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The Message Which Wins.

Dr. Jesse R. Kellems.

THE great meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa, has come to a close in a veritable blaze of glory. It has been from the very beginning a mighty demonstration of the power of the ancient gospel of Christ. It must now be frankly confessed, since the victory has been so complete and amazing, that comparatively few people had any great faith in the enterprise when it was first launched. Mike H. Thomas, that big man of faith in Dallas, Texas, believed it could be done. When the author of this article suggested to him that there might be the possibility of failure he replied in his usual cryptic manner, "But haven't you any place for the Lord in this?" Men of faith move the world, and this present undertaking has proved no exception to this rule.

It seems that a victory of this nature coming at the present time is very suggestive. Some of our brethren are frankly bothered about a supposed necessity for a restatement of our plea. They feel cramped in it, and are wondering just how we ought to state it so as to make it most effective. Some have even gone so far as to suggest that perhaps we have outgrown it. Yes, I think we ought to restate it, if by this is meant that we ought to tell it again—just like our fathers told it, plus the modern methods of securing audiences. I have contended again and again that there is just one cure for the ills which pester us—New Testament evangelism. The man who is busy winning souls has not much time to be concerned with trifles.

What did we preach for 107 days? Well, what would you preach if you were in a new land where no one knew anything about you? What would you preach if you were looked upon with suspicion as the representative of some one of the hundreds of peculiar sects which take their rise in the land of the Stars and Stripes? Suppose you were in the position of one who had to fight for a hearing, who had

to battle for standing. Say, brethren, what would you preach?

There can be but one answer to this question. You would preach with all your might what we have been pleased to call our plea. You would tell it over and over again. And that is exactly what we did for three months and a half. The sermon on Christian baptism was preached four times. Every week we preached on "What must I do to be Saved?" All the New Testament conversions were considered. The distinction between the covenants was one of the most popular lines of thought to these people who are so much under the yoke of the Old Testament. Their worship is national. For this reason then the message that the old law has been done away in Christ comes like light over the eastern hills to these South African people. And then the message concerning the New Testament church. We went over this at

least a dozen times. I think more than anything else this has caught the imagination of these people. That the New Testament does tell of a church which was founded by Christ and his apostles they are certain. When it is made clear that our desire is to restore that church, they enthusiastically accept the new message. The plea for Christian unity is peculiarly powerful in this land which has so recently been a land of strife and war, and which even yet seethes with political dissension. It is in exactly the same position as was America when the thousands of people from all the European nations were pouring in. South Africa is a miniature American melting-pot, but so far it has failed to melt as people have been melted in the United States. But, strange to say, this plea for unity upon the word of God is the solvent. The other night I pointed out to Brother Titus the front row of our choir. The first two girls were Scandinavians, one from Norway, the other from Sweden. The next two were Dutch. The next woman was Irish. Two English girls came next, and last of all a lassie from the Highlands of Scotland. That front row of the choir tells the story of the whole church. They are of many people, and they all believe this plea from Christian unity.

One of the greatest lessons from the whole campaign is that it is a demonstration of the power of New Testament evangelism. In a word the plan works gloriously. Go at it like you meant to do something for the Lord, and people will believe you, and will accept the message. Get a big hall, advertise attractively, and the people will come. And then tell them the message with enthusiasm and power. Has the gospel lost its ancient power? Johannesburg is the answer. Can we win victories as our fathers did? Yes, and even greater ones. When we have faith enough to try we shall find that God is wonderfully blessing our efforts.

FACTS CONCERNING JOHANNESBURG MISSION.

The Restoration cause was unknown to the people of this, the largest city in South Africa.

There were twenty members of the church when the meeting began.

The campaign began on June 2, and continued until September 16, i.e., for a period of 107 days, or three months and a half. Services were held each night except Saturday for this entire period.

Dr. Kellems preached 107 sermons and delivered 6 other addresses.

Ninety-six invitations were extended, and there were responses to every one—there was not one break.

There were 625 responses to the invitation, 555 confessions of faith and 70 baptised believers.

Dr. Kellems baptised 480 of those who made the confession; the rest are to be baptised by Brother Farrow.

Brother Eugene Farrow, B.A., preacher of the new church, is now on the field.

The Fakir in the Cave.

Percy Pittman.

Passing a village-well the other day I saw an emaciated, sallow-faced fakir with long matted hair, carrying a large tin watering-can, a lota (brass water-pot) and a thin rope. He mounted the masonry of the well, and began drawing water in the lota and filling the can. This would have taken a long while, but a village woman, taking pity on him, offered to draw water for him in her large copper vessel, and he let her do so. As he stood waiting, I approached, and asked him where he lived. Pointing to the top of a rocky hill close by, he asked me if I would like to see his lodging. When his can was full, he led the way up the hill, part of which was so steep that we had to crawl on hands and knees. Arrived at the top, there was a cave, over which a thin white flag was fluttering. He entered and I followed. He fished out an old kerosene tin for me to sit on, and squatted down on an ancient piece of tiger-skin. On a ledge of rock some dirty old blankets were spread for a bed. Above, a "Brasso" tin, with a piece of wick sticking out through a hole, and a broken lamp-glass, were suspended for a light by night. Two tree-trunks had been dragged to the entrance of the cave, their ends meeting. These had been set on fire, and were moved in as they were consumed. A small tin was on the embers containing dal (lentils) and water, into which, as the fakir fanned the embers, ash fell plentifully. A few old tins, a small one holding tobacco, and a chilum (native pipe) completed the furniture. But an unusual sight was a frolicsome black pup, and a tiny black kitten with bits of colored cloth tied round its neck. Glancing back I had a fine view of the plateau of Pachmarhi, with its little lake, golf-links, race-course, and surrounding mountain peaks. The heavy rain had ceased, and the sky was full of great clouds, showing white against the sun. Lights and shadows mingled over the landscape, and just below was the native town, with white temples, mosques, and the dark red roofs of the bazaar.

I spent over an hour asking the fakir questions, and telling him the gospel message. He told me he was a Mohammedan, and formerly followed the trade of tailoring. His home was at Jabulpore, but years ago he came to Pachmarhi and opened a shop. He never learned to read. At his birth the man who read his horoscope foretold that he would become a fakir. From childhood he had the desire to be one, and would often wander into the jungle alone. When his parents died there was no hindrance, so he forsook all, and took to the life. He has a grown-up family, and says his age is 65.

I asked him if he became a fakir because

he liked a free life without work, and he replied:

"No, no; it is a hard life, with no comforts, but I wished to serve God in this way."

Asked what order of fakirs he belonged to, he said "The order of the naked."

"But," said I, "you are not naked; you wear a cloth round you."

"That, sahib, is from compulsion. As this is a Cantonment, and there are English people about, they won't let me go about naked."

"One for the English," I thought.

THINGS THAT ENDURE.

Honor and truth and manhood—
 These are the things that stand,
 Though the sneer and gibe of the cynic tribe
 Are loud through the width of the land.
 The scoffer may laud it an hour on earth,
 And a lie may live for a day,
 But truth and honor and manly worth
 Are things that endure alway.

Courage and toil and service,
 Old, yet for ever new—
 These are the rock that abides the shock
 And holds through the storm, flint true.
 Fad and folly, the whims of an hour,
 May bicker and rant and shrill;
 But the living granite of truth will tower
 Long after their rage is still.

Labor and love and virtue—
 Time does not dim their glow;
 Though the smart may say, in their languid
 way,
 "Oh, we've outgrown all that, you know!"
 But a lie, whatever the guise it wears,
 Is a lie as it was of yore,
 And a truth that has lasted a million years
 Is good for a million more.

—Ted Olson in "Forbes Magazine."

He said he was opposed to all idolatry, even the mild form indulged in by illiterate Muslims.

"I challenge the Mohammedans to bring a tazier before me" (processional image of prophet's tomb) "and let me set fire to it. If it refuses to burn, let them remain Muslims. If it burns like any other paper and wood, let them become Christians. But they refuse to try it. In the same way, I tell the Hindus to bring a sacrificial goat to me, and let me cut its throat. If it continues to live, let them remain Hindus. If it dies, let them become Christians. The people of Pachmarhi, both Hindus and Mussulmans, are angry with me for this."

I am sorry to say I fear this was said to please me.

Noticing certain faded papers hanging above my head, strung together by a leathern thong, I asked him what they were, and he said they were letters from some of his chelas (disciples) in different parts of the country, who sometimes sent him money, though he never asked for any.

The dull look in his eyes led me to ask if he was a smoker of "ganja," a powerful drug, and he replied,

"Yes, I smoke both ganja and opium, and cannot live without them. I don't require much food, but I must have these drugs. The opium troubles me a good deal, especially in my hands and feet."

It is apparent that the man is killing himself with these opiates. I told him about Pastor Hsi and others in China who through the power of Christ had conquered the opium habit.

Evidently feeling uncomfortable, he told me in return an unpleasant story about the morals of a certain Roman Catholic priest who lived here till a couple of years ago. I have since made enquiries, and am glad to say it is not true.

It was no use leaving him a gospel or a tract, as he cannot read. He showed me an easier path down the rocks, and promised to call on me. A few weeks later he did so, and we had further talk. Before he left, however, he begged for alms.

There are fakirs and fakirs, and this one is not a good specimen. But he has a soul to save.

The people of the town look up at night to his little light burning at the entrance of his cave, and think of him as a holy man, laying up infinite merit for the life to come. But he is unable to teach them anything.

I know he is a liar, and a slave to drugs. India is simply overrun with sadhus and fakirs of all descriptions. The common people are taught that begging for alms is itself a meritorious act, and of course it is an act of piety to give to them. Some of them are really earnest seekers after God, and Sadhu Sundar Singh says many of them are secret believers in Christ. But there are thousands upon thousands who are dirty, lazy, illiterate and licentious. To support them in idleness is a heavy tax on the poor, who cheerfully give food which they really need themselves. These beggars are a curse to the country, but the people think they have power to inflict a curse upon those who refuse to give alms, and they are terribly afraid of them.

Only the spread of Christian ideas about holiness will abolish this disgraceful system, but it will die hard. It is sanctioned by religion and age-long custom.

And yet many people in the home-land say, "They have a religion which is good enough for them; let them alone."

We who know them say, "They are far too good for their religion, and ought to have a better."

All the world is lovely,
 Life is sweet and fair;
 They are blind who find it
 Desolate and bare.
 Every heart that thrills with song;
 Smiles and birds and roses throng
 If one has the eyes to see,
 Beauty hides eternally.
 For the heart that's loving,
 Love is everywhere.

—Thomas Curtis Clark.

Federal Conference, Perth, W.A.

F. T. SAUNDERS.

The hospitality of the brethren in Perth is proverbial among those who have been privileged to experience it. At no time has it been more abundant than during the Federal Conference just closed. Visitors from the Eastern States have been met, and feted, from the moment they reached Kalgoorlie. In the train they were met by C. H. Hunt, preacher at Kalgoorlie, with the programmes of the Conference, and an outline of the welcome to be extended at Kalgoorlie. There, the Mayor tendered a civic reception to the delegates, and was supported in his welcome by the members of the Ministers' Fraternal of Kalgoorlie. It was a fine tribute to the Christian spirit existing in the city, when at the end of the successful mission held in their midst, all the preachers should unite in this warm welcome. The sisters of the Kalgoorlie church entertained the visitors at afternoon tea.

In Perth there was much excitement at the station on the day the party arrived. A line of motor cars faced the station bearing streamers announcing the Conference. Each car was numbered, and the delegates had been advised on the train that they were to travel to their Perth home by a car bearing their number. Consequently all were loaded into the cars quickly after the train arrived.

The ladies were entertained on Friday afternoon at a splendid reception by the W.A. Sisters' Conference. The sisters' programme was most excellent, and excellently rendered.

Saturday was marked by two receptions. Bro. Albany Bell, President of the State Conference, entertained the delegates and entertaining brethren to a trip on the beautiful Swan River. Afternoon tea was served at Point Walter, and opportunity was made to make some speeches of appreciation. Bro. Morrow expressed the thanks of the visitors, being supported by Bro. J. Clydesdale. Bro. D. M. Wilson entertained the visitors at tea on their return to Perth. Here also was a feast of good things.

