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What Shall We Do With the Modern Eutyclus?

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MANY preachers have found a degree of consolation in the story of Eutyclus. If so great a man as the Apostle Paul failed to keep all his audience awake, how can a preacher with less authority and smaller gifts be expected to retain the attention of all his hearers! But there are other interesting features of this strange interruption to Paul's address at Troas. Luke, the physician, an eye-witness, has left a brief yet sufficient record of the event, and perhaps a little "reading between the lines" is desirable.

There are some things to be said in favor of Eutyclus. It is good to find a youth such as he in so serious an assembly. While others are enjoying their evening in the open-air, inbreathing the zephyrs wafted from the island-dotted Aegean, here he sits in a window-niche trying to keep awake while the speaker prolongs his discourse far into the night. He is probably tired after a hard day's work. Many flickering lamps dazzle the eyes and dull the mind, and, try as he will to listen, the voice of the speaker becomes a soothing drone. Dr. Moffatt well renders Luke's descriptive sentence: "In the window sat a young man called Eutyclus, and as Paul's address went on and on, he got overcome with drowsiness, went fast asleep, and fell from the third storey" (Acts 20: 9).

Of course there are some things, too, to be said not to the credit of Eutyclus. For a young man to fall asleep while an Apostle Paul is preaching does not argue a very keen interest in spiritual things. And then his attitude! Sitting (doubtless in the most restful posture) in the window-opening listening to Paul's voice and also perhaps to the noises of the street, his attention is divided, and soon he begins to nod. With the recklessness of youth he sleeps on the edge of a third storey window, and down he falls.

Now Eutyclus is typical of many youths to-day, and one of the biggest problems is how to treat them in the best interests of all concerned. How many there are who are sufficiently alive to spiritual things to come to church services or Bible School, and yet who spend most of the time, if not asleep on a window-ledge, at least with minds little concentrated on things that really matter. Part of the blame may be placed upon speakers who, without Paul's eloquence or the occasion to demand much discourse, go "on and on" until too great a tax is made upon the youthful hearer. But in most instances it is not the speaker who is at fault.

Admitting the presence of these modern representatives of Eutyclus, how are we to treat them? It is to be noted that Luke records not a single word of unkindly criticism of the young man's conduct. Rather do his words indicate anxious concern regarding the tragic interruption. Paul, instead of saying: "How foolish to sit in such a dangerous position!" or "If the young man can't keep awake, why does he come at all?" or any such censure, immediately restored the young man to life, and then told the people not to lament. The good Christian people were much comforted by Paul's words. We should like to know the after life of Eutyclus. Our curiosity is not satisfied, but surely it can be said with probability of truth that from that day forth Eutyclus was an active Christian worker. His name means "Fortunate," and fortunate indeed for him

was the day when Paul embraced his lifeless body and caused his heart to throb again.

Without claiming Paul's miraculous powers, we can emulate his kindly spirit, his earnest solicitude for the welfare of the youth. Censure is of little use in dealing with spiritual laxity of the younger members of the church, especially when it is realised that the laxity is by no means confined to one class. There is room for fear that some young people have ceased to attend services because of hasty judgment pronounced upon them by seniors with little right to speak. Sometimes rebuke is necessary, but when given it should be by those qualified and in the manner approved in Scripture.

Sympathy accomplishes far more than censure. A kindly word, approval of right conduct, encouragement to continue in attendance at church and school services—these are things which help the modern Eutyclus to keep his interest. A little friendly advice as to the choice of books is eminently desirable. How much depends on what a young man reads! Sometimes a hint in this matter will change the current of a life. More of the "Big Brother" spirit is needed in our church life.

Above all, let spiritual influences be made to illumine the path of youth like the sunlight of heaven? If the spiritual atmosphere of the church is murky and clouded, how can young Christians grow in grace? Once let a young man be seized with his his responsibilities as a servant of Christ, once let his heart be really set aflame with the love of his Lord, and who can measure his powers or mark the limit of his influence? Eutyclus miraculously restored to life would not be a more potent witness for Christ than the energetic, consistent, godly consecrated service of the young man who has experienced the "renewal of the Holy Spirit."

OPPORTUNITY.

Time was—is past—thou canst not recall.
 Time is—thou hast—employ the portion small;
 Time future—is not—and may never be,
 Time present—is the only time for thee.
 —Selected.

South Australia's Responsibility.

The Churches' Responsibility.

The Bible School and Young People's Department is earnestly seeking to solve the problem of how to provide for the religious instruction of the children that are growing up in many new districts in town and country. The government of the day is making provision for their secular education, but, alas, no means are available for teaching them the way of eternal life. The consequence is that they are growing up in ignorance of God and their Saviour Jesus Christ. The call is urgent; the need is great; the responsibility rests with us; we are the stewards of his goodness, and will have to answer to him as to how we have fulfilled our trust. Our sincere desire is that we may take advantage of all the opportunities that are opening up on every side. When the new scheme of immigration is in full operation there will be more and more need for this. Brethren and sisters, we are asking that all church members will take a more active interest in the work of the Bible Schools. That our isolated members will start a school in their own homes or seek the help of others to start one in the district. In making the annual appeal for assistance on May 1 we invite your active co-operation to provide the means whereby the Bible School Department can give the children the religious instruction they are at present deprived of.—E. A. Riches, Pres. B.S. and Y.P. Dept.

Consecration in Bible School Work.

Bible School work demands the most unstinted consecration. Let it be said to their honor, this spirit of consecration has ever been demonstrated by Bible School workers.

It is a work that must be persistently and consistently pursued if the desired results are to be attained—the disseminating of the story and principles of Jesus in the most interesting and effective manner, and the moulding and building of strong Christian character by this means.

Spasmodic, half-hearted work is futile in this connection, as in every other connection, in attaining the best results.

This work will be so much more interesting and less difficult, the greater the teacher's advantages are or have been, for literary culture and education. These advantages, however, are by no means indispensable, as is proven by the work accomplished in most Bible Schools, where few teachers have been favored with such advantages.

Essentials for this work are a real appreciation of the need and value of the work undertaken by the Bible School; a love for those who need teaching, especially the children; hearts and minds consecrated to the task, and soul culture such

as will enable one who has been nourished and refreshed from the fount and source of all essential knowledge to enrich the mind and soul of others.

Hence, for the accomplishing of the task attempted in the Bible School there are needed:—

I. A consecrated church. The Bible School is "the teaching service of the church." Whoever in the church feels that he possesses ability to do this work should not hesitate to volunteer for service. The most prolific recruiting field for church membership is the Bible School, and the whole church should be vitally, actively interested in this work.

II. A consecration of heart and intellect. Some of life's greatest joy is experienced in developing the latent inner qualities of

The Programme for May 1.

11. Lord's Supper. Address—"The Value of the Bible School." Offering for forward movement work. Let every member make an offering for this most worthy object.

3. Special Reference to the suffering children of the land and an offering from every school for the "cot" at Children's Hospital, "Minda," and other kindred institutions.

7. Special young people's service. Topic—"If Youth Decides for Christ."

Pray and plan for a Day of Big Blessing.

the heart and mind, and in acquiring enriching and practically useful knowledge. To what more beautiful use can such be put than in developing and enriching other life, that that life may also in turn be a sweeter and more useful influence in the community.

III. Consecration of leisure and time. These are necessary for private soul culture, for constructive thought and for necessary preparation on the part of the teacher. To enrich one must be enriched, to teach one must have first gained knowledge and give time to the task of teaching. Many things would attract the worker from the task, but the one who consecrates all to this service will know the richness of the reward that God and service give.—E. A. Arnold, Pres. Southern Conference.

"Winning the Child."

To-day the child—clear-eyed, virgin-souled, sweet, unspotted, impressionable and plastic—looking forward; to-morrow, the youth, on the threshold of manhood and womanhood—harder, more critical, a trifle disillusioned, faintly cynical and iconoclastic—looking round restlessly, feverishly,

discontentedly; a more distant to-morrow, the matured man and woman—at grips with life, burdened, beset, buffeted, unimpressionable and unresponsive, the course of life determined—looking back.

To-day, the virgin soil, waiting to be planted, then harvested perennially; the unspotted page waiting to be written upon with the characters of righteousness, love and service—of Christ and God. To-morrow, the field cumbered by weeds of worldliness and selfishness; the page scrawled with ill-formed characters of waywardness and selfwill; and the to-morrow beyond, the field barren, sterile, unsmiling and unlovely; the page covered with the record of bitter experience, suffering, sorrow and sin, with many a blur and many a blot.

