call to mind at least one person who has served the church usefully in the capacity of secretary and deacon, but, if he had become a Christian ten years before

Tasmanian Bible School Union.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Division I.

Certificates.—Douglas McDonald, W. Hobart; Barney Lync, Launceston.

Division II. (Junior).

Prizes.—Freda Daniels, Launceston (94); Daisy King, Ulverstone (93).

Merit Certificates.—Roy Warmbrunn, Wallace Nightingale, Nellie Osborne, Ulverstone; Harry Christian, W. Hobart; Eileen Cummings, Eric Lync, Launceston; Laurel De Jersey, Dover.

Certificates.—Olive De Jersey, Dolly Exter, Dover; Grace Dickson, Hobart; Eileen West, Merle Watters, Invermay; Lorna Manson, Gwen Gillam, Hilmer Rowlings, Jean Peters, Eileen Littlechild, Vera Watts, Launceston; George Foster, Nellie Snooks, Bernice Hodgetts, Nellie Osborne, Freda Smith, Rita Snooks, Ulverstone; Keith Elwell, Ray Lillye, W. Hobart.

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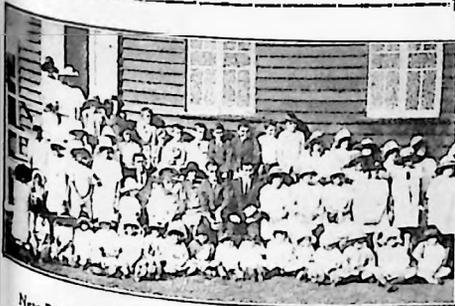
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Does a load need lifting?
Lend a hand.
Is a brother drifting?
Lend a hand.
Do not idly pass along;
Speak a word or breathe a song;
Cheer a heart or right a wrong—
Lend a hand.

Can you soothe a sorrow?
Do it now.
Wait not till to-morrow—
Do it now.
Chances never come again,
And reproaches are in vain,
Would you Christ's approval gain,
Do it now.

The Hen and the Egg.

It takes everybody to know everything; and a little questioning reveals a vast amount of ignorance in those who think themselves very wise. A French writer tells the following story:—

A young man from the Provinces, who was sent to Paris to finish his education, had the misfortune of getting into bad company. He went so far as to wish, and finally to say, "There is no God; God is only a word." After staying several years at the capital, the young man returned to his family. One day he was invited to a respectable house where there was a numerous company. While all were entertaining themselves with news, pleasure and business, two girls, aged respectively twelve and thirteen, were seated in a bay window, reading together. The young man approached them and asked:

"What beautiful romance are you reading so attentively, young ladies?"

"We are reading no romance; we are reading the history of God's people, the Jews."

"You believe, then, that there is a God?"

"Astounded at such a question, the girls looked at each other, the blood mounting to their cheeks. "And do you not believe it?"

"Once I believed it; but after living in Paris, and studying philosophy, mathematics, and politics, I am convinced that God is an empty word."

"And I," spoke up one of the girls, "never was in Paris; I have never studied philosophy, nor mathematics; nor any of those beautiful things which you know. Since you are so learned, and say there is no God, you can easily tell us where the egg comes from then?"

"A funny question, truly. The egg comes from the hen."

"But which of them existed first, the egg or the hen?"

"I really do not know what you intend with this question and your hen; but, of course, that which existed first was the hen."

"There is a hen, then, which did not come from the egg?"

"I beg your pardon, I did not take notice that the egg existed first."

"There is, then, an egg that did not come from a hen?"

"Oh, if you—beg pardon—that is—you see—"

"Oh, I see, you do not know whether the egg existed before the hen, or the hen before the egg?"

"Well, then, I say the hen."

"Very well, there is a hen which did not come from an egg. Tell me now who made this first hen, from which all other hens and eggs come?"

"With your hens and your eggs, it seems to me you take me for a poultry dealer."

"Oh, no, we only ask you to tell us where the mother of all hens and eggs came from?"

"But for what object?"

"Well, since you do not know, I think we can tell you. He who created the first hen, or as you would rather have it, the first egg, is the same who created the world; and this being we call God. You cannot explain the existence of a hen or an egg without God."

The young philosopher was silent; he quietly took his hat, and, full of shame, departed, if not convinced of his folly, at least confounded by the simple questioning of a child. How many there are who, like him, professing to be wise, seem very foolish, speaking evil of things they know not of, and denying things they have never investigated. How many sceptics can tell why the leaves of an apple-tree are arranged in spirals around the stem, the fifth leaf standing directly above the first. Or why in millions of bushels of ears of corn no ear is ever found with an odd number of rows? Can chance count?

When Duty is a Joy.

Joy is a duty; so, with golden lore,
The Hebrew rabbis taught in days of yore;
And happy hearts heard in their speech
Almost the highest wisdom man can reach.

But one bright peak still rises far above!
And there the Master stands, whose name is Love,
Saving to those whom heavy tasks employ,
Life is divine when duty is a joy.

An Unspoken Reproof.

A minister deeply anxious for the success of his church called upon a member who had been neglecting the week-night service. Wishful to make a real impression, he went straight up to the fireplace in the sitting-room, and with the tongs removed a live coal from off the fire and placed it on the hearth, and watched it while it turned from the red-hot heat to a black mass. The astonished church-member carefully observed the novel proceeding, and at once said, "You need not say a single word: I'll be there on Wednesday night."

At the Bank.

First Scot—"I saw ye at the bank yesterday."

Second Scot—"Aye." First Scot—"Did ye put in some money?"

Second Scot—"Nae." First Scot—"Take some out?"

Second Scot—"Nae." First Scot—"Then ye borrit some money?"

Second Scot—"Nae." First Scot—"Then what did ye?"

Second Scot—"I filled ma fountain pen."

Erring!

"Mr. Chairman," began the man who is unaccustomed to public speaking, "I—er—I—er—I—er—"

"Well," interrupted the chairman, "to err is human."

Glad to Get Some.

Professor—"Can any of you ladies tell me what makes the Tower of Pisa lean?" Stout Lady—"I'm sure I don't know, or I'd take some of it myself."

The Family Altar.

J. C. F. P.

MONDAY.

For I say, through the grace that was given me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but so to think as to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to each man a measure of faith.—Romans 12: 3.

Rabbi Duncan wrote: "Let us 'not think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think.' But God does not require of us a false humility. We are not to think less highly of ourselves than we ought to think. We are to think soberly. We are to find out the truth about ourselves, and think that. Then there will be no danger of our thinking too highly."

Reading—Romans 12.

TUESDAY.

The night is far spent, and the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.—Romans 13: 12.

"Amid the shades of evening,
While sinks life's lingering sand,
I hail the glory dawning
In Immanuel's land."

Reading—Romans 13.

WEDNESDAY.

For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.—Romans 14: 17.

"I entirely agree with you," wrote John Wesley, "that religion is joy and peace in the Holy Ghost; the cheerfulest thing in the world; that it is inconsistent with moroseness, sourness, and with what is not according to the gentleness of Christ."

Reading—Romans 14.

THURSDAY.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Ghost.—Romans 15: 13.

Dean Burgan wrote, "Pray, when you read the Epistles (indeed the Gospels themselves; for they also are full of it)—pray notice how much is said of *Patience and Hope*. Few persons, I think, would believe, until their attention happened to be called that way, how large a place these two graces hold." He then refers to the *God of Patience* (5), the *God of Hope* (13), as being the *God of Peace* also.

Reading—Romans 15: 1-17.

FRIDAY.

For it hath been the good pleasure of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints that are at Jerusalem.—Romans 15: 27.