Sunday, Oct. 17, was a great day for the Perth churches. They had more preachers than they knew what to do with. There was a plethora of good preaching. Every man sought to give of his best. In many cases there were confessions of faith, among them being a young man who, during the week, resigned from the ministry of the Methodist church, having been led to see the New Testament teaching more clearly.

Each morning of the Conference has been spent in seeing the beauties of the city and its environs. The flowers, in amazing abundance and beauty, were themselves a treat alone worth the journey. Every morning a company of the motors assembled at Lake-st. chapel, and the visitors have been carried on long and delightful trips into the hills and round the water fronts. Already there are proposals being discussed whereby the Federal Conference should every eight years go outside the central States and visit other parts. Some of the Queensland brethren are thinking of a Conference in Brisbane in 1931.

The roll of visitors from outside Western Australia shows that 112 were present. Of these 4 are registered from India, and the States are represented as follows: Queensland, 5; Tasmania, 7; New South Wales, 22; Victoria, 30; and South Australia, 44.

At no previous Federal Conference, excepting only the Centennial at Sydney in 1909, has there been so many out-of-State visitors. This fact has made the Conference one of great success.

The business sessions were marked by earnestness and a keen desire to advance the kingdom. Differences were expressed in courteous language, and the utmost brotherliness prevailed. There were amendments to motions. There were points of order taken, but in all

cases the desire was to make a contribution to true harmony.

Bro. W. Beiler was appointed minute secretary of the Conference, and a Committee of Resolutions was appointed, consisting of A. L. Haddon, Convener; H. W. Hermann, L. Johnston, A. A. Luerast, E. J. Paternoster and F. T. Saunders.

The Perth Y.M.C.A. conferred honorary membership privileges on the interstate visitors during their stay in Perth.

The opening devotional session was a success. It was led by Bro. E. J. Paternoster, and took place an hour after commencement of business. It was an enjoyable period spent in a fine study of Psalm 23.



HON. WM. MORROW, M.L.C.
Newly elected President of Federal Conference of Churches of Christ.

Canberra appeal.

The Executive Report gave considerable attention to the work of establishing a church in the Federal Capital, Canberra. The Executive gave a strong lead to the Conference, and Bro. T. Hagger made an eloquent appeal. Having one promise of £500, and another of £100 for every £1,000 raised up to £3,000, he had a good start, and receiving another £100 went on to a fine result.

The Canberra Fund now stands as follows:—

Received before Executive Report was closed	£109 19 10
Received since, prior to Conference	43 13 6
Cash in Offering at Conference Promises, including those stated above	1130 15 6
Conditional promise	300 0 0

Total Canberra Fund . . £1650 13 4

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Conference at Adelaide. This determined the choice of the incoming Executive, and the elections then were accomplished without any necessity of resorting to ballots.

The report of the Hymnal Committee was submitted by Fred. T. Saunders, and the motion for its adoption seconded by R. Lyall and carried.

The public meetings in the Unity Theatre each night were of a splendid nature. The attendances grew as the meetings advanced, and the

addresses were of a fine character. With one exception. The Committee deserves credit for the courage that allotted three meetings during the week, two in Perth and one in Fremantle, to the theme of Christian Unity. That courage brought its due reward, and the plea for unity received fine publicity. The addresses on Monday by the President, D. M. Wilson, was one of the best addresses on the theme that we have heard. That of Bro. Morrow, vice-president, was of a similar good quality.

The Foreign Mission meeting on Tuesday was addressed by Bren. G. T. Walden and J. Clydesdale, both presenting a strong appeal. On Wednesday the meeting dealing with education and youth was addressed by F. T. Saunders and A. L. Haddon dealing with the departments in which their interests lie. Thursday evening, Bren. S. H. Mudge and W. C. Beiler dealt with the plea we present. All of the meetings were helped by beautiful music presented by some of the sweet singers and players of the Perth churches. Those who have heard the Perth conference double male quartette know what to expect from them. The other singers are not behind them.

Foreign Mission overdraft.

The Foreign Mission session was helped by the presence of four members of the Indian mission, three of whom, Bro. and Sister Escott, with their son Edgar, had just reached Perth on their way home on furlough; and the other, Miss L. Hedman was on her way to India after furlough. Bro. and Sister Escott, and Bro. Edgar Escott appeared in Indian costume in appreciation of the kindness of the Indian brethren who had presented them with the costumes as they left for furlough. Both brought a moving story of the conditions in India, and speaking during the discussion of the report of the Foreign Missions Board, Bro. Escott spoke of the concern of the missionaries on the field at the need to curtail their activities on account of the overdraft in the Board's funds, and said that he was willing to give £50 himself to remove this drag on the work. This set the Conference aflame. Mrs. Escott told of the work among the women in India, and her regret that the staff of Bible-women had to be reduced because of the overdraft. After she had told of the difficulties of securing good Bible-women, and how, after having seven, she had to let three go. A brother rose, and stated that he was willing to give £500 to remove the overdraft at once, and would give that sum if it were liquidated during the Conference. Subsequently he agreed that if the balance of the sum, £1,500, were raised before January 31 next, and that no missionary were allowed to contribute, he would give the sum stated, brethren from each of the States rising and pledging themselves that the quota of each State on a membership basis would be forthcoming by that date. It was asked that no names be stated in the press concerning these amounts. Each State will be called on to do its part. But it is expected that the £500 mentioned above will be lifted in due course.

Before giving consideration to the constitution of the Federal Missions Board, as required to bring about incorporation under the Act of South Australia, Conference received a deputation from the Prohibition League, the speaker for whom, Mr. R. J. C. Butler, secretary, stated that if they could have the money spent in liquor in Western Australia for three hours they would have had sufficient money to wipe out the overdraft of the Foreign Missions Committee, and have a surplus. Every problem confronting the Conference is aggravated by the presence of alcoholic evil in the land.

The standing orders of the Conference were suspended to enable the Foreign Missions Board constitution to be discussed, and Bro. Morrow presented its clauses to the Conference. Some amendments were made to some of the clauses, mainly in the direction of retaining the present procedure of consulting the Foreign Missions

Committees of the State Conferences. It was pointed out that the Federal F.M. Board was created so as to provide for a clearing-house of the State F.M. Committees, and that the seat of power lay with those committees. The Conference showed that it desired to retain that state of affairs. Some other amendments more or less minor were made.

The report of the Preachers' Provident Fund was considered on Wednesday afternoon, and provided an occasion for tributes of high praise for the services of the brethren who constitute the Board of Management. The report was adopted with considerable enthusiasm on account of the success of the fund.

A resolution was carried expressing the hearty thanks of the Conference to the members of the Board, and especially to the secretary and treasurer, Bro. W. H. Hall, for their faithful and efficient services, and also to the generous donors who have contributed during the past two years to the fund.

The report of the Board of Management of the College of the Bible developed a discussion as to the merits of the proposals to create some affiliation for the different training classes in the capital cities of States other than Victoria. A motion endorsing the suggestion of the Board of Management was moved by F. Langlois, President of the South Australian Conference, and adopted.

During the afternoon the President, D. M. Wilson, on behalf of the Conference Executive presented to Bro. Hagger, secretary, a framed enlargement of a photograph of the Executive.

The Bible School Committee's report was adopted, and approval was expressed at the efforts to further this department of work. Bro. Jas. Sharp, of Brighton, Vic., delivered a very interesting address dealing with the work of the teacher. He drew some illustrations for his address from the experiences of the Conference. Avoiding all technical terms he presented the psychology of the work in effective language. After a very live discussion, he was accorded a special vote of thanks.

The President-elect, Hon. W. Morrow, presented to Bro. Wilson a beautifully bound volume of the Revised Version of the Scriptures, interleaved, as an expression of esteem from the delegates to the Conference. After Bro. Wilson had responded, Bro. Morrow made presentations to the secretary, Bro. T. Hagger, and to Bro. Ingham, assistant secretary, of a roll of notes each, as an expression of personal thanks for their many services rendered prior to and during the Conference.

Bro. A. A. Luerast moved a resolution expressing the appreciation of the brethren who had come from the eastern States, and thus had contributed so largely to the success of the Conference. This was adopted.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

Thursday was a day for clearing up the business paper. After finalising the adoption of the articles of association of the Federal Foreign Mission Board, the resolutions submitted by the resolutions committee were considered. These were adopted as follow:

That this Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia reaffirms its emphatic conviction that prohibition is the only effectual remedy for the evils of the drink traffic. Nevertheless we welcome every measure of temperance reform, and urge the governments of Australia to enforce strictly the existing laws.

We rejoice in the increasing measure of success that has attended the enforcement of the prohibitory laws in the United States of America. We also stand by the principle that the question of prohibition should be decided by a bare majority vote of the people.

We offer our congratulations to the Commonwealth railway authorities upon the fact that no alcoholic liquors are sold on the Trans-Australian train, and we express the hope that this arrangement will be continued.

We wish to place on record the great appreciation and esteem in which we hold our missionaries in India, China and New Hebrides, and among the Chinese in Australia, and to assure them that as a people we uphold them with our prayers as they extend the kingdom in lands abroad.

In accordance with the resolution of the Foreign Mission Board, dated August 13, 1926, this Conference receives the communication from the Sudan United Mission, and recognising the great value of its work, recommends that the prayerful consideration of the churches be extended towards its operations.

This Conference places on record its gratitude for the courtesy and consideration its officers and members have enjoyed from the officials and staff of the W.A. government railways, the Government Printer and the Tourist Bureau. We appreciate the great help these combined services have been both in the compilation of the advertising matter necessary to secure a large delegation and in the attention given on all occasions to delegates' requests for service or information.

This Conference places on record its deep appreciation of the action of the Y.M.C.A. in placing the services of the organisation at the disposal of delegates, and of the kindly manner in which the action was carried out.

AS IT APPEARS.

"When a church seeks a pastor
They often want
The strength of an eagle,
The grace of a swan,
The gentleness of a dove,
The friendliness of a sparrow,
And the night hours of an owl,
And when they catch that bird
They expect him to live
On the food of a canary."

—"Record of Christian Work."

We heartily approve the proposal to hold a World Conference of Churches of Christ; we believe that the time is opportune for such a conference and, in view of the development of the Pacific as a centre of world activities, express the opinion that the conference should be held on the Pacific coastboard.

We approve the proposal to celebrate on Pentecost Sunday, 1930, the nineteenth centenary of the foundation of the church by special services in all the churches, and recommend the Conference Executive to co-operate with churches in other countries in preparation for a world-wide celebration.

We notice with pleasure and gratitude the many evidences of the expansion and development of our movement in Australia. We offer congratulations and encouragement to the workers everywhere, and express the belief that the time is opportune for all to enter even more aggressively upon our twofold task of evangelism and religious education.

We rejoice in the numerous indications that the various Christian organisations are developing a better understanding and closer fellowship, and we reiterate our desire for the complete union of all followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We wish to record our conviction that the principles of Jesus Christ provide the only hope of world peace, and to urge all men to cultivate his attitude of brotherly regard for the people of other races and nations. In particular we pray for the realisation of the aims of the League of Nations, and desire that those who represent Australia on the League should endeavor to have all its deliberations and decisions permeated with the spirit of the Prince of Peace.

We regard with regret every evidence of bitterness and conflict between the various groups into which the community is organised. We believe that selfish competition gains no useful end, and we urge men in every walk of life to place service before self, to earnestly desire to understand the viewpoints of other groups than their own and to co-operate with all for the common good.

We rejoice with the churches of Western Australia because of the large accession to membership which, by the grace of God, has followed the efforts of the Hinrichsen-Brooker party. We pray that God's blessing will continue to attend their labors wherever they may be led to pitch their tent.

We express our appreciation to C. H. Hunt and the Kalgoorlie church for the magnificent welcome extended to delegates during their stay at Kalgoorlie.

We express our appreciation to His Worship the Mayor of Kalgoorlie for his reception of delegates during their stay in that city.

Conference directs that copies of the above resolutions be forwarded to those mentioned therein.

The following resolutions were also passed:—

That the incoming Executive be recommended to enter into negotiations with the Hinrichsen-Brooker or other mission party with a view to securing their services for Federal work.