To-day, the opportunity that invites; to-morrow, the problem that perplexes; and the farther to-morrow, the task that, remorselessly challenging, taxes the powers of mind, heart and spirit. To win the child for Christ to-day is at once the simplest, sanest, and most satisfactory method for responding to the evangelistic imperative of Jesus Christ. To win the child for Christ to-day is the most rational, practical, and effective enterprise to which the church of God can consecrate her great resources. To win the child for Christ to-day is the most attractive, thrilling, and absorbing privilege known in Christian service.

To win the child for Christ to-day must be the ultimate objective, the high endeavor and consuming passion of every Bible School teacher and worker. To share in this work by our encouragement, assistance, gifts, and prayers is the joyful privilege of every lover of Christ.—L. A. Bowes, Pres. Northern Conference.

Was It Worthwhile?



Flinders Park Bible School building erected by the Bible School and Young People's Department on Sept 11 of last year. The picture shows the enrolment on the first day of the school. To-day there are 100 on the roll, with an average attendance of about 70. Sure it's worth while and this can be repeated in other districts. Let our offering on May 1 be such a worthy one as to enable the Committee to "go forward" in this good work.—W. Beiler.

Our Victorian Work.

The Year's Record.

The year of service that closed on February 28 was, as far as the Bible School and Young People's Department is concerned, a happy one. The year commenced with a three months' recruiting campaign. Many of our schools entered heartily into the work, with the result that our enrolment of scholars is greater than ever before. In July the annual Scripture examination was held when 801 teachers and scholars sat for this test. During the year workers' conferences have been conducted in twelve different centres, and were attended by over four hundred officers and teachers. Regular attendance at Bible School has been stimulated by the issue of certificates, seals and medals. An endeavor was made to bring before all our schools the task of trying to secure every boy and girl of teen age for Christ and his church by bringing before them the matter of definite decision for Jesus Christ. Throughout the year the organiser has been in constant touch with churches and schools, with the result that in fifty-nine of them services were conducted, while on several occasions he had the privilege of addressing meetings of Bible School workers that had been arranged by the committee who directed the activities of Children's Year.

Such are some of the activities of the department. However, when one tries to estimate the worth of the work in cold figures, the task seems difficult, for results are not easy to tabulate. However, here and there we have received reports that go to show the value of the work that is being done. The Scripture examination has helped many of our young people to a better knowledge of the Bible. Last year a little chap of eight entered for the exami-

nation. In due time he received word that he had secured a certificate. Prior to receiving this news he had said his prayers much as he had been taught, but there was a marked difference on the following evening. He constructed his own prayer in his own way, and his mother was surprised both at the knowledge of the Scriptures which he displayed and the way he constructed his prayer, and she was convinced that it was due in a very large measure to the influence of the examination.

The workers' conferences arranged by the department have helped and encouraged many teachers. Letter after letter has been received by the committee telling of the help that has been received from these gatherings. Wherever he has gone the organiser has been kindly received. One secretary writes: "Your visit was an encouragement to us all; we are able now to face the future with confidence."

In these and many other ways the department has been able to help the work among our young people.

What of the Future?

Six years ago a full-time organiser was first appointed to the work of the Bible School and Young People's Department. Over that period there has been a steady development, 20 schools, 2,846 scholars, and 400 teachers have been added to our ranks, while the number of those entering the church from the Bible School has doubled. All this is certainly encouraging, but there are still features of the work that call for earnest consideration. It is appalling to think that about two-thirds of the boys and girls who pass through our Bible Schools never come into the church. Of course, these will all be better men and women be-

cause of the teaching which they received in the Bible School. But Christian education that merely means a training in morals is not sufficient; our young people have souls that should be brought into touch with the living Christ, and our work has not been well done until this has been accomplished. After a careful study of the situation we are convinced that much can be done to bring about a more satisfactory state of affairs. If the church will but realise her responsibility a little more definitely and lay hold of more leaders, who are qualified to train and guide our young people, much more will be accomplished. Jesus said to Peter, "Feed my lambs," and if we would be true to our Master we must endeavor to do likewise.—L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D.

The Largest Opportunity of the Church To-day.

That is how it has been expressed by a writer from across the seas. He is referring to the work of the Bible Schools.

When making reference to the church and its work, it is not the custom of present day writers and speakers to write or speak of "opportunity" unless it be to refer to it as past.

But let it be remembered, when we say the Bible School is the largest opportunity of the church to-day, it must not be inferred that we are satisfied with the average Bible School we see. On every hand is evident the need for improvement—and the workers themselves are the most conscious of it. Of more than one school it might be said: "We get nowhere in our Bible School work because 'we aim at nothing and hit it.'"

One writer has put it: "One of the glaring deficiencies of our churches is the fact that the youth have not been trained in the Word. When the home has delegated this important business to the church we must not fail."

Tremendous temptations face youth: the tendency to frivolity, the failure to face the real meaning of life, to live without noble incentives. It is the business and aim of the Bible School Department to make our Bible Schools effective agencies for leading the youth to the feet of Christ and into the fellowship of the church. This can be done by counsel and encouragement. Conferences, lectures, visits, teas, letters and many other means are being employed to the one end. And there are many signs of success and many expressions of gratitude for help received.

The chief link in our chain of help is our organising secretary, of whom we are very proud. The churches' great link in the chain is a financial one—we ought to be proud of that, too, but last year it was a weak link. The year opened with a credit of £34/7/5, but it closed with a debit of £75/14/6—the department going behind to the extent of £110. In view of this there is need for the churches to review their attitude to the Bible School Department. It



Workers' Conference held at Swanston-st., March 31.

is out for serious business. These are the facts: The work is right; the right man in the right place is L. C. McCallum; the money is wanting—our expenditure last year was £580/12/3, but the annual offering was only £208/4/5. Let us rise to the occasion, put our seal of approval upon the

work of the committee in general, and our organiser in particular, in a way that will leave no room for doubt. Let the offering be a record and enough to do the work without curtailment. In a big way, let us support the biggest opportunity before the church.—William Gale, Treasurer.

N.S.W. Leaders Speak.

A "GILT-EDGED" INVESTMENT.

As churches we must accept the responsibility of the young people.

Without doubt they provide our greatest opportunity. We know that from the young people of to-day must come the church of the future. They are worth while. They need our help, we need theirs.

If you look around our churches to-day you will find that in most cases the brethren and sisters who are foremost in our work are those who came into the church as young people, and have grown up in the church. We have young people attending our church services and Bible Schools in large numbers. They are watching for a lead, and they are willing to be led. With a lot of them can be brought into the church, with care they can be kept in the church. They are ambitious and wish to do what is right and become a mighty power for God.

Conference considers the work essential and appoints a special committee to watch the interests of the young people. A regular income is needed by that committee. First you are asked to give to your utmost in connection with the special offering in May, and next to remember the needs of the committee during the year.

It will prove to be a "gilt-edged" investment. An investment that will pay regular and big dividends in the shape of young consecrated lives to the service of our Master.—W. H. Hall, Conference President.

THE PROBLEM OF LIVING.

The prophet Ezekiel in giving a message from God to the Children of Israel, asks them the significant question, "Why will ye die, O house of Israel?" They had asked the question, "How shall we live?" and God in reply says, "Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die?" They wanted life, but were travelling on the road to death, and the prophet's message was "Turn ye," take the road to life.

Is there not here a lesson for us? In New South Wales our conference statistics for some years have shown a succession of decreases in membership, and the time has surely come when we should ask ourselves why. Instead of explaining or trying to explain that a decrease is not a decrease, would it not be well for us to earnestly and prayerfully consider where we are wrong? Are we using our time, our energy, our money to the best advantage? Everyone who thinks will admit that the highway to life is thronged with children, and the future of the church lies in the youth of the church. There then is the vital point, and there we should focus our main effort, yet in the majority of instances that is where we are doing least. When Christians as a whole realise that the culture and development of the spiritual life of young people is vital, is a matter of life and death to the church, then, and not till then, will they face the task as it should be faced. We cannot evade our responsibility by leaving the work to a few enthusiasts.

The responsibility lies on us all, and what grander work can we be engaged in than in preparing the way of the Lord in the heart of the child. God's message rings through the centuries to us, "Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die?"—A. H. Webber, Chairman B.S. Com.

WHAT IS A CHILD WORTH?

Twelve men were debating great questions concerning the expected kingdom. Jesus set a little child in the midst, and said, "Think of him." In the midst of our twentieth century life, with its self-importance, its enlarged sense of its responsibility, God sets a little child, and says, "Think of him; there is at once your greatest problem, and the solution of them all." Find what to do with the child, build right foundations, give right incentives and implant the love of God in his heart, and the problem will solve itself. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart therefrom."