"Paul sought not only to relieve the poor saints at Jerusalem by this contribution, but also to promote fellow-feeling between them and the Gentile Christians. . . . Nothing tends so much to wear off prejudice, and to prevent unkind feeling in regard to others, as to set about some purpose to do them good, or to unite with them in doing good."

Reading—Romans 15: 18-33.

SATURDAY.

For your obedience is come abroad unto all men.—Romans 16: 19.

They were known for their "mild, obedient disposition to learn, and to obey the precepts of the teachers of religion." To be famed for such qualities is surely commendable.

Reading—Romans 16.

SUNDAY.

And the base things of the world, and the things that are despised, did God choose.—1 Cor. 1: 28.

Bunyan says, "When God would tune a soul, he most commonly begins at the lowest note; so has it been in the tuning of the world's wide discord. In the depths of the great atonement, God has sounded the lowest note, and to this every life lived during the last eighteen hundred years in harmony with him, has been attuned."

Reading—1 Cor. 1.

Foreign Missions.

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

Medical Work at Baramati, India, 1925.

If mere statistics could report the work done in our little dispensary during 1925, you would have it pretty clearly before you in the accompanying list of figures. As they may help you to realise the numbers of people we are brought in contact with, those who get relief from suffering, who hear of the Healer of souls, who receive his precious word, we would call your attention to them. Yes, it has been a year of joys and disappointments. A year of proving again the wonderful love of the Lord in the realisation of fulfilled promises, so often in our work and in our own lives. When we think back and call to mind cases, where it seemed human skill was useless, but where prayer proved the instrument by which the patient gained relief; also times when human strength seemed at its limit, and one wondered how they could keep going treating this and that disease, doing offensive dressings in insufferable heat—at such times he supplies the grace to live out for him each day. So, dear brethren and sisters, I do thank you for all your prayers and interest in our work continually.

The one thing for which we are most thankful was the arrival of Dr. Oldfield, the long-looked-for medical man whom we need so much. We know now that in the near future our heart-breaking disappointments at patients refusing to go to hospital, because the distance was so far, will be done away with. Dhond is but a neighboring village, and one can almost see that hospital building which you dear brethren and sisters are making possible, standing as a monument of your generosity and love in the Lord.

In reading through the report, sent to Government, re classification of diseases, etc., treated during 1925 at Baramati Dispensary, I note numbers of cases were sent to hospital whom we could not treat, 53 operations (minor) were performed besides several abnormal midwifery cases. The predominant cases were those of the eyes, numbering 460. Malaria and other fevers numbered 377 and 439 respectively. Pneumonia and other lung troubles reached over 300 for the year. Skin cases were also very prevalent, besides many other classes of disease, wounds, broken limbs, etc. Although this gives an idea of the work done at the dispensary, yet we feel that the out-village visitation carried on by Dr. Kolhatkar each week, whenever possible, is a very important part of our work generally. It has kept the villagers in touch with us. It often meant relief, and the gospel message has been taken to those who could not come to us. Many villages are now open for more extensive work, because we have been able to send to them in their hour of physical need. We praise God for the efficient sympathetic help and co-operation of Dr. Kolhatkar with us during the past year. Then before I close let me say how thankful we are that God heard and answered prayer by sending one of his chosen ones, Jankibai, to be our helper as Bible-woman nurse bai. It is a great comfort to know that as the gospel is daily given to the sin-sick souls at the dispensary, it is fully understood it is given with a yearning prayer for their salvation. Also those lonely journeys to poor suffering women in distant villages are lonely no more. To know your companion is one who will pray with you, also with the patient in the hour of great need, gives the needed strength in times of test and trial. So, dear brethren and sisters, for all these many blessings, will you join me in thanking and praising Jesus Christ, who is our all in all each day of the year.

Amounts received, January to December, 1925. Rs. 1026/13/0; English money at Rs. 15 to £1, £68/9/1; gospels sold, 1074; new patients, 2524; retreatments, 6533; total, 9957.—E. M. Caldicott.

Conference Report on American Relations with China.

Through the kindness of the Conference of the American Relations with China we received from the John Hopkins Press, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A., a copy of the report of the Conference on American Relations with China held at John Hopkins University, September, 1925. Although this book deals largely with the trouble in China from the American point of view, it has a great deal of information of the utmost value to any Australians interested in China, and especially in the China of the last year. The Chinese point of view, the question of extra territoriality is discussed by experts on Chinese, industrial conditions in China, the missionary situation in China, other nations in China, the British point of view, the Russian trend in the far East, are some of the subjects discussed in this book. It has 225 pages, octavo form, and the price \$1.50.

Victorian F.M. Acknowledgments.

DEC. 11, 1925 to MAR. 31, 1926.

Churches.—Swanston-st., Dup. Env., £5/0/10; Chinese Church, 1d. week, £1/5/6; Bendigo, Dup. Env., 6/2; Castlemaine, Dup. Env., £2/14/-; Hampton, 1d. week, collected by Sister D. Hamilton, £2/5/-; Malvern-Caulfield, 1d. per week, etc., £4/12/11; Croydon, Annual Offering, £5; Golden Square, Annual Offering, £27/3/6; Chinese Brethren, £25.

Dhond Hospital.—Sth. Melb. K.S.P., £3; B.S., Footscray, £1/6/9; "G.S.," Melb., £1; Young Men's B.C., Preston, 16/-; Girls' Miss. Circle, Carnegie, £2; B.S., Cheltenham, £1/17/-; C.E., Castlemaine, £2/2/-; A Brother, Swanston-st. Church, £100; Malvern-Caulfield P.B.P., £1; Nth. Richmond C.E., £1/6/-.

Members.—Late Mr. Thos. Mitchell, for room at Shrigonda, £21; Mrs. D. Sharpe, 1/9; Mr. A. W. Connor, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pittman, £1; Mr. J. Crossfield, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shipway, 7/6; Mr. F. Lee, £2; Mr. J. E. Robinson, £1; Miss Bowey, 5/-; Miss I. Vertue, £1/10/-; Miss J. Brown, £3; Mr. R. Emmis, £5; Miss E. Barrett, £2/10/-; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kemp, £2; Miss E. Jermyn, £1; Miss A. Jermyn, 10/-; Mr. G. Collins, £4/4/-.

Orphans.—Warrnambool B.S., £1/1/-; South Yarra B.S., £1/12/6; Ballarat Miss. Band, £6; Carnegie Miss. Band and Girls' Circle, £4; Mrs. Kelford's Girls' Class, Prahran, £1/10/-; Ascot Vale Kinders, £3; Brighton Women's Miss. Band, £3; Prahran Girls' Guild, £3; Doncaster B. School, £6; Surrey Hills Ladies' Guild, £6; B.S., Hawthorn, £7/15/-; C.E., Swanston-st., £1/10/-; B.S., Bendigo, £1; B.S., Castlemaine, £3; B.S., Brim, £6; Mrs. E. Hovey, Snr., £6; South Yarra J.C.E., and Women's Miss. Band, £6; B.S., Geelong, £6; B.S., Golden Square, £12.

Miscellaneous.—Students, College of Bible, 1d. week, £5; Boronia Sisters' Auxiliary, Native Teacher, £21; Ballarat Mission Band, for Bible Woman, £6; Collected by Mrs. Zelius, for Bible Women, £20. For J. Thompson Fund—A Friend, Swanston-st., £25; Mr. F. J. Scott, £5; Benevolent work, Huellichow, Mrs. A. G. Saunders, £1.

Children's Day.—Previously acknowledged, £138/10/2½; B.S., Maryborough, £3/9/3; North Richmond, £2/7/0; Chelsea, 8/8½; Moreland, £6/16/-; Brunswick, £1/11/3; Prahran, £1/12/6; Three Children, Lygon-st., 10/6; Total to date, £155/15/3.