That this Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia deplores the evident tendency of several of the State Governments to encourage the gambling evil, and recommends every member of our churches to take a firm attitude as individuals and citizens in personal opposition to every form of gambling.

That this Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in the Australian Commonwealth expresses its regret that H. G. Harvard is relinquishing his post as H. M. Organising Secretary for N.S.W. It bears testimony to the fidelity, earnestness and graciousness which has characterised his ministry throughout Australia for many years. As Bro. Harvard is proceeding to England, Conference is glad of the opportunity thus to bear testimony, and to commend him to the love and fellowship of our British brethren.

A very comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had taken part in the work and the success of the Conference was moved by Bro. B. Lypall. This included the brethren for their hospitality, the Press, the sisters who had attended to the meals, the motorists who had carried the interstate visitors about the city, the ushers, the Lake-st. church officers, the janitor, the choir, soloists, musicians, the Executive Committee, the President for his gracious and impartial supervision of the discussions, the secretary and the assistant secretary. This was adopted with enthusiasm.

It was resolved to publish a new Directory after Conference; to send greeting to Kellens party at Durban; to ask incoming Executive to invite Jesse Bader, of U.S.A., to visit Australia in 1927, and to extend cordial welcome to Bro. Lappin, also of U.S.A., visiting Australia in 1927.

SPIRITUAL HEALING.

Referring to a report on spiritual healing which would be practised before them, Archbishop Wright, at the recent Anglican meetings in Sydney, said that some members might think it a waste of time to discuss it. Yet the lesson of the Hickson mission could not be entirely left out of account. It was indisputable that spiritual healing had not taken that place in the ordinary ministrations of the church which many expected in the first thrill of the Hickson mission. He expressed the opinion that it might be useful for church life as a whole that they should use the discussion of the report as the basis of a frank investigation of the reasons why spiritual healing had in so many quarters dropped out of sight.

South Australian Conference.

The forty-second conference was held in Grote-st., Adelaide, from Sept. 30 to Oct. 6.

It commenced with the President's Reception on Thursday evening, Sept. 30. The President of Conference, Mr. Jas. E. Webb, extended a cordial welcome to interstate and country visitors. Mr. Reg. Enniss (Victorian Home Mission organiser) responded on behalf of the interstate visitors, and conveyed greetings from Victorian brotherhood.

Mr. J. E. Webb then welcomed preachers who have come to labor in South Australia during the last year, viz., Bren. F. Cornelius; Reg. H. Lampshire, R. Conning, from Victoria; Bro. C. P. Hughes, from W.A.; P. R. Baker, interstate missionary; Bren. H. Gray, J. Gordon, and Young Man (Federal Chinese evangelist). Mr. P. R. Baker responded on behalf of the suburban preachers, and Mr. F. Cornelius on behalf of the country men.

The theme of the President's address was "For Such a Time as This." He said that we can see unmistakable signs that down through the ages God has been over-ruling the affairs of men. The Apostle Paul prepared for his life work. The same can be said of Martin Luther, John Wesley, Alexander and Thomas Campbell and other great leaders of the reformation and other progressive periods of church history. God gave great movements by great men.

One hundred years ago the leaders of religious thought thought division to be necessary, but to-day a marked change has come over the whole world with regard to Christian union, and now the divided state of Christendom stands condemned in the eyes of all sincere Christians. The growing desire is for a closer union, closer co-operation, and organic unity of God's people on the Scriptural basis, that the prayer of Christ in John 17 may be answered. Viewing the world in the light of our plea, we make no apology for its presentation, and it may be said that we are called for such a time as this. Our plea appeals to the intelligence of humanity. The speaker urged the people to do more, exhibit greater zeal and consecrate their lives to Christ.

Selections were rendered by a male quartette party. Refreshments were served in the lecture hall by Unley sisters.

Preachers' Session.

This was held on Oct. 2 in the Magarey Hall, Grote-st. Bro. A. C. Rankine presided. A notably thoughtful, inspiring, and practical address was given by Bro. J. A. Wilkie, of Ballarat, Vic., who took as his subject the intellectual and pastoral work of the preacher. He dealt with "Pastoral methods" in a quite individual way, stressing the tremendous opportunities and responsibilities of the preacher. The first pastorate, he said, was apt to make or mar a man. Method was needed, but even more, an intense concentration on the spiritual side of the work. Meditation, "attention with intention," had a special value, and complete self-dedication each morning was the best preface to the opportunities of usefulness each day. Many useful and suggestive methods were submitted and greatly enjoyed by all present.

Business Session.

Business was begun in Grote-st. chapel on Monday morning, the president (Mr. Jas. E. Webb) being in the chair. State and interstate greetings were received.

An application for admission into the union was received from Cowandilla.

It was resolved, "That clause 7 of the constitution, 'Executive officers,' be altered thus—'The executive officers of the union shall be a Past President, President, Vice-President, secretary, assistant secretary, and treasurer, who shall be elected annually by the General Conference meeting. The Home Mission committee shall be authorised to fill any vacancy or vacancies that

may occur among the executive officers between the annual meetings of conference."

After nominations, W. G. Graham conducted a devotional service.

Christian Endeavor.

The report of the Union showed an advance on last year, seven new societies having been formed, making a total of 69 societies. The Young People's Superintendent, Mrs. Stacey, had resigned city and suburban work, but acted as country superintendent. The treasurer (Bro. Bartlet) had resigned, and Bro. R. House had been elected to fill the vacancy. Rallies had been held in many churches. Membership was increasing, and attendances were good. The following societies were presented with banners for their work during the year:—Cottonville Young People's Society, Hindmarsh Intermediate and Junior Society, Strathalbyn Young People's Society, Owen Intermediate Society, and Wallaroo Junior Society.

Officers elected:—President, Mr. F. Pocock; Vice-president, Mr. J. Wiltshire; Secretary, Mr. Reg. Lampshire; Treasurer, Mr. R. House; Editor of C.E. page in "The Challenge," Mr. Lampshire.

Mr. J. Wiltshire presided over the rally held in Grote-st. chapel on Saturday evening. A song service was led by Mr. Reg. H. Lampshire, secretary, who also read the report. He referred to the splendid work done by Miss Gertie Spurr, the late secretary. Greetings from the Bible Schools and young people's department were presented by Mr. A. E. Riches. Honor banners were presented by the chairman. The winners were:—Junior, Hindmarsh; Intermediate, Hindmarsh, and young people, Cottonville. Banners for the country districts were also awarded (though not presented) to Strathalbyn (young people); Owen (intermediate); and Wallaroo (junior). Mr. Wiltshire said that Cottonville won this recognition for the third year in succession. Hindmarsh had been successful in two sections, intermediate and junior. It was impossible to say too much of the value of the work done in the Christian Endeavor and Young People's Department.

Mr. Ross Graham delivered an address on "The Word of the Cross." The introduction of the incoming Christian Endeavor President (Mr. Frank Pocock) should have followed, but as he was absent on account of illness, the chairman

formally announced him as President of the forthcoming year.

An item—a tableau with recitation, entitled, "Rock of Ages"—was given by the Port Line group of young people and intermediates.

Miss E. Rodda acted as pianiste. The obituary report was presented by Mr. F. Collins.

Bible Schools and Young People's Department.

Six more schools had applied for membership. For seven months Bro. Wiltshire had acted as organising secretary until pressure of work at Grote-st. church had made it impossible for him to continue, and Mr. W. Beiler had been elected in his place. A challenge had been issued to the young people to raise a share of the £200 required for the maintenance of the Dhond Hospital in India, and already there was £78 in hand. The books in the teachers' circulating library were increasingly in demand.

B. W. Manning gave an address on "How to Build up the Adult Bible Class," and Mr. G. O. Tease spoke on "The Teacher who counts for Most." A discussion followed.

At the demonstration in Adelaide Town Hall, Mr. I. A. Paternoster occupied the chair. An attractive programme had been arranged, and was received with enthusiasm. A song service preceded the general programme, after which the incoming President (Mr. A. E. Riches) was introduced, and gave an address in response.

Special items were given by the Glenelg and Grote-st. schools and the Junior Christian Endeavor Societies; and Miss Norma Fullston, A.L.C.M., contributed a vocal number. Prizes were distributed by Mr. Paternoster, who announced that the Sunday School to win the prize for highest percentage to sit for examination was Mount Compass. Dulwich was second, and Mlang third.

Mr. J. Wiltshire delivered an address on the "Cry of the Child."

Foreign Missions.

Work among the Chinese in South Australia was faithfully carried on by Bro. MacPhee and his helpers. It was hoped that the visits of their Chinese evangelist, Bro. Chin Bik Fung, would have a stimulating effect upon this work. Reports from China continued to be encouraging. In India preliminaries in connection with the establishment of the hospital at Dhond were practically complete. Ready and generous response to the appeal for funds had been made, and the interest of the young people was gratifying. (Continued on Page 690.)



Bro. F. LANGLOIS,
Newly elected President of S.A. Conference.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

As I enter on my year of office as President of Conference, I would like to express my appreciation of the honor which my brethren have bestowed on me. We face the year with a big debt, but nevertheless are optimistic, and have faith in the Brotherhood that they will not see the work go back. Last year we launched out on an evangelistic campaign, and up to the present over 200 souls have been won for Christ. We want to keep our missioner in the field, and we also want to man some of our causes, which are calling for our assistance. It rests with our members whether the work will be curtailed or whether we shall go forward. Will our slogan be "Let the whole Brotherhood advance?"—F. Langlois.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN

"LISTENING IN."

Listening in! Are you listening in?
When does the broadcasting really begin?
God in heaven is speaking, I know,
What is the message he's broadcasting now?
All shall come true as your heart may believe!
What is the wave length your heart can receive?
Can you receive any message from God?
Can you make out what he's casting abroad?
Crystal receivers your head should instal,
Aerials of hope you can time to the call;
Shut out the noise of earth's traffic and din!
God's speaking from heaven. Are you listening in?

There's a message in music—God's voice may be heard,
There's a speaking far off; God is saying the word;
There are wireless waves without fetter or girth;
God in his heaven is speaking to earth.
It's a radiant message he's sending to you;
The message is there, yes, but can it get through?
The transmission is perfect, fault free, free from sin,
The receiver is—What? Are you listening-in?

—Selected.

THE MAGNETISM OF GOODNESS.

It is easy and perhaps not very profitable to throw stones at dead Pharisees. What about ourselves? We are religious people. We are good people; at least we are good in a way, and so often it is just the way that is at fault. Our religion has strength; it has zeal; it has constancy; but so often it is wanting in charm. It fails to do the one thing which Jesus never failed to do—to allure, to win; it makes no disciples. Is not one of the most tragic things in this queer world of ours, the number of unlovely good people who are in it? Nobody doubts for a moment their goodness, but the pity of it is that the better you know them, the less you want to be of their sort. They are contriving to get through life almost upon a single virtue. Whenever you think of them, you think at once of something they do not do, something that they won't do.

Listen to the way in which we make excuses for ourselves and other people. Here is a man, for example, who suffers from some villainous crook in the temper—so bad, indeed, that when the evil mood is upon him, even his own friends take care to keep out of his neighborhood. And what do we say? "Oh, he is good at heart"; or "His bark is worse than his bite"; or we quote what Goldsmith said about his friend Johnson: "He had nothing of the bear but his skin." So men may be morose tempered, bitter of speech, and uncharitable of judgment, but all these things are slurred over. "They are his failings," we say; "like the spikes of the hedgehog or the hump of the camel, very ungainly and unfortunate, but the creature was made so, and what can you do?"

When I knew Edinburgh first many years ago, perhaps the most influential religious teacher in that city of influential teachers, was the late Henry Drummond. If you could go this morning to far-distant Scots in the Empire, you would find men in the fifties and sixties who, if you could get them to talk about it, would tell you with something like a break in their voices that all that is best in them to-day under God, they owe to the words and life of Drummond in the old Edinburgh days long ago; and above everything else it was the triumph of goodness. Moody and Drummond were intimate friends, and Moody, who had the gift for putting his finger on the spot, said of his friend:

"All of us pay an occasional visit to the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians; Henry Drummond lived there." That is what it means to be a Christian.—Dr. George Jackson, in "The Sunday School Chronicle."

HOW SELF WAS BLOWN AWAY.

"I'm tired of everything, mamma. Do tell me what to do!" said Beth Lincoln, coming into the room where her mother was sitting. "I am tired of everything and everybody. Please tell me what I can do."

"Is my daughter tired of herself?" asked Mrs. Lincoln, with a slight emphasis on "herself."

"Why, yes. Didn't I say so, mamma?"

"How would it do to stop trying to please self, of which you are so very tired?"

"Mamma, what do you mean?"

Just then dear little Madge came toddling into the room and wistfully said: "I haven't any one to play with."

Mrs. Lincoln looked lovingly at Beth and said: "How would it do for my big girl to get away from self and amuse my little girl?"

Mrs. Lincoln was called from the room, and she found two happy children when she returned half an hour later. What were they doing? Both were blowing soap bubbles, and Madge was trying to catch them. Mrs. Lincoln stood for a moment in silence, thinking, "What a beautiful picture!"

Beth looked up and saw her mother, and said: "Aren't the bubbles beautiful, mamma, and isn't Madge a dear?"

"I have two dears now. But what has become of that tired self?"

"Blown away, mamma, with the bubbles," laughed Beth.—Selected.

BE KIND.

Let us be kind!

The sunset tints will soon be in the west;
Too late the flowers are laid then on the quiet breast,

Let us be kind!

And when the angel guides have sought and found us,
Their hands shall link the broken ties that bound us,
And heaven—our home—shall brighten all around us.

Let us be kind!

THE BIGAMIST.

"I can't keep visitors from coming up," said William Winkle, dejectedly. "When I say you're out they won't believe me. They all say they must see you." "Well, put them off somehow," said the editor, with a worried look. "Whatever they say to you just tell them, 'That's what they all say.' Be firm. See?" "Yes, sir." That afternoon a lady called. She had hard features and an acid expression, and she demanded to see the editor at once. "Impossible," said William. "But I'm his wife," persisted the lady. "That's what they all say," said the boy.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

The companion to an elderly lady was reading aloud the newspaper report of a fire, in which it was stated that one servant had to escape down a waterpipe at the back of the house. "But, how thin the poor dear must have been!" exclaimed the dear old soul.

The Family Altar.

J. C. F. P.

Monday.

There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water.—John 4: 7.

"By that well, the ancient station,
Whither Abram's flocks were driven;
By the jar, whose restoration,
To the Saviour's lips was given;
By the fountain, pure and vernal,
Thence its present bounty spending,—
Overflowing, bright, eternal,
Watering the world's unending!"
Reading—John 4: 1-26.

Tuesday.

Come, see a man, who told me all things that ever I did; can this be the Christ?—John 4: 29.
Bernardino of Siena preached an eloquent sermon upon usury. Seated in front of the pulpit was a notorious usurer. The preacher's arrow had entered his heart, and he resolved the moment the sermon was ended to go to Bernardino and restore his illgotten gains according to the advice given. Rushing to the cell after the sermon the usurer confessed to the friars: "To-day this holy man has told me all that I have done, said, and thought, and especially about my wicked usury! The friars explained that the preacher had not intended any personal reference to him, but had been speaking against usurers in general. 'But I saw him pointing and looking at me all the time.' The friars maintained the contrary, but he said with joy, 'He has done all for my salvation.'"
Reading—John 4: 27-54.

Wednesday.

He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father that sent him.—John 5: 23.
"The Jews charged Jesus with assuming equality with God. Jesus answers that the Father has appointed him an honor so identified with his own that there can be no worship of the Father and no faith in the Father, which is not a worship of and a faith in the Son. . . . Calvin wrote, 'The name of God when separated from Christ is an empty signment.'"
Reading—John 5: 1-24.

Thursday.

Ye search the Scriptures, because ye think that in them ye have eternal life; and these are they which bear witness of me.—John 6: 39.
"Turn it and turn it again," says the Talmud, referring to the Bible, "for everything is in it."
Reading—John 5: 25-47.

Friday.

Jesus therefore took the loaves; and having given thanks, he distributed to them that sat down.—John 6: 11.
"Break thou the bread of life, O Lord, to me.
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea,
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!"
Reading—John 6: 1-21.

Saturday.

Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.—John 6: 37.
In a letter to a friend James Gilmour, of Mongolia, wrote, "About feeling—never mind that at all. Things are so whether we feel them or not. Let us take God at his word and not consider our feelings. God refuses no one who comes to him in sincerity. Let us be sure of this. I once heard Spurgeon say a good thing—'When doubt or the devil comes and says, 'You are not saved; you are not right with God,' I go to Him and say, 'If I never came before, I come now; if I never trusted before, I trust now.'"
Reading—John 6: 22-46.

Sunday.

Lord, to whom shall we go?—John 6: 68.
"Whither, O whither should I fly,
But to my loving Saviour's breast?
Secure within thine arms to lie,
And safe beneath thy wings to rest."
Reading—John 6: 47-71.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

November 3.

WITH JESUS IN THE GARDEN.

(Luke 22: 39-46.)

F. J. SIVYER, B.A.

Although the shortest of the three records of Christ's soul-agony in Gethsemane, Luke's story is the intensest. Renan calls Luke's gospel "the most beautiful book that has ever been written," and possibly this scene so sympathetically portrayed helped to create this impression. The special features of the story which are peculiar to Luke's account are eloquent and illuminative. Luke's graphic touch suggests that Jesus was human enough to hunger for the comfort of human friendship, but his divine task drove him into that awesome loneliness where none durst intrude, for none could share his burden. Only a stone's throw from his friends, and yet "he trud the wine-press alone, and of the people there was none with him." The experience was too deep for mortal minds to fully comprehend and for faltering friends to help in.

For us also there will come the lonely hour. "When the soul enters its Gethsemane, it withdraws a stone's cast from its most trusted friends," says Dr. F. B. Meyer. The way to acquiescence in the Father's will and the way to ultimate victory is the way which Jesus reveals—the way of prayer.

Says Dr. A. Maclaren, "The word of the Son to the Father as to the cup so full of woe that he humbly besought its removal, reminds us of a region beyond all that our thought can trace, in which the Christ of God was treading the wine-press alone. Better in view of this, a holy reticence than a zeal which is eager with explanations. If we must speak of the special fearfulness and trembling of Gethsemane, let us simply say that there in all its crushing weight was realised the bearing of the sin of the world."

God's answer to the thrice made prayer was not to remove the burden but to strengthen the Burden-bearer. Frequently that is how God answers our cry for relief. We must learn to pray as Jesus did. "We get into the tone for prayer," says the godly McChesney, "when we learn Christ's—'If it be possible,' and 'If thou be willing.'"

It is remarkable that after the angel had ministered to Jesus, the agony of his struggle continued and increased to its most desperate degree. "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." There can be no better interpretation of such grief and agony than the words of the great prophet: "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows . . . and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

A famous modern expositor, commenting on the exclusion by some ancient authorities of verses 43 and 44 because of the difficulty of harmonising the truth with the divine nature of Jesus, says, "If he had not felt the Cross to be a dread, it had been no sacrifice. If he had allowed the dread to penetrate his will, he had been no Saviour."

Henry Ward Beecher said, "His trouble was beyond their depth, what could they do? What can a little child do, that looks up into the face of the mother, and sees her tears dropping one by one, and knows not what ails her, and still less knows how to comfort her, and can only once in a while climb up into her lap and say, 'Don't cry, mother.' The heart of Jesus in his great trial would have been comforted not a little, if those whom he loved had kept awake and prayed to show their sympathy with him. Jesus conquered his temptation by meeting it with prayer, while his disciples succumbed to their temptation because they met it without prayer."

TOPIC FOR NOV. 10.—THE MESSAGE OF ZECHARIAH.—Zech. 1 1-17.

Our Young People.

Conducted by Leslie C. McCallum, M.A.

SPORTS DAY, NEW SOUTH WALES.

The annual K.S.P. and P.B.P. sports were held at Parramatta Park on Oct. 4. Weather conditions were ideal, competition was keen, control well-nigh perfect, and the whole-hearted co-operation of the Auburn Bible School and the Erskineville band, all tended to make the occasion a happy and memorable one. The results of the sports were as follows:—

Kappa Sigma Pi.

Club Points.

1st Canley Vale, 683, 2nd Auburn, 34, 3rd Hornsby, 28, 4th Ashfield, 10, 5th Rockdale, 3. Canley Vale, winners of shield; winners of ribbons.

1st Div., Canley Vale, 2nd Div., Hornsby, 3rd Div., Canley Vale, 4th Div., Auburn.

Phi Beta Pi.

1st Canley Vale, 84, 2nd Auburn, 11, Canley Vale, winners of shield; winners of ribbons, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Divisions.

AMONG THE SCHOOLS.

Warnambool is one of the largest towns in the south-west of Victoria. It is beautifully situated with the sea on the south, the Hopkins River on the east, and rich undulating country to the north and west. At present the work in this centre is making very good progress. Bro. A. J. Fisher is the preacher and he is organising the work with his usual ardor and well-known ability. The work among the young people is receiving special attention. Portion of the chapel has been partitioned off to form a young people's hall where the weekly gatherings of the young folk are held. A K.S.P., a P.B.P., and a Band of Hope have been organised. The Band of Hope was at first linked to the Bible School, now it is strong enough to stand alone, its membership numbering over forty. The Bible School anniversary services were held on October 17 and 19. Everything passed off successfully the visiting speaker being the young people's organiser. The singing by the children under the leadership of Bro. Fisher was helpful and inspiring. The work is in good heart, and prospects for the future are very bright.

The news that continues to reach us from many centres goes to show that Children's Year in Victoria has certainly increased the number of scholars in our schools. The task now is to hold these children over the summer period. With the approach of summer there is a danger that attendances will fall away in a most remarkable way. Now we do not think that we should regard this shrinkage in attendance as inevitable; much can be done to prevent it if we will. We notice a tendency on the part of some of our schools to close for a Sunday or two around the New Year. This is a practice that we hope will never become popular, for the Bible School Department is anxious that our schools should be open every Sunday in the year. The attendance certificates that the Department provides should be given only where there has been actual attendance at Bible School, even sickness not being counted a reasonable excuse, let alone the closing of a school for the convenience of some. It may be nice for the teachers to feel that they can get away for a week or two while the school is closed, without feeling that they are in any way neglecting their duty, but what of the children? In every community there are those children whose parents cannot take them away at the Christmas season, and it is wise to take away from them the opportunity of attending Bible School? We think not. It is hard enough to hold the boys and girls as it is, but we feel that it will be made

harder still if the Bible School is closed over a period of two or three Sundays. A little planning and a little more sacrifice on the part of teachers and officers will, we feel sure, make it possible to keep the school open even during the holiday period.

PARENTS, PAY THE TEACHER!

At Birmingham, Ala., this spring, we heard a speaker urge that Sunday School teachers be paid for their work. We heartily agree in the sentiment that a teacher should be paid. This is not to be taken as meaning, however, that a salary cheque be handed out each week or month, or that any other feeble attempt be made to give a wage for something that can not be bought with worldly goods.

We believe the teacher should be paid by the inward joy of service; by the thrill that comes from a vision of the possibilities that lie in every young life; by the reward of happiness that always comes from self-sacrifice for others.

But there is a remuneration that can be given teachers by others, and that is the rarest of all wages—assistance and appreciation. P. H. Welshimer, of the Canton (O.) Christian Church, writing in his church paper, expresses our ideas along this line. He says:

"Parents, do you ever think of the service the teachers of the Bible School are rendering your children and yourselves? Take, for example, the teachers of the elementary department. This includes the beginners, primaries and juniors. More than threescore people give the entire morning, from 9.30 to 11.30, to the children of these departments. They never hear the morning sermon. The time is spent in laboring with and for others. They do it uncomplainingly. They build a programme to meet the needs of the children and make the work both instructive and attractive. The least we can do in expressing our appreciation for this fine service is to see that the children are regular in attendance. You can bring benefits, likewise, to your children, by seeing that they make a study of the lesson before the Lord's day. The instruction received and the building of character in the Bible School is of equal importance with that of the public school. Eliminate the idea of religious education from the child's life and you build in vain.

"A letter to a teacher occasionally is a good thing, a letter in which you set forth your appreciation for services rendered and attention given to your own.

"And in speaking of teachers, we are not confining our remarks simply to the elementary department, but we would call attention to all the teachers in all departments of the school. They are a faithful group, much interested in their task. To prepare a lesson, to be present regularly to teach the class, to carry on the work through the week incident to being a teacher, which in many cases involves many calls, is no small task. Hats off to the great teaching force of our school!"

AN AVERAGE MAN.

"When the blood is up 'tis a simple thing
To charge where the bombs and the bullets
sing.

But he is worthy a higher place
Who fronts his woes with a smiling face.

"For the noblest strife in our life to-day
Is the humdrum fight in the humdrum way;
Though wealth and genius may lead the van,
Yet the hero is often the average man.

—G. E. Evans.

Foreign Missions.

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

A LETTER FROM PENTECOST.

Bro. David Bullacasso, in a letter from Pentecost, New Hebrides, writes as follows:—

"I'm sorry Mr. Walden that we on Pentecost not help on God's work with some money, for India and China because we not like all the Island Oba and Ambrim and Santo for there are many coconuts they have on their Islands; but on Pentecost we only got yams and taro these two things that we plant for food, and we trying and sell them to some trader man, but they only buy them with three sticks tobacco and some give one stick tobacco and a box of matches, and just the way we not have money on this Island we like very much to help on God's work. But I say thanks very much to all who help you to India and China; for God will look after them and send his rich blessing upon them and he will make them fruitful and multiply for the offerings which they give; to his work, and I hope that God bless you for the things which sending out and for the great works that you've done for him.

"We are all very glad to you that you not send brother Mackie to Oba because he teach all the Pentecost boys in school very well he teach them how to spelling and reading the words in First Class book for he speak plainly to them, that they may know all the words. But one thing we like him to show us about it, very well for none of us know them yet and the thing is Saoms he shows them to us finish but he not shows them very well, but all the other things he teach very well and we are glad that you sent him here for I think it you send him to Oba not will be long they make big trouble at him, for we are glad that he came here on Pentecost for he always goes on every station and make service, and every men and women and children saw him and glad for he goes to them every week and that's thing that all Pentecost natives like missionary do:

"May God richly bless you and help you for the greatful works you've do their."

FOREIGN MISSION CALENDAR FOR 1927.

Following the practice of the past few years, a most attractive Foreign Mission Calendar has been prepared and is being issued by the Committees of the following States: Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia. There is a monthly calendar, each page being well illustrated and containing helpful missionary information. Names and addresses of all our foreign missionaries are given. It would be well if the calendar were in every Brotherhood home. Orders should be given to the local church secretary. The price is 9d.

NEWS FROM YUNNANFU.

Bro. H. G. Clark and Miss Ludbrook are in good health, and still enjoying the company of some of the American Thibetan missionaries. Bro. Clark writes as follows:—

"In regard to the language study, I am feeling more content than I was. We have secured a new teacher, who is a hundred per cent. better than the other. Mr. Mylne is helping us in the morning from 7 to 8 o'clock, and this gives a little of what we would get in a language school.

"Our American missionaries in Batang have plenty of fruit trees and have canning machinery, which enables them to do all their own canning of fruit and vegetables. I have sent some fruit seeds to Hueilichow, which I hope, in time will help out in this. I think the more wholesome fruit one can get the better.

"One of the C.I.M. young women missionaries

is, at present, in the hospital completely broken down in health, and Dr. Bradley has ordered her return.

"One of the most important events since I last wrote was the sending off of most of our goods to Hueilichow. By doing this they go about half the ordinary cost. Now we can send them as back-loading. If we leave them until we go then one has to hire coolies, especially for the trip, and they charge you on the assumption that they won't get back-loading. When weight and size have to be considered in addition to safety in packing, it presents some task. One man carries two boxes of 47 lbs. each, or two men carry one box of 140 lbs. These boxes cannot be above a certain size nor can you afford to have them under weight. Nor are your worries over when they are packed, strapped and labelled. En route they are subject to perils of robbers, perils of storms, and perils of careless carriers. So far our goods have survived, but our last lot has gone out into bad weather. We shall await news of the effects. I think the oil paper and oil cloth should keep out most of the water. The goods of a fellow Australian were recently captured by brigands, who destroyed that which they couldn't use. An organ was smashed to pieces. As this happened about two days out on the Hueili road, one contemplates it as a cheerful stimulant. These things—at least add color to life.

"Yunnanfu has been the scene of frequent parades by the school children of late. The governor is heavily in debt to the bank, and he has given public property, including the schools, as security. The bank is anxious to collect some of the money, and has threatened to sell the schools. The teachers and scholars have paraded the streets in protest and will win the day. The financial scheme is on its way to a crash. A few years a dollar Yunnan was worth more than a dollar Hong Kong. To-day, if you wish to buy a H.K. dollar at the P. office, it costs you \$3.30 Yunnan. Of course prices have gone up accordingly.

"The paper money is only valued at about 50 per cent. of the coined money. I fear that the same kind of catastrophe that befell Germany and other European countries will befall Yunnan. China has fallen on evil days. But taking a longer view I think all will be well. I use my Y.M.C.A. classes as a medium for probing the minds of the students, and set such topics for essays as "What I should like to become," "What I would do if I were the Governor," and "What are China's great needs?" One finds that a great deal of idealism exists in their minds. Though some recognise that China's pitiable condition is due to her own failings, many have the idea that it is due to the sins of others, particularly "imperialistic Britain." The "extra-territorial" question is the burning one. The contention is that foreigners in China should be governed by China's laws and not by those of the nation to which they belong. Some missionaries who have not taken an active stand on the matter have been severely handled. Some Baptist missionaries were recently driven out of their hospital and pelted with all manner of filth. They had to flee for their lives and leave the hospital to the mercy of the ruffians. History records many instances of peoples who reject the faith of those who are, or appear to be, their oppressors. To-day the Chinese view England as an oppressing country, and as Christianity is nominally the faith holding sway in England, the anti-Christian movement is a phase of the anti-British movement. Had England been a Mohammedan country, the movement would have been anti-Mohammedan. I am inclined to think that the strength of Roman Catholicism in Ireland

is partly due to this same tendency. As serious as the business is, I cannot but see the humor in some phases of the anti-Christian movement. For instance, they issued anti-Christian Christmas cards! Despite it all the British and Foreign Bible Society had had a record year. The anti-movement is not so strong here at Yunnanfu, though we see signs of its existence."

BIRTH.

BINGHAM.—On Sept. 28 at St. Leonards Private Hospital, Kyneton, to Mr. and Mrs. Craig S. G. Bingham, of Durham Ox—a son (Craig Charles Cooper).

DEATH.

WATKINS.—On October 8 at the residence of her son-in-law (Mr. R. S. Stacy), St. Helier-ter., High-st., Queenstown. Mary Elizabeth, wife of the late John Stephen Watkins, and dearly loved mother of Harold, Norman and Doris L. (Mrs. R. S. Stacy). After life's pain—God's peace.

A time to work, a time to pray,
A little pain, a little sorrow
And then, please God, a quiet night,
Where palms are green, and robes are white.
A rest from pain, a balm for sorrow,
And all things lovely on the morrow,
In heaven—at home.

COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER 30.—Ormond Church of Christ. Saturday, Oct. 30, afternoon and evening, Sale of Gifts. Mrs. Reg. Clark will open fair at 3 p.m. Support of sister churches greatly appreciated. Please keep this date free.

NOVEMBER 12 and 13.—The Annual Sale of Goods of the Balwyn Church of Christ Ladies' Aid will be opened in the schoolroom by Mr. E. W. Greenwood, M.L.A., at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12 and continued at 2.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13. All are cordially invited to be present.

NOVEMBER 14.—Lord's Day, Church of Christ, Swanston-st., Melbourne, 61st Anniversary and Home-Coming Day. Special Services. Former members and friends cordially invited.

NOVEMBER 21 and 22.—Castlemaine Church of Christ 56th Anniversary. Speaker, Mr. Reg. Ennis. Monday, Tea and Public Meeting. Soloist and elocutionist, Miss Eileen Pascoe-Webbe, of Melbourne. Former members cordially invited.

NOVEMBER 25.—Annual Demonstration of the College of the Bible, Lygon-st. Chapel, Thursday evening, Nov. 25, 8 o'clock. All are welcome.

NOVEMBER 28.—Prahara Church will celebrate its 73rd Anniversary on November 28. An "every-member-present" day and a "home-coming" day for ex-members.

NOVEMBER 29 (Monday).—Bible School and Young People's Department's Annual Prize-giving Demonstration, Lygon-st. Chapel, 7.45 p.m. Splendid programme of dialogues, action songs, and concerted items. Admission, adults 6d., children (under 14) 3d.

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Here and There.

Bro. D. E. Pittman, manager of the Austral Co., has been unwell and is now resting in the country. He hopes soon to be able to resume work.

We rejoice at the record collections of over £22,000 on Saturday and Sunday last for the hospitals. The liberal response of the churches to the appeal is gratifying.

We sympathise with Bro. W. A. Russell, preacher in Eyre's Peninsula, S.A., in the loss of his father, a faithful disciple who passed away at Woomelang, Vic., on October 20.

For the report of the S.A. Sisters' Conference in last issue and that of the general S.A. Conference printed in this number, we are indebted to the kindness of Bro. Reg. Lampshire.

The following telegram reached us on Tuesday from Western Australia:—"Hinrichsen-Brooker splendid commencement Subinco Sunday; 800 present; three decisions.—Brooke."

The Victorian Women's Executive will meet on Friday, Nov. 5, at 2.30 prompt. Leader of devotions is Mrs. G. Mitchell, and the speaker Mrs. F. Lee. All sisters are cordially invited.

In our report of the recent C.E. Convention it was stated that Miss Milligan was in charge of the decorations. Miss Sears, of South Yarra church, was in charge, and with her Miss Milligan was associated.

The following telegram from Gympie, Queensland, reached us on Monday:—"Ball mission commenced thirteenth; great interest; attendances large; building crowded last night. Five restorations. Four decisions to date.—Trudgian."

Victorian brethren are notified that the annual Home Mission appeal will be made on Sunday, Dec. 5. It is hoped that every church will come into line, and not allow anything to get in the way of this offering for our State work.

We have appended the title of "The Message Which Wins" to an article on the Johannesburg mission, South Africa, kindly forwarded by Dr. Kellems. We advise all to read it. It says some things we have often insisted on. The New Testament plan works.

Occasionally we have inquiries re church reports which have been sent to us but which have not appeared. We should like our reporters to know that, if reports are not published, their letters have not reached us. We never reject reports, though sometimes they may come too late for immediate use, and at times we may have to condense them.

The Victorian Home Mission organiser has recently visited the churches in the Brim-Warracknabeal district. Excellent work is being done in each centre. Bro. Combridge and Searle are greatly appreciated. Bro. Ralph Gelbie commenced a brief mission with the Warracknabeal church on Oct. 25.

We regret to learn that Mr. George Aldridge, a well-known preacher at Auckland, was fatally injured by being knocked down by a motor-car on stepping off the footpath to cross a street on the way to conduct a Bible Class. He was well known as a forcible preacher and voluminous writer. He conducted preaching and lecturing tours in Australia at various times.

Bro. Chas. Hale, of Tasmania, is visiting Victoria early in November, and has kindly offered to conduct lectures in the churches, subject to arrangement, in the interests of the proposed Home for the Aged. The Social Service organiser, Will H. Clay, of 49 Elizabeth-st., Melbourne, would be glad to hear from churches willing to co-operate. The subject of the lecture is "Pretty Tasmania." Social Service work will be featured.

Bible School anniversary services at City Temple, N.S.W., were held on 24th inst. Bro. A. E. Hingworth speaking at all services. Bright singing by scholars under the leadership of Bro.

A. Morris. Bro. Hingworth's talk upon "The Boa Constrictor" made the afternoon service very enjoyable. Good attendance at evening service, many strangers being present. Bro. Hingworth's address entitled "Steps to the King's Throne," was greatly appreciated.

A number of volunteer missions have been arranged by the Victorian Home Missionary Department. Bro. Methven has held very excellent missions at Woorinen and Piangil. In the latter place a church has been established with fifteen members. The church at Ormond has received much help from a mission conducted by Bro. H. M. Clipstone. News is to hand that there have been seven confessions in a mission at Merhein, conducted by Bro. Lang, and that the mission is to continue.

Bro. Hugh McCallum, B.A., B.D., the new preacher for Durban, South Africa, passed through Melbourne last week. A few brethren welcomed him in the city. Bro. McCallum journeyed from America to Australia with his wife and three children by the "Ventura." They expect to reach Durban about the middle of November. The Kellems-Richards mission in that city is now in full swing. The "Natal Advertiser" of Sept. 20 reports the beginning of the mission with an audience of about 1,000 in the King's Hall on Sept. 19. Bro. Kellems wrote on Sept. 21: "We are just beginning here with far greater audiences than we had at Johannesburg. We have a much larger hall."

The Churches of Christ Almanac for 1927 is now ready. Samples will be sent by the Austral Co. to church secretaries, but orders may be placed at once (post free, 3d. copy, 2/9 dozen). Service plans are ready (post free, dozen of each quarter for 1927, 1/-). A feature of the Almanac is Bro. A. M. Ludbrook's plan for reading through the Old Testament in 1927. In harmony with this is a fine two-color representation of the Transfiguration of Jesus. The suggested readings follow the idea of going through the Old Testament, and New Testament selections are from Romans and Corinthians. Suggested hymns and prayer meeting topics are also given. The Almanac is carefully printed, and no doubt will have a large circulation.

At Kalgoorlie on Oct. 7 Bro. F. Saunders addressed the Sisters' Mission Band. In the evening the men's brotherhood had an open night at which Bro. Saunders gave an interesting talk. On Oct. 10 Bro. Hunt spoke at both services. In the evening about 400 were present, and three made the good confession. 299 broke bread. At School attendance was 200. On Oct. 13, at prayer meeting, 130 were present, and four were baptised. On Oct. 14 about 80 delegates passed through on their way to conference. During their stay they were shown over the chapel. They were entertained by the Sisters' Mission Band at the Town Hall to afternoon tea, and afterwards given a civic reception by the Mayor, Mr. Allsop. On Oct. 17, splendid addresses were given by Bro. Pollard, B.Sc. 400 were present at gospel service. Four were received into fellowship.

The Dunedin Church of Christ meeting for very many years in The Tabernacle, King-st., has removed to a fine new building in St. Andrew-st. The last service in King-st. was held on Sept. 26, W. D. More being the preacher. The dedication service in the new building took place on October 3. About 400 were present at the morning service, while at night the school hall had to be used to accommodate those who could not obtain seats in the church building. Mrs. John White, who has attended the Dunedin services for 67 years and has been a member of the church for 60 years, had the honor of opening the door. She was presented with a

gold key. Again Mr. More was speaker for the day, his evening subject being "That they all may be one." The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Hekey, rendered excellent service. Offerings for the day amounted to £220. A great public service was held on Monday, Oct. 4. W. D. More presided and representative speakers gave greetings, viz. Mr. H. E. Bellhouse, President of Council of Churches; Mr. C. Dallaston, on behalf of Baptists of the city; Mr. Wilson, Y.M.C.A. secretary; Mr. G. P. Cuttriss; Mr. John M. Innes, for suburban churches; and Mr. John Watt, Oamaru. We hope later to be able to give a picture and description of the building, of which Mr. D. G. Mowat was architect and Mr. W. McLellan builder. We trust that with a new home the church will be greatly successful, and that the best of Old Tabernacle days will be surpassed. The Dunedin church will hereafter be known as the St. Andrew-st. Church of Christ.

ADDRESSES.

Alfred Mann (secretary, pro tem, Brunswick church, Vic.)—99 Edward-st., E. Brunswick.

A. Cameron (preacher North Richmond church, Vic.)—37 Davidson-st., North Richmond.

The address of the new preacher for Swanston-st. church, Dr. John L. Brandt, is 120 Park-st. West, Brunswick. 'Phone, Bwk. 1325.

L. Larsen (preacher Ipswich church)—Eileent-st., Booval, Qld.

Thos. Hall (secretary East Camberwell church)—36 Allambec-ave., Camberwell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY, MIDDLE LANE.

Sunday, Oct. 31—

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Sunday, Nov. 7—

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South Australian Conference.

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ing. In the New Hebrides, the work was encouraging. Financial receipts had been well over £2,800. Fine work had been done by Mr. MacPhee among the Chinese in South Australia.

Miss L. Redman, missionary on furlough, gave an outline of education in India.

Mr. T. E. Role, of N.S.W., gave a statement of South Australia's record among Australian States in sending the gospel to the heathen. Following were striking items of the statement. South Australia sent first missionary to China, Miss Rosa L. Tonkin; provided the first medical missionary that the Australian churches of Christ have sent into the heathen field, Dr. Ray Killmier; provided first medical nurse to take up permanent work on our Australian station, Miss Elsie Caldwell; provided the first missionary to start our Australian work in India, Harry Stratton; provided the first missionaries for work in the New Hebrides, Rosa and Frank Filmer.

The first missionary bungalow erected on the foreign field was named after a South Australian, A. T. Magarey.

South Australia has sent out eighteen missionaries to our fields in India, China, Philippines, New Hebrides and Africa.

There are now eleven South Australian missionaries laboring in India, China and South Africa.

With the exception of West Australia South Australia gives more per member than any other State in Australia. South Australia has more churches contributing over £100 per year than any other State in Australia. Last year eight churches contributed over £100 to Foreign Missions. South Australia Bordertown-Mundalla church with its £395/12/8 contributed the largest amount given by one church in Australia. With its £3/16/9½ per member it easily outdistances all per capita contributions of any church with over a hundred members. She has another good country team-mate in the Long Plains-Avon church with its £2/11/10½ per member.

The Foreign Mission demonstration was held in the Adelaide Town Hall on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance. Mr. A. C. Rankine (in the chair), introduced the Foreign Mission President, Mr. H. J. Horsell, who, in a brief, earnest address, stressed the responsibility of the church for wider and more effective work. Miss Redman spoke of the Indian villages, and sketched picturesquely the daily life of the people. Mr. J. A. Willkie (of Ballarat) touched on the grave peril of missionaries in China, where some were actually in the hands of lawless forces, and spoke of the devotion needed for service as medical missionaries. During the evening two anthems were rendered, with effect and expression by the Maylands choir, under Mr. F. Langlois—"The God of Abram praise," and "The barns shall be filled." Miss Muriel Moore gave a vocal solo, "Give thanks and sing."

Home Missions.
The Executive and Home Mission report stated that the committee and advisory board had done valuable work. During the year the church office removed to Grote-st. from the Liberal Club buildings, also the book department. This department, under the management of our esteemed Bro. Horsell, has had a most successful year, showing a profit from sale of books, etc., of £116/16/6. At completion of the first year the publishing committee of the State paper, the "Challenge," shows a credit balance of £10. Mr. W. L. Ewers is now business manager, and Mr. J. Wiltshire editor.

Messrs. A. E. Forbes and J. Warren were engaged for evangelistic work. A new tent had been purchased for £161, and the C.E. contributed £17/5/- toward the purchase of a portable baptistry and curtains as part of the equipment. Missions have been held in five country towns and one suburb. Decisions totalled 188.

Several of the churches have had successful missions, viz., Semaphore, Unley, Prospect, Croydon and York. About 190 decisions reported.

Finance.

The Home Mission financial statement showed that £5,014/11/11 has been received from all sources, and £5,214/18/- has been expended. £1,288/3/6 of this money belonging to other funds has passed through the books for convenience, and of that amount £1,242/18/4 has been repaid to the respective funds. The bank overdraft at July 31, 1926, was £200/6/1, and to this must be added further liabilities to the extent of £592/9/10.

Reports were presented with short addresses by Messrs. E. Arnold (Murray Bridge), R. H. Lampshire (Forestville), H. R. Taylor (St. Morris), W. G. Graham (Fullarton), R. Raymond (Nailsworth), and W. A. Eagle (Walleroo). Addresses were given also by Mr. A. E. Forbes, State evangelist, and Mr. J. Warren (Colonel Light Gardens). Earnest discussion followed the State missioner's address, in which he urged the claims of tent mission work. The question of future work aroused great interest, and an expression of varying opinion. The financial side of the question seemed to require consideration, a deficit that was not quite wiped off from year to year being the chief difficulty. Many speakers claimed that the results attained were well worth all that had been spent and more. The addresses were interspersed with hymns, and a concerted item rendered by the preachers.

At the great Home Mission demonstration in the Town Hall, Mr. Jas. E. Webb occupied the chair. On behalf of the churches Mr. S. P. Weir presented the chairman with a handsome bound Bible. Bro. Webb expressed his thanks for the loyal support he had received during his term of office. He also introduced the incoming president, Mr. F. Langlois, who expressed his very great pleasure for the honor conferred upon him, and asked for loyal co-operation in the future work. Mr. W. A. Russell, from Tumby Bay, delivered an address on the theme, "The Value of Home Missions out Back," and Mr. W. L. Ewers, of Mile End, spoke on "Extending the Kingdom." The Grote-st. choir again rendered delightful selections under the leadership of Mr. O. H. Finlayson. Mr. Norman Morphet also assisted with a selection from Mendelssohn.

Election of Officers and Committees.

The following were elected:—

Home Mission.—Past president, Mr. J. E. Webb; president, Mr. F. Langlois; vice-president, Mr. F. Collins; secretary, Mr. H. J. Horsell; assistant secretary, Mr. Beiler; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Gard; committeemen, Messrs. W. G. Brooker, W. L. Ewers, R. Harkness, W. T. Magarey, B. W. Manning, the Hon. W. Morrow, M.L.C., Messrs. R. E. Mossop, E. J. Paternoster, E. W. Peet, A. C. Rankine, G. M. Verco, J. Wiltshire, S. Price Weir and G. D. Wright.

Church and Building Extension Committee.—Messrs. A. J. Gard, W. T. Magarey, and J. Wiltshire. Bible School and Y.P. Department.—Messrs. W. Beiler, W. G. Graham, H. Gray, R. Raymond, Herbert Taylor.

Christian Endeavor Department.—Messrs. J. Gordon, R. Graham and H. Gray. Prohibition and Social Problems Committee.—Messdames Bond and Green, and Messrs. A. Chiles, L. H. Crosby, J. Gordon, R. Graham and E. W. Peet. Training

Committee.—Messrs. A. C. Garnett, R. Harkness and G. T. Walden. Nominating Committee.—Messrs. F. Collins, W. L. Ewers, H. J. Horsell, G. T. Walden and J. Wiltshire. Representatives to the S.A. Prohibition Alliance.—Messrs. W. G. Graham, H. Gray and J. Wiltshire. Protestant Home Committee.—Messrs. A. Chiles, T. M. Glover and G. McKie.

Foreign Mission Committee.—Miss R. I. Tonkin, Messrs. L. R. Fisher, H. J. Horsell, E. A. Riches, G. Rootes, G. T. Walden.

Representatives to S.A. Prohibition Alliance.—Messrs. J. Wiltshire, G. T. Walden, R. H. Lampshire, J. E. Webb.

Prohibition and Social Problems Committee.

Mr. H. L. Crosby stated that the committee had worked splendidly for the Protestant Children's Home, migration scheme and Local Option. £86 was raised and £123 spent. The committee commenced the year with £37, and at present have a balance of £2.

Training Committee.

Mr. J. Wiltshire referred to the work accomplished. In February last the central training class was opened, with an enrolment of 23 students. The correspondence course, under the leadership of Bro. McKie, has a membership of 16. Bible institutes have been held in several centres without country and suburban districts.

Church and Sunday School Building Extension Fund.

Loans have been granted to several churches—£200 to Cheltenham. £150 was paid for the land at Flinders Park. Croydon church has paid the balance of their loan. The church at Forestville, requiring larger premises to meet their needs have decided to erect a chapel and rooms. Fullarton and Barmera have also been helped. Annual offering amounted to £170. Churches have repaid £289.

General.

Deputations were received from S.A. Prohibition League, Protestant Children's Home, Port Adelaide Seamen's Mission and Sailors' Rest.

The following resolutions were unanimously carried:—

That the members of the churches of Christ in Conference assembled hereby pledges their hearty support towards any effort for the purpose of closing liquor bars on Saturday afternoons at one o'clock.

That this Conference of the churches of Christ in S.A. appreciates the high ideals of the Port Adelaide Seamen's Mission, and heartily commends it to the practical sympathy of the churches.

That this Conference extends a hearty welcome to Bro. S. S. Lappin, of Indianapolis, U.S.A., during his contemplated visit to Australia.

That this Conference learns with pleasure of the prospective visit of Bro. Jesse Bader, of the United Christian Missionary Society of America, during 1927. That we extend to him a hearty welcome to South Australia, and assure him of our co-operation in the project of his visit, and that we ask Bro. Bader to try and make his arrangements fit in with our next annual conference in 1927.

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The monthly meeting was held in Lake-st. hall on Oct. 5, when there was an attendance of 51 sisters. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. D. A. Ewers, from Adelaide; Mrs. Hunter and Miss Smedley and Mrs. Nivan, from Victoria; also Miss Fishwick. Mrs. H. Berry led a short devotional period, and gave a short paper on "Writing, or the Ministry of the Pen."

The president (Mrs. Elliott) conducted the business session. We were pleased to have short greetings from Mrs. D. A. Ewers and Mrs. Hunter.

Mrs. Yelland spoke a few words explaining the vanishing tea scheme which the Foreign Mission Committee proposed, starting after Federal Conference. Collection, 16/3.

The financial statement was read by the treasurer, Mrs. Ingham. It was decided that we pay the freight on Christmas mission box to India from our funds this year.

Final arrangements were made for Federal Conference, reception and meals.

Mrs. E. R. Berry will be the devotional leader for November meeting.

Meeting closed with hymn and prayer by Mrs. D. A. Ewers, after which a social cup of tea was enjoyed.—M. Wilson.

OBITUARY.

ROWE.—The church at Kaniva has sustained a loss through the passing away on Sept. 29, of Mrs. Rowe, sen., after a long illness borne with Christian hope and patience. Sister Rowe was born at Kenton Valley, S.A., 66 years ago. In 1887 she with her husband came to Kaniva, and two years later was baptised by Bro. Colbourne. For 37 years she has been faithful and consistent to the profession of her faith. Mrs. Rowe had been a widow for 19 years, and leaves a son and daughter, Mr. E. Rowe and Mrs. A. Williams, who are both highly esteemed workers in the church. We laid her body to rest in the Kaniva-Lillimur cemetery in the presence of a large number of loved ones, in sure and certain hope of a resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ.—A.R.B.

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News of the Churches.

Tasmania.

Meetings at Collins-st., Hobart, are being conducted by local brethren in the absence of Bro. L. Johnston at Federal Conference. On Oct. 10 Bro. Jarvis exhorted. Gospel service was conducted by Bro. J. C. D. Green. Bro. G. Spaulding spoke on morning of 17th, and the church secretary gave gospel address. All meetings well attended. The church had fellowship with a number of sisters from Brisbane. Mrs. Patterson received a welcome after a long absence. Offering for College of the Bible was received on 17th.

Western Australia.

At Bassendean on Oct. 12 the K.S.P. gave a successful concert in aid of the proposed cricket club. On Oct. 13 Bro. F. Saunders, from the College of the Bible, delivered an address. On morning of 17th 110 members broke bread. Bro. J. Sharp, of Victoria, was the speaker. Many visitors were present, including Mrs. Black, Vic.; Mrs. Sharp and son, Harvey; Mrs. Curriek, recently arrived from Scotland; Mr. and Mrs. J. Sharp, Vic. In the evening the chapel was again filled, Bro. F. T. Saunders giving an appreciated address.

Queensland.

Fairly good meetings continue at Marburg. Bro. Campbell is doing splendid work in the circuit. He is planning to form a Christian Endeavor Society. Attendance at prayer meetings is well maintained.

Work at Wynnum is progressing in every department. During the month three were baptised. A keen interest is manifest in gospel meetings. Bro. H. Bassard has improved in health after his enforced holiday. An effort will shortly be made to reduce church debt.

At Maryborough Bro. G. E. Burns exchanged pulpits with Pastor W. Goodman (Baptist) for a day. On Oct. 16 a church tea was held, 76 being present. It was decided to hold a "back-to-church" special week. On Oct. 24 Bro. Burns preached powerfully to a good audience at night.

Ipswich reports average meetings. Sister A. Feeney is home from hospital. The Y.P.C.E. Society had its first meeting on 18th. Sister Alcorn rejoices that her brother, Mr. Freemar Davis, of C.I.M., has been delivered from the Chinese bandits. The Bible School is preparing for anniversary.

Fernvale reports splendid meetings. Brethren from Marburg and other churches continue to help. On Sept. 19 Bro. V. Boettcher preached; a young girl confessed Christ. She was baptised by Bro. Campbell on Oct. 4. Bro. Campbell gives very helpful messages. Sister A. Pieper, who underwent a serious operation in Marburg Hospital, is progressing favorably.

At Ann-st., Brisbane, on Oct. 10, Bro. Alcorn spoke at both services. Bro. and Sister Bagley, from West End, were received into fellowship. On Oct. 17 Bro. Alcorn visited Boonah, and Bro. Bennett, from Albion, spoke at morning service. Mr. Toombes, of Queensland Prohibition League, was the speaker at night. Bro. Kingston, from Marrackville, was present. Bro. and Sister Clothier and Bro. G. W. Potter were delegates to Federal Conference.

South Australia.

Under Bro. Durdin's leadership the Strathalbyn church reports aggressive work, with the various auxiliaries flourishing. The Y.P.C.E. Society gained the honor banner for the year, while the newly-organised junior society gained third place in its division. Construction of a new porch has been commenced.

At Norwood Bro. P. R. Baker continues to draw large audiences. The question box has been

used freely. The church is preparing for a tent mission. On Oct. 20 the annual business meeting was held. Three newly-elected officers were welcomed, viz., Bren. J. English, W. Hewson, C. W. Hoffmann. For the past twelve months, there were 17 decisions.

Since Bro. Raymond has been at Nailsworth a young people's class has been formed. The members had an enjoyable picnic at Long Gully recently. Prayer meetings are much improving. Sunday night's service has a good attendance. The men and boys assisted, and a male choir rendered items. It being boy week Bro. Raymonds' address was to men and boys.

Work at Croydon is going on nicely. Preparations are being made for the Sunday School anniversary. Bro. Hollams gave a fine morning address on Oct. 17. In the evening Bro. Graham delivered an impressive message on "Neglect." On morning of Oct. 24 Bro. Graham spoke on "The Boy." His evening theme was "The Prints of the Nails." Bro. Banks has been appointed superintendent of the Bible School in place of Bro. Hancock.

Good work is reported at Hindmarsh. Five have been received by faith and baptism during the last two weeks. On Oct. 17 Bro. H. J. Horsell spoke at both services in the absence of Bro. Paternoster at Federal Conference. A missionary box was packed by the I.C.E. Society and forwarded by Miss Redman to the mission field. The I.C.E. and junior society were successful in again holding the union banner, presented at conference. Two delegates from the C.E. attended convention in Victoria.

The interior of North Adelaide chapel has been tastefully renovated. A young lady was baptised on Oct. 20. Relationships between church and preacher are very happy, and Bro. Hugh Gray has been asked to stay another year. The Ladies' Dorcas Society, under presidency of Mrs. Haveland, has had a wonderful year of work, 83 garments being made for charitable purposes. They are planning to aid Home Missions. The school is practising for Children's Day service. A G.E. Society has been formed with good prospects.

Maylands Bible School anniversary services were continued on Oct. 7 and 11, when the scholars excelled themselves in presenting action songs, dialogues, etc. The annual picnic was held at Glen Osmond on 13th inst. On Oct. 17, in the absence of Bro. Collins at Goolwa, Bro. Webb, of Unley, spoke in the morning, and Bro. Badger, of the Prisoners' Aid Society, at night. On Oct. 24 Bro. Collins spoke at both services to appreciative audiences. Bro. F. Williams, from W.A., and Miss Hehoe, a Bible School scholar, were received into membership.

Semaphore girls' gymnasium classes gave their annual demonstration and concert in the Town Hall on Oct. 19, to a good attendance. Medals and prizes were distributed by the Mayoress, Mrs. A. O. R. Tapp. The Bible School picnic was successfully held on Oct. 23 at Belair. On Oct. 24 Bro. J. C. Stanley gave a good morning address, and Bro. Tremellen was received into fellowship. At the gospel service three ladies responded to the invitation after Bro. Rootes' address. The church regrets to report the death of Sister Miss Rollbush on Oct. 18, after a lengthy illness. She was a very faithful member.

At Queenstown on Oct. 21 seven were baptised. These received the right hand of fellowship on 24th, when the church celebrated its 57th anniversary. In the morning Mr. Rankine exhorted. In the afternoon the chapel was filled. Mr. Bray (just returned from India and Ceylon) gave a talk on "Child Life in India." The certificates from the Sunday School Union were distributed, also prizes and certificates from

the Sunday School in connection with the recent Scripture examination. In the evening the chapel was crowded. Special singing was rendered by the choir. Bro. Brooker was the preacher. A husband and wife came forward, and a young man, formerly a member, wished to link up again. Mrs. Turner was welcomed by letter of transfer from Grote-st.

Goolwa Bible School twenty-first anniversary services were conducted by Bro. Collins, of Maylands, on Oct. 17 and 18. There were large attendances, inspiring messages, and excellent singing by scholars. Bro. Phil Woods, of Unley, rendered appreciated help on violin. 23 new scholars and 2 new teachers were gained during year. There are now 84 scholars on the roll. Kinders gave interesting demonstration in Institute on Sunday afternoon. One anniversary offering of £2 10/- has been forwarded to the Dhond Hospital Fund. Through a generous donation from Mr. C. H. Norman, of Underdale, a large swing has been erected on picnic ground. On Oct. 16 the teachers entertained 75 scholars and several visiting church members to a school birthday party in the new kindergarten room. By special arrangements with the H.M. Committee the church has the help of the preacher from one of the city and suburban churches three Sundays in each month. Gratitude is expressed to the churches and their preachers for this great help.

Victoria.

South Melbourne anniversary services on Oct. 24 were of a high order. Bro. Waterman exhorted in the morning. In the afternoon Bro. Baker spoke to the children. At the gospel service the building was crowded.

Glenferrie church received three new members on Sunday morning. A social evening was held on 25th inst, and a presentation made to Bro. and Sister Scambler in honor of their eleventh anniversary at Hawthorn.

The Pyramid Hill church is in its final week of the mission conducted by Bro. D. Wakeley. Splendid interest is being maintained. At the gospel meeting, after a stirring address on "Our Position and Plea," three adults confessed Christ.

Bro. Perry, of Box Hill, gave a splendid address to the church at Ringwood on Sunday morning. 65 present at Bible School. Over 80 attended the gospel service, when Bro. Lindsay Smith spoke on "The Church that Jesus Built." Bro. Taylor sang a fine solo.

Bro. Stewart has been absent from Shepparton on a fortnight's vacation. Meetings on Oct. 10 and 17 were conducted by Bren. Bolduan and Funston. Bro. Stewart's evening message on 24th was much enjoyed. Arrangements are going ahead for a tent mission next month.

Prahran morning service has improved. Last Sunday four were received into membership. The guild, junior and senior, closed a happy year with a full muster at a church parade and lily service, with a display in Town Hall. Miss Mathieson has taken a fine interest in the work, and her services are much appreciated.

At Footscray meetings were fairly well attended on Sunday. Three were received into fellowship. Bro. Hurren is enjoying a two-weeks' holiday at St. Arnaud. Bro. G. Gardner, of Ascot Vale, had charge of the evening service. Bible School intends holding annual picnic at Reservoir on Cup Day. Two members received by letter.

At Northcote the new tennis court was officially opened by Dr. W. H. Hinrichsen on Oct. 16. A syllabus for mid-week prayer meeting has proved successful. In three months £73 has been raised for building fund. On Oct. 24 a lady made the good confession. A successful concert, arranged by Sister Miss M. Sutch, was held on Oct. 21 to augment the tennis court funds. Several visiting speakers have helped and Bro. Swain has done excellent work. Dr. W. H. Hinrichsen also is up to his usual high standard. The Hospital Sunday collection resulted in £6. All auxiliaries are in a very healthy condition. Several members have been received by letter.

Meetings at North Melbourne have been fair. Bro. C. C. Dawson continues to give good and instructive address. Bro. Dawson has accepted a call to Preston. The church is looking to Bro. Hunt, of Fitzroy, to labor in this field. On Oct. 15 and 16 the mizpah club and sisters of the church held a sale of work. Cash in hand to date reaches £70. Offering for hospitals reached £3/11/-.

Swanston-st. had another good day on Sunday. "Ring the Bells of Heaven," was the subject of Dr. Brandt's eloquent morning address. At night Dr. Brandt preached on "Christianity versus Morality." Interest and meetings are growing. The experiment of holding the Bible School at 11.30 on Sunday morning is encouraging, and looks like solving that problem in a city church.

On Oct. 17 T. H. Scambler, B.A., gave a splendid address at the morning service at Balwyn. Jas. E. Thomas spoke at night. Last Lord's day there were fine meetings all day, 180 breaking bread. Jas. E. Thomas spoke morning and evening. There were two baptisms at night. Mrs. Dr. Richards, of Box Hill, spoke to about 60 ladies at the Sunshine Circle. Junior boys' club has been reopened.

Berwick Sunday School has lost one of its bright scholars by the passing away of Roy Meyer on Oct. 14, at the Children's Hospital, Melbourne, at the age of ten years. For over eight months he was a patient sufferer. He was a member of a highly-esteemed church family, to whom the sincere sympathy of the church is extended. The tired little body was laid to rest in the Berwick Cemetery.

At Gardiner annual business meeting on Wednesday evening reports showed the church membership to be 213; the Bible School roll contains 175 names. All departments are healthy. All the former officers were re-elected with the addition of Bro. Chas. Brough on the diaconate. Sunday meetings were good. One baptism in the evening. Hospital collection, £9, with £1/12/- extra from the Bible School.

Inspiring addresses by Bro. Shipway at Carnegie last Lord's day. A good morning meeting was well attended. In the evening the choir rendered the anthem, "O Loving Friend." A successful teachers' tea and annual conference was held at the conclusion of the school. The church midweek prayer service is still growing in numbers. Collections from Bible School and church for hospitals amounted to £4/3/3.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, a party of Red Cliffs members paid an enjoyable visit to the Merbein mission being conducted by Bro. Lang, of Doncaster. Sunday, 17th, the Sunday School children and teachers travelled to Mildura to attend the Mildura S.S. afternoon anniversary service in the Town Hall, and on Thursday evening, 21st, a social evening and business session was well attended in the Red Cliffs chapel. Meetings on 24th well attended.

Fairfield reports that two have been received by letter. On Oct. 3 a special men's service was held. Items were rendered by a men's choir, and the men also had control of the meeting. It was a great success, the building being crowded. On Oct. 10 Bro. Fitzgerald gave a stirring address on "The Seeking Saviour." Two, a married lady, and a young woman, made the good confession. The Sunday School is practising for the anniversary.

Maryborough anniversary celebrations came to a successful ending on Oct. 18, when prizes were distributed. Several scholars gained special prizes for attendance of 52 Sundays. Congregations continue to grow, especially at Lord's Supper and gospel service. Bro. Baker's discourses are appreciated by all. On Oct. 24 two young ladies made the good confession after an inspiring message by Bro. Baker on "Knocking." A kitchen tea party was tendered to Sister Bell Hasting on Oct. 21.

At Lygon-st. on Oct. 24 there were fine attendances all day, when the anniversary services were continued. A. G. Saunders, B.A., delivered a splendid morning address. A solo was sung by Miss Edna Dickens. In the afternoon Jas.

E. Thomas gave an appropriate address. At night the scholars again rendered some fine pieces, followed by a short address by A. G. Saunders. The series of meetings extending over two Lord's days have been very successful.

East Camberwell reports good meetings morning and evening on Oct. 24, Bro. Pittman giving uplifting addresses. Three young folks from the Bible School were immersed, and five others from the school confessed Christ. The annual business meeting was held on 21st inst., and was well attended. Officers were elected for the ensuing year. Bro. Thos. Hall was elected secretary in place of Bro. Fordham, who did not seek re-election. The church thanked him, and also Sister Winch, jr., assistant organist, for their services.

Very fine meetings at Yarrowonga the last two Lord's days. On Oct. 17, the first convert from the Mulwala Bible School, received the right hand of fellowship. On the 24th a number of members from the newly-formed church at Wangaratta met with the church for the dual purpose of worship and to give some of the opportunity of confessing Christ. At the conclusion of the morning address the invitation was given and three—a young lady and two young men—responded. A very fine congregation at night listened to Bro. Pratt's address on "Turning the Key." After the service the three converts were baptised.

Warnambool Bible School anniversary on Oct. 17 and 19 was most successful. L. C. McCallum rendered great assistance with his lantern, and gave excellent addresses at the Junior C.E., church, Bible School and gospel services. He also spoke at the public school and addressed the joint meeting of P.B.P. and K.S.P. clubs. Sunday afternoon the children rendered a service of song entitled "Cloud and Sunshine," when also the cradle roll babies received a card. On Tuesday night the superintendent, J. Best, distributed the prizes. Our Band of Hope now numbers forty pledged members, with others attending. Much sickness prevails, including the very serious illness of Bro. T. McCullough.

The first anniversary of the opening of Essendon's new chapel was celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 17. F. J. Sivyver presided over a fine morning meeting. Bro. H. Swain delivered a fine address on Acts 28: 15. There was a good response to the birthday offering. Since the opening of the new building 30 new members have been added. The church was filled at the evening service. Bro. Sivyver's subject was "The Christ We Must Have" (John 6: 68). Special items were rendered at both services by the choir under the leadership of R. McKenzie. J. Simpson contributed an appropriate solo at the evening service. On Wednesday, Oct. 20, a very happy social was held. Bro. E. A. Jackson was chairman. A fine programme of musical items was given. For the past six months a "mile of pennies" scheme has been in operation, and £51 was handed over for the building fund.

At South Yarra on Sept. 19, Bro. Williams occupied the platform. On 24th the J.C.E. held their anniversary. Bro. J. C. Williams exhorted, and in the evening Bro. F. Saunders gave a fine address. On the 26th the public demonstration was held. Bro. Meyers presiding, there was a good attendance and the items rendered were appreciated. Misses Graham and Dennis trained the young ones their various parts. Bro. Williams has very kindly and effectively carried on the speaking during the absence of Bro. Griffin, and his help was appreciated by all. Last Lord's day Bro. Main exhorted. In the evening Bro. Williams gave a very interesting gospel address. £3 was collected for hospitals.

Bro. Griffin will resume next Sunday, Oct. 31. We regret that Sister Mrs. J. Warne is laid aside; also Miss Lola Davison has been in hospital and has undergone an operation but is now improving.

Surrey Hills enjoyed very successful Sunday School anniversary services. On afternoon of the 17th inst. Bro. Morris gave a happy talk on the "Wheelwright." At night Bro. Edwards gave

a splendid address to a crowded gathering in the school hall. On 20th the demonstration and distribution of prizes held in the Freemasons' hall, proved an unqualified success, some delightful items being given by the children. Bro. Luke, superintendent, submitted a most gratifying report of progress and expansion in Sunday School work. On Oct. 24 Bro. Reg. Enniss gave a special morning address on Home Mission work. The anniversary services were continued in the afternoon, Bro. Gale delighting the children with his interesting talk on lead pencils. At night Bro. Edwards gave an interesting illustrated talk to the children on "Character." A special feature of the services was the unusually fine singing of the scholars under the baton of Bro. George Murray.

New South Wales.

On Oct. 17 Lidcombe church enjoyed morning and evening addresses by Bren. A. Foulkes and E. Andrews respectively. On 24th inst the exhortation of Bro. E. Andrews was appreciated. Bro. Younghusband conducted song and gospel services; subject, "Paul and Silas in Berea."

Enmore Loyal Daughters held a successful sale of work on Oct. 23 to provide Christmas cheer for the poor of the district. It was the fortieth anniversary of the church on Sunday last. Bro. Paternoster in the morning outlined the good work carried on. Seven of the members present have been connected with the church from the commencement.

At Lismore on Oct. 17, Bro. P. J. Pond spoke in the morning, and at night Bro. Krygger, of Queensland, preached. Bro. W. T. Atkin gave the exhortation at Bangalow. Bren. R. S. Thomas and L. W. Bowtell were in charge at Grafton. Sister Meredith, from Sydney, had fellowship with the church at Lismore. 31 scholars gained certificates in the recent Bible School examination.

On Oct. 17 Bro. Hugh McLellan, of U.S.A., en route for Durban, delivered two splendid addresses at Chatswood. Several interstate visitors were present on morning of Oct. 21. Bro. G. Fretwell's helpful exhortation was greatly appreciated. At the gospel meeting there was a good attendance, and Bro. Whelan's message was full of sincerity and power. Theme, "The Final Authority." Miss Blanche Hall was soloist.

The cause at Lane Cove is progressing. On Oct. 3 eleven were received into the church. Bro. and Sister Cust, from Camberwell, Vic., have been present of late and the church is richer by the gift of a cheque from them for the land purchase fund. Bro. Jim Cust gave an inspiring gospel address on 17th. On Oct. 24 Bro. Jacob Saxby preached a telling spiritual address on "I Long to Know Him." Bro. C. C. S. Rush continues to do good work in the preacher training class of young men, many of whom have helpfully presided.

At Epping on morning of Oct. 24 Bro. Whelan gave a fine address from Rev. 5: 6. At night Bro. Fretwell delivered the third of his series of gospel messages entitled, "The Beauty of Baptism," which was very uplifting. His discourses have been much appreciated. The Dorcas Class inaugurated "a melting snowball," which is hoped to swell the Cancer Research Fund by some hundreds of pounds. Sister Mrs. Stevens, one of the class, had a Church of Christ stall, which realised over £17. Two esteemed members Bren. Cox and Tindall, died recently. The church's sympathy is extended to the relatives.

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Owing to both president and vice-president having left the district, Bro. J. Skurrie, of Ararat, was elected chairman for the conference.

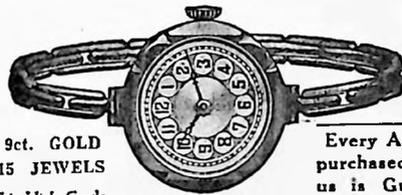
At the opening evening meeting, Bro. Clay, of Melbourne, had charge of the singing, and Bren. R. W. Payne (Horsham) and A. H. Pratt (Stawell) delivered fine addresses, their subjects being "The Ministry of Human Friendship" and "The Ministry of Divine Friendship." A quartette and a solo by Horsham members added to the enjoyment of the meeting. Thursday morning and afternoon were mostly occupied by the business of the conference. The chief item of business was the opening of the work at Nhill. It was decided to urge the Home Mission Committee to send the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission team to Nhill, and a subscription list was opened to assist in the venture. Bro. W. H. Clay told the conference of the work of the Social Questions Committee, and made an appeal for that work.

The officers elected for the coming year were:—President, Bro. A. R. Benn; vice-president, Bro. R. W. Payne; secretary and treasurer, Bro. R. Hilford.

At the evening meeting the new president was introduced, and addresses were delivered by Bren. R. Hilford (Ararat) and W. H. Clay, the subjects being "The Wounded Hands" and "Nil Desperandum." The meeting was well attended and greatly enjoyed.

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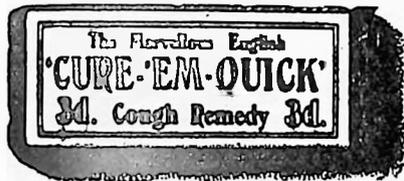
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