We spend our thousands on trying to save the adult, when he has wandered into the paths of error and sin, but only our hundreds in trying to save the child! Why not begin at the right end? Spend our thousands on the child, and win him for Christ before he goes astray and needs saving as an adult. Money, energy and consecrated effort spent on the child brings the greatest dividend of souls won to God and his kingdom than any other possible way you could invest them. Win an adult and you win one, but win a child and you win a multiplication table, for you win a prospective missionary, preacher, teacher, deacon, worker in church, Sunday School, Dorcas, etc., and a supporter of the Bible School and Foreign Missions, local work, etc.

In the recent N.S.W. annual offering for the Bible School and young people's work, some friends of the children gave magnificently, others gave sparingly, and yet others have nothing to spare for those beyond their narrow borders. But to these latter we would say, the field of N.S.W. child life is white unto the harvest; open your hearts and enlarge the borders of your benevolence.

In N.S.W. the Bible School scholars are asked on May 3 to help with the coin card gifts. Let every Bible School teacher and scholar take a coin card, and do their best for the State-wide young people's work—help those schools not so fortunate as yours, and assist in opening new schools, and in doing so receive a greater blessing yourself by knowing that you are having a part in helping to save the young people of our State for Jesus Christ.—S. Gole, Treasurer.

JESUS AND THE CHILD.

Whatever work is done for boys and girls, nothing is more important than that Jesus should be presented as the best companion a young man or woman could have. The companionship of Jesus Christ is the sweetest companionship of life, for if we walk with Jesus all our doubtful pleasures and questionable amusements will vanish. Much is said to-day on child psychology

and the child mind. There is one thing certain, that with all our modern methods of teaching, the child cannot get a better picture of Jesus than the one presented in the New Testament, and the best text book after all is the Bible.

The greatest joy that can possibly come to any person is the joy of knowing Jesus as their own personal Saviour, and of spending their time telling others of this joy. The Bible School is the best place where this can be done. Only remember that whatever you teach about Jesus the child will see more of him in your life than you can ever teach from any other source. Remember also, that Jesus thought so much of the child that he died on the cross to redeem it from sin. Never lose sight of that fact, for if you do you will be a failure as a teacher.

Let us as Bible School workers live closer to the Master, in constant communion with him. We shall then back up our words with our lives, and thus win the child for the Christ.—Ira A. Paternoster.

THE CHILD AND EVOLUTION.

The child is God's production. The man is life's evolution.

When Jesus stated that the kingdom of heaven is of such as these, his words were productive of mild surprise, but a careful consideration of the range of our own experience will serve to abundantly confirm the logic of the Master.

Ultimately, the child is representative of the best in human character. When every allowance has been conceded for impishness, temper and the like, it remains decidedly true that the child is the standard for the best traits of human kind, implicit trust and ready confidence, veracity, moral purity, joy and integrity. Where can we find them better personified?

If we need attestation let us remember the oft-repeated desire of many an adult, perhaps ourselves included, that we might return to the days which we allow were the best of all, and make a new beginning—from the point where we were almost fresh from the divine mould.

Granted, that the child is not an unqualified paragon of virtue. And the reason is not far to seek. From earliest days life and environment is making its impact upon the production of God, and that production suffers. Trifling insincerities breed a spirit of untruthfulness in the observant infant mind; wearied impatience sows the seed of hasty temper; inattention to an expressed wish begets a lack of obedient response to the parents' word; and so we might continue. The process has commenced. Slowly the man will evolve from the child—the creature of God becomes the victim of circumstance.

And yet, to be bigger than circumstance is the acid test for human character. How develops such nobility? I know of one royal road—the careful nurturing of the child from the time it leaves God's hands—his most wondrous production. First, upon the cradle roll, up then through kindergarten, and all the grades to Bible Class and ardent worker. For a man, a woman to evolve along those lines will mean a unit to contribute to the wholesome and best life of the community.

This is the church's task. It is the teacher's privilege. It is the responsibility of all.—P. C. Bennett.

SILENCE.

I sometimes wish we had more silence in our lives. Suppose we had a one-minute silence every day after we had asked "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." A one-minute pause after that would lead to a little more charity to others.—"The Speaker."

Western Australian Young People's Dept.

£100 WANTED ON MAY 1.

The annual offering for young people's work is not now an innovation. The foremost Christian leaders of to-day say that the youth department of the churches' activities is of the greatest importance. True, every phase of church activity must have its due emphasis, and all have their respective places in church finance.

The Lord Jesus himself placed the child in the midst. Our churches are recognising that this is the "rightful place for the child in the church as well as in the home." The church to-day which caters most efficiently for the youth will be the most effective church to-morrow. Wise leaders recognise it is better to spend more on training the twig than spending all her efforts at straightening the toughened oak. The child in reality is the supreme asset of the church and the kingdom of God. The child is the hope of to-morrow. In short, the child is the key to the modern situation. It is no idle boast to say: "Give us the young and we will create a new mind and a new earth in a single generation."

In West Australia we have in our school some 2500 young people. We recognise we have a big responsibility to train these for Christ and the church.

It is estimated that 80 per cent. of those who attend Sunday Schools do not unite with the church. This surely should not be so. On the other hand, the large percentage of those who unite with our churches come up from the school. This constitutes a challenge to every worker to consecrate himself more fully to the work of winning those in our schools to-day.

The following lines bring inspiration to workers among our young people.

"O church of Christ, why brood upon thy loss?
The darkest night precedes the rising sun!
Infinite gains await thy future toil;
The children may be won!

"Behold the field, it teems with unrequited grain;
Haste to the task, ere thy day's work be done.

Carry thy sickle where the harvest waves,
The children may be won!"

The Conference committee of West Australia, who are charged with giving special attention

to the work among our young people, confidently appeal to the brotherhood of the West to loyally stand by the department on May 1, and give the £100 asked for, which is a very modest sum considering the importance of their work.

INVEST FOR SURE RETURN.

The success of the church of to-morrow depends upon the work done among the youth of to-day. Let us build on solid foundations. Let every business man invest his capital liberally. This work brings handsome dividends, not in the coin of the realm, but in the imperishable eternal treasures of heaven. Invest £100 in foundation work on May 1.—E. R. Benn, Treas.

The best investment for money is the young life of the community. We trust churches will invest liberally on May first.—T. Hagger.

Subiaco, with scores of young people, has reason to have particular interest in young people's work. Wholeheartedly support annual appeal.—A. Brooke.

A CITY BEAUTIFUL.

The salvation of a city does not merely depend upon the advancement of the higher educational facilities and in the magnificence of its architecture—in the beauty of its parks and gardens and scenery, in the improvement of its roads and means of transit, in the perfection of its civic and governmental institutions, or in the profundity of learning and skill of its physicians and surgeons—but rather in the development of Christian character of its citizens.

This great task can alone be undertaken by the church and through her Sunday School activities. In the Bible School the principles which make for the highest character are constantly instilled into the youthful minds. A city's glory should be in the righteousness of her people, and this is the contribution our Bible Schools make to modern life. Jerusalem, the city of God, was beautiful for situation; the joy of the whole earth. But while every city may not be able to claim such a distinction, her citizens may have the beauty of moral character stamped upon their countenances.—A.H.

An Example to Preachers.

Preachers should make a note of the Bishop of London's preaching. It will be specially worth while for younger preachers to do this. Twice on one Sunday the Bishop preached in Sydney, and on both occasions he was a strong preacher of the New Testament Gospel. In the morning of the day he was the preacher at St. Mark's, Darling Point, where there was a crowded congregation, and the Bishop's subject was "The Cross," with Galatians 6: 14 as the text. At night the Bishop preached at St. Andrew's Cathedral to a "vast congregation," and the subject was, "The Judgment to Come," using Romans 14: 12 for a text. If among those great congregations there were any who went expecting an occasional sermon on some special topic, they were disappointed. The Bishop is a great man, interested in large questions, able to discuss them in no ordinary way; moreover, he is in a great city far from home, for the first, and very likely for the last time; there were surely temptations to speak about many things, but he chose "The Cross," and "The Judgment to Come," for his themes. Preachers, and especially the younger ones, would be well advised to note this carefully. There are other great subjects; they often press upon people; but for the Christian preacher the greatest of all subjects is "The Cross"; and no subject has a more important bearing upon daily life than "The Judgment to Come." A clear vision of that means much everywhere. It bears upon life at home, in trade, in work, and in schools. Said the Bishop: "For that last judgment after death, in which I am old-fashioned enough to believe, preparation is an essential, and the sooner we start the better." Equally solemn, and worthy to be laid to heart, is one sentence spoken in the morning sermon: "Australia has many things to be proud of, but it is only when Australia glories in the cross that it will become a great nation." Here is a chief shepherd setting a great example to all shepherds of the flock of Christ.—"A.C. World."