Gratefully acknowledged.

R. Lyall, Treasurer.
J. E. Allan, Secretary.

COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 4 and continuing for 5 weeks.—Great Tent Mission at Footscray. P. R. Baker and Irwin Barber, every evening at 8. Take Russell-st. tram at Station and ask for stop at "The Tent." Alexander's No. 3 hymns. All invited.

APRIL 11, 18, 20.—Brunswick Bible School Anniversary (continued). April 18, A. R. Main, M.A., J. I. Mudford, W. J. Way, April 20, 8 p.m., Children's Demonstration (adults od., children 6d.). All meetings held in Chapel, Glenlyon-rd. Bright singing under Mr. Ross Pearl, assisted by orchestra. All are invited. This promises to be the best we have ever conducted.

APRIL 18 and 21.—South Yarra Church and Bible School Anniversary. 11 a.m., Bro. G. I. Andrews; 3 p.m., Reg. Clark; 7 p.m., V. Griffin. Wednesday, Public Demonstration, 8 p.m. Special singing. Tea provided for visitors.

MAY 2.—Jubilee Celebrations Sydney City Temple (1851-1926). Past members welcomed. Hospitality arranged for those from other States. Write secretary, P. C. Williams, Box 1592, G.P.O., Sydney.

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KELLY.—On April 11, at Royal Park, Melbourne, to Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Kelly (nee Winnie Lyall)—a son (John Robert Lyall Kelly).

IN MEMORIAM.

CURTIS.—On April 6, at Balaklava, S.A., Stanley Charles, beloved husband of Doris, and eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Curtis, aged 30 years.

FARROW.—On March 28, at Bordertown, Teresa, relict of the late Thos. Farrow, of Naracoorte, S.A., aged 66 years, leaving two sons and three daughters to mourn their sad loss. Rest after great weariness.

STICKLAND.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Joseph Stickland, who passed to rest April 18, 1917.

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Here and There.

We are indebted to Bro. R. T. Pittman, B.A., for the report of the Victorian Conference which appeared in our last issue.

Misses Allambly, Jessie Jackson and Ruby Long, all of Lygon-st. church, are leaving this week by the "Moreton Bay" on a trip to England.

In all of the States May 2 will be celebrated as Bible School or Young People's Day. Special offerings will be taken up for the work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Enniss, of Gardiner church, Vic., left this week for a tour abroad. They intend to visit Great Britain and other countries.

The following telegram from Gilgandra, N.S.W., reached us on Monday:—"Great meetings yesterday. Byrnes preaching; one confession, superintendent Methodist Sunday School.—Baker."

On Tuesday we received the following telegram from Western Australia:—"Hinrichsen and Brooker opened short mission in Harvey; one decision Sunday night.—Wakefield."

The Tasmanian Conference closed on Easter Monday with a picnic at Punchbowl, a splendid lantern lecture by Miss Laurel Redman, of India, and a fine address by Bro. Jas. E. Thomas.

Bro. A. H. Pratt, preacher of the church at Stawell, Vic., had to undergo a painful operation, and is still in the Melbourne Hospital; we rejoice to learn that he is progressing favorably.

Bro. L. Beaumont and Bro. Lyall Williams have been appointed by the Victorian Home Missionary Committee to the work at Hartwell. This arrangement follows on the resignation of Bro. J. C. F. Pittman.

Secretaries of Bible Schools and Young People's societies in Queensland are requested to note that Miss Queenie Wendorf is now secretary of the B.S. and Y.P. Union, and that all communications should be sent to her.

The annual College of the Bible Old Boys' Club Reunion was held at Swanston-st., Melbourne, on Tuesday, April 6. Officers for the incoming year were elected, including the President, A. E. Hurren; and Secretary, C. Schwab.

Many greetings came to the Victorian Conference from far and near. Bro. W. B. Blakemore and the secretary of the International Order of Good Templars forwarded greetings, which unfortunately did not reach the office in time to be read publicly.

The monthly meeting of the Victorian Sisters' General Dorcas will be held on Wednesday next, April 21, in Swanston-st. lecture hall, from 10.30 till 4 p.m. As this is the first meeting after conference, sisters are invited to come along and help in this work for the Master's needy ones.

Regarding plans for the future, various resolutions were carried at N.S.W. Conference, one of them being as follows:—"That, subject to the approval of the Federal Executive, a special tent campaign be held in the Federal Capital, and if possible Bro. Hinrichsen and Brooker be invited to conduct this effort."

Many friends will be glad to know that Bro. R. G. Cameron, preacher of the church at Ballarat East, Vic., who recently underwent an operation, has made a rapid recovery, and is about his work. After a short rest he expects to resume his work. He is thankful to God for his goodness, and grateful to the brethren for their prayers on his behalf.

The choice of Bro. W. H. Hall as incoming president of our N.S.W. Conference was an exceedingly popular one. Bro. Hall has for years done a most excellent federal work as secretary of the Preachers' Provident Fund. He is a busy business man who is much loved by the brethren for his work's sake.

The tent mission at Footscray, Vic., conducted by Bro. Baker and Barber, is attracting large audiences. There have been ten confessions to date. A very fine audience assembled on Sunday night, when there were five decisions.

The Forbes-Warren tent mission at Snowtown, S.A., continues to draw good audiences. Up to Sunday 13 had made their decision, and all have been baptised, and with two immersed believers have been received into the fellowship of the church. The mission was to end on Tuesday. The missionaries go to Lochiel, another church in the Snowtown district, for a week's mission.

The church at Bet Bet, Vic., is enjoying the fellowship of Bro. Russell Banks. On March 14 three girls from the Bible School confessed their faith in Christ and were baptised the following Sunday, with two boys who had made the good confession during the ministry of Bro. Cave. On Easter Monday the Bible School held its annual picnic. In the evening an enjoyable social was held.

Our N.S.W. Conference was a great success. Meetings were large and enthusiastic. Bro. G. Fretwell presided with dignity and tact. His presidential address on "An Ideal and an Attitude" lifted the meeting on Friday night to a high level. The ideal was "Brotherhood," the attitude "Love," the text being "Love the brotherhood." Many eulogistic references were made to Bro. Fretwell's great services to the churches during his year of office.

At the Bible School session, also at General Conference of the Queensland Churches of Christ, resolutions were carried, placing on record the high esteem in which Bro. Fisher is held, and appreciating the vast amount of work he did in various departments of Home Mission work in his position as organiser for Queensland. Presentations were made to Bro. Fisher at the Bible School demonstration, also at General Conference of a wallet of notes each.

As we write the great Australian "Mott" Missionary Conference is in progress in Melbourne. The fact that this is a special Bible Schools' issue prevents our giving an extended notice this week. The Conference has proved a great success, and will greatly stimulate missionary interest. Dr. John R. Mott has delivered some truly magnificent addresses dealing with great world problems. His unrivalled knowledge, reserve power and accent of authority have made the messages notable.

The joint council for religious instruction in day schools at its last meeting appointed Mr. B. Morey to act as organiser for the country districts in place of Mr. Webster, who retired on account of family affliction. Mr. Morey is a retired business man. He has been for many years a leader in Sunday School and church work, and is whole-heartedly in sympathy with the great objective of the joint council—"Every child in our day schools to have the privilege of religious instruction."

On Monday evening, April 5, an enthusiastic Endeavor rally, presided over by R. Lyall, Victorian Conference President, was held in Lygon-st. chapel. Bro. W. Gale was introduced as President of the Victorian Christian Endeavor Union, and he conveyed greetings. Miss I. Parker gave an address on the subject, "Life's Greatest Forces." H. J. Patterson, M.A., spoke on the question, "What do ye more than others?" A bright and varied programme was presented. G. J. Andrews, President of the Department, presented a shield to the winning junior society—Northcote.

At N.S.W. Conference a great desire for progressive work was manifested, and plans were made for extension, particularly in the Manning and Tweed River district. Bro. C. J. Snow following up a most effective address on the pro-

blems of the preacher, the weak church and the unoccupied field, made a strong plea for this district in which he has himself been rendering excellent service. There is great need in N.S. Wales for preachers devoting their lives to the work. Conference made thankful acknowledgment of the invaluable services of brethren in business who assist in preaching.

The Department of Social Service, in connection with the Victorian Conference, had its annual demonstration on Tuesday evening, April 6, in Lygon-st. chapel. Bro. R. Lyall presided, and addresses were given by F. T. Paton (missionary from the New Hebrides) on "The Dual Government of the New Hebrides," and L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D., on "The Church and Juvenile Crime." A. G. Saunders, B.A., spoke very briefly on "The Wise Use of Sundays." Musical items were given by Mr. F. Watsford and Mrs. Williams.

One of the items on the programme of our N.S.W. Conference for the Home Mission meeting on Good Friday was entitled "One Thousand Pounds in Ten Minutes." Bro. H. G. Harward had charge of the offering. His appeal was brief. He dealt quietly with the needs of the work and with the duty and privilege of helping. Effective preparation had been made, and the whole appeal was on a very high level. It was gratifying to hear that over £1,020 was given in promises and cash. The gift of love was appropriately followed by a prayer of thanksgiving and dedication.

The Victorian Conference Sermon was preached by Bro. P. R. Baker at the Auditorium, Collins-st., Melbourne, on Sunday afternoon, April 4. The great hall was well filled. Bro. W. Clay conducted the singing, and a beautiful atmosphere was created by a song-service in which choruses only were used. Solos were sung by Miss Warman. Under the conductorship of Bro. H. Barrett, the Swanston-st. church choir rendered appreciated anthems, concluding with the "Hallelujah Chorus." Bro. Baker's subject, "The Spirit of the Gospel," was dealt with in a forceful manner, and listened to with close attention.

A kindly correspondent writes: "In your recent issue of the "Christian" you characterise Gipsy Smith's addresses as 'Anecdotal and thin.' It is true he does illustrate his subject by anecdotes. So did the Lord Jesus and called them parables. As to the Gipsy's discourses being 'thin,' they must at least be golden and strong to hold thousands spellbound night after night as he does." Both before and after penning the criticism we expressed approval of some good things in Gipsy Smith's missions. We do not think that our description of his impromptu follow-on messages (of which alone the criticised words were used) was either inapt or indicative of a lack of appreciation of what was good. Still less can we agree that remarks—eulogistic or otherwise—concerning Gipsy Smith's "anecdotal and sometimes 'thin'" messages may rightly be held to apply equally to the matchlessly beautiful and rich parabolic teaching of our Lord.—Ed.

The brethren of the Snowtown-Lochiel circuit, S.A., are rejoicing because the message of the cross is being preached to the salvation of men and women in the new field at Snowtown. The mission that is being conducted by Bro. Forbes and Warren is challenging the attention of all sections of the community. The effort was commenced under very great disabilities—lack of accommodation for the visitors, serious illness, hostility on the part of some religious organisations. Yet with the close of the third week ten had confessed their Lord, and one other was restored to fellowship. Sunday evening, March 28, brought the mission to a climax, when one of the denominational ministers preached on "Baptism." Just on 200 people flocked to the tent after he had finished to hear the same subject discussed by Bro. Forbes. One young lady and two lads made the good confession at this meeting.

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Victorian Women's Conference.

The Victorian Women's Forty-first Annual Conference was held in the chapel, Lygon-st., Carlton, on Wednesday, Mar. 31, 1926. The president, Mrs. F. Lee, occupied the chair. The morning devotions were led by Miss A. Baker, her theme being, "The Inner Circle." Minutes of last year's meeting read and confirmed; decided to hold next conference in the chapel, Lygon-st., on Wednesday prior to Good Friday. The secretary was asked to convey the thanks of the sisterhood to the editor and manager of the "Australian Christian" for their courtesy in printing the monthly reports and conference matter. Greetings to be sent to our missionaries in foreign lands, and several sisters unable to be with us through sickness. A message of sympathy sent to Mrs. T. Mitchell and Mrs. Leane in their bereavement. Greetings were received from Mrs. Cosh, Mrs. P. Pittman, Mrs. Petterd, Miss Mary Thompson, Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Chown, Mr. Reg. Enniss (secretary General Conference), Mr. J. E. Allan (secretary F.M. Committee), Mr. G. T. Walden (secretary Federal F.M. Board), Queensland and South Australia, Tasmania, N.S.Wales and West Australian Women's Conferences. Fifty-seven churches responded to the roll-call. The obituary told of 34 sisters called to higher service.

Conference re-assembled in the afternoon when Mrs. Reg. Clark conducted the devotions, taking for her Bible lesson, "Responsive Discipleship." The welcome greeting was given by Mrs. Shipway and responded to by Sisters Ewers, Bagley, Gebbie, Pratt, Marriage, Chapple. The president, Mrs. Lee, gave a helpful and practical message. Reports presented and received were, executive, treasurer's, General Dorcas and church aid, girls' mission circles, Home Missions, Women's Mission Bands, Foreign Missions, hospital visitation, prayer meetings, social service, isolated sisters, benevolent home, Bible women, obituary. Mr. Enniss thanked the sisters for the splendid response to the appeal for furnishings at Drumcondra, North Geelong, and asked that this year we help towards the purchasing of new tent for mission work.

Mrs. Main led the evening devotions, and spoke from the text, "I beseech you . . . present your bodies a living sacrifice." Miss Pittman gave a beautiful organ solo. Mrs. Zelius, who for many years has collected for Bible-women in India and China, has reached her aim of £1,000; as a token of esteem and appreciation she was the recipient of a handsome silver tea set. Mrs. R. Lyall made the presentation on behalf of Women's Conference. "Perpetual Encouragement" was the subject of a very fine address given by Mr. Schwab, for which he received the best thanks of conference. The appeal for North Geelong, which resulted in £122, was presented by Mrs. F. Lee to the President of General Conference, Mr. R. Lyall, at the Home Mission service Good Friday night. Mrs. Scambler in a happy way introduced the officers elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. Hayward; vice-presidents, Mrs. Shipway, Mrs. Reg. Clark; secretary, Miss Rometch; treasurer, Miss Huntsman; financial and asst. secretary, Miss Ellis. Superintendents of committees elected:—Home Mission, Mrs. F. Lee; General Dorcas, Mrs. Hunter; Foreign Mission, Mrs. D. Pittman; prayer meetings, Mrs. T. Edwards; hospital visitation, Mrs. Meyer; Women's Mission Bands, Mrs. Dines; social service, Miss Darnley; girls' mission circles, Miss Smith; benevolent home, Miss Tuck; isolated sisters, Miss P. Ellis; obituary, Mrs. Zelius.

Thanks were expressed to the officers of Swanston-st. and Lygon-st. churches for the use of their buildings during the year; to Mr. R. Lyall for auditing our books; to Madame McClelland, Mrs. Passe, Mrs. H. Simpson, Mrs. Howgate; to our faithful organist, Miss Pittman; to the ladies who served the tea; Miss Jordon, Miss Rea Law-

son; to Mrs. Lee, in appreciation of services rendered during her year of office as President of Victorian Women's Conference, and to all who, in any way, made our meetings pleasant and profitable. A very fine conference was brought to a close with prayer and benediction by Mr. J. E. Shipway.

Summary of Reports.

Home Missions.—The year has been one of activity. Meetings have been held at Hawthorn, Oakleigh, Essendon, North Fitzroy, Balwyn, Bamba-rd., Preston, Surrey Hills, Parkdale. The committee has organised the collection amongst the Victorian sisterhood for the furnishings of North Geelong which resulted in raising £122.—V. Main, Supt.

General Dorcas.—Meetings have been held monthly with good attendance and interest. Many local institutions have benefited, and our work much appreciated. The gift from Margaret Goudie fund has been used in comforts for needy sisters. We desire to thank all who have sent garments and donations of cash—Boronia, Box Hill, Carnegie, Doncaster, Essendon, Fairfield, Hawthorn, Malvern, Moreland, Ringwood, South Yarra, Swanston-st., Surrey Hills, Thornbury, Balwyn, Bamba-rd., South Richmond and Northcote, Dorcas and church aid classes have done a magnificent work in helping the poor and needy in our midst. £1,027/7/10 all told has been used in this great work during the year.—E. Hunter, Superintendent.

*I do not think the Providence unkind
That gives hard things to this life of
ours;
They are the thorns whereby we, travellers
blind,
Feel out our flowers.*

—Alice Cary.

Foreign Missions.—Eight new missionaries have been sent out this year. The hearts of our missionaries are cheered at the prospect of so many new workers. Nine large boxes were sent out from Victoria with Dr. Oldfield containing almost everything required, thanks to the loving thoughtfulness of our sisters. The missionaries send their best thanks, and are grateful for such splendid gifts. Chinese work in Melbourne is doing well with Bro. Pang as superintendent. Money collected for Miss Cameron's room—Mrs. Zelius, £20; Mr. Thos. Mitchell, £21; Executive, £3; Mrs. Hunter, £1; Total, £45.—L. Lyall, Supt.

Bible Women.—The year was started with a balance of £7/15/6. Since then collected £71/16/5; sent to India and China through Bro. Lyall £65, leaving a credit balance of £14/11/11, thanks to all the sisters who have helped so faithfully for so many years.—Eliza Zelius.

Women's Mission Bands.—We have now 31 bands; there is a marked increase in membership. £142/8/8 has been contributed; one half of this amount goes to Home Missions, two-fifths to Foreign Missions, and one-tenth to College of the Bible toward the support of a lady student. Much practical work has been done by the bands. Sister Grace's mission has been helped and a large box prepared for India and China.—M. Dines, Supt.

Hospital Visitation Committee has paid 839 visits to the various institutions. 249 pots of jam, 87 doz. eggs, 50 doz. oranges, 3 doz. pillow slips, 6 parcels clothing General Dorcas, and 17/6 in cash, from North Fitzroy, £3; Brighton £1, Boronia £1, Women's Executive £8. We thank all who have helped us cheer the sick and lonely.—S. Meyer, Supt.

Isolated Sisters' Committee have sent letters to all parts of the State, 300 letters and copies of "Australian Christian" to isolated sisters, who ex-

pressed appreciation in being remembered. £3/9/6 has been forwarded for North Geelong appeal from isolated sisters.—P. Ellis, Supt.

Prayer Meeting Committee have visited Boronia, Box Hill, Brighton, Ringwood, Surrey Hills, Swanston-st., North Fitzroy, Hawthorn and Footscray. These meetings are well attended; a fine spiritual tone pervades this meeting. It is good to be there, prayer means so much in our lives.—X. Ray, Supt.

The benevolent home has received visits from Prahran, Brighton, Parkdale, Swanston-st., Xth, Fitzroy, Moreland, Middle Park, Hawthorn. A number of gifts have been distributed in the wards, and at the services in the hall a large number of inmates have been present. The old folk have been cheered by the service of song. Thanks to all who have helped to bring some gladness to lonely hearts.—Elsa Tuck, Supt.

Girls' Mission Circles.—Ascot Vale has good meetings. Donations have been made to church organ fund; instruments for Dr. Oldfield; regular contributions per week toward maintenance of Dhond Hospital, Ballarat; good work done. £2 given to Mr. and Mrs. Pittman, £5 toward support Bible woman, £6 support of orphans, 10/- Christmas greetings to missionaries. Blackburn members active in all missionary enterprises. A large parcel of groceries sent to benevolent department for Christmas cheer. Brighton works in conjunction with Phi Beta Pi. Foreign Mission work includes large parcels to India and China and Mission to Lepers, £6 to support orphan. Home Mission work, box of bananas to Children's Hospital, £5 to this institution in connection with cripple children. Carnegie: various parcels sent to hospital and benevolent committees, £2 donated to Dhond Hospital and £4 to support Indian orphan. Hawthorn also works in conjunction with Phi Beta Pi, and interest is being deepened.

South Yarra Phi Beta Pi.—Missionary activities and splendid work done. By a sale of their work over £6 was raised. Bamba-rd.—As a result of 26 of their members trading for three months on 1/- each, raised £31, £10 of which is their annual contribution toward the maintenance of Dhond hospital.

All of these circles prepared and sent large boxes to India and China.—M. Smith, Supt.

Miss Darnley told of the great efforts being made, and the wonderful work accomplished by the Social Service Department.—L. R.

Treasurer's Statement.

The treasurer, Miss J. E. Huntsman, submitted the following statement of receipts and expenditure:—

Receipts.—Balance, March, 1925, £2/19/1; dinner and tea, General Conference, £50/0/5; collection for cutlery, £3/2/-; collection at Conference, £10/8/-; sale of tickets, sisters' tea, £14/7/-; pennies received from churches, £14/4/8; collections at Executive meetings, £15/1/8; hire of crockery, £3/4/-; bank interest, £2/8/5; total, £116/4/3.

Expenditure.—Catering, General Conference, £52/16/11; sisters' tea, £10/2/6; programmes, printing, calendars, £9/8/10; secretary's expenses, £5; Mission Band, £7/19/5; hospital comforts, £6; General Dorcas, £3; social service, £2; isolated sisters' work, £2/5/-; City Mission and prison work, £3/10/-; North Geelong appeal, £4/12/8; towards room for Miss Cameron, India, £3; Eye and Ear Hospital, £1; care of crockery, 17/6; sundries, £1/16/-; balance in hand, £2/15/5; Total, £116/4/3.

A detailed statement was also submitted showing amounts contributed as the women's special gift for North Geelong furnishings. From churches and individual sisters the sum of £106/10/9 was received, while Phi Beta Pi societies contributed £15/0/3; total, £122.

The Mission Band financial statement showed that the sisters of 25 churches had contributed £142/8/8, which had been distributed as follows:—Home Missions, £71/4/4; Foreign Missions, £56/19/5; College of the Bible, £14/4/11.

Bold Propaganda.

Roman Catholics are preparing a big spectacular programme of propaganda to be staged in Sydney, as the outcome of the decision to hold the International Eucharistic Congress here in 1928. Some idea of its proportions may be gathered from the fact that the expenses of bringing high dignitaries from Europe and America, and local nuntaries are expected to amount to considerably over £20,000, and the parishes are to be proportionately assessed to provide at least that sum.

"Think what it will mean to have the city crowded with those who have come to confess their faith," says Archbishop Kelly. "Perhaps thousands will be drawn to the faith through this witness. Providence will bless our efforts. Australia will glory in the blessings that will follow."

The opening and consecration of St. Mary's Cathedral in its completed form will be one of the features of the congress, and there is to be a grand flotilla procession on the harbor, "so that God may bless the ocean between the heads."

At the meeting held to make preliminary arrangements, Father Lockington, the Jesuit priest whose propagandist lectures in Melbourne some years ago were so effectively dealt with by Rev. T. E. Ruth, thought it necessary to advise the committee to go warily in the matter of processions. After indulging in the magniloquent claim that "the Congress will mark the first occasion under the Southern Cross that Christ has come into his own," he proceeded to say: "We must be very careful of processions. A procession in the harbor, if rightly managed, will be a glorious demonstration. We are sure of our own position, but there are men outside who are blind and prejudiced, and every committee should aim at avoiding even the slightest friction with our separated brethren. If we have any procession we hold up the traffic in the streets. I have seen this before in Montreal and other places, where difficulties were caused simply because of these externals. But if we can show, as Catholics can show, our devotion to the Eucharist without any external fridion, we shall do a tremendous amount of good."
—"Australian Baptist."

About the Pictures.

The report of the Commonwealth Film Censorship ought to be the subject of much thought and full discussion. We refer especially to one sentence in the report. The censors say: "There cannot be the slightest doubt that many of the films which the censors pass must do harm to the child mind." We have no doubt that is true; and we may go further and say that many films must do quite as much harm to the mind of the adolescent. And yet the censors are right when they say that "more harm than good would come of keeping back from the people strong genuine drama which handles the facts of life boldly and without prurency." How, then, are we to guard the child and the boys and girls of eighteen? The censors are inclined to "classify films and pass some for adult attendances only." The danger of that is that the classification might suggest that some films are improper, and that some young people just over the prohibited age might be attracted. The most helpful suggestion we have seen is that Saturday afternoons should be confined to the exhibition of films suitable for the child mind. We trust that the bill which passed the Victorian Legislative Council last year will be introduced this year in the Legislative Assembly. It contains bold and salutary provisions, which should be discussed in all the States. We may be sure, however, that no censorship and no legislative can eliminate all danger, and the ultimate resort must be to the responsibility of parents.—"The Presbyterian Messenger."

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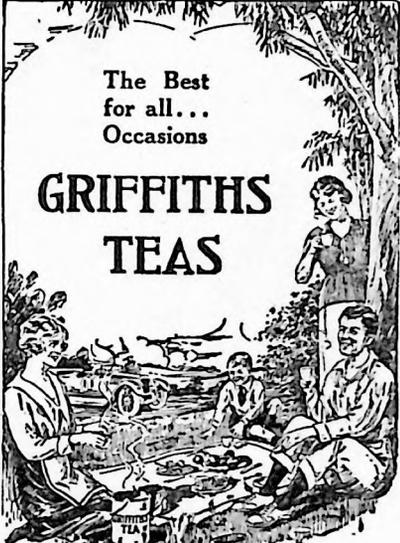
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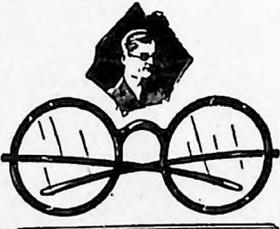


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News of the Churches.

Tasmania.

Invermay had fine meetings on Lord's day, 11th inst., 84 breaking bread. Bro. Gillam, of Margaret-st., spoke helpful words to the church in the morning. In the evening Bro. E. A. Stevens delivered a fine address to a large audience on "The Victory of the Cross." Auxiliaries are getting into full swing since the recess during mission.

Our best conference yet held in Tasmania, concluded on Easter Monday by a splendid picnic at the Punch-bowl, and a grand rally in the Launceston chapel. Sister Laurel Redman and Bro. J. E. Thomas have proved themselves very useful guests indeed, and contributed greatly to conference success. A sister, immersed the previous week, was received on April 4. Bro. Nightingale and Bro. Thomas delivered great Lord's day messages. Bro. Lionel Johnston preached a fine conference sermon on "The Tragedy of Ungathered Harvest." All regret Bro. Tipton's departure to Victoria. Bro. J. P. Foot, F. Butler, H. L. Bawden, Will. Tyson, H. G. Beasley, A. E. Lee and H. V. Stevens have been elected deacons of Margaret-st. church for three years. Launceston has had as visitors Bro. and Sister Hall, from North Richmond. There were 34 members at prayer meeting on April 7. The Y.P.S.C.E. enjoyed an outing to Distillery Creek on the 10th. Bro. N. G. Noble's morning message on April 11 was "Points From Conference," and in the evening, "The Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace." Sister Mrs. Wells is recovering from a serious operation, and Sister Eunice Parkin has again been spared. Five new members were added to the choir on the 8th.

Western Australia.

Bassendeen meetings were dispensed with during conference week. Bro. C. A. G. Payne, on April 4, preached on "Jesus, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever." The meetings at Beechboro continue to be well attended.

North Perth church continues to have good meetings. The recently introduced Sunday evening prayer meetings are well attended. On Easter Sunday Bro. Wakefield gave an enjoyable morning address. The church was delighted at the success of the Conference choir under Bro. Hoskin. The Bible School still holds second place in the attendance campaign. The brass band, under the leadership of Bro. Hoskin, contributed some very creditable music at the Conference picnic.

Large meetings on April 4 at Lake-st., Perth. Prior to the morning service, and in the presence of a good company of people, Bro. Hagger took the confession of one who has been a Presbyterian Home Missionary and his wife, and baptised them into Christ. Our brother resigned his position because he came to see New Testament truth on the matter of baptism and related subjects. They were welcomed into membership at the Lord's table. At the evening service the choir rendered appropriate music. Bro. L. E. Brooker sang a solo, while the sermon was on "Why Emphasise the Resurrection?" A married man made the good confession.

Subiaco junior girls' club opened the winter programme by entertaining old members at a banquet on March 24, when 64 were present. The purpose of the club was duly stressed by the able secretary, Miss Hartley. The opportunity was taken to present one of the members, Miss Stephenson, with a silver cake basket suitably inscribed on the occasion of her marriage. On Sunday, March 28, Bro. Brooke preached at both services. Easter Sunday, April 4, started with a 7 a.m. sunrise prayer service, 60 members being present. 11 a.m., 140 broke bread. Bro. Hunt,

Kalgoorlie, preached in the evening; one lady made the good confession.

Queensland.

Two more confessions at Bundaberg. 83 at week-night devotional service. Attendances at all services good, and work most encouraging.

On March 24 Sunnybank chapel was crowded when Bro. Young spoke on "Before and After Christian Baptism." Sister Grace Brown, of Ann-st., sang sweetly. Bro. Young conducted an impressive baptismal service at the close. On Mar. 23 the sisters were organised for service, with Sister Rignill as president. On March 28 Bro. Percy Reick conducted all services.

South Australia.

At Grote-st. on Sunday, April 11, Bro. Wiltshire addressed both morning and evening meetings; his subject at the gospel service being, "Ought Not Christ to Have Suffered?" The choir rendered the anthem, "The God of Abraham Praise," and Bro. D. Magarey sang the solo, "There is a Green Hill." Both were well given. Good attendances.

At Queenstown on morning of April 4 three sisters and one brother were baptised, after which they, with another brother transferred by letter, received the right hand of fellowship. Bro. Brooker spoke on "The Resurrection." In the evening there was a good attendance, when Bro. Brooker preached on "The Old Rugged Cross." Bro. James Hall sang the solo with that title.

On April 4 Mr. David Uniapou, the Australian Aboriginal from Point McKay mission station, visited Croydon church and delivered a most interesting address on the aborigines. A collection was taken up to aid his cause. The tent has been erected for the great mission at Croydon, and all preparations made for the commencement on April 18. One was baptised during the week and received into fellowship on morning of Apr. 4.

Gawler harvest festival services on March 28 were well attended. Good meetings on April 4; several visitors. The Bible School is practising for the anniversary. Bro. Burbridge conducting. A strong junior C.E. is being organised; 40 names are now on the roll. Bro. N. Chivel is superintendent. A band of juniors sing every Sunday evening at the gospel service. Nearly 40 members journeyed to Kersbrook on Good Friday to attend the helpful all-day meetings.

At Long Plains on April 4, a young woman, previously immersed, was received into fellowship. Afternoon and evening services at Avon on same day were splendid. Bro. Mason speaking in afternoon on "The Cross," and in evening on "The Resurrection." A fine choir of young people helped greatly. The combined churches have extended to Bro. Mason an invitation to continue as preacher for a term of three years from May 31. The church has also decided to purchase a house now in course of erection at Long Plains to be used as a preacher's residence.

Mount Compass anniversary services on April 4 and 5 attracted large audiences, and the special singing and "harvest display," under the conductorship of Mr. J. Roberts, reflected great credit upon him. A company of cricketers from Grote-st., Adelaide, conducted the morning service. Bro. Allison presiding and Bro. F. W. Peet giving the address. Prizes were distributed by the superintendent (Bro. E. Jacobs) in the afternoon, and on Monday a picnic tea and public meeting concluded a very happy time. E. W. Pittman's addresses on "Clocks," "Lessons from a Military Band," and "That Mysterious Personage, Somebody Else," were listened to attentively. Bro. Pittman has just concluded two very happy years of service with the church.

Williamstown church has had a good time recently. On March 31 and April 1, Bible Institute meetings were held by Bren. Ewers, Rootes and Wiltshire, when a very enjoyable and profitable time was spent. On Good Friday the members and friends journeyed to Kersbrook to attend conference meetings with Gawler and Kersbrook churches, Bren. Oram, Raymond and Talbot, with above brethren, taking part. This is the 5th conference, and good meetings were held all day. At the close of the evening meeting a young man confessed Christ.

On March 30 at Kadina Bro. and Sister Filmer and family were tendered a farewell by the church and friends. There was a splendid gathering. A number of musical items were rendered, and many words of good fellowship spoken. Suitable gifts were made to the parting guests. On Lord's day, April 4, Bro. Filmer delivered farewell messages to the church and Bible School, and to a crowded congregation his farewell gospel message. Bro. Filmer has left a bright and happy church. On April 11, Bren. S. Trenwith and J. Paddock, of Wallaroo, delivered helpful addresses.

At Prospect anniversary knife and fork tea and public meeting on Mar. 30, W. L. Ewers gave a splendid address. Special singing items by the choir and others. The secretary's report showed that during the year there had been added by faith and baptism 16, by letter 23, by restoration 1. The losses were 11 by letter and 2 by death, making a nett gain of 27. The average attendance at the Lord's table was 106. A very pretty wedding took place in the chapel on April 1, the parties being Miss Daisy Probert and Mr. Walter Wright, both splendid workers in the church. Bro. Beiler officiated.

At Pt. Pirie on April 4, after the evening service, one young lady was baptised. On Wednesday, April 7, a concert arranged by the young men was held; good programme; about £6 raised for organ fund. April 11, good attendances. In the morning several visitors had fellowship, including Bro. and Sister Moore, from Brisbane; Bro. Moignard, from W.A. After the evening address one young man made the good confession, and a lady was baptised. The church is preparing for the mission. Cottage prayer meetings are being held, and members have pledged themselves to pray every day for the success of this effort.

Victoria.

At South Melbourne on Sunday Bro. Waterman spoke at both meetings, and had good congregations. K.S.P. and P.B.P. are doing well under their leaders.

The gospel message was zealously delivered by Bro. Stuart Stevens to a fair audience at Geelong on April 11. The theme was "A New Creation." Bro. and Sister Piper sang a duet.

Three young men made the good confession at Glenferrie on Sunday night, Bro. T. H. Scambler preaching. Nineteen young people from the Bible School have united with the church during the past year.

Good meetings are being held at Ascot Vale. Bro. Patterson is delivering helpful addresses. Bro. Baker, of Maryborough, gave a splendid address on Lord's day, April 4. All auxiliaries are doing a good work.

Meetings at Drumcondra (North Geelong) on Sunday were fair. Owing to the indisposition of Bro. C. Williams the pulpit was occupied by Bro. E. Gray, whose addresses were listened to by appreciative audiences.

Good addresses by Bro. Reg. Sparks to appreciative audiences were the outstanding features of the services at Carnegie last Lord's day. In the evening, at the conclusion of a convincing address on "Witnesses to Pardon," one young lady made the all-important decision.

Ballarat (Peel-st.) last week had a visit from Bro. Ladbrook, who addressed the church, the Sunday School, and the gospel service, when there was a good attendance. His visit was much appreciated. Bro. Cameron has been discharged from the hospital after operation, and is making good progress.

Meetings at Cheltenham on Sunday were excellent. Attendance in the morning was good. In the afternoon kindergarten, main school and Bible Class had a good number present. In the evening D. Wakeley preached well to a large congregation. Some strangers were present. Singing by the choir was good.

St. Kilda members were sorry to hear of their preacher's (Mr. Goodwin's) illness. On Sunday evening close on 40 were present. One Kappa took his stand for Christ at that meeting, conducted by Bro. Andrew, the club's chaplain. A week of spiritual meetings is being planned in conjunction with three neighboring churches.

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at Middle Park on Sunday. Both meetings were very well attended. In the morning an excellent address by Bro. R. T. Pittman, entitled "The Feast of Weeks," was very much appreciated. A fine gospel message on "The Joy of Harvest" was delivered by Bro. Hunt. Bro. Cyril Adams rendered a beautiful solo.

Good attendances are maintained at Boort services. The Bible School is practising for anniversary. On 7th inst. a happy little picnic was enjoyed by the young folk, organised by Mrs. Methven and some of the sisters. Owing to the recent rains, it was found necessary to hold it in the church grounds, but this did not detract from the enjoyment. A Bible School rally is to be conducted soon.

Morland S.S. anniversary was held most successfully on Sunday. Bro. A. G. Saunders spoke in the afternoon service on "The Dragon Fly," and at evening service the subject of Bro. Robbins was "Gideon." The singing under the baton of Mr. A. E. Barber was much enjoyed. The orchestra, with Bro. Campbell Banks at the organ, Bro. J. Melody at the piano, and five playing violins and cornet, was excellent.

Last Lord's day at Swanston-st the morning meeting was affected in attendance through very heavy rain, but there was a fair gathering, and it was a most enjoyable meeting. Bro. W. Morrow, of Dulwich, S.A., gave a much-appreciated address. Bro. Shipway delivered an excellent sermon at the evening service. Much regret is felt at passing away of Sister Mrs. Yewdall, and sympathy was expressed with her family.

On April 4 Bro. Norm. Hinrichsen took charge of the services at Bendigo. His fine addresses were much appreciated. Mr. Streader is busy training the school for the anniversary. The building fund has passed the five hundred pound mark. At the conclusion of Bro. A. Hinrichsen's address last Sunday evening, two responded to the invitation—one to make the confession and another a baptised believer to unite with the church.

At Ormond two have been baptised since last report. Eighteen ladies met at the residence of the president, Mrs. W. H. Clay, to commence another year's work. More than twenty young people have united with the newly-formed C. E. Society. A J.C.E. is contemplated. Some fifty of the young men and women were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Clay recently. The Chelsea young people were guests also. The prospects are exceedingly bright.

Doncaster church had a visit from Bro. G. T. Walden on Sunday, 11th inst. He spoke at both services, and to the children at the Bible School. Bro. P. A. Dickson assisted at the evening service. Bro. Laug has had an attack of influenza but is recovering. The ladies' sewing class is meeting regularly, and making articles of clothing for benevolent purposes. The P.B.P. club has commenced its winter session. Bible School teachers are training scholars for the anniversary.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.) had good meetings on Easter Sunday, Bro. Wilkie preaching the gospel. The Gipsy Smith mission took many on Sunday, 11th, but Bro. Connor preached to a very fair meeting. Brethren from Dawson-st. preached at various places—Bro. Burdeu at Maryborough all day; Bro. Baker at Peel-st. in the morning; at Mount Clear; Bro. Benson at York-st.; Bro. J. Morrison at Mount Clear; Bro. Wilkie at Peel-st. preached the gospel. Bro. Bert Pearce took the school at

Fine meetings at Shepparton on Easter Sunday. The evening service included a musical programme with short addresses on "The Seven Words from the Cross." There were three confessions at the close, and another at the mid-week service on the following Tuesday, when all four were baptised. On Friday, 9th, farewell was said to Sisters Ruth Dudley and Elsie Stephen, who are leaving the district, and each received, at a social evening, a parting gift. Six were received into the church on Sunday, 11th, including two by letter.

At Box Hill on April 4, in the absence of Bro. Allan through illness, Bren. J. Tully and L. C. McCallum occupied the platform morning and evening respectively, their messages being much appreciated. On April 11 Bro. P. A. Dickson exhorted the church in a very fine way. Bro. Allan conducted the evening gospel service. Bren. Salisbury and Taylor rendered good assistance in song. Members were pleased to welcome Bro. Burchill back again after his serious illness. Bro. and Sister Gray have recently removed to Brighton; both will be greatly missed.

LYGON-ST. church enjoyed fine gatherings on Conference Sunday. Bro. Saunders and the choir each presented an Easter message at the morning meeting. At night, to a very large congregation, after an appropriate address by A. G. Saunders, the choir gave a beautiful rendering of Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary." April 11, the inclement weather interfered with the morning attendance, but a goodly gathering was present at night. The young daughter of Bro. and Sister Jenkin made the good confession at the morning meeting.

Castlemaine Bible School held its anniversary concert on Tuesday, March 30, in the Mechanics Hall. A fine programme was rendered by the scholars. On Sunday, April 11, the annual distribution of prizes was made, 110 prizes being given. During Bro. Clipstone's absence at Conference on April 4, Bro. Deed, of Harcourt, addressed the church in the morning, and Bro. J. Bauer gave the gospel address. On Sunday, April 11, Bro. Clipstone addressed the church in the morning on "Echoes of Conference," and in the evening preached to a fine audience on "A New Heart."

On Easter Sunday there were fine gatherings at Balwyn. Geo. T. Walden, M.A., gave a splendid address in the morning, and Jas. E. Webb, S.A. Conference President, spoke to a large audience at night. There were nearly 40 at the 7.30 a.m. prayer meeting when Vernon Stafford and Keith Jones led the meeting. Both these brethren were welcomed into fellowship on Sunday, 11th, commended from Cottesloe Beach, W.A. This was the beginning of the fourth year of the ministry of Bro. Jas. E. Thomas. The morning gathering was a family service, each family sitting together. It was a great occasion. There was a fine service at night. Bro. Thomas speaking on "Christ at the Door." A man and his wife, formerly Roman Catholic, confessed Christ at night.

At Burnley 21st birthday services on April 11 a wonderful spirit prevailed. 90 came to the Lord's table, including four charter members, three of whom are still in membership at Burnley. Bro. Shipway, Conference President, spoke on "Meal Time," a splendid talk. A number of old members joined in the celebrations. Greetings from the various States were read. Dinner was served in the kinder room, sixty-five partaking. At the afternoon session the building was comfortably filled. Bro. Rasmussen spoke on "The Boy Samuel." Nearly one hundred sat down to tea. Evening service, a very full house. Bro. Rasmussen spoke on "Give Christ a Chance." The Bible School scholars and choir rendered special musical items. Three Bible School lads confessed their Lord.

Gardiner church has decided to erect at once a 30 x 18 ft. tiled building of hardwood and duralumin to house the growing Bible Class of young men. It will cost, unfurnished, £200, and will be opened free of debt, for in response to Bro. Gebbie's appeal, practically the whole amount was

promised on the spot. Bro. J. W. Enniss, Bible School superintendent, and Mrs. Enniss have been entertained by the church and the school staff respectively, on the eve of their trip to England. Mementoes of happy associations were given them by each. On April 4 Bro. Clipstone ably exhorted the church, when one lady was received upon her baptism into Christ. At night Bro. Gebbie baptised two others. On April 11 one was received, and Bro. J. W. Enniss gave a fine exhortation. Mesdames Graham and Chappell, of Sydney, were amongst the visitors. The Bible School attendance was a record, 137 being present. Bro. Gebbie preached well at night. Two ladies were immersed, one of them making the good confession just prior to her baptism.

New South Wales.

Enmore church was particularly busy during Conference week. The meetings were a great success. At morning service on April 11, Bro. G. Saxby was the speaker. At the gospel service Bro. R. K. Whately's subject was "The Jesus Who Reconciles."

At Mosman church annual meeting recently reports showed a present membership of 139, with an average attendance at morning meeting of about 65. Bro. Davis has faithfully preached the gospel. Sunday School work is most encouraging: 11 on roll, average attendance of 89. Eight scholars confessed Christ and joined the church. There are 17 teachers, also a school visitor. A teachers' training class has been conducted since the new year.

On morning of April 11 Bro. Palgrave, of Loftus Park, exhorted, giving a note of warning re false Christs. In the evening Bro. J. Clydesdale, of Rockdale, conducted an in memoriam service to the deceased Sister Miss Fanny Andrews, who was called home on March 26, after several months of intense suffering. Our sister was the third daughter of the late Edwin Andrews, a pioneer member. She served the Lord and his church faithfully for many years as organist. A large audience, including many old friends, was present.

Bro. Bennett, at Bankstown, has completed a series of addresses on the second coming of Christ. On Saturday, 10th, a spiritual mission was commenced with a convention and tea, helpful addresses being delivered by Bro. W. H. Hall, Conference President, on "The Possibilities of the Mission," Bro. Harward on "The Love of God," Bro. Clydesdale, "The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ," Bro. Fretwell, "The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit." Messages in song were given. Sixty sat down to tea. The day proved a very happy and deeply spiritual experience. After a powerful message by Bro. Bennett on Sunday night, on "The Story of the Cross," an elderly lady confessed her Lord.

Young People's Demonstration.

The united demonstration of the Victorian Bible School and Young People's Department was held in the Temperance Hall, Russell-st., on Wednesday, April 7. There was a large attendance, and an attractive programme was submitted. The life of the Apostle Paul was presented in a number of scenes by the Moreland Young Men's Training Class. The story of the finding of Moses in the bulrushes by the Nile was given by the East Camberwell school. The Hawthorn school contributed "The Umbrella Song"; Colingwood, "Bees and Butterflies"; an action song, "Show Me Your Slate," Ormond; and South Yarra was represented by Miss Greenhill, who rendered a solo. Choral items were given by the North Richmond junior choir, and the story of Queen Esther was illustrated in a number of dramatic scenes by the Lygon-st. K.S.P. and P.B.P. During the evening Mr. R. T. Pittman, Chairman of the Committee, presented medals for ten years' unbroken attendance at Sunday School to Edna and Athra Burgess (St. Kilda), Rita Larsen (Essendon), Arthur Kennedy (Chelsea), and Len Roberts (Cheltenham). An offering of £23/2/9 was received for the department's funds.

Tasmanian Bible School Union.

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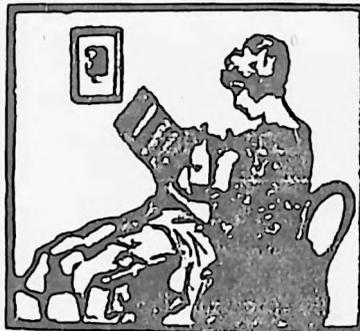
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