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Francis of Assisi.

THE seven hundredth anniversary of the death of Francesco Bernadone (St. Francis) has recently been celebrated. Multitudes have flocked to Assisi, the little Umbrian town in which he was born, to do honor to his memory. Not only in Italy, which not unjustly claims him as one of the greatest of her sons, but throughout the world, his name is revered. Protestants join with Roman Catholics in their praise, not of the doctrines, but of the life of Francis of Assisi.

After the usual life of a rich and pleasure-loving young man, Francis had a grave illness which brought him to serious reflection and led him to give up his worldly ways. It is narrated that one day, hearing the Gospel read which told of Christ's sending forth the apostles without scrip or staff or shoes or purse, he exclaimed, "He is what I wanted." Persuaded that he should imitate the apostolic poverty, and being cast off by his father because of the lengths of renunciation to which he would go, he began to teach in public that in the abandonment of earthly possessions was to be found the safe way to heaven. Dante says that poverty, which had now been a widow for eleven hundred years, was the bride to whom he was espoused. By his eloquence and his example he influenced many. Archbishop Trench says that the men of his city were perplexed whether to count him a saint or a fool, and he allows that there were eccentricities in the actions of Francis which might for a season suggest their doubts: "but it was not long before the might of self-denying and self-offering love put all mockers and gainsayers to silence." The love for men, and indeed for all God's creation, has rarely, if ever, been surpassed by any merely human being. Francis accepted followers on the conditions of poverty, charity and obedience, and the numbers soon grew to a mighty host. The mendicant orders of the middle ages were partly a blessing and partly (especi-

ally later) a great curse. The Franciscans speedily grew into power, and the order became very wealthy. Francis received the rare honor of being canonised by Pope Gregory XI. in 1242, only sixteen years after his death at the early age of forty-four.

It is remarkable the impression which the life of Francis made on the imaginations and hearts of men. The fanciful stories which clustered round him at least point to a wonderful love, sympathy and influence. Readers of "The Little Flowers" feel the charm of that influence, while they but smile at the marvels narrated. The famous *stigmata* have caused much discussion. It was declared that Francis so meditated upon the sufferings of our Lord that there appeared in his flesh the marks of the wounds of the Lord Jesus. Numbers of persons with no sympathy with Romish miracles believe that the marks were really there, looking upon their appearance as one of the greatest examples of the power of mind over body. It is not by such marvels, however, that the memory of Francis of Assisi has been kept fresh; but by the inherent nobility of his life and character. As with the case of another Romish saint, Xavier, we may lament the doctrinal error and superstition, and yet feel shamed by the love and self-abnegation of the man. Readers of the numerous lives of "St. Francis"—by Sabatier, G. K. Chesterton, etc.—will appreciate the greatness of the man of Assisi. One of the most recent writers, Mr. Dobson, says

"IT ISN'T MUCH"

To plant a little gladness in
A garden long neglected;
To say a little happy word
Just when it's least expected;
To smile at some one in the clutch
Of black despair and greet
A lonely heart—it isn't much,
But oh, it makes life sweet.

—Selected.

that in some sense Francis "is an actor, following Christ in a representational manner. There is a strong suggestion of the dramatic in his renunciation of his father, when he stripped himself before the people of Assisi." The "Expository Times" remarks on "the sense of incongruity which one feels between the spectacular poverty of St. Francis and the naturalness of Christian discipleship as portrayed in the Gospels." We think this contrast must be allowed.

G. M. Trevelyan, in his "History of England," says that "the earliest Franciscans, themselves converts from the class of gentry, made a great religious revival among the poor, comparable in more ways than one to the Puritan, Wesleyan and Salvation Army movements. In the spirit of the founder they sought out the poorest, the most neglected, the diseased, especially in the slums of the large towns, insufficiently provided for by the parish system." Dr. Owsst, who has studied the whole manuscript literature of his subject, writes: "It is to the glory of the Mendicant preachers of all the Orders that, as champions of the poor, they attacked the tyranny and oppression of lords, the weaknesses of knights, the ravages of retainers, the cunning and extortion of merchants, the corruption of the law; in short, every conceivable form of injustice in the land. With passionate violence they arraigned the social frivolities of the age in high and low alike."

Of course there is another side. The mendicant orders degenerated terribly, and the begging friar became a byword for his shameless cadging and rapacity. Bonaventura, himself the head of the Franciscan order, writing within half a century of the death of Francis, declares that already in his time the sight of a begging friar in the distance was more dreaded than that of a robber.

Mr. T. H. Darlow contributed to a recent number of the "British Weekly" a delightful article on "The Charm of St. Francis."

He says: "In the order of grace even the saints of God wear their aureoles with a difference, as they individually reflect separate rays of his own perfection. There have been many austere and heroic Christians—men like Tertullian and Xavier and George Fox and John Wesley—whom we revere from a distance, though most of us might shrink from the prospect of having to live with any of them under the same roof. But in the communion of all saints we meet with others who captivate us by their endearing personality. Foremost among these rises the figure of Francis. No one ever did more to exemplify the dictum that a real saint seems to be not good but merely charming."

Mr. Darlow thinks Francis of Assisi has a message for this generation. We need not literally embrace poverty as he did, but the way in which he gloried in poverty and triumphed over it "does point towards a solution of social problems nobler than any millennium of cakes and ale. For commentary on St. Francis we may listen to so

modern and advanced a thinker as Professor William James, warning us in plain words against the lust after possessions, 'The desire to gain wealth and the fear to lose it are our chief breeders of cowardice and propagators of corruption.' 'The prevalent fear of poverty among the educated classes is the worst moral disease from which our civilisation suffers.' 'When one sees the way in which wealth-getting enters as an ideal into the very bone and marrow of our generation one wonders whether a revival of the belief that poverty is a worthy religious vocation may not be the spiritual reform which our time stands most in need of.'

One of the most beautiful of tributes we have seen comes from the pen of "J.T.S.," who, again in the "British Weekly," remarks: "From the moment when Francis kissed the hand of the leper a new kindness woke in the heart of Christendom."

We may well thank God for the great saints of the ages, confined to no one ministry or communion.

The Church's Need for "Plus" Men.

What do ye more than others?—Matt. 5: 47.

Christ invariably made his appeal to two classes of men who were always found in his audiences—the bad whom he wanted to make good, and the good whom he wanted to make better, and it often seems as though the success of his ministry was greater with the former class than with the latter. The pretty-good-sort of people have always constituted the problem of the Christian church. We are living in an age of triumphant mediocrity. Who first invented the phrase, the minor prophet and the minor poet, it is now difficult to determine, but there is great need for the application of some such nomenclature to the average Christian in our churches—the minor Christian. Perhaps one of the greatest needs in the religious life to-day is to apply to ourselves the question our Lord asks his disciples, "What do ye more than others?" It is the quality of our members that is of prime importance, and not their quantity. In fact, the quantity will be increased when the quality is improved. There are far too many high handicap men on our church rolls, and far too few low handicap and plus men to be found there. Our churches bristle with uninteresting and commonplace individuals who are counted but who do not count.

"Magnates" of the unworldly.

Why is it that our age, which has such a shrewd appreciation of material success, has been allowed to capture the word "magnate" for those most uninteresting people with whom wealth is the measure and standard of all things? It is high time that some prophet should arise amongst us to proclaim that the true "magnate" is the man of fine ideals and noble sympathies, whose life is dedicated to holy services and

spiritual purposes. In our universities and colleges there are usually met with two classes of students, the "pass" student and the "honors" student. The "pass" student will be quite content at the end of his college course if he has got through his examinations somehow, anyhow. The "honors" student knows he would have not the slightest difficulty in securing a "pass" degree, but that would be a poor solatium to his ambitious mind, and so he spends laborious hours every day in his study; the light is burning late into the night; he gives up many things in which he is keenly interested because he is out for honors.

The glittering prizes of Jesus.

Is there not here perhaps a lesson that some of our Christian churches have been slow to emphasise? Instead of declaiming, as we have done, against some of the legitimate pleasures and recreations of life as harmful in themselves, ought it not rather to have been our privilege to hold forth the glittering prizes that a devoted disciple of Jesus ought to seek to win, not primarily for himself, but for the sake of others. One cannot read closely the Gospels without being impressed with the insistence that Jesus makes that his disciples must not be content with the minimum efficiencies, but must ever strive after life's maximums. He speaks about bearing "much fruit" and "more fruit," he gives to us the parable of the soils in which the differences in fruit-bearing as well as in the failure of the seed to germinate are emphasised. Some thirtyfold, some sixtyfold and some hundredfold. We may well remember those pregnant words of Chesterton in the first chapter of his book on Dickens: "We are always praying that our eyes may behold greatness in-

stead of praying that our hearts may be filled with it."

The great man will come when all of us are feeling great, not when all of us are feeling small. He will ride it at some splendid moment when we all feel that we could do without him." Can we not perhaps learn something ourselves from these weighty words? We are conscious of the need there is of a revival of true religion to-day, but where are we looking to for its coming? Do we not think of it as something from the outside that is to revive the lives of the men and women in our churches? We plan and we arrange, and we organise, and we hold house-to-house visitations, and we leave little handbills and notices in the homes of the non-churchgoing masses.

Intensive culture of church life.

Suppose we try to see what a year's course of intensive culture in our own churches amongst our own members and by means of our present methods and ministries may effect. What would happen, do you think, if every member on our church roll were to make a special effort not to be absent from any Sunday service for the above period? Could we not expect some results of an extraordinary kind if at the communion service every communicant who was in good health and whose circumstances did not absolutely prevent, was present expecting great things from God? To transform "nominal" members into real members would revolutionise our witness in the world, and would give the scerner and the critic much food for thought and meditation. Then it would come to pass that the father of a family would not say to his children and his wife as he peered over the pages of the Sunday papers, dressed resplendently in his plus fours preparatory to motoring to the golf course, "Isn't it time, my dear, that you were starting off to church? You'll have to hurry or you'll be late."

"In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
You will find the Christian soldier
Represented by his wife!"

Then the best educated, best equipped young men and women in our churches would not excuse themselves from taking a class of little kiddies in the Sunday School on the plea that they were not particularly gifted in that direction. A new spirit of adventure would spread throughout the whole church, and men would everywhere be asking, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" A new spirit of conquest would pervade our whole witness, and instead of apologising for our very existence and saying "By your leave," we would become as an army terrible with banners. The church would become more interesting and you and I would become more interesting, and the preachers would preach more interesting sermons and the listeners would present more interesting countenances, and instead of religion being the dull prosaic thing it is to so many to-day, it would be-

come the most exciting of life's interests and the most adventurous of life's quests. And instead of speaking about cotton magnates and iron magnates and coal magnates, we would speak about Sunday School magnates and church meeting magnates and prayer meeting magnates. Great men of God, wholly dedicated to his service. Someone once asked Goethe what drives

poetry out of the world, and he laconically answered "Poets." Poetry will come when the poets arrive, and the best defence the church needs to-day is the devotion of men and women not content with being high handicap Christians, but ambitious to excel until they come into the full measure of the stature of Jesus Christ.—S. R. Jenkins, B.A., in "Christian World Pulpit."

"And when my task on earth is done,
When, by thy grace, the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since thou through Jordan leadest me."

Tears in the Jam.

A. G. Saunders, B.A.

This is a story of an old man's adventure and an old lady's love.

An English youth came to Australia and had been dried out through forty-two of our baking summers. Now a retired toiler of humble station, he spent his days petting his dog, his cat, his cockatoo, his fowls and his friends, the while he potted about in his garden. As an example of intense cultivation that garden was a wonder. It mingled onions and roses and was packed with a rich variety of good things, both flowers and vegetables. In honor and peace he had come down to his old age.

Then he decided to visit his sister and brothers in "the Old Country."

As the crowded liner crept from the pier, his watching wife was saying, "A few feet more! A few feet more!" The feet were to become miles by the thousand, the minutes were to grow to months. Her comfort was the thought that, nevertheless, he would come to her again. This—the thought of meeting again—is a Christian's source of cheer in the sad parting hour of death.

At last he was coming home. Six weeks had been enough. He was weary of England. He wanted to be back in Australia for the last lap of his life's journey.

The dear ones in old England grieved anew to see him go. They felt it more than when they watched him fare forth in his youth. The youth might return. The old man would never come again—never, never.

His sister in England wrote to his wife in Australia. She told of what he had done to brighten the little English home and of their pain at the approach of the good-bye hour.

"I was making jam," the aged lady wrote, "and I am sure there were tears in the jam."

Ah, yes! What sweetness, what goodness did those quiet tears express! Sad for the world when tears refuse to come. Only he who is Architect of the infinite could construct a tear and devise its exquisitely delicate fabric. In its substance it is pure, in its function it is holy. It is the sacrifice yielded up by the wounded heart, and pain is its price. It is a revelation of what the spirit feels. When we cease to feel, we shall soon cease to be good. With what tender pain and patience has the world been made to go its forward way. Humble hearts have paid the heavy price of all human progress. We need heaven. There ought to be a heaven, be it what and where it may. Our sore hearts require it. Our sundered lives call for it. The tears in the jam are symbols of its necessity.

The Lord's Leading.

C. Schwab.

Psalm 23: 2, 3.— . . . He leadeth me beside the still waters. . . . He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness . . .

How persistently the lips of the child lisp the words. Why? How? What for? How firmly and trustingly the little hand clasps the parent's as together they make their little excursions from room to room or further afield. How quickly the little faltering feet are directed to follow father or mother. Ah! is not this questioning, clasping, following, but the expression of the real need of the sweet little soul? Some one to guide its thoughts, uphold and lead in its walk. These needs of childhood increase and become more real as we from children to men and women grow. As we make our way through this world of dimness and disorder we discover that wisdom and strength of our own are not sufficient, and that our real need is a never failing leader. God knew it before we did, and gave us the Leader Jesus, the Good Shepherd. That is why we prayerfully sing,

"Saviour lead me lest I stray,
Gently lead me all the way;
I am safe when by thy side,
I would in thy love abide."

Our highest thought is that which he inspires, and our happiest walk is where he leads.

When he "walks and talks" with us life has new dimensions, designs and delights.

David's secret.

Have we ever carefully considered the life of David as revealed in the twenty-third psalm? If so, we have certainly been impressed with his trustful, calm, fearless, happy experience. Surrounded by enemies he declared that he had peace, protection and plenty. Every day and all day goodness and mercy were following him. Even the shadows of the valley of death gave no terror to his soul. Let us seek the secret. David is the best guide when we set out on such a search. We have the secret simply and inspiringly told in the psalmist's own words, "The Lord is my shepherd. . . . He leadeth me beside the still waters. . . . He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness. . . ." The Lord's leading alone accounts for the wonderful experience of this great man. Peace, plenty and protection are all we need. The secret from which such treasures spring

is found in those magic words, "He leadeth me." May we never forget that when and where the Lord leads he provides. Follow where he leads and we never need fear.

"He leadeth me! oh, blessed thought!
Oh, words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me."

Whom the Lord leads.

Satisfied about the secret of David's life let us now seek the cause of the Lord's leading. Why did the Lord lead this man? Consider these prayers—"Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face . . ." "Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day." The man who prayed those prayers was the man who said, "He leadeth me." Then, it must be that the Lord leads those who desire and seek earnestly and prayerfully his leading. Our faithful God answers prayer. He will hear, heed and lead if we so desire and pray,

"Saviour, lead me till at last,
When the storm of life is past,
I shall reach the land of day,
Where all tears are wiped away."

Why desire the Lord's leading?

Why did the psalmist so desire the Lord's leading as to make it the fervent prayer of his soul? Again let him answer for himself. "Thou wilt show me the path of life . . ." "The paths of the Lord are mercy and truth . . ." "In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Because the Lord alone would show him the path of life which passes through the avenue of mercy and truth, and in the Lord's presence he would have fulness of joy and pleasures for evermore, he desired the Lord's leading. Who would wish for more than that? Who would be content with less? Then let us with such good reasons in mind and with the same longing in soul desire most earnestly the Lord's leading. May our heart's desire, the prayer of our souls, every step of the way we take be in harmony with the music and message of the chorus of key-words of the twenty-third psalm—"He leadeth me." We will then live and labor as those whom the Lord leads, being able to say—

Religious Notes and News.

The complete Bible in Esperanto has just been published by the British and Foreign Bible Society, and supplies in four different editions will be available in Melbourne in November next.

W.C.T.U. CONVENTION, QLD.

Queensland's 42nd Annual W.C.T.U. Convention has just concluded at Maryborough, the meetings being held in the Church of Christ chapel. Evangelist G. E. Burns preached the Conference Sermon. Mrs. Helen Barton, of Scotland, was a prominent speaker. A big increase in membership was reported, and almost 2,000 pledges, linked into a chain, decorated the building, each being from a child. While not neglecting any sphere, it was decided to concentrate on work among the young people. Mrs. Graham-Wilson was elected president.

PRESBYTERIAN PROGRESS.

Reports presented to the recent Presbyterian Assembly were most encouraging. The report of the finance committee stated that the Presbyterians in Australia now totalled 700,000, or 113 per cent. of the population. The number had increased by nearly 19,000 in five years. In the same period the total of the churches had increased from 1,273 to 1,338, and manses from 459 to 529. School buildings had increased from 415 to 471, while there were now 3,228 elders, an increase of 341 in five years. Deacons and managers of the church had increased from 9,833 to 10,711, and communicants from 73,397 to 79,239. Adherents aged more than 16 years now totalled 116,543, a 26 per cent. increase, and those aged less than 16 years had increased from 80,583 to 93,241. Fellowship and Bible Classes showed decreases. In the Sunday Schools men teachers had increased from 2,193 to 2,293, and women teachers from 6,050 to 6,552. Boy scholars now totalled 35,171 (14 per cent. increase), and girls 42,727, an 11 per cent. increase.

PRESBYTERIANS ON CHURCH REUNION.

At the meeting of the Presbyterian Assembly, the former moderator-general, Mr. J. Crookston, delivered the report of the committee on Christian unity, which was adopted. The terms of the deliverance were:—

"That the Assembly recognise and welcome the earnestness of purpose and brotherliness of spirit manifested in the conferences which have been held with reference to the Lambeth Appeal on Reunion, and cordially respond to the call for closer fellowship among the various branches of the Church of Christ, with the hope that this fellowship may still more fully manifest to the world the unity that is in Jesus Christ.

"That the Assembly record its opinion that such conference can only be as between churches meeting on equal terms, and ought to be unrestricted as to all questions of ecclesiastical order, and further, that the Assembly declare its conviction that closer fellowship and co-operation towards reunion must be based on the full recognition by the conferring churches of one another's church standing, and of the equal validity of one another's orders and sacraments, and that such mutual recognition should be accompanied by acts of unity in the fellowship of the Lord's table, thus exhibiting the holy unity of that fellowship, and as an inspiration to co-operation in the Lord's work.

"That the Assembly feel it due to all parties to those conferences to make clear that it cannot countenance any proposal which would involve an act of reordination, whether absolute or sub-conditional, as a condition of ministering in a reunited church.

"That the Assembly rejoice in the assurance that we are so much at one with the conferring churches on vital and fundamental matters of faith, and is prepared on the basis of the foregoing statements to continue conference, with the prayer that the spirit of love and truth may guide us all in the way of him who is the ever-living Lord and Head of his church."

Professor Macintyre said that the deliverance, which had now been approved, should be sent to the other conferring churches, particularly to the Anglican. The action taken precluded any further conference except on the basis of the deliverance.

PROTESTANT MISSIONS NOT TO BE DISTURBED IN MEXICO.

The Mexican situation is not very clear, but without justifying the Government it may be said that Romish priests are not guiltless. The following paragraph from the "Christian Evangelist" of August 5 will be of interest to our readers:—

"American Protestant societies are conforming to Mexico's regulations and, therefore, the Government's ban on religious instruction does not embarrass them. This statement is made by the Presbyterian Board through Rev. Dr. Ernest F. Hall, its publicity secretary. Mission work is going on as usual. Rev. Herbert E. Rugg, of the Congregational Foreign Missionary Society, makes a statement agreeing with this. He said there is no reason to believe that the work of their missions in Mexico would be restricted. It becomes plainer daily that the religious trouble in Mexico is a struggle between

the Roman Catholic church and the Government. No doubt if the Catholic church can see its way clear to live by the laws of the State it will have no trouble. Let us keep repeating, no church should aspire to be a super-state."

A CITY IN THE MAKING.

Our Federal Conference secretary writes:—
Canberra is such. But it can never be what it ought to be without the gospel. Various churches are planning their work there, and those who stand for the New Testament order of things must plan with the rest. To start our work and sustain it for two years 13,000 will be needed. What is your share towards this? Send it at once, or, at least, your promise.

Crowns required for the work at Canberra, 12,000.
Crowns received to August 31, 1926, 484.
Crowns still needed, 11,516.
During August the Fund grew from 385 Crowns to 484.

The States have contributed as follows:—
Victoria 145, increase during August, 4.
N.S.W. 127½, increase during August 18.
Sth. Aus. 105½, increase during August 45.
West Aus. 66, increase during August 18.
Queensland 15, increase during August 9.
Tasmania 7½, increase during August nil.

Well done South Australia! W.A. will have to work hard to catch you now. N.S.W. seems to be steadily overhauling Victoria. Tasmania did not add to its total during the month. In addition to the State contributions 17½ crowns have come from outside Australia.

Send to Thos. Hagger, 119 Aberdeen-st., Perth, W.A.; T. F. Stubbin, Boonah, Qld.; H. G. Harward, 242 Pitt-st., Sydney, N.S.W.; A. G. Saunders, 122 McIlwraith-st., North Carlton, Vic.; W. H. Nightingale, Queen-st., West Ulverstone, Tas.; or F. Langlois, c/o Goode, Durrant & Co., Grenfell-st., Adelaide, S.A.

Thirteenth Federal Conference Perth, W.A.

OCTOBER 15 to 22.

The following is an outline of the programme that has been arranged by the Executive:—

Friday, Oct. 15, 3 p.m., The Women's Auxillary will welcome the visiting ladies.

Saturday, Oct. 16, 2.30 p.m., Mr. Albany Bell, President of the State Conference, will entertain the delegates at a river trip.

6.15 p.m., Mr. D. M. Wilson, the President of the Federal Conference, will entertain the delegates at tea.

7.45 p.m., a Public Welcome to all the visitors will be held in Lake-st. chapel.

Sunday, Oct. 17, Visiting brethren will occupy the platforms of all our metropolitan churches.

Monday, Oct. 18, 9.30 a.m., Delegates will be taken for a motor trip to Middle Swan.

Noon, Lunch.
1 p.m., Business Session.
6 p.m., Tea.

7.45 p.m., Public Meeting in Unity Theatre.

Tuesday, Oct. 19, 9.30 a.m., Delegates will be taken for a motor trip to Nedlands, Cottesloe Ocean Beach, and King's Park.

Noon, Lunch.
1 p.m., Business Session.
6 p.m., Tea.

7.45 p.m., Public Meeting in Unity Theatre.

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 9.30 a.m., Delegates will be taken for a motor trip to Kalamunda.

Noon, Lunch.
1 p.m., Business Session.
6 p.m., Tea.

7.45 p.m., Public Meeting in Unity Theatre.

Thursday, Oct. 21, 9.30 a.m., Delegates will be taken for a motor trip to Fremantle, calling at Applecross and Point Walter.

Noon, Lunch.
1 p.m., Business Session. During this afternoon, special conferences of Bible School workers and Foreign Missionary Committees will be held.

6 p.m., Tea.
7.45 p.m., Public Meeting in Unity Theatre.

Friday, Oct. 22, 7.30 a.m., Special train leaving Perth for Mundaring Weir, reaching Perth on return at 4.24 p.m.

7.45 p.m., Public Meeting in Fremantle Town Hall.

Arrangements have been made for the Old Boys of the College of the Bible to have tea together on Monday, Oct. 18, at Maylands, and for the preachers to take tea at Fremantle on Friday, Oct. 22.

A large adult choir is being trained under Bro. Hy. Wright, and a large junior choir under Bro. J. H. Hoskin.

The Conference promises to be a great success. Over 100 have registered as coming from outside Western Australia, and the country churches in this State will send down large delegations.—Thos. Hagger, Hon. Secretary.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN

TOWARD THE WEST.

The days grow shorter, the nights grow longer;
 The headstones thicken along the way;
 And life grows sadder, but love grows stronger
 For those who walk with us day by day.

The tears come quicker, the laugh comes slower;
 The courage is lesser to do and dare;
 And the tide of joy in the heart falls lower,
 And seldom covers the reefs of care.

But all true things in the world seem truer,
 And the better things of earth seem best;
 And friends are dearer, as friends are fewer,
 And love is all as our sun dips west.

Then let us clasp hands as we walk together,
 And let us speak softly in low sweet tone;
 For no man knows on the morrow whether
 We two pass on—or but one alone.

—Selected.

A BAD MEMORY.

"Yes, Mrs. G—is a good neighbor and a fine woman, but she has such a bad memory," said a lady. "It really seems—"

"A bad memory!" broke in the friend. "Why, Mrs. G— has a most remarkable memory. She remembers things that happened years ago, and can quote the exact words people said when she was a girl. She often has told people different stories that happened years ago in my hearing, and she invariably uses the same words. I wish I had a memory like hers."

"I don't," said the other. "She remembers every disagreeable thing that ever happened to her and all the faults and failings of the people she knows. For my part I want to forget the unpleasant things as soon as possible. What is the use of harrowing up one's feelings over an unpleasant happening of years ago? I've heard Mrs. G— weep over fancied insults of the dead past too often not to know that she would be better off if she cultivated the habit of forgetfulness."

"There is something in that," said the lady thoughtfully. "Since I think of it, Mrs. G— does seem to have a larger number of woes than other people. I have always felt sorry that she had such a sad life, but perhaps if she tried as hard to remember the pleasant things and repeat them she would not be so unhappy."

"UR" JUNCTION.

Dr. John Sheridan Zelic has an amusing contribution in the "American Christian Advocate" on hesitating speakers and preachers who frequently "Ur-Ur." He writes:—

"My heart leaped up when I first heard of the place. Ur Junction! With all its suggestion of Abraham and excavations, it quite thrilled me, and long after the speaker had passed on to other matters, I was still dwelling on it.

"Few addresses to which I have listened have finished without some allusion to 'Ur.' Some speakers even seem to run a kind of Belt Line which brings you around to it on an average of every two minutes. Statistics could be made to prove that more passengers are compelled to pass through Ur Junction than through any other connecting point in the whole rhetorical railroad system of the world.

"Thousands of speeches would never have gotten through at all without this Junction. Committees by the million would never have been able to make their reports had it not been for this convenient connecting point. 'Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: Your committee—ur—desire to state—ur—that they have—ur—put a great deal of time and—ur—attention on this—ur—matter which you have—ur—entrusted to them and—ur—we now—ur—submit with a

trembling—ur—solicitude the—ur—product of our long, long labors to—ur—your charge.'

"Toastmasters in serried ranks could testify what a help it has been to them in—ur—introducing the various speakers, and still a greater number of worn and unhappy diners could tell how often they have wished that the toastmaster would just disregard the signals at this Junction, run past them and facilitate their getting home before midnight.

"Good Brother Montgomery, who has been of incalculable value to our ecclesiastical body, would have been wholly estopped from rendering years of efficient service to the church if he could not have relied on Ur Junction. All his trains of thought stop there. The through train is utterly unknown to all of his schedules. But much as we value him, we would appreciate it if, like all other common carriers, he would occasionally get out a new time-table which would allow some of the traffic to go right through without stopping at the Junction at all.

"But all this may be far in the future, and for some years to come we may open the door into Presbytery or Conference or Classes or Convention with every reasonable assurance of hearing Montgomery in a Chaldaic mood saying: 'Mr. Moderator: It seems to me—ur—that we—ur—ought to consider very carefully—ur—the proposal that has—ur—been—ur—put before us and that we—ur—ought not to be—ur—hasty in—ur—passing upon a—ur—question of what we must all—ur—consider of very—ur—great importance.'

"A man's closest friend will not tell him how he is boring everybody. The worse it gets the less he will hear of it. His only hope is to go to his wife and say, 'Tell me the truth. Have I through all these years, at intervals of two minutes, kept these poor people looking wearily out of the car window at Ur Junction?'

"A man must sit down before each meeting and have it out with himself and say, 'Now I am in for it. I will bring this train to a dead stop every time I see the switch open into the Junction, and I will not budge an inch until I see it swung over so that I can carry these long sufferers on toward where they started for. Rather than say Ur, I will say Rehoboth or Beer-sheba, or Mesopotamia.

"It may break up the meeting. They may not know why I say it, but they never knew any better why I said Ur. It may produce merriment. Be it so, it is high time. If I must keep mentioning Biblical localities, I can at least try some new ones."

THE IRISH QUESTION.

Pat had opened his first banking account, and had taken to paying most of his debts by cheque. One day the bank sent him a letter, together with a packet of cancelled cheques. Of the statement Pat made neither head nor tail, but the returned cheques pleased him mightily.

"Mike," he said to a friend, "sure, an' it's a smart bank that I'm doin' business wid now."

"How's that?" asked his friend.

"Why, I paid all me bills wid cheques, an' bejabbers, if the bank wasn't slick enough to get every cheque back for me."

HE KNEW.

Darwin was on a railway journey accompanied by a monkey, when the ticket collector insisted that he must take a dog ticket for it. Darwin argued that the monkey was not a dog, and to prove his contention produced a tortoise from his pocket and said, "Is this also a dog?" The collector replied, "No, sir. Monkeys is dogs, but tortoisés is hinssects."

The Family Altar.

J. C. F. P.

Monday.
 But when the kindness of God our Saviour, and his love toward men, appeared, etc.—Titus 3: 4.

"O God, of good the unfathomed sea!
 Who would not give his heart to thee?
 Who would not love thee with his might?
 O Jesu, Lover of mankind,
 Who would not his whole soul and mind
 With all his strength, to thee unite?"
 Reading—Titus 3.

Tuesday.

But without thy mind I would do nothing; that thy goodness should not be as of necessity, but of free will.—Phil. 14.

Coleridge, commenting upon Paul's manners, declared that they were "the finest of any man's upon record." Dr. John Duncan wrote: "The most gentlemanly letter ever written by the most perfect gentleman is, in my opinion, Paul's Epistle to Philemon."
 Reading—Philemon.

Wednesday.

God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son.—Heb. 1: 1-2.

Of this passage Dr. A. B. Davidson wrote: "Hints at least of Christ—projected shadows of him—lie along the whole line of the Old Testament Scriptures. He, who is the fulness of the New, runs in an unbroken vein from end to end of the Old."
 Reading—Heb. 1.

Thursday.

For it became him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.—Heb. 2: 10.

To his brother Daniel Prof. George Wilson, of Edinburgh, wrote: "Even in this world, I feel convinced that there is no worthy character, even for worldly work, who has not been 'perfected through suffering.' Affliction has not developed the vices of my disposition; it has pruned some and banished others."
 Reading—Heb. 2.

Friday.

Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God.—Heb. 3: 12.

"My heart to thee I bring,
 The heart I cannot read;
 A faithless, wandering thing,
 An evil heart indeed.
 I bring it, Saviour, now to thee,
 That fixed and faithful it may be."
 Reading—Heb. 3.

Saturday.

The word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword.—Heb. 4: 12.

Of this Scripture John Bunyan wrote: "Oh! one sentence of the Scripture did more afflict and terrify my mind; I mean those sentences that stood against me (as sometimes I thought they every one did) more, I say, than an army of forty thousand men that might have come against me."
 Reading—Heb. 4.

Sunday.

Solid food is for full-grown men.—Heb. 5: 14.

Dr. Alexander McLaren, soon after his settlement in Manchester, wrote: "Many in the congregation wish 'simple' Bible preaching! Now I feel that I have a great deal more sympathy with that class of people than I had. I have learned, I shall never unlearn, lessons that after all our sole power lies in the true, simple, sincere setting forth the living Christ, and I have adjured for ever more all the rubbish of 'intellectual preaching.' . . . It is my ambition gradually to lead my hearers to some broader and more masculine type of Christian life and thought than they have had."
 Reading—Heb. 5.

Kalgoorlie's Golden Harvest.

Chas. H. Hunt.

How shall I commence? To give a complete report is impossible. For am I not to write about the greatest mission ever conducted in Australia by any one church or local congregation? In six weeks there were 292 confessions, 280 of them will have received the right hand of fellowship by Sept. 12. The great thank-offering would have been considered magnificent from a united mission.

The missionaries, Bren. Hinrichsen and Brooker, are so well known that it needs no word of

increased the second Sunday to 70; then 105; the fourth Sunday 135; fifth 196; while on the last Lord's day of the mission no less than 250 met "in remembrance" of Christ. Next Sunday it seems, that since 80 others have made the confession, that we will have over 300 to break bread, as most of them will have been immersed. The Kalgoorlie Town Hall has been engaged for the service, and it is quite safe to say it will be the greatest service of its kind ever held on the Goldfields.



Photo. of Members and Converts, Kalgoorlie Mission.
80 others confessed on the two nights after this was taken.

mine to add to their place of esteem in the ranks of our brotherhood. Night after night Bro. Hinrichsen delivered his stirring, sin-condemning, soul-convicting messages to hundreds of eager listeners, and in every message the burning zeal for Christ and his word of compassion and love was pronounced. Bro. Brooker is a tremendous factor of the combination. That happy knack of making people sing, and his own pleading message of song, persuaded many hard hearts to surrender. Off the platform Bro. Brooker is a tremendous worker, not only in that personal work among converts and undecided people, but in the hundred and one duties contingent to a great tent and its equipment he simply toiled incessantly. He visited scores of homes, arranging for baptisms, etc. In one case he actually kept an appointment with a man who threatened to shoot him if he came to the house. There was no shooting; the man was made a friend, and the wife and daughter were immersed.

Sister Hinrichsen was pianiste, and no wife could have more loyally helped her husband than she. Her beautiful interpretation of pianoforte selections simply compelled folk to come to the tent and hear the gospel. I cannot miss a word of genuine appreciation of the great work of Sister Brooker, the silent but self-sacrificing partner of the party, who cares for the lovely little family, and makes it possible for Bro. Brooker to share in the great enterprise with Bro. Hinrichsen.

Kalgoorlie church has waited long and prayed much for the coming of these days of harvest, and her reward has come. An indication of the increase in interest may be gathered from the fact that a second tent could not accommodate the crowds who gathered to hear and especially to witness the baptisms. The preacher and officers were delighted to see hundreds of non-members attending each night. During the first week in the tent 10 confessions were secured; in the second week 42; third week 39; fourth week 42; fifth week 51; and the last week no less than 108 stepped out. Even then it seems that many others are on the verge. Sunday mornings were inspirational. The faithful few, 55 strong, broke bread on the first Sunday; this

There were many wonderful cases of conversion. In one case a man who accepted, obeyed Christ during the third week of the mission, passed away after only ten days' membership, leaving a good Christian wife, who had prayed for him for years. Then our hearts rejoice because of many young men, to whom it meant much sacrifice, as it involves cutting themselves off from Sunday sport, for which this place is noted. Some of these young men are noted cyclists, footballers and runners. Pray that next year some of them may enter the College of the Bible.

The power of the gospel was abundantly attested. Words again fail us. One night there was a violent dust storm. Certain places of amusement did not even open. When the missionaries arrived at the tent there were 150 people waiting. Wind and rain made it impossible



Back Row (left to right).—Bren. J. T. Stone, A. Mason, G. Banks, W. Crofts, C. J. Garland, J. Maloney.
Front Row.—L. Brooker, Mrs. Brooker, E. C. Hinrichsen, Mrs. Hinrichsen, C. Hunt, A. Nelson.

to hold a meeting. It was decided to sing an invitation hymn, without an address and send stepped out. The scripturalness of our position had gripped them on previous nights.

The last three meetings will never be forgotten. In the morning 250 people consecrated themselves. In the evening as on other nights people began to assemble soon after 6 o'clock. The tent was full one hour before the starting time. The Holy Spirit was very present. Bro. Hinrichsen was unable to complete his address, for as he was speaking a foreman from one of the mines, whose wife and several of his family had linked up, rose from his seat outside the tent and came boldly down the aisle to make confession; he felt he could not wait a minute longer. The invitation was immediately given and before the people rose from their seats, at least a dozen were in the aisles on the way to the Saviour. In a short time 45 people stepped out. It was simply wonderful.

The next night was thanksgiving night. The crowd was astounding. It was felt that others were on the verge of decision, and without an address the missionary gave the invitation and 34 others confessed Christ. 32 were then immersed, making a total of 214 baptisms in the tent. The writer admits the task was a test of physical endurance. The thankoffering appeal was then made, and the result was beyond our wildest anticipation, though we expected much after such a mission. The officers and original members did valiantly, which inspired the new members to a worthy emulation. There was a spirit of joy when it was announced that the offering came to over £750. The following allocation of converts will be of interest: Bible School scholars, 17; married women, 104; single women, 87; boys, 10; men, 74.

The accompanying photo. will give some idea of the strength of the Kalgoorlie church. (Pray that the writer may be able to carry on successfully such a wonderful cause).

The photo. was taken after the last Sunday morning meeting. The children in the forefront are not all members, but the adults are. About 50 in the picture are original members. 19 who broke bread at night are not in it. Nor are the 80 who have since confessed. To have a complete photo. of the converts alone, it would be necessary to add (in imagination) about 50 adults to this picture. Do you wonder why we sang the doxology with more than the usual fervor?

One task looms large; it may be stated in a word. Shepherding! This gentle art needs much of the grace of God. These dear sheep were starving in a spiritual desert; they come to us because they have seen the rich fields of pasture in which we dwell. They need a church home; our building will be remodelled. Many problems confront us, but in simple faith we trust our Father to supply our every need. We thank all for their prayers; please share with us the glorious victory.
Doxology.

[Five more confessed Christ at the farewell social, making a total of 297. On Sept. 12, in the Town Hall, 289 broke bread; 67 were received into fellowship; 216 were present in the Bible School; and 400 attended the Gospel service, Bro. Hunt speaking on "A Wonderful Revival."]

Prayer Meeting Topic.

September 29.

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

(Hebrews 9: 24-28.)

F. J. SIVVER, B.A.

"So Christ also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to them that wait for him, unto salvation." The following features of Christ's second coming are suggested by the Scripture before us:—

The Certainty.

The New Testament writers view salvation in the past, present, and future tenses. Past sin is forgiven at the moment of acceptance of Christ. Salvation is also a present and continuous process. Day by day we are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. But the consummation of redemption takes place at the second coming of Christ. When telling his disciples of the signs which should prefigure his coming, Jesus said, "When these things begin to come to pass, look up, lift up your heads, because your redemption draweth nigh." Peter declared that we are "kept by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." We can be sure that Christ, who has begun a good work in us, will come again as he has promised in order to complete it. Dr. James M. Gray, of the Moody Bible Institute, says, "The second coming of our Lord is a pre-eminent doctrine of the New Testament, referred to no less than three hundred times. It is the key to the understanding of the whole Bible, especially the Prophets and the Psalms. It illuminates, as nothing else is able to do, the dark and perilous times in which we are living. It is not only the hope of the church, but the only relief to the world from the dominance of sin."

The Manner.

Very significant is that little phrase, "apart from sin." The disciples who witnessed his ascension were assured that "this same Jesus" will return, but he will no longer be manifested as "the Lamb of God," "the Man of sorrows," but shall come with all the glory of heaven and all the power of the Almighty. One of Israel's prophets gives us the two contrasting pictures: "His visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men"; and, "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, this that is glorious in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength?" But by no effort of imagination are we able to conjure up the sense of glory, majesty and power that will attend the second coming of the Lord.

The Purpose.

We have already noted two great reasons for his coming: to complete the redemption of his people, and to manifest to the world his might and majesty. It will also be the happy occasion of the reunion of all the saints, for when the Lord descends from heaven with a shout, "the dead in Christ shall rise first, and we that are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." Who can describe the joy and the bliss of those reunited after long parting? But these things are only preliminary to the great climax when the church which Christ loved and purchased shall be presented to him without spot and without blemish of any kind. Then shall the Bridegroom claim the bride, and take her to share his glory and his throne.

"The first time he came he took our sins away," says Alfred Mace, "the next time he comes, he will take ourselves away. Are you ready? The gathering-shout may come before we sleep to-night, and on lightning wings, we who are his shall be caught up to meet him in the air."

TOPIC FOR OCT. 6.—JESUS AND ZACCHAEUS.—Luke 19: 1-10.

Our Young People.

Conducted by Leslie C. McCallum, M.A.

AMONG THE SCHOOLS.

The cause at Bankstown, N.S.W., is one of the newer churches in that State. Though young the church is making steady progress with Bro. P. C. Bennett as its preacher. The Bible School is doing splendidly. Recently an aeroplane rally was launched, and it has been instrumental in arousing keen interest in the work. Recently the secretary, Bro. J. F. Budgen, wrote for a further supply of rally buttons, and at the same time reported that up to the time of writing thirty-two new scholars had been added. If every school could make such progress it should go a long way towards making the spring attendance campaign, which is being held in New South Wales, a great success.

One of our Victorian schools that is at present making excellent progress is that of Carnegie. The coming of Bro. J. E. Shipway as preacher has quickened the interest taken in every department of the church's work. On

"Our civilisation cannot survive materially unless it be redeemed spiritually. It can be saved only by becoming permeated with the spirit of Christ, and being made free and happy by the practices which spring out of that spirit. Only thus can discontent be driven out and all the shadows lifted from the road ahead." (Woodrow Wilson.)

Sunday, September 12, the Bible School had its record attendance of 193 scholars. The Bible Class has doubled its number, and the young people's club is going ahead by leaps and bounds. One of the pleasing features of the work is the consistent attendance of the officers and teachers of the school. The staff consists of 32 officers and teachers, and for the past three Sundays not one of these has been absent from the school. Such faithfulness on the part of his teachers must surely be a great source of encouragement to the superintendent, Bro. W. Smith.

On Monday evening, Sept. 13, the officers and teachers of the school entertained the parents of the scholars. There was a fine attendance of parents, and in every way the effort proved a success. Through this meeting some parents who had not previously been inside the church building were encouraged to come. The gathering gave to the teachers a fine opportunity of becoming more closely acquainted with the parents of their scholars, and the superintendent used the occasion to ask from the parents their sympathetic co-operation in the work of the school.

The Collingwood school has just concluded its anniversary gatherings. The meetings proved in every way a great success, and the demonstration by the children on Tuesday, Sept. 14, was a very happy event. Since the opening of the Children's Year recruiting campaign forty scholars have been added to the school, and the end is not yet. During the year no less than twenty-seven scholars attended the full fifty-two Sundays. Bro. Harvey is the superintendent and song-leader of the school, while Bro. A. Brownrigg fills the office of secretary.

Under the date of Sept. 16 a letter from the organising secretary went out to all our Victorian schools suggesting to them that during the months of October and November special attention should be given to the work of securing from our older scholars a definite decision for Christ. It is hoped that sympathetic con-

sideration will be given the letter, as we feel that we should make very definite efforts to reap the harvest that should result from our teaching while the opportunity is ours.

A BIBLE SCHOOL HALL BUILT IN A DAY.

There was a fine response by capable workmen, carpenters, ironworkers and handy men (preachers were included in the latter class) who gathered on Saturday, Sept. 11, for the purpose of erecting a Bible School hall "in a day" at Flinders Park, S.A., where 180 of the 1,000 homes have been built. There were about 15 men on the spot at starting time, 7.30 a.m., but this number increased to over 50 as the day wore on. It was a splendid day of practical Christian union, as men came from our various suburban churches and co-operated with one another in earnest and wholehearted labor to accomplish the aim and objective before them. It was a joy indeed to hold at 8.30 p.m. a brief thanksgiving service to express gratitude to God for all that had been done. Bro. Will Beiler, organising secretary of the Bible Schools and Young People's Department, conducted the same. Bro. R. E. Mossop and H. R. Ackland taking part and all joined in heartily to sing the doxology. The B.S. and Y.P. Department were extremely fortunate in securing the services of Bro. Ackland (of Brooklyn Park) to act as supervisor for the work, and he is to be congratulated upon the success of the undertaking. The building, which is 30 x 20 feet, is of wood and iron with a fine porch in the front, and presents a very nice appearance. Catering arrangements for the day were in the hands of Mrs. R. E. Mossop, and were splendidly carried out. On Sunday the Bible School was inaugurated with an attendance of 38 children and 9 adults, 47 in all, making a very fine start for the work amongst the young, which will be under the capable supervision of Bro. R. E. Mossop (of York) as superintendent, and Angus Young as secretary. On Sunday evening, Sept. 12, the organiser conducted the first gospel service, speaking on "The Basis for our Work—the Bible." There was a crowded congregation, the major portion of which were local folk. Bro. Reg. Mayman conducted community singing, and Mrs. Mayman sang a solo. The organiser was planned to conduct meetings in the building last week, and a thanksgiving social was to be held on Thursday. A lady present on 12th volunteered to provide matting for the aisle. Hindmarsh Bible School has given 20 kindergarten chairs and other gifts we believe will also be forthcoming. The prospects are exceedingly bright for a flourishing cause in this new locality.—W.B.



Bible School Hall, Flinders Park, S.A.

Foreign Missions.

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

CHILDREN'S DAY.

The Children's Day boxes and exercises are being sent out to our different States. We hope there will be a good response from our children this year. We shall need some of the money for relieving the distress caused by the epidemic of pneumonic influenza reported from New Hebrides. Twenty of our own brethren have died. This will mean that many of the breadwinners have gone, and we have instructed Bro. MacKie to see that their families receive the necessary relief. We know that our children will like to have fellowship in helping the little fatherless ones that are left destitute. This year we propose to send a nice illuminated certificate to each child who contributes a shilling to the Children's Day Fund. It will be worth preserving and framing, for the children to look at and be reminded of the help that they have given in supplying our children on the foreign fields with a happy Christmas, in helping the sick ones with medicines, and in giving relief to those who are in need. We are sure that the children will appreciate this. All those who contribute as much as five shillings will receive a beautiful photograph of one of our missionaries. Now, children, we want you to do the best you can to make our Children's Day offering this year the best we have ever received. Last year the children gave £363/13/1, but this was a decrease of £151/14/11, as in 1924-5 the Children's Day offering was £515/8/-. Now, children, let us raise at least over £500, and make our offering equal to the record of 1924-5. For the Federal Conference two years' record of every one pound we received the children in Australia gave 1/-, which was very good indeed.

INFLUENZA SCOURGE IN NEW HEBRIDES.

We are sorry to report that news has been received from Bro. MacKie, our missionary in the New Hebrides, that a very serious epidemic of Spanish influenza is prevalent everywhere in the New Hebrides, and especially on Pentecost. Bro. MacKie writes:—"On Pentecost we have lost, to date, 25 of our Christians, and somewhere about 800 heathen men, women and children. Almost all the heathen in our territory are wiped out. There are six villages extinct, and in one village where they had accepted a teacher and there were twenty families now there are only six people left. It is a strange fact that the death-roll is so great among the heathen population, and the Christians are comparatively passed over.

"June was a month of rain and cold, unusual weather for this climate at this time of the year. Added to this a steamer called at Pentecost on June 25, and had on board about twenty patients suffering from pneumonic influenza. They placed no restrictions upon natives going aboard, for they were here for trade. Within a week numbers of our natives went down with the complaint, and the weather being cold the disease spread rapidly; no one escaped. Many deaths are reported. About twenty of the brethren have died, and at the time of writing the complaint is still raging in the centre and northern parts of the Islands. However, the weather has taken up, and that is greatly in their favor. We are afraid we shall lose others, for many are very sick.

"We are free at Banmatmat now, but we had it here in its worst form, and at the coldest and wettest time. We lost five from this village. They have left a big gap. I was so ill myself that they despaired of my recovery. I had pneumonia very badly. However, that is past, and I am on the highway to health and strength again. We thank God indeed for the return of health. I am thankful to say that Sister Mac-

Kie and little Melville had it in a mild form and quickly threw it off.

"For three weeks we held no worship in the chapel. I was unable to be present, and the brethren were too sick to move from their houses. We are glad to say that all this week we have had divine services every morning, and have also reopened the school.

"So many have been removed from our midst that we can hardly realise that they are gone until we miss them from their accustomed place at worship.

"We were glad that we had a good stock of medicines at the time, but they are exhausted now. I believe had it not been for the medicines you have so kindly supplied many more would have died, and such is the testimony of the people themselves."

We are sure that all will sympathise with Bro. and Sister MacKie and the native Christians. In this trial of faith let us come to them. We have sent a letter of condolence from the Australian brotherhood to the native Christians who have suffered bereavement.

Our Australian brotherhood will note in this sad news one encouraging consolation, that the money spent in medicines by the brotherhood has been such a help in saving some of the lives of the disease-stricken people on Pentecost. We trust that our brethren will recognise the need of some increased offering for this work, as there is no doubt there will be occasion for help to the families who have lost their breadwinners.

GOOD NEWS FROM HUEILICHOW.

Bro. Anderson writes July 25: "Our summer conference was the best we have yet held: over 80 residents all the time, and as many as 100 sat at a meal. We never had less than about 80 at a meal. We often had guests both to meals and meetings. We seem to have killed all or most of the suspicion against the church caused by last year's happenings at Shanghai. Sixteen were baptised to-day at the chapel. Eight of these are our own school boys. Later on we might get some of our girls. The girls are willing, but the mothers for most part are confessed idol worshippers, and even fear their idols, so it is hard for the girls to get mother's consent. The women will always be somewhat harder to reach. They are the dupes of the Buddhist priests. The men are more indifferent to priestly control. We will try later about the girls. Will write more news later. This is just to assure you that all is well. God be with you all. We are all well here. Baby is very well."

BAPTISMS AT SHANGHAI.

Our senior evangelist, Hu Sin Kwei, writes:—"I pray God's blessing upon you and that you may enjoy good health and see your church prosperous. I am now living above Linpin-rd., Shanghai mission hall. This building is in the Chinese territory of Shanghai. Since we opened on March 29 we have preaching in the evening every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 7.30 o'clock, and we have prayer meetings in the evenings of Wednesday and Saturday at 7.30 o'clock. At the prayer meetings the listeners are very many. On July 18 at 2 o'clock eight persons were baptised at Kwenming-rd. church. They are one woman of Liu Kin Tsch, 1 man of Dsen Feng Gai, 3 men and 1 woman from Kwenming-rd., and 1 woman from Lungching Lee. Please have our Australian mission pray for us that we may have much more of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon us and make our church prosperous. With kind regards to all of you at Australia."

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Organ (Bell), 7 stops, walnut frame, sweet tone, suitable Sunday School or home; £12 or offer. 101 Guildford-rd., Surrey Hills, Vic.

TO LET.

Furnished or unfurnished, two large rooms, new villa, bath heater, garage, all conveniences. —12 Rosclea-st., Caulfield, opp. Glenhuntly-rd. Tram Depot.

WANTED.

The Church of Christ Bible School at Newmarket would like to hear from another Sunday School with a view to exchanging libraries. We have about 300 books in fair order. Apply to C. Boak, 5 Inverness-ave., Malvern, or J. I. Mudford, 35 Madura-st., Flemington.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

At the lady students' hostel, 391 Lower Malvern-rd., East Malvern (near Gardiner station), there are a few vacancies for lady boarders. A suitable home in good environment for students, teachers or business young ladies. For particulars call and see the Matron, write or 'phone U8613.

MARRIAGE.

TRIVETT—STEEN.—On August 21, at Church of Christ, North Fitzroy, by J. W. Baker, evangelist, William Richard, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Trivett, of Amess-st., North Carlton, to Edna May, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Steen, of Nicholson-st., North Carlton, Vic.

DEATH.

THOMAS.—On August 31, at 5 Separation-st., Alphington, Catherine, wife of the late C. J. Thomas, loved mother of Charles, Lizzie (Mrs. Petherbridge), Alice (Mrs. Haywood), Balwyn, Catherine (Mrs. Northeast). "Until the day dawn."

IN MEMORIAM.

AUSTIN (on Active Service).—In loving memory of our dear son and brother Cliff, died of wounds, Tincourt, France, Sept. 29, 1918. Ever remembered.

GARTSIDE.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, A. E. Gartside, who died on Sept. 22, 1924; also our dearly loved daughter Fanny, Mrs. H. J. Laver, who died June 26, 1926, suddenly at Box Hill.

Thoughts return to scenes long past,
Years roll on but memory lasts;
Loved and remembered the same to-day
As in the hour you passed away.

—Inserted by his loving wife and son.

JOHNSON.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister Florrie, who was called to higher service on Sept. 21, 1922.

Her memory so sweet and dear
Is treasured still with love sincere.
—Inserted by her loving mother, brother and sister.

JUDD.—In loving memory of Cyril Egbert (Bert) Judd, gathered home to higher service Sept. 25, 1915.

We shall meet him again in the home on high.
Never more to say goodbye.

—Inserted by his loving parents, Wm. and E. Judd and brothers and sisters, Cheltenham, Vic.

KEMP—BURDELL.—In loving memory of Eva Kemp—BurdeLL, youngest daughter of A. P. and A. J. Burden, of Essendon, who passed away on Sept. 22, 1920. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

KINSEY.—In loving memory of our dearly loved only son and brother, Private George W. Kinsey, who was killed in action in France on Sept. 29, 1918.

So dear to us, so sadly missed,
But memory's golden chain

Will link the memory of his love

Until we meet again.

—Inserted by his loving mother, father and family.

Here and There.

October 3—Annual Offering, College of the Bible.

On account of the public holiday we had to go to press earlier this week. This will account for the omission of some reports.

C. C. Dawson has entered into an engagement with the church at Preston, Vic., as evangelist. He will commence his labors there in November.

On Monday evening, the students of the College of the Bible were entertained at a very successful social evening by the officers and young people of Gardiner church.

Bro. V. R. Griffin, of the College of the Bible, preacher of South Yarra church, is at present in the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne. On Saturday last he was operated upon for appendicitis.

Bro. Clive Taylor is returning to labor with the church at Porterville, California, U.S.A. He leaves Sydney by the "Aorangi." Bro. B. W. Huntsman is also travelling to U.S.A. by the same vessel.

An offering from every member—at least 25 per cent. increase—is desired on Oct. 3 for the College. £1,500 is wanted to continue and develop the heart of the brotherhood activities—the College of the Bible.

The resignation of Bro. W. A. C. Wendorf as secretary of the Queensland Home Mission Committee has been received with deep regret. The acting secretary is Bro. Stan. Neighbour, c/o C. A. Willis, Geelong, Qld.

The church at Bambra-rd., Vic., has agreed to release its preacher, Bro. C. Schwab, for the holding of a tent mission at East Kew. A start will be made with the mission on October 3, Bro. Irwin Barber being associated with Bro. Schwab as leader of song.

A number of messages have been received in appreciation of the special number dealing with the College of the Bible. Brethren have been more than interested by its review of the work being done by and through the College, which makes a strong appeal for worthy support.

Bro. and Sister Andrew Hutson and two daughters from Inverell, N.S.W., called at Melbourne en route to W.A. where Bro. Hutson will labor as preacher at Inglewood. Our brother and his family were in the disastrous train accident at Murulla, but escaped with slight bruises. Bro. Hutson was able to assist in rescuing injured persons from the wreck.

Bro. J. C. Symes, W.A., referring to a recent mention of the suicide of Adam Lindsay Gordon, writes that in fairness it should be stated that Gordon received a head injury in a steepchase fall, and thus was hardly responsible for his actions. We note that on Sunday last a very large number gathered at Brighton cemetery, Vic., when the sixteenth annual Gordon pilgrimage was made.

Morning services continue to be held regularly in the home of Bro. and Sister Jackel at Wannaparatta, Vic. On Sunday last the Home Mission Organiser spent the day there, when meetings were held both morning and evening. Two carloads of brethren from Benalla were present, and many local visitors. More than 30 were present at the morning service, and almost 50 at the evening meeting. It is good to see isolated brethren meeting together as do those in this town.

We have been requested to announce that a meeting of our Victorian Social Service Committee, together with three representatives of each other Conference committee, is convened for Monday, Oct. 4, in Swanston-st. Lecture Hall, to discuss the project of a home for the aged. Subscribers and interested people will be welcome. Secretaries of churches who have tickets or money in connection with the recent Social

Service banquet are asked kindly to forward the same to 49 Elizabeth-st.

The opening services of the mission at Saint Morris, S.A., were a great inspiration. Good attendance at the Lord's table. Mr. and Mrs. Friel were received into membership from the church at Maylands. Tent filled at night with 190 people. Three confessions from the Bible School at the close of a forceful address on the subject, "How to be Saved." The church is rallying splendidly to the support of the missioner. City and suburban churches are asked for big delegations to visit the tent on week-nights and for continuous prayers. Take No. 9 or No. 10 cars from Grenfell-st. to Green-st.

A great farewell meeting in honor of Bro. and Sister A. E. Illingworth, who are leaving for Sydney City Temple, was held in Malvern-Caulfield chapel, Vic., on Sept. 14. Appreciative speeches were made on behalf of the church and its auxiliaries, and also by the following: Bro. J. E. Shipway, J. McGregor Abercrombie, Jas. E. Thomas, and Reg. Enniss, and the president of the local branch of the W.C.T.U. Speeches and



MISSION AT JOHANNESBURG.

On Saturday last we received the following cablegram:—

"Mission closed [tonight 16th] 625 responses; 475 baptised.—Kellems."



presentations were made for the State Chapter of the K.S.P., of which Bro. Illingworth is Grand Chaplain. The church architect (Mr. Haddon) presented a beautiful framed and inscribed photo. of the church building. Each auxiliary made a presentation. From the church Bro. and Sister Illingworth received a well-filled wallet of notes. Suitable responses were made. There were splendid meetings on 19th, when Bro. Illingworth delivered farewell addresses. At night the building was crowded.

Bro. Reg. Enniss, who spent Sept. 5 with the church at Yarrowonga, Vic., the occasion being the first anniversary of the church, writes as follows:—"Prior to the mission held last year, about four members regularly met to break bread at Yarrowonga, and about an equal number at Lake Rowan, 17 miles away. At the close of the mission, the church was established with a membership of 63. Of these eight have been lost from various causes, but since the mission many others have been baptised, the membership now standing at 74. This young church has, during its first year, contributed over £100 to brotherhood offerings, and has reduced its property debt by £100. This is in addition to providing £4 per week towards preacher's salary. At the first church banquet held a week ago to celebrate the conclusion of a year's work, an offering of £125 was made towards debt extinction. The way in which the mission results have been conserved reflects great credit upon the preacher, Bro. G. H. Pratt, and upon the converts. It would probably be difficult to find anywhere a better record of a first year's work."

Dr. John L. Brandt, with Mrs. Brandt and family, reached Sydney by the "Aorangi" on Friday morning last. Bro. Robert Lyall, of Melbourne, and the N.S.W. Conference President, were at the wharf and welcomed them to Australia. During the afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Brandt visited the N.S.W. Sisters' Conference missionary meeting and were warmly greeted. Everyone enjoyed our brother's message. The N.S.W. President, Bro. W. H. Hall, tendered them a State reception on Saturday afternoon at the City Temple. Representative brethren and

sisters were invited, including members of all Conference committees and preachers. Short speeches of welcome were delivered by Bro. W. H. Hall, Dr. Verco, E. Davis, A. H. Webber, J. Whelan, T. E. Rofe, R. E. Jeffrey and R. Lyall. Mrs. Brandt gave a happy response and the doctor in a stirring word told of the progress of the work in America, and expressed his own personal loyalty to Christ and his church. Sunday was spent with the church at Chatswood. Great congregations gathered, and our brother delivered two magnificent addresses. On Tuesday afternoon a large and representative company, including many Swanston-st. officers and members, welcomed Bro. and Sister Brandt and family on their arrival at Spencer-st. Bro. Brandt begins his labors at Swanston-st. next Lord's day.

Members of the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission party were tendered a farewell social on evening of Sept. 9 prior to their departure for Northam. The large hall engaged for the purpose proved too small for the many well wishers who came. Bro. Hunt presided and was supported in his remarks of appreciation by Bro. Stone, chairman of the Board; C. J. Garland, secretary; Geo. Banks, Bible School; F. D. Polard, adult Bible Class. A short musical programme was followed by some presentations from the church to the party. Bro. Hinrichsen received a small purse containing two sovereigns to purchase books of his own choice, and an enlarged photo. of the church officers and mission party. Mrs. Hinrichsen received a beautiful box of handkerchiefs, together with a nicely bound volume of goldfields views, and a small nugget of Kalgoorlie gold. Bro. Brooker received a valuable travelling rug and also an enlarged photo. group, and Mrs. Brooker received similar gifts to Mrs. Hinrichsen. Each of the three Brooker girls also received small tokens. Bro. Brooker suitably responded and Bro. Hinrichsen in his reply said he knew of one man present who desired to confess Christ, and he gave him the opportunity to do so as Bro. Brooker sang a solo. Five confessions were made, making the grand total of 297. On Sept. 9 a meeting of ladies was held in the chapel, and 17 women were immersed. In a personal note Bro. Hinrichsen pays a warm tribute to the excellent work of Bro. Hunt in connection with the mission. With so many additions, it was a great task to get names and addresses of candidates and arrange for their baptism and welcome into fellowship.

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N.S.W. SISTERS' EXECUTIVE.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the City Temple on Sept. 3, President (Mrs. J. Clydesdale) presided. The devotional service was taken by Sister Edgar, of Sydney City Mission, who gave a graphic description of her work among the sick and poor of Miller's Point, and other activities of the mission. Warm thanks were tendered to Sister Edgar.

46 delegates and sisters were present. Correspondence included letter from the Women's Consultative Committee Temperance Union asking for two delegates. Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Shearston were appointed. Prayer meeting was arranged for Marrickville, Sept. 8, 2.30 p.m., Granville to be arranged for by P.M. superintendent. Mrs. Clydesdale was asked to give greetings from N.S.W. to Federal Conference. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Steer gave progress report on prohibition fete. Sisters from all churches are asked for donations of money and kind, as we are responsible for the refreshments for the three days of the fete. Will all please do their very best for the success of the fete? Next meeting of Executive will be on Friday, Oct. 1, at 2.30 p.m. All sisters are welcome.—Mrs. E. Morris.

S.A. SISTERS' AUXILIARY.

At the monthly meeting on Sept. 2 Mrs. Garfield Rootes had charge of the devotional session, and gave a helpful address.

Miss Norman presided over the business session. Minutes were confirmed. 47 delegates and 4 superintendents responded to the roll call.

Additions from Sunday Schools.—Grote-st., 1; Brooklyn Park, 3; Cowandilla, 7; Fullarton, 5; Maylands, 1; York, 7.

Mrs. Bond (treasurer) reported total amount for Home Missions to date, £71/5/5; Foreign Missions, £70/18/11; in hand for General Fund, £7/8/4. Expenditure, Secretary for postages, etc., £1; Literary Superintendent, 1/10; Total, £6/6/6. Catering fund, in hand, £11/10/3; paid for 2½ doz. salad bowls, £1/3/9; Balance, £10/6/6. The collection amounted to £1/6/4.

Mrs. Blight reported the following sisters had received the home-call: Miss Violet Arthur, Queenstown church; Mrs. Edwards, Semaphore church; Mrs. Prisk, Maylands church.

Home Missions.—Mrs. Collins reported 29 circulars sent to country and 21 to suburban churches. Northern sisters are co-operating. At York a pleasant meeting was held. Mrs. Forbes gave the address, and £1 was donated. Sept. 18, an enjoyable time was spent at Maylands. The addresses were given by Miss Norman and Mrs. Herbert Taylor. The collection totalled £2/8/-.

The H.M. Superintendent wishes to acknowledge the following amounts:—Per 1d. per week—Prospect, 10/-; Mile End, £1; Norwood, 2/-; York, 4/-; Cottonville, 16/2; Semaphore, 15/-; Glenelg, 5/-; Gawler, £1/1/3; Tumbay Bay, £1/6/-; Alua, £1/17/-; Long Plains, £2; Strathalbyn, 10/-; Murray Bridge, 5/-; Mile Boxes—Grote-st., 2/8½; Unley, 6/7; Mrs. Selway, 5/-; Mrs. Harding (York), 3/8½; Nailsworth, 6/1; Mrs. Lunn, 7/-; Mrs. Cooper, 5/6. Donations—Mrs. A. Gard, £5; Glenelg Dorcas, £1/15/6; Mrs. H. D. Black, £1; Mrs. Uncle, 10/-; Mrs. W. Green, £1.

Foreign Missions.—Mrs. Messent had been busy collecting money before Conference. Mrs. Batchelor's evening for girls was appreciated, and funds were augmented by £2/1/-. Milang and Point Sturt sisters have again sent in their offerings. The exhibition held on Aug. 26 and 27 was well attended. When all accounts are paid, £52 will be added towards the objective. Up to date we have £60/16/7½.

Prayer meeting.—Mrs. Moseley reported three meetings held during the month, and one cottage prayer meeting.

Dorcas.—Mrs. Cant forwarded the following re-

port:—The committee visited Cowandilla and Queenstown Societies at their annual meetings, when they gave excellent reports of their work during the year, and all kindred societies have been doing their utmost to relieve distress in their several districts.

Temperance.—Mrs. Green reported the Bands of Hope at Mile End, Cowandilla and Queenstown had been visited. The attendances and programmes were good. Mrs. Green spoke at the meetings. Aug. 3, the local option campaign was launched in Adelaide Town Hall, preceded by a procession. A magnificent address was given by Mr. W. James, of Melbourne.

Mrs. Collins referred to the excellent manner in which Miss Norman had carried out the duties of president during the year; a vote of thanks to her was carried by acclamation. Miss Norman suitably replied. A little business was then transacted in connection with the forthcoming Conference.

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE.

At the monthly meeting on Friday, Sept. 3, there was a good attendance, President, Mrs. Hayward, presiding. Devotions were led by Mrs. Sivyey, who gave a nice paper on "Things that Promote Happiness." A cordial welcome was extended to Mrs. Whelan and Mrs. Wallace, who conveyed Christian greetings from the sisters of New South Wales and Tasmania respectively, and to Mrs. S. Wilson, who has been absent for several months through illness.

Mrs. Williams, State organiser of W.C.T.U., gave a splendid address, outlining the work of the organisation.

At a date to be fixed later, the Foreign Mission Committee will display the goods now being prepared for our mission fields.

Apologies received from Mrs. F. Lee and Miss Tuck.

Additions from Bible Schools—Ascot Vale, 8; Prahran, 2; Coburg, 5; E. Camberwell, 1.

Home Mission Committee visited South Yarra, several sisters taking part. The meeting was much enjoyed by those present.—G. Lee, Supt.

Benevolent Home received a visit from members of the Oakleigh church. Gifts were distributed. A short service was conducted by Mr. Sutton and Mr. Hunt. Next to visit will be paid by Parkdale church this month.—E. M. Tuck, Supt.

Drumcondra (North Geelong) have linked up with the Women's Mission Bands. There was a large attendance at the rally held at Glenferrie on Aug. 16. Committee visited Ascot Vale and were present at the farewell to Miss Redman at Blackburn.—M. Dines, Supt.

General Dorcas Committee have gratefully received parcels from Essendon, Sisters Brice and Allen, and two from unknown donors. Large parcels of garments were prepared for Hospital Committee, Burnley Mission and private cases.—Mrs. Hunter, Supt.

During the month 64 letters have been sent

to isolated sisters; 11 replies received.—P. Ellis, Supt.

Prayer Committee visited Brunswick and Nth. Fitzroy and had a fine attendance. Some very helpful papers were given.—Mrs. Edwards, Supt.

Hospital Committee paid 53 visits to the various institutions, and distributed home comforts, books, bed socks, bed jackets, etc. Thanks to Brunswick and Northcote churches for the appeal for books, and to Hampton for old linen.—S. Meyer, Supt.

Next meeting, October 1. Mrs. Wakeley leads devotions; speaker, Mrs. McDonald.—Miss Rometch, Secretary, 17 Bowen-st., Kew.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

The quarterly meeting was held in Lake-st. on Tuesday, Sept. 7. There was an attendance of 50 sisters. The devotional session was led by Mrs. A. Lushey. Mrs. Lushey read a short reading on "Character Building," and Mrs. C. Horn rendered a solo.

The business session was presided over by Mrs. Elliott. Mr. Hibbert gave a detailed account of the success of the Kalgoorlie mission.

The roll was called, and minutes of previous meeting read, also correspondence.

Mr. Thomson and Mr. Brown were present on behalf of the Social Questions Committee, their object being to ask that a statement of all moneys received for Woorooloo work be passed on to their committee to be shown on their books. It was decided to give this matter consideration.

The financial statement was read by Mrs. Ingham, treasurer.

The Home Mission report by Mrs. Lushey showed a splendid increase in the quarter's giving, £64/12/9 having been received as against £44/15/2 last quarter.

The Foreign Mission report by Mrs. Yelland was full of interest. The F.M. sewing rally proved a great success, 140 garments being made; £17/5/3 was contributed for purchase of material. Offerings for the quarter, £19/9/6. Arrangements are being made for a welcome tea to Bro. and Sister Escott.

The Prayer Committee visited Fremantle, Maylands, Victoria Park and Claremont, where good meetings were held.—Mrs. Robinson.

The hospital report by Mrs. Hoskin told that visits had been paid regularly to the following institutions: Perth public, Children's (Fremantle) Hospital, Fremantle Prison, Silver Chain Home.

The Dorcas report by Mrs. Fieldus was the first for this year. It was full of the activities in the various centres.

The Isolated Committee had written 132 letters and received 51 replies.—Mrs. Saxby.

The Mission Band report by Mrs. E. R. Berry told of the continued interest in the young life of all churches.

The Woorooloo visitors had visited each month, and received many words of appreciation for gifts.

Auxiliary collection, 17/6; hospital collection, 10/10½.

October meeting devotional will be led by Mrs. H. Berry.—M. Wilson, Secretary.

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OBITUARY.

EVAN.—As previously reported, the church at Subiaco, W.A., recently lost a brother beloved of all. Bro. E. M. Evan was born in Wales on March 22, 1856, and from an early age attended the Baptist church. At the age of 16 years he was immersed. He came to Australia in 1884, and in 1906 came to Perth, and soon became associated with the Subiaco Church of Christ. Since first coming with us he has been an active officer. His co-workers, both deacons and evan-



The Late E. M. Evan.

gelist, testify to the magnificent help rendered by his wise counsel, deep spirituality, and splendid Christian example. In addition Bro. Evan labored on the State Foreign Missionary Committee, for many years as President. In the true sense he was a brotherhood man. Impressive funeral services, at his home and at the graveside, were conducted by Bren. Brooke, Hagger, and Ingham. A great company of Christian and business friends gathered to pay a tribute to the memory of a great and good man.—A.B.

BROWN.—Williamstown church, S.A., has lost by death Bro. Geo. Brown. After suffering for years he passed away suddenly on Sept. 6 at the age of 56 years. He had been a member of the church about 18 months, and although unable to attend very regularly, he did what he could in different ways. Sympathy goes out to his widow and family in their time of sorrow.—Mrs. T. C. Woolford.

PRATT.—After a long illness Sister Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Pratt, a member of Cheltenham church, passed peacefully to her reward in the Alfred Hospital on Sept. 9. Her body was laid to rest in Cheltenham cemetery the following day. Our sister was baptised at Emerald in 1913, where she continued in faithful service for her Lord until the death of her husband as the result of an accident left her a widow with three young children to support. For two years she was a member at Lygon-st., after which she came to Cheltenham. Failing health made it impossible to attend the Lord's house very often during the last few years. She diligently taught her children to follow the Saviour. Lovingly we commend them to the tender care of the Friend who never fails.—D.W.

HAWKES.—Bro. H. Hawkes was born 51 years ago in Adelaide, where his early life was spent. He was about 30 years old when he came to Karacoorte, where, about three years after, following the good example of his wife, he was baptised by the late Bro. E. Edwards. From that day "he never looked back." During the whole term of his discipleship (excepting his three years' military service period) he capably

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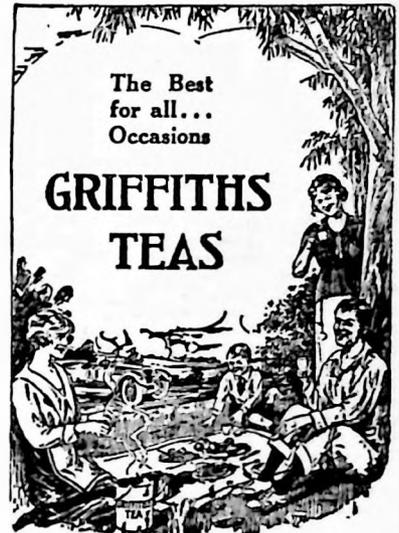
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News of the Churches.

Tasmania.

On Sept. 12 after Bro. A. Ivory's address a young man confessed Christ at West Ulverstone. Seven new members in Band of Hope under Mrs. Nightingale's direction.

The forty-second anniversary of Launceston church was concluded on Sept. 8 by a largely-attended tea and public meeting. Bro. N. G. Noble presided over a fine service. Bro. J. P. Foot, church secretary, gave a report of an excellent year's work. 46 souls were added by faith and obedience. An instructive address was delivered by Bro. Peter Duff. Bro. H. V. Clements conveyed greetings from Invermay, and Bro. Crombie from Prospect. The anniversary music was well led by a large choir under Bro. Ron. Pitt. Another powerful address was delivered by Bro. W. H. Nightingale. On Lord's day, Sept. 12, all meetings were well attended. Bro. Noble continued the special winter series, when two made the great confession. Recent visitors included Sister Motley, from Croaydon, S.A.; Sister Peters, Box Hill, Vic.; and Sister Mrs. Kingston, Hobart.

South Australia.

Sunday School anniversary services at Milang were held on Sept. 12 and 13. Bro. G. D. Wright, from Maylands, was the speaker, and all enjoyed his addresses. The meetings were well attended right through, and the children sang well. One of the scholars, Miss Ruth Whitfield, secured a prize at the recent S.S. Union examination, having obtained 99 per cent.

At Grote-st. on Sept. 19 Bro. John Fisher addressed the church on "The Bible." Bro. G. T. Walden addressed the gospel meeting on "Sowing, Always Sowing." Good singing by the choir, and solo by Miss M. Hartell. Bro. Pocock, from Mile End, addressed the men's Bible Class in the afternoon. A young men's club has been commenced, and has secured the attendance of most young men of the church. Sunday School is preparing a Conference item.

Splendid meetings were held at Flinders Park last week under the leadership of Will Beiler (B.S. and Y.P. Organiser); in the new building, for the purpose of interesting the people of the district in the new cause. On Thursday evening a thanksgiving social was held, when the building was crowded out. Bro. Beiler was chairman. Speeches were delivered by Bren. Paternoster, Webb, Mossop, Ackland and Riches, expressing congratulations and good wishes. On Sunday, Sept. 19, there were 51 in the school, and a good meeting at night. After Bro. Beiler's address on "The Text Book on Conversions" a lady made the good confession (the first in the new building). Mrs. Mayman rendered a solo, and Mr. Mayman conducted the song service.

Western Australia.

Attendances at Claremont midweek and Sunday evening meetings are somewhat improving. Sunday morning meetings continue good. Bro. Simmonds has kindly taken over control of the boys' club, and Sister Miss Marsden of the Junior Endeavor.

Good congregations all day on Sept. 12 at Lake-st., Perth. At 10.15 three sisters were baptised. Bro. Albany Bell exhorted on the principle of adoption. At the gospel service Bro. Hagger preached on the character and claims of Jesus, the service being broadcasted.

Northam reports good meetings. Interest is very keen in the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission. The missionaries arrived from Kalgoorlie on Sept. 10. A very suitable block in the main street was secured for the tent. Prayers of the brotherhood are asked. The C.E. Society is doing a good work, and meetings are good. They

have just concluded an increase campaign (greens v. golds). The golds won, and the greens gave them a successful social.

Inglewood meetings are well maintained numerically, Bible School and Endeavor Societies reporting weekly increases. Sept. 12 saw the best-attended morning gathering since the opening, about 93 being present. The school for the last two Sundays has been not far short of 100 strong. At evening of 12th 91 persons listened to Bro. Hibburt's gospel address. Two made decision for Christ. Bro. Hutson and family are expected for the first Sunday in October.

At the South-west Conference held on Aug. 25 at Harvey delegates from Perth, Collic and Bunbury were present. Messages were given by Bren. Robinson (Bunbury), Charman (Harvey), A. Bell (Conference President), S. H. Mudge (Fremantle), and H. Whitaker (Collic). Bro. Wakefield presided over the devotional service. Church meetings, lately somewhat smaller on account of rough roads and weather, are beginning to improve. The Bible School is preparing for its anniversary. C.E. Society with Bro. Wakefield as leader, and the girls' club led by Sister Wakefield, are doing good work, as also the women's guild for Foreign Mission purposes. Since Bro. Wakefield has had to return the motor car to Perth, it has been decided to supply him with a bicycle for the present time.

Queensland.

At New Veteran on Sept. 5 Bro. B. Anderson exhorted. On 12th Bro. C. S. Trudgian preached on "Man's Worth." Bible School reports two new scholars.

Hawthorne for three months enjoyed the presence and help of Mr. Le Page, senr., and Miss Le Page, of Carnegie, Vic. On Aug. 24 the members gave them a farewell social evening.

Ann-st., Brisbane, reports on Sept. 12 a record attendance at breaking of bread since Bro. Alcorn commenced his ministry. 192 broke bread for the day. Three were received by letter. Bro. Alcorn spoke at both meetings. Two were baptised. A quartette was ably rendered.

Services at Gympie on Sept. 5 were well attended; Bro. C. Trudgian preached on "Man's Greatest Discovery." Bro. E. Trudgian preached at Ross Creek in the afternoon. On 12th Bro. C. Trudgian exhorted, and at night Bro. E. Trudgian preached on "Can a Man be Saved Outside the Church?" Bible School "bee and butterfly" rally launched.

Ipswich reports that as a result of a beautiful service of song and recital on Aug. 25, 24 kindergarten chairs, costing £6, were procured. Praise is due to Mrs. Dack for the great success. The service of song was successfully repeated on Sept. 12, the school forming a choir and being led by Bro. Larsen. Meetings all day were well attended, Bro. Cockroft, of Brisbane, presiding. The annual sale of work was held on Sept. 11. Zillmere meetings have been good. On Aug. 29 the church and Sunday School celebrated their 43rd anniversary. The scholars sang excellently. Bro. Bennett, of Albion, gave the scholars a splendid address on David, and also promised the school two silver medals for next year. On Sept. 12 Bro. Neighbour's exhortation was enjoyed by all. At the gospel service Bro. Willis spoke on "The Road to the City." Bro. Neighbour is working hard. The Sunday School is in good form; one new scholar.

Victoria.

At South Melbourne on Sunday morning Bro. Fitzgerald, of Fairfield, spoke to a fair audience. In the evening Bro. Waterman preached on "Life Eternal." Sunday School is preparing for anniversary.

Glenferrie morning meeting was addressed by Bro. A. G. Saunders, and at night Bro. T. H. Scambler took as his subject, "Lessons from Football."

Miss I. Tippet and Mr. G. Hands, members of St. Kilda church, were married at Swanston-st. church on Sept. 18, Dr. Cook, of Bendigo, officiating.

Mildura had fine meetings on the 19th. In the morning Bro. J. H. Bird exhorted on "To What Extent is the Bible the Inspired Word of God?" In the evening he spoke with power on "The Lost Axe-head." The ladies of the church held an "at home" on Thursday, 16th; £5/6/- was raised for the building fund.

Fairfield has enjoyed messages from Bren. Northeast, sen., Siyyer and Waterman. The church regrets the illness of Bro. and Sister Edwards, and sympathises with the relatives of the aged Sister Thomas, who passed away on Aug. 31. The J.C.E. is working well, and is sending a fine box to Miss V. Blake's orphanage, India.

At Ascot Vale Bro. Patterson is giving helpful addresses to splendid meetings. All auxiliaries are busy making money for the new schoolroom. Last Wednesday the P.B.P., K.S.P. and Mr. Patterson's Bible Class gave a fancy dress social; a substantial sum was raised. The men are painting the chapel, and have decided to paint the schoolroom.

The church at Surrey Hills appreciated an address by J. E. Allan. Gifts to be forwarded to Bro. H. A. G. Clark by the church and ladies' guild were exhibited. Sister Ludbrook was deputed by a brother to purchase cricketing material in Hong Kong to assist Bro. Clark. On Sept. 19 Bro. and Sister Anderson and family, from Swan Hill, were visitors.

Meetings at North Richmond are progressing, numerically and spiritually, under the preaching of Bro. Cameron. A welcome social to Bro. and Sister Cameron, and a teachers' tea at which 45 took part, eclipsed all past efforts. Last Lord's day meetings were of a high standard. Visitors from Swan Hill and W.A. were welcomed, and an inspiring time was spent, 128 breaking bread.

Lygon-st. had nice meetings on Sept. 19. Amongst the visitors was A. Hutson, from Inverell, N.S.W. T. H. Scambler, B.A., gave a splendid address upon "Prayer." A young man was received by letter. Colin Dabb sang a solo. At night A. G. Saunders delivered a powerful discourse upon "A Rectitude that Wrecks." The anthem was well rendered by a large choir, the solo being sung by Miss Gwen Dickens.

Very large meeting at Cheltenham on Sunday morning; many visitors. Mr. and Mrs. W. Wolf were back from their holidays in Queensland, Mildura and Adelaide. Bro. Miles, of the Bible College, was the speaker. A good school in the afternoon; two new scholars. In the evening many assembled, and Bro. D. Wakeley preached a good sermon; but the electric light failed for a time. There was one baptism.

Good meetings continue at Essendon. On Sept. 19, 100 broke bread. Bro. Siyyer spoke at both services. The half-yearly business meeting was sparsely attended; Bro. B. J. Kemp in chair. The preachers' and secretary's reports outlined the work, which is progressing. The financial statement clearly set out the position, which is satisfactory. The retiring officers were re-elected. Reports of auxiliaries show continued progress.

The work at Yarrowonga is progressing. A baptismal service was held on Wednesday. At the morning service last Lord's day Sister Mrs. Sly was welcomed to the church. Bro. and Sister Cosh were visitors from Epping, N.S.W. Three new scholars enrolled at Mulwala Bible School. Fine number present at gospel service, at which Bro. Woolnough assisted, and Bro. Pratt gave a stirring address on "What Must I Believe to be Saved?" Great sympathy is felt for Bro. and Sister Notara, whose shop and home and practically all contents were destroyed by fire on Saturday.

Balwyn reports four confessions since anniversary. Sept. 12 was "Boys' Sunday"; about ten boys took part in the services. The officers entertained the ladies' aid at a hills motor picnic Saturday last. Alex. Wilson gave a good address on Sunday, and there was one confession at the close of Bro. Thomas' address at night. Mr. and Mrs. F. Steer, of Enmore, were among the visitors.

Brim reports splendidly attended meetings. Bro. Searle's address on "The Looking Glass," on evening of Sept. 12, was listened to by a large congregation. The concluding of the young people's guild was held on Sept. 8, when a large number enjoyed the excellent programme. The chapel has recently been painted and presents a pleasing appearance. The Bible School is practising for the anniversary. Wilkur services are well maintained in interest and attendance.

Continued good attendances and interest at Preston. Fine exhortations and preaching by Bro. Mortimer. The school is flourishing; new scholars enrolled every session. Sister Bertha Kearnland, M.Sc., M.A., was present on Sunday, Sept. 11, after her successful trip abroad. The harriers held a successful social on Saturday, Sept. 18. The K.S.P. and girls' club are working well. Asphalt paths have been laid down around and in front of the building, due to the generosity of one of the brethren.

Meetings were well attended at Carnegie last Lords' day. At the conclusion of an inspiring gospel message on "The Wonderful Jesus," by Bro. Shipway, supported by good singing by the choir and a much appreciated duet by Bren. Hayward and Organ, two young ladies made the great decision. On Monday, Sept. 13, the Bible School held an enjoyable parents and friends' social evening, at which Bro. L. C. McCallum gave an interesting address on the work among the young and some consequent results.

The last quarterly meeting of the men of Ballarat three churches was held on Saturday, Aug. 28, in Peel-st. chapel; about 40 were present. The chairman, Bro. Wilton Chapman, extended a welcome to Bren. Fitzgerald and Ladbrook. Three subjects were introduced by most interesting talks from Bren. Clem. Hill, Joe Morrison and Harold Feary, followed by brief discussion. The young men's training class meets regularly each fortnight with an average of eight students, and the three tutors, The Bible Class, to be led by Bro. Fitzgerald, is looking forward to a revived activity.

Bambra-rd. is having splendid attendances and interest. During a week of special meetings Bren. Thomas, Sivyver, Saunders and Gebbie gave inspiring addresses. The series concluded with thankoffering of over £40 for building fund. Several confessions since last report. Visitors have included Sister Gilbert, of Lake-st., Perth. Bro. Sharp, of Brighton, has given an appreciated address. At H.M. Committee's request Bro. Schwab is to conduct a tent mission at East Kew. Bro. Killey has kindly consented to fill Bro. Schwab's place at Bambra-rd. Bro. Flatman, jnr., recently immersed, has been welcomed into the church.

At Collingwood a most successful Bible School anniversary has been held. People crowded into the building at every service. Splendid addresses were given by A. L. Gibson, H. B. Robbins and L. C. McCallum. The children sang wonderful part songs, having been trained by the superintendent and song-leader, A. G. Harvey. At the evening service on Sept. 12, Bro. F. T. Saunders preaching, eleven scholars decided for Christ. Prior to their departure to Swan Hill, a farewell social was tendered to Bro. and Sister Andrews. Presentations were made from the church and Bible School, and from each of the five auxiliaries.

Oakleigh church tenth anniversary services commenced with a very fine attendance at worship. Bro. A. W. Connor gave a most helpful exhortation. At the close of the service members decided to engage Bro. S. H. Mudge as successor to Bro. Sutton. At the gospel service,

conducted by Bro. Sutton, Bro. A. R. Main gave a clear exposition of our plea to a well filled chapel. At the public meeting on Thursday, Bro. Sutton presided. Bro. Patterson's able address was much appreciated by the fair number present. Musical items by members and a good anthem by the choir helped to make the anniversary one of the best yet held.

Good meetings at Castlemaine on Sept. 19. Bro. Clipstone gave a fine address in the evening on "Signs of His Coming." The ladies' help assembly held an "American afternoon," and also packed a missionary box with many beautiful and useful articles for India. Miss Betty Rayson, one of the Bible School scholars, won the silver medal at the W.C.T.U. elocutionary medal contest. On Thursday night the members of the church tendered a social to Miss Verna Hall on the eve of her marriage to Mr. Percy Padey, of Caulfield, and a presentation was made of a silver entree dish; a presentation was also made by the teachers of the kindergarten.

Bendigo annual church business meeting was held on Aug. 25. The secretary reported much progress since Bro. Hinrichsen's coming. Attendances have greatly improved. 17 added by faith and obedience, 1 as baptised believer, 5 by letter, 2 by restoration, total, 25. Losses, 2; net increase, 23. The following were appointed:—Deacons, Bren. J. Ellis, E. Duus, D. Kenley, E. Gumrow, A. E. Streader, F. Collins, H. Sims; Secretary, A. E. Streader; Organists, Sisters A. Pollock and R. Weppner; Auditor, Bro. N. Sims; Deacon for Derby, Bro. Alex. Pollock. Bible School work has been encouraging, with a staff of 15 officers and teachers, and 88 scholars on the roll, the largest active membership the school has had for several years. Nine scholars decided for Christ during the year. Good progress is being made with the church building, and it is expected to have the opening about the middle of November. Sunday, Sept. 19, Bro. Hinrichsen was at Shepparton; Bro. J. English, of the Bible College, conducted well attended services.

New South Wales.

At Dumbleton on Sept. 12 Bro. Acland addressed a good gospel meeting on "Repentance." On Sept. 19, he exhorted, and at night gave a fine talk on "Baptism." The sisters have formed a sunshine class. The Bible School has commenced practice for anniversary.

At Lidcombe during Bro. Butler's recent holiday Bren. Youngusband and Puffet's assistance was greatly appreciated. On Sept. 12 Bro. Butler conducted the gospel service. On 19th Bro. H. C. Stitt spoke on "The Case for Prohibition." The Bible School scholars acceptably rendered a musical item.

Good meetings at Taree at both services on Sept. 12, when Bro. H. Edwards gave appreciated messages. The church was greatly helped by a visit from Bro. H. G. Harward, who conducted special meetings for Christians from Sept. 14 to 17, and spoke at both services on Sept. 19. His earnest messages were a source of strength.

At Lismore on Sept. 12, good audiences marked the last day of mission conducted by Bro. H. G. Harward. About 100 members were present for the day. Four young people were welcomed to fellowship. Three young men are to be baptised next Sunday, making a total of seven during course of the mission. The church has been greatly helped by Bro. Harward's visit.

Chatswood church on Sept. 19 received into fellowship Sister Mavis Belz, who was baptised on 16th inst. Visitors included Bren. R. Morris and R. Lyall, Melbourne, J. Hunter, N.Z., Dr. John L. Brandt, Sister Brandt and family, from U.S.A. Bro. Brandt gave two very fine messages on "The Face of Christ," and "The Conspires of Saul." Both addresses very highly appreciated by a splendid congregation, extra seating accommodation being provided.

On Sept. 12 at City Temple there were good attendances both morning and evening. A special bily service was held in the evening. Bro. Davis speaking on "Consider the Lilies." A

young man confessed Christ and was baptised. The lilies were later distributed to the hospitals. During the week the annual business meeting was held. Reports showed steady progress for the year. On Sept. 9 the Phi Beta Pi club invited the C.T. brotherhood to a social evening, and to debate the question, "Is Shingled Hair better than Long Hair?" An enjoyable evening was spent. The debate resulted in victory for the ladies, who took the affirmative side.

At Inverell, Bro. A. Hutson's farewell services were well attended on Sept. 12. 90 broke bread for the day. Afternoon service was held at Mt. Russell. The church extended to Bro. and Sister Hutson a farewell social on Sept. 7. Mr. James (Presbyterian), Mr. Udy (Methodist), and Mr. Pettit (Salvation Army) voiced the good wishes of their respective congregations. Bren. Brighty, Bell and Barr, elders, spoke on behalf of the church. The chairman, Bro. Brighty, presented Bro. Hutson with a travelling case as a token of love. In addition to this function Bro. Hutson was farewelled by the Band of Hope, the L.O.L., the School of Arts, and the Parents' and Citizens' Association of the Inverell district, and High School. Bro. Hutson had taken an active part in these institutions, and suitable presentations were made in each case.

COMING EVENTS.

SEPTEMBER 19, 26 & 28.—Bible School Anniversary, Raleigh-rd., Footscray, Sunday, 19th, and 26th. Afternoon, 3; evening, 7. Concert, St. John's Hall, Pickett-st., Tuesday, 28th, at 8 p.m.

SEPT. 26.—Church of Christ, Swanston-st., Melbourne, Lord's day services. Morning, 11 o'clock; evening, 7 o'clock, Mr. John L. Brandt will commence his ministry with the church. Special services.

SEPTEMBER 26, OCTOBER 3 and 5.—Carnegie Bible School Anniversary. Sunday, Sept. 26, 3 p.m., R. Gebbie; 7 p.m., J. E. Shipway. Sunday, October 3, 3 p.m., Kindergarten; 7 p.m., J. E. Shipway. Tuesday, October 5, 7.45 p.m., Demonstration, Distribution of Prizes. Special singing by scholars. Come and spend a happy time with us.

SEPT. 27 (Monday, 8 o'clock).—Church of Christ, Swanston-st., Melbourne. Public Welcome Meeting to Bro. John L. Brandt to mark commencement of his ministry with church. Cordial invitation extended to members of all our churches and friends. Representative speakers. Musical items by choir. Please keep date free.

OCTOBER 1 & 2.—On Friday evening, Oct. 1, at 7.45, Saturday afternoon and evening, Oct. 2, the Surrey Hills Ladies' Guild will hold its Annual Quality Sale. The Women's Conference President (Mrs. Hayward) will officiate at the opening. Friends everywhere are cordially invited to attend and participate in this social function.—S. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

OCTOBER 3, 7, 10.—Cheltenham Bible School Anniversary Oct. 3, speaker, 11 and 7, Danl. Wakeley; 3 p.m., T. R. Morris. Special singing by the scholars led by Bro. Val. Woff. Oct. 7, Tea in Schoolroom at 5.30. Annual Demonstration in the Cheltenham Soldiers' Memorial Hall at 7.45. Fine programme, and plenty of room in this large hall for visitors. Oct. 10, at 3 p.m., Distribution of Prizes. Old friends and new friends cordially invited.

OCTOBER 5.—Elocutionary Recital by Mr. Will Fielding, at Glenferrie church, on Tuesday, October 5, at 8. Musical items by well-known artists. Humorous dialogue. Admission, 1s.—(Proceeds Ladies' Aid.)

OCTOBER 8 & 9.—Church of Christ, Hartwell. A Sale of Work and Gifts will be held on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8 and 9.—Sister Thomas (of Balwyn) will open the sale on Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Come and spend a bright evening and encourage this, the youngest of our suburban churches, in its effort. Take Burwood tram to Highfield-rd. (then 1 min. walk).

OBITUARY.

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filled the office of church treasurer. He was also an elder of the church and superintendent of the Bible School. Bro. Hawkes was exemplary in that he took his duties seriously, and throughout his Christian life obeyed the divine injunction in doing with his might what his hand found to do. About six months ago our brother underwent an operation. He suffered much, but was always brave and trustful. He passed away to be with Christ on Sept. 4, leaving his wife and daughter to mourn their loss. The funeral was very largely attended, returned soldiers and railway employees marching in the procession. Our brother's Bible School Class met the funeral at the cemetery gate and accomplished the hearse to the grave. The service was conducted by Bren. A. R. Benn and F. Cornelius.—A.R.B.

HOLLINGSWORTH.—By the passing away of Sister Eva Hollingsworth on July 15, the Gore-st. church, Fitzroy, Vic., lost one of its most faithful members. She made her confession at South Yarra church when twelve years old, afterwards linking up with the "Tabernacle" in Johnston-st., then at Gore-st. Our sister gave her Master 33 years of loyal service. Her interest in C.E. work was shown by many years of service, during which she acted as a delegate. She also helped in choir work. A large number attended the burial at Coburg cemetery. Sympathy is extended to the family, who, while knowing she has gone to her reward, yet miss their loved one.—R.E.B.

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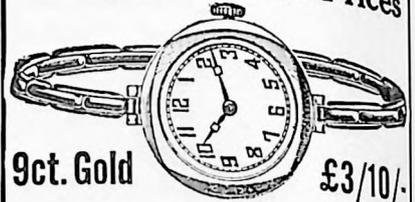
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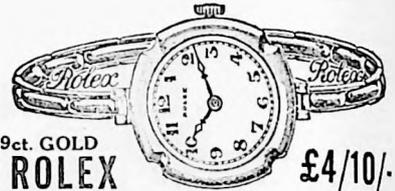
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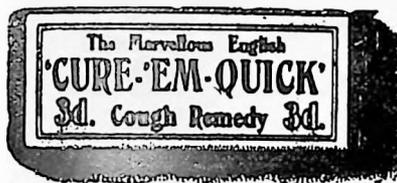
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