EMMANUEL.

And art thou come with us to dwell,
Our Prince, our Guide, our Love, our Lord?
And is thy name Emmanuel,
God present with his world restored?
The heart is glad for thee! it knows
None now shall bid it err or mourn,
And o'er its desert breaks the rose
In triumph, o'er the grieving thorn.
Each heart's deep instinct unconfessed,
Each lowly wish, each daring claim;
All, all that life hath long repressed,
Unfolds, undreading blight or blame.
The world is glad for thee! the heart
Is glad for thee! and all is well.
And fixed, and sure, because thou art,
Whose name is called Emmanuel!
This is the last poem in "Carmina Crucis,"
by Dora Greenwell.

DON'T.

When you feel the sting of a taunt,
And have a good chance to repay it,
Whatever the thing you might say,
Just play the big part—and don't say it!
When slander you hear of a friend,
And are tempted with some fact to link it,
Whatever the thing you might think,
Just play the big part—and don't think it!
When you'd stoop to play a mean trick,
Although in your heart you eschew it,
Whatever the thing you might do,
Just play the big part—and don't do it!
When you might be less than your best,
Because there is no one to see it,
Whatever the thing you might be,
Just play the big part—and don't be it!



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Our Bible Schools in Queensland.

A REFORMER OR DEFORMER: WHICH?

"The child! Look at the life in its mother's arms. It is a bundle of unknown possibilities. Is it to be a reformer, who builds up, or a deformer, who tears down? That depends very largely on how its undeveloped faculties shall be developed." No one can consider carefully these undeveloped powers of body, mind and spirit in the little child, without being impressed with the solemn responsibility of training it aright. These are not the words of youth, but the solemn utterance of J. H. Garrison, who is in his 84th year. We endorsed every word. But what are we doing to help mould the youth of to-day, in order that it may be the reformer and not the deformed of to-morrow? Sunday, May 1, affords you a magnificent opportunity to put into practice what you have already fully endorsed in theory. Surely it is not asking too much that every church and every disciple in Queensland make an offering on May 1? and thus assist mightily the splendid work of moulding reformers not deformers. Which are you?

"A builder builded a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill.
Pillars and groins and arches—
All fashioned to work his will.
And men said as they saw its beauty:
'It shall never know decay;
Great is thy skill O builder!
Thy fame shall endure for aye.'

"A teacher builded a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised the unceasing efforts,
None knew of the wondrous plan,
But the temple the teacher builded
Was unseen by the eye of man.

"Gone is the builder's temple,
Crumbled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for the consuming rust.
But the temple the teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll;
For the beautiful unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul."
—Chas Young, President.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

Year by year there is a marked development in the work of the Bible Schools in Queensland.

If, to some extent, we may measure progress by growth and extension of interests,

then the schools may be reported to have made rapid progress in every direction.

In 1922 the aggregate enrolment was 962. It now numbers 1,755. The same year the money received by the Union was £56. In the last two years close on £300 has been used for the ever-increasing work. In 1924, 17 schools had affiliated with the Union. Now 42 affiliations (including 12 societies) may be reported.

Amongst other developments of the last five years may be mentioned:—

1. The Federal Scripture Examination bringing Queensland more into touch with other States, and allowing of wider competition.

2. Attendance tournaments are worked in more minute detail.

3. Introduction of the Austral Graded Lesson books and hand-books, which are a boon to teachers and scholars.

4. Introduction of cradle rolls, which aid in securing the young for the school, and keeping in touch with isolated scholars.

5. A definite method for striving to raise the efficiency of schools is being used.

The schools are liberal in their aid to all benevolences and Foreign Mission work.

Each year numbers of scholars are added to the church membership. This year 68 of our young scholars joined the church.

It is generally admitted that "the Bible School is the gold mine of the church." It is hoped that the churches will more fully realise their responsibility and respond generously to the committee's annual appeal for funds. Remember, we depend upon the present scholars to carry on the work in years to come.—Miss Q. Wendorf.

The Island State.

TASMANIAN PRESIDENT'S APPEAL.

The Bible School presents golden opportunities to the church to-day; for it provides the most reliable investment for every church member; none are debarred. There is absolutely no possibility of loss, but a certainty of magnificent dividends. As your president of the Bible School work, I appeal for the whole brotherhood of Tasmania to have part in this investment on Sunday, May 1.

Unitedly we should invest at least £25 on that day, an average of sixpence per member, for this great and lasting work. Will we do it?

Remember the child of to-day must take our places to-morrow. Invest? Yes, I will.—N. J. Warmbrunn.

BOYS WILL BE—MEN

"Boys will be boys"—and as a father of girls I know that girls will be girls, which is worse still. We forget to add that boys will be men and that girls will be women. A speaker drew some boys on with such flattering questions as "When Lloyd George, Marconi, Haig, and Einstein are gone, who will take their places?" and obtruded, "When all the drunkards, thieves, liars and murderers of to-day are gone, who will fill their places?" To their own consternation they replied to this question as to the others, "We boys!"

Carry on the questioning. "When we church members, teachers, preachers, missionaries and

church statesmen pass on, who will take our places?" "We, boys and girls!"—yes, our boys and girls, dear saints!—W. Waterman.

RELATIONSHIP OF SCHOOL TO CHURCH.

I feel that we can liken the relationship between school and church to that which exists between a baby and its mother.

If a baby is neglected it means for it weakness, sickness, yea, and even death.

Are we neglecting these lambs of the fold of God? If so, let us diligently strive like a mother, and see that the young are nourished and well cared for, that they may grow strong in the Lord, and so build up the church of the future.

Let us so labor in the things pertaining to God that we may help forward this work so fraught with untold possibilities.

We have a splendid opportunity to show our interest in this work by making the offering to be taken up for Bible School work on the first of May a record one.—J. C. D. Green.

CLOSELY RELATED.

The relationship of church and Bible School is vital. These two must remain inseparable. The church is the light of the world, and the Bible School in the church is to keep that light aglow, otherwise danger of dense darkness.

The boy Jesus, doubtless, was encouraged by his fond mother to study the Scripture, and yield authority to God; hence he overcome the tempter by saying, "It is written." Every child should be given a similar chance. Furthermore, the Bible School in the church, and the church in the school, are necessary in order to establish the new (and sometimes the old) converts.

On May 1 let our offering for the extension of Bible School work be worthy of the church of Christ.—Chas. Hale.

THE BIBLE ON WARSHIPS AND IN STATE SCHOOLS.

The Central Hobart Mission, in charge of Bro. Chas Hale, has been successful, with the help of Bro. Weatherhead (who is secretary to the N.T. Pocket League), in distributing about 600 New Testaments among the men on board the war boats visiting Hobart, during the last few weeks and a great number of the boys made confession of Christ. Bro. Hale has also been giving religious instruction in many of the State schools, and distributing New Testaments among the children with good results. "The Bible into the world" is our aim.—J. R. Sly.



Loyal Bible Class, Bundaberg, Q.
This is the largest adult Bible Class in our Queensland schools. Mr. J. R. Combridge is the teacher.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.
Monday.

And David waxed greater and greater; for Jehovah, the God of hosts, was with him.—2 Sam. 5: 10.

"Those who grow great must ascribe their advancement to the presence of God with them, and give him the glory of it," and "those that have the Lord of hosts for them need not fear what hosts of men or devils can do against them."

Reading—2 Sam. 5: 1-12.

Tuesday.

Wherefore thou art great, O Jehovah God; for there is none like thee, neither is there any God besides thee.—2 Sam. 7: 22.

"Long as I live beneath,

To thee Oh, let me live!

To thee my every breath

In thanks and praises give!

Whatever I have, whatever I am,

Shall magnify my Maker's name."

Reading—2 Sam. 7: 1-17.

Wednesday.

So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem; for he did eat continually at the king's table.—2 Sam. 9: 13.

"Because David was a type of Christ, his Lord and Son, his root and offspring, let his kindness to Mephibosheth serve to illustrate the kindness and love of God our Saviour towards fallen man, which yet he was under no obligation to, as David was to Jonathan."

Reading—2 Sam. 9.

Thursday.

And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against Jehovah. And Nathan said unto David, Jehovah also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.—2 Sam. 12: 13.

"A man may know that he truly hates sin if he can endure admonition and reproof for sin," as, when he "hates a venomous plant which troubles the ground, he is not displeased if a man come and tell him that he has such a plant in his ground, and will help him to dig it up; surely he cannot be displeased with the party."

Reading—2 Sam. 12: 1-15.

Friday.

"And Ittai answered the king, and said, As Jehovah liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, even there also will thy servant be.—2 Sam. 15: 21.

"That is a friend indeed who loves at all times, and will adhere to us in adversity. Thus should we cleave to the Son of David with full purpose of heart that neither life nor death shall separate us from his love."

Reading—2 Sam. 15: 1-15.

Saturday.

And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!—2 Sam. 18: 33.

"It is allowed," remarks Dr. A. Clarke, "by the most able critics that this lamentation is exceedingly pathetic." It is especially so when it is remembered that Absalom "died in his iniquity."

Reading—2 Sam. 18: 6-17, 21, 33.

Sunday.

And all the people went over the Jordan, and the king went over; and the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place.—2 Sam. 19: 39.

"This venerable person had given full proof of his attachment to David by the supplies he had given him when he lay at Mahanaim, where his case was all but desperate; the sincerity of his congratulations now none can suspect. David's offer to him was at once noble and liberal; he wished to compensate such a man, and he wished to have at hand such a friend."

Reading—2 Sam. 19: 24-39.

A LITTLE LIFE OF JOHN BUNYAN.

John Bunyan lived in the seventeenth century. He was born at Elstow, a village near Bedford. As a boy he was full of mischief.

At fifteen he lost his mother; at sixteen his sister.

He fought under Cromwell against the Royalists. He became a tinker, and married a very good girl.

Six years after their marriage his wife died. She left him with four children, one born blind.

After several years he married again. His new wife showed him the way to heaven. She urged him to go out and preach.

So it was that John began his public career.

It was a time of religious persecution.

Pilgrims sailed to America for freedom.

But the brave tinker went on preaching.

He started a secret service on a farm.

During a sermon constables came to arrest him.

Bunyan closed his Bible and surrendered.

He would rather be persecuted than a persecutor.

He was imprisoned for six years.

They offered him freedom if he stopped preaching.

"If I were free I would preach again," he said.

So they kept him in prison six years more.

He wrote nine books in Bedford gaol.

He made bootlaces to support his children.

Little blind Mary sold them at the prison gate.

Bunyan was a remarkably good prisoner.

The gaoler allowed him to have a night at home.

Bunyan returned late the same night.

The gaoler grumbled at being knocked up.

But the sight of the preacher bewildered him.

Bunyan said a voice had told him he must return.

A surprise inspection took place that night.

"Go out again as you like," said the gaoler;

"God's angel will lead you back in time."

Bunyan scribbled thoughts on scraps of paper.

A fellow-prisoner happened to read his notes.

"This must be printed," he said.

So Bunyan printed the famous "Pilgrim's Progress."

The success of the book was astonishing.

It has been translated into a hundred languages.

It is called the greatest book after the Bible.

It is read all over the world.

A child reads it for its lovely story.

A preacher reads it for its doctrine.

A critic reads it for its style and language.

Bunyan wrote sixty books in thirty years.

Guests thronged to hear him when he was set free.

He was the most popular preacher at his time.

He died at sixty after a ride in heavy rain.

No humbler man has better served mankind.

No greater book has been written by one man.

No rarer treasure ever left a prison house.

—"Children's Pictorial."

A REVELATION TO HER.

Sister Leadem had developed a slight weariness. She was far from making mention of it, for she was a consecrated follower of the Lord, and wanted to be always at the post of duty. But everything seemed to fall to her. It was she who had to conduct the "Children's Day" exercises, and see that the offering for Foreign Missions was in, then at Thanksgiving it was she, again, who had to round up another entertainment and another offering. She had to direct the woman's missionary society, too, and get up that apportionment. And if she did not look after the junior society and senior Christian Endeavor, they were likely not to be in the year-book. And nobody else seemed to

take any interest in helping to get all this done.

So when the new preacher came, Sister Leadem was tired. The first sermons had a quieting effect on her. Perhaps she would rally and be willing to take up the endless round again after a little, she hoped so.

But the new preacher led off in a slightly different direction. With him it seemed to be the idea to build up the congregation in spiritual energy, to rally the members at the communion service, to stimulate study of the Word, to iron out frictions and secure hearty co-operation on the part of all.

Sister Leadem was uneasy lest the "offerings" be neglected, but she hadn't been able to get her breath yet, so as to take them up again.

So several months went by. The revival was held, an every-member canvass was staged. The budget was raised, including a fine showing for missions.

And, lo, before the year had passed, Sister Leadem saw the church more prosperous than ever before, more money for local work and more for missions than ever before, and all without her usual seasons of agony over rallying the people to the "offerings."

They were talking it all over at the aid society one day and Sister Leadem broke out with this:

"It sure is a surprise to me the way things are going in this church at the present time. We're a-gettin' along better than we ever did, more people in attendance, Bible School better, more money for local expenses and more for missions, and it's all so easy, seems like, I tell you, it's a revelation to me. Why, you know, I had go to where I thought religion was just to get people to put money in a hat and then send it off somewhere."

Sister Leadem had found emancipation at last, and so had the church.—"Christian Standard."

Give us men!

Men who when the tempest gathers

Grasp the standard of their fathers

In the thickest fight;

Men who strike for home and altar

(Let the coward eringe and falter),

God defend the right!

True as truth though low and lonely,

Tender as the brave are only;

Men who tread where saints have trod,

Men for country, home and God;

Give us men—I say again,

Give us men!

—Anonymous.

"Are you related to Francis Dooley?" a man was asked during a trial. "Very distantly," he replied, "I was my mother's first child. Francis was the tenth."

A QUESTION OF LIFE AND DEATH.

When Mr. T. E. Ruth was in Liverpool he gave orders when he went into his study that it was not to be disturbed unless it was a question of life and death. He had not been at work more than half an hour when Mary knocked at the door, saying that a gentleman wanted to see the minister. "He says it's a matter of life and death." The sermon was put aside and the minister went to see his visitor. He was an insurance agent.

NO NAME.

The teacher asked little Ruth what her father's name was. "Daddy," she answered. "Yes, dear," said the teacher; "but what does your mother call him?" "She don't call him nothin'," Ruth answered, earnestly, "she likes him."

Foreign Missions.

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

NOTES AND NEWS.

Bro. Harry Clark has sent a very interesting account of the journey of Dr. and Mrs. Killmier and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Clark and Miss Priscilla Ludbrook to Hueili.

After the alarming news of Nanking the F.M. Board sent the following cablegram on March 28 to Dr. Killmier, as Secretary of the China Field Council:—"Alarming news Nanking. Board urge you take no unnecessary risks by remaining Hueili, but must leave decision Field Council judgment." Last week we received the following reply:—"Cable received, conditions peaceful here." This news will be reassuring and comforting to our Australian brotherhood. Hueili-chow is hundreds of miles distant from the war zone.

Dr. Killmier writes on Feb. 12, 1927: "We hear of many rumors of trouble and wars in other parts of China, but do not know what the future has in store. Things are quiet enough in our own district. We are all quite well and settled down to work again."

Mrs. Harry Clark, in a letter dated February 21, 1927, writes:—"As Harry wrote you a lengthy letter re the trip, I will not mention it save to say we enjoyed every day; but the nights were dreadful, as the inns are so inconvenient. We are comfortably settled in Mr. Anderson's house at Hueili, and have been able to make it very homelike. The Chinese are very interested in foreign furnishings, etc., and we have many callers. The gramophone and baby-pathé are the two main attractions, and give great pleasure to us all. Last Friday Mr. Barton, who is staying here en route for Yunnanfu, brought three French priests for afternoon tea. Two are new comers, but the third has been in China forty years, and has not visited the large cities since 1917, when he visited Canton. He had not seen a game of tennis for many years until last Friday when he saw Ray and Harry play. When he was asked if he knew Suzanne Lenglen, he replied, 'Never, but probably I knew her mother.' I think they enjoyed the music and cinema, and we appreciated their visit. They do make a sacrifice when coming to China, as it is a life service, and rarely do they go on furlough. I started at the dispensary last Tuesday. To-day the doctor had an operation, and next week expects another. It is good to be in harness of this kind again. We are all well and happy in the work. My sister, Gilla, is enjoying her experiences here. We have a great many invitations to feasts about once a week. The women are very friendly."

Our China Field Council has added three teachers to the girls' school to teach the bigger girls, who have graduated from the primary school, and who now must have a high primary education. Having trained them for three years they do not wish to send them off now to other schools, and thus lose the value of their work and association with these girls. They have also been fortunate in being able to engage a man in Yunnanfu as evangelist. He was the language teacher of Bro. Harry Clark there, and is a good, solid type of man.

On the trip to Hueili our missionaries had the company of two Chinese Christian gentlemen who were travelling in order to see their own country. They also had the company of a young Englishman, who is an astronomer and a lecturer on physics in Cambridge University—a most extraordinary man in many ways.

Dr. Killmier says: "Our landlord threatens to raise our rent fourfold, so we are hastening on with the arrangements for the building of the bungalow on our newly-acquired land. The deeds are at last signed up, and everything seems in order."

MISSIONARY STUDENTS' TEA.

On Friday, 1st inst., at 6 p.m., in the Swanston-st. hall, the Victorian F.M. Committee entertained the College of the Bible F.M. students at tea. The sisters of the committee prepared an excellent meal which was heartily enjoyed by a company of 11 students and 15 committee members and friends. Among the guests were Sister Mrs. McDonald, matron of the Ladies' Hostel; Bro. J. E. Shipway, Conference President; Mr. Mill and Mr. Melvine, of New Zealand; representatives of the Egyptian General Mission. In the absence of the President, Bro. D. E. Pittman, on account of sickness, Bro. H. L. Pang presided over the gathering in his usual genial manner. Splendid speeches of welcome and encouragement were delivered by Sister A. Baker, Bren. A. G. Saunders, R. Lyall, J. E. Shipway and J. E. Thomas. Bro. R. Bolduan, president, and Sister E. Drysdale, secretary of the F.M. Students' Band, responded in well-chosen words. —J.E.A.

VICTORIAN F.M. COMMITTEE.

Overdraft Appeal, Churches and Members.—Ballarat, Dawson-st., £20; Ballarat E., £1/12/-; Balwyn, £5; Bambra-rd., £1/19/9; Bayswater, £1/8/-; Bendigo, £1/4/-; Berwick, £4/3/6; Boort, £2/15/4; Boronia, £1/2/6; Miss Ellis, £2/2/-, total, £3/4/6; Box Hill, £4/10/-; Brighton, £3/15/5; Mrs. Passe, £1, total, £9/15/5; Brim, £5/5/6; Brunswick, £2/0/2; Mrs. F. Butler, 10/-; Miss Bowey, 2/6; Castlemaine, £5/6/-; Carnegie, £1/12/6; Carlton, Lygon-st., £7/7/6; Mr. J. Scott, £3, "G.S.," £5, total, £15/7/6; Chelsea, 14/-; Chinese, £3/17/-; Colac, £1; Collingwood, £3; Mr. King, Croydun, 2/6; Mrs. L. Cooper, 5/-; Anonymous, 15/-; Anonymous, Coburg, 2/6; Dandenong, £1/6/-; Doncaster, £7/16/6; Mrs. M. Zelius, £2, total, £9/16/6; Dunolly, 12/6; E. Camberwell, £1/6/-; E. Kew, £1/11/-; Echuca, £1/7/6; Emerald (town), £1/14/-; Emerald E., £5/4/6; Essendon, £9/8/6; Mr. E. Eastlake, £1; R. C. Edwards, £5; Fairfield, £1/1/6; Footscray, £3/0/6; Fitzroy, Gore-st., 9/6; Gardiner, £12/1/7; Geelong, £5/0/6; Mrs. M. F. Gleghorn, £1; Hampton, £2/1/6; Hartwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Luke, £5; Hawthorn, £2/5/-; Mr. and Mrs. W. Cust, £12/2/-, total, £14/7/-; Mr. C. Hacon, £1; Haven, £1/5/6; Horsham, £4/14/-; Mr. H. A. L. Hatley, £1, total, £5/14/-; Ivanhoe, 10/-; Kaniva, £3/2/1, Mr. C. Wheaton, £1, Mr. A. Williams, £3, total, £12/2/1; Kyneton, £1; Lilimur, £2; Malvern, £9/3/6; Minyip, Mr. W. G. Smith, £1, Mr. R. Newell, £2, total, £3; Mildura, £2/15/6; Montrose, £1/10/-; Maryborough, £1/1/3; Merbein, £1/7/-; Mrs. J. McNaught, 10/-; Newmarket, 19/-; Northcote, £6/5/-, Northcote Women's Sewing Class, £5, total, £11/5/-; North Carlton, £5; North Essendon, 8/-; North Fitzroy, £5/10/-; North Williamstown, £1/3/-; North Richmond, £2/14/6; Oakleigh, £3; Mr. R. Oliver, £1/1/-; Parkdale, £2/10/6; Pimpinio, 10/3; Pt. Fairy, 16/-; Prahran, £3/7/3; Preston, £1/13/-; Pyramid Hill, 9/9; Mr. and Mrs. H. Perkins, £10; Red Cliffs, 17/6; Ringwood, £1/10/-; Rochester, £1/8/-; Collected at Rosebud, £1; St. Anna, £1; St. Yarra, £5, Mr. T. Murphy, 10/-, total, £5/10/-; Sth. Melbourne, £1/5/-; Sunshine, £2; Surrey Hills, £3/16/-; Mr. C. Lawson, £2, total, £5/16/-; Stawell, 5/6; Sutton Grange, £2/0/6; Swanston-st., Melbourne, £9/1/-; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Kemp, £5; Miss C. Jerrems, £1; Miss L. Lyall, £1/1/-; Mrs. A. McMaster, £1/1/-, total, £9/3/-; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stevenson, 10/-; Mrs. M. Slesson, 5/-; Mr. W. T. Stacey, 10/-; "Gratitude," Thornbury, £1; Ullima, 7/6; Wangaratta, £2/1/6; Warragul, £1/5/-; Mr. C. Pedersen, £1, total, £2/5/-; Warracknabeal, £2/0/9; Warrnambool, 1/3; Windsor, £2; Mrs. J. Wright, 10/-; Victorian Women's Mission Band, £37/4/6.

Gratefully acknowledged.—R. Lyall, Treasurer.

IN MEMORIAM.

STICKLAND.—In loving memory of Joseph Stickland, who passed away on April 18, 1917. Ever remembered by those he loved. —E.A.S., North Fitzroy.

STUBBIN.—In loving memory of Leonard Harold Stubbin, 13th Battalion, A.I.F., who gave his life for the Empire, April 10, 1918. One of the best.

"For ever with the Lord,
Amen, so let it be;
Life from the dead is in that word,
'Tis immortality."

—Inserted by his loving grandmother, L. Colvin.
ROMERIL.—In loving memory of our darling daughter and sister, Christina Elizabeth (Dottie), who passed away on April 6, 1924.

"A day of remembrance sad to recall."
—Inserted by her loving parents, brothers and sisters, Macclesfield.

FOR SALE.

Piano, Beale, splendid tone, £60. Rosewood Bedroom Suite, £28. Leather Diningroom Suite, nearly new, £18. Apply 7 Hastings-st., Hampton. Land, 3 mins. Batman station, reasonable offer wanted; also piano, inspection invited. 83 The Avenue, Moreland, Vic.

Table Potatoes, 5/- 1 cwt., 9/- cwt., on rail Emerald. Cabbage, Cauliflower plants 1/3 50, 2/- 100 posted, 1/- 100 on rail. Winter flowering seedlings mixed, 1/6 bundle posted. Mixed daffodils, Tulips, Freesias, Ixias, 2/6 doz. posted. Order fruit trees, shrubs, roses, hedge and berry plants for winter delivery.—A. Nightingale.

SWANSTON STREET, MELBOURNE.

MINISTER—JOHN L. BRANDT, LL.D.

APRIL 17, EASTER DAY SERVICES.

Morning at 11.

Communion. Subject of Sermon, "The Resurrection of Christ." The Choir will sing, "O, Saviour Friend" (Fletcher). Soloist, Mrs. Henry Simpson.

Evening at 7.

Subject of Sermon, "To Know Him and the Power of His Resurrection." After shortened service led by Dr. Brandt, the Choir will sing Harold Moore's Passion Cantata

"THE DARKEST HOUR."

Soloists—Miss Bessie Martin. Mr. Percy Blandell. Mr. Thomas George. Mr. Campbell Moysey. Mr. Ernest Watson.

Pianist, Mrs. N. Featherstone, L.A.B.

Organist, Mr. C. H. Mitchell.

Conductor, Mr. J. Harold Barrett.

COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 21-24.—Back to Collingwood, April 21 to 24. Old members' reunion. Great times in store. Come.

APRIL 24—MAY 22.—Plan to be present at the Monster Tent Mission at Fairfield Park, commencing April 24 and continuing till May 22. Interstate preacher, Bro. G. Tease. Bro. J. Baker, song leader. Prayers and co-operation of sister churches solicited.

APRIL 30.—League of JOY. On Saturday afternoon and evening, at Surrey Hills School Hall, a "Sale of Gifts" for missions will be held. Friends everywhere are invited to help. "Bring a gift and buy a gift." Our object is to help with the much-needed hospital in West China. Come on Saturday, 30th, from 3 to 9.20 and help us send JOY where the need is greatest. G. Luke, President.

TO LET.

Cheltenham, furnished villa, 4 rooms, bath, copper, tubs, E.L., and water, close station, made street, garden, very special, only 25/- week to suitable tenant. Home Saturday afternoons not Sundays, Particulars, Williams, Melvor-st., Cheltenham.

Here and There.

The Victorian Sisters' General Dorcas will hold their usual monthly work meeting in Swanston-st lecture hall on Wednesday, April 20, from 10.30 till 4 p.m. All sisters are welcome.

On Monday we received the following telegram from Bendigo, Vic.:—"Great revival Hinrichsen-Brooker mission Bendigo; tent crowded nightly. 27 welcomed Sunday; 180 broke bread. 15 confessions Friday; 15 more Sunday; 87 to date.—Streader."

Through the kindness of the author and two anonymous friends, fifty copies of Dr. John L. Brandt's sermons on "Great Bible Questions" were presented to students of the College of the Bible, who greatly appreciated the generous and helpful gift.

Amongst those on whom degrees were conferred at Melbourne University on Saturday last were Bren. C. C. Dawson and H. O. Gray, formerly students of the College of the Bible, who each received the degree of Bachelor of Arts (degree with honors).

Enmore, N.S.W., had a happy day on April 10. Bro. G. Fretwell addressed the church in the morning, and in the afternoon presented prizes to the scholars. At night the cantata, "Cloud and Sunshine," was repeated to a full audience, thus bringing a successful anniversary to a close.

Bro. and Sister E. G. Warren, late of Kadina, have visited the churches at Willunga, Mt. Compass, Williamstown, Kersbrook, Maylands, Norwood, Grote-st., Dulwich and Unley, S.A. Bro. Warren has been preaching on several Lord's day mornings in the large Labor Prison at Dry Creek. Bro. Warren is now open for engagement. His present address is Thornton-st., Kensington, S.A.

Our W.A. Conference reports tell of 21 churches with a membership of 2,794. The additions were: 795 by faith and baptism; 101 by letter; 133 by restoration and formerly immersed; making a total for the year of 1,034. Losses: 143 by letter; 26 by death; 320 by revision and discipline; total deductions, 489, leaving a nett gain for the year of 545. There are 23 Bible Schools with 319 teachers and officers, and 2,407 scholars. During the year 150 scholars were added to the church.

Dr. A. C. Garnett, M.A., is now in England attending the London University. The Psychological Society of Great Britain has asked him to read a paper on psychology at one of their meetings. The doctor has preached several times at Twynholm Hall, Fulham Cross, London. He has accepted an invitation to spend two months with the Melbourne-rd., Leicester Church, where Brother John Wycliff Black is an elder. These are week-end appointments, and in addition the church has asked him to spend his three months' vacation at Melbourne-rd. Dr. Garnett sends his greetings to the Australian brotherhood. He is quite well, and enjoying his stay in England.

A very interesting meeting was held on April 5 at Parkdale, to extend a welcome to Bro. D. Stewart the new resident preacher. The leaders of the various activities made speeches of welcome. The secretary briefly referred to progress made since the church was established. In the four years of its existence the members have increased from 22 to 96, the Bible School from 12 to 98, kindergarden to 56, cradle roll to 34. The church building has been enlarged three times to accommodate the increase. A new tennis court has been constructed, a Phi Beta Pi Society has been formed, also a girls' club, a boys' comrade club, and other activities. Bro. Stewart suitably responded to the messages of welcome.

"The Argus" of Friday last contained the following item of news, which will be of interest to our readers:—"Mr. Alfred L. Gibson was en-

tertained at an at home at the head office of the Victorian State Savings Bank, by the members of the State Savings Bank Officers' Association, to mark his retirement from the presidency of the association. He had held the position for the last four years. A musical programme was provided. The former secretary (Mr. W. P. Gregory) presented Mr. Gibson with a framed photograph of the retiring committee, and the former vice-president, on behalf of officers throughout the service, presented an English oak roll-top desk and writing chair. The general manager (Mr. George Emery) and the assistant general manager (Mr. Alex Cooch) were present. Mr. Emery proposed the toast to Mr. Gibson, which was supported by many speakers, including the secretary of the association. Supper was served in the cafeteria."

The following interesting reference to the tent missions recently conducted by Bren. Hinrichsen and Brooker in the State appears in the W.A.

HARVEST.

"A Sower went forth sowing."

Is it worth while—
The tilling of the soil,
The thankless years of sowing?
Where is the gain
In sifting broadcast of our best?
Why urge the soul to such high test,
And reap in vain
The scant and tardy growing
Of all our patient toil?
Is it worth while?

It is worth while,
If, by one kindly word,
Some burden we are lifting;
If, by one thought,
Swift-winged, we meet a brother's need,
Or on his way another speed;
If we have sought
In love those who are drifting,
And but one heart have stirred—
It is worth while.

—G. M. Hudson.

was one club in this State. Those now in being are a direct result of the Committee's work. They number 27 and enrol nearly 400. In the early period of development a committee representative arranged and attended each commencement, installed officers and organised the opening activities. The arrangements are all made through the office still, but clubs now help one another in the actual opening. The Committee finances each club during its first year. Co-operation has been effected through the formation of a central chapter with eight officers, a constitution and regular meetings."

THE SUCCESS OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL.

For many years we have been preaching every Sunday night to audiences composed mainly of adults. How often the Gospel message falls unheeded on the ears of the few in the building who have not yet accepted the way of salvation. We often wonder what the result would be if the same amount of time, the same amount of money, and the same amount of preparation of men for the work were devoted to the work of the Bible School, as is devoted to the Gospel services of our churches.

In West Australia the increase to our membership by way of the Bible School during the past three Conference years has been 87, 91 and 150 respectively. The last two years must be considered abnormal owing to the special Hinrichsen-Brooker missions. The normal figures of 1925 show that of the 180 increase by faith and baptism, 87 were from the Bible School, i.e., practically half of the converts in West Australia during that year were won through the medium of the Bible School.

These figures should make us pause and think as we attempt to form an estimate of the value of Bible School work. We do not wish to belittle the work of the evangelistic services of the church. Of course, they are vital and must be maintained, but we do wish to stress the importance and the success of the Bible School work. Teachers can take courage from these figures, and remember them in times of despondency, when their work seems of little avail. The church should better recognise the services of the faithful body of teachers who, with almost unflinching regularity, spend the Sunday afternoon with their pupils. Bible School Day could be a "Recognition Day" of the services thus rendered. The offering you make on the first Sunday in May will also show how much importance you place on their efforts.—J. A. Ewers, President, B.S. Committee, W.A.

S.A. SISTERS' AUXILIARY.

The meeting was held on April 7 at Grote-st. Mrs. Black conducted the devotional session, and Mrs. Fischer presided over the business meeting. It was resolved to hold a special meeting, if necessary, to hear Bro. Hagger deal with organisation of funds for a chapel at Canberra. The president reported a very successful outdoor afternoon tea held at Botanic Gardens to bid farewell to Mrs. Forbes. Over 100 were present, and a token of respect was handed to the late president. The reports of the various committees indicated successful work being done. The Dorcas Societies are resuming work, and the temperance committee reported a strenuous but unsuccessful local option campaign. Welcome was extended to Miss Peake, a returned missionary, and to Mrs. T. Johnson, on her recovery after a severe accident. It was decided to reserve the June meeting for the Foreign Mission Committee. Much interest was evoked by the announcement of the probable return of Miss Florence Cameron on her second furlough from India.—Mrs. A. L. Read, Edward-st., Evandale, St. Peters.

ADDRESS.

W. A. Russell (evangelist Prospect church).—
15 Myrtle-st., Prospect, S.A.

Conference reports:—"The mission at Kalgoorlie in July and August merits special mention. The total number of confessions reported in the Statistical Table is 297. Out of these, 259 were baptised and 23 received as formerly immersed. A total of 282, leaving only 15 out of the grand total who did not complete their confession by obedience. Of this 282, Kalgoorlie reports 267 in membership at end of year. Removals will no doubt account for the greater part of the 15 less in membership in February as against the end of mission. Thanks be to God. The work of these brethren extended into part of two Conference years, and the complete result is: Confessions, 837; received into fellowship, 709; thankoffering promised, £2,194; received to 28/2/27, £1,727."

From the reports to be presented to our New South Wales Conference we cull the following: --Statistical returns from 42 churches show a membership of 3,997. One year ago 4,165 members were reported. There is thus a decrease in membership for the year of 168. During the year there were 218 baptisms. Bible School figures show an enrolment of 3,620, an increase of 8. There were 92 additions to church from school. In the report of the Bible School and Young People's Department is a statement regarding K.S.P. and P.B.P. Clubs:—"In 1923 there

Prayer Meeting Topic.

April 20.

THE CREED WE HOLD.

(Matt. 16: 16.)

F. J. SIVYER, B.A.

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God"—it was a great moment when Peter, on behalf of himself and the other disciples, made that confession at Caesarea Philippi. The eager and enthusiastic way in which Jesus took it up, declaring that it was divinely revealed, and that upon this rock-foundation he would build the church indicates its significance and far-reaching importance. Evidently the making of this confession marked a crisis in the teaching of the disciples; for we read, "From that time forth began Jesus to show his disciples how that he must . . . be killed and be raised again the third day."

J. M. Stiffer, in "The Fighting Saint," says, "Jesus had steadily educated these men up to this point by a process of instruction that makes the modern student of pedagogy wonder at its perfection. First he called them, attracted them, won their confidence and willingness. Then he put before them an ideal—the Sermon on the Mount. This he followed up with the demonstration of his own life and powers. Next, he sent them out to preach, and to try it for themselves; the principle of learning by doing. Last of all, he called them aside and said, 'Now, who am I?' and they knew him."

The Creed Provided.

Theologians of almost every generation have been seeking to formulate a creed that will summarise the whole body of Christian truth. They have failed to see that a creed and a confession had already been provided and adopted by the early Christian church. A search of the New Testament records of conversion discloses that the only confession required prior to baptism and admission into church membership was a simple avowal of belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of the living God. Much of the subsequent disorder and disunion in the Christian church arose out of attempts to include the whole body of Christian doctrine in a creed, and to make this binding on converts.

The Creed Sufficient.

This one-articled creed is eminently suited for the church in all ages. It is the one creed which will never need revising. It is so simple and so direct that all may understand its meaning and implications. It is wide enough to embrace all who desire, simply to believe in and obey the Lord Jesus, and at the same time it is sufficiently stringent to exclude all unbelievers. Finally it works: it was sufficient as a creed and a confession for the church in the early days of her splendid unity, and our own history as a religious body is proof that it is and ought to be sufficient in modern times also.

Creed and Conduct.

We must never fail to recognise that the crucial test of religion is not orthodoxy—right beliefs, but right conduct. He who says, "I love God," and fails to love his brother is, on the word of the tenderest of the apostles, "a liar." One's life, however, cannot be right unless first of all one's belief is right. All conduct is but the expression of character, and character is, in the last analysis, the result of conviction. A lively conviction of the basic fact of Christianity—that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God—should issue right away in a change of attitude, not only toward Christ, but also toward humanity at large. "I desire," says the apostle in his letter to Titus, "that thou affirm confidently, to the end that they who have believed God may be careful to maintain good works."

TOPIC FOR APRIL 27—THE UNION WE PLEAD FOR.—Jn. 17: 20-22.

WEST WIMMERA CONFERENCE, VIC.

The West Wimmera Conference took place at Kaniva on Wednesday, March 30. The attendance was good, despite the many losses by removal, which the church at Kaniva has sustained, and a considerable amount of sickness which is prevalent. There was, however, an unusually large number of visitors from the S.A. side, 16 car loads making the trip.

A devotional meeting was held in the forenoon, over which Bro. E. P. Verco presided, and a most helpful address was given by Bro. Gebbie.

At the afternoon session Bro. E. Rowe, president of the conference, was in the chair. Reports were given by the churches of the conference; also by the evangelists, Bren. Cornelius and Benn, and an address by Bro. Gebbie on the words, "What is Your Life?" An obituary report was given by Bro. Benn, who made reference to the passing away of Mrs. Moar, and Mrs. Rowe, of Kaniva, and Mrs. Carson, of Bordertown. The following brethren were elected to office:—L. E. Verco, president; R. M. Williams, vice-president; and C. M. Wheaton, secretary.

At the closing meeting, presided over by Bro. Benn, Bren. Cornelius and Gebbie gave splendid addresses, which were listened to attentively by the large audience which completely filled the public hall.

Throughout the conference the Bordertown singers and Bro. A. Williams rendered valuable and appreciated help musically, and Bro. W. S. Wylie officiated ably at the organ.

The ladies of the Kaniva church provided the meals in their usual efficient manner. The conference is much indebted to Bro. Gebbie and to the church at Gardiner for loaning him to them for the occasion.

A GLORIOUS REVIVAL.

The big tent mission at Bordertown is ended. The brethren planned and worked and prayed in faith, and their efforts have been abundantly rewarded. The church was ready for a big effort; the seed had been faithfully sown for a number of years, and good work had been done by Bro. Cornelius during the past twelve months, and worked most energetically through the mission.

Bro. Forbes proved to be an excellent missionary. His able expositions of Scripture, his earnest pleading, and his forceful presentation of our plea will not easily be forgotten. Bro. Forbes is a man of many parts. He conducted the singing throughout, and often sang solos. The mission lasted for four weeks and two days. The number of confessions, 62, is a grand result. Sixty-one will join the church. Interest was widespread, and the Sunday evening meetings ranged up to 500. The Gospel has been preached to a great number, who never enter our buildings at other times. We confidently expect to gather in many more as a result. It has been fine to see many families become united in Christ.

The effect on our ordinary services is very

marked. The next Sunday all three buildings were full at all meetings. We are faced with the problem of providing more seats for the people who attend.

Bro. Benn and many other brethren, from Kaniva, helped much by their presence.

Bro. Wylie presided at the organ in his usual excellent style for every night of the mission, although advanced in years, being over 70 years of age. Miss Warneken ably assisted at the piano.

At the close of the service in the tent on Mar. 22, opportunity was taken to say farewell to Bro. Forbes. Bro. Cornelius presided, and spoke of the fine results of the mission. Bro. T. B. Verco presented a travelling rug on behalf of the members as a token of our esteem for Bro. Forbes, and also spoke on behalf of Mundalla. Bren. Wylie and E. P. Verco also spoke on behalf of Bordertown, Bro. F. R. Dinning for Wamboony, and Bro. A. E. Scown on behalf of the new converts. Bro. Forbes feelingly responded, and spoke especially of the encouragement and help given by Bro. Cornelius and the church generally.

A thankoffering was taken up by the churches at the meetings for worship. This now amounts to £167.—L. E. Verco, Bordertown.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ISOLATED MEMBERS.

(The Editor is not responsible for the views of his correspondents.)

Dear Sir,—

Probably the greatest source of church leakage is the "lost-sight-of" members. Individuals and frequently whole families remove to country places with the parting farewell, "We have no church there." Then—lost sight of by roll revision. Surely there is a screw loose somewhere, or has it fallen out?

I am amazed at the number of families who are scattered abroad about the Riverina. So far as I am able to indicate they are lost to churches of Christ. One writes me, "Isolated for seven years"; another four; another eighteen; and one seven years. Besides these I learn indirectly of families resident in various quarters, mostly farmers. One sister writes to say that she has a Bible School in her house of eighteen scholars.

Wagga church is now preparing to make an effort to grapple with the great problems and many opportunities presented in this progressive district. Will church secretaries and others kindly supply names and addresses of any known members, so that a general survey may be made of the whole situation?

H. C. SLITT.

Now in this is the excellency of man, that he is made capable of a communion with his Maker, and, because capable of it, is unsatisfied without it; the soul being cut out, so to speak, to that largeness, cannot be filled with less.—Robert Leighton.

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Thos. Hagger.

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The Methodists are erecting their first building, and have asked for £12,500 for immediate needs. They expect the states to contribute this as follows, viz.:—N.S.W. £5,000, Victoria and Tasmania £4,500, South Australia £1,800, Queensland £700 and West Australia £500.

The Baptists are asking for £3,000 from their churches for this work, and on a recent Sunday an offering was taken in all the Baptist churches in the Commonwealth for this purpose.

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News of the Churches.

Tasmania.

Launceston C.E. Band of Hope enjoyed a fine prohibition lantern lecture on March 29. Bro. N. G. Noble immersed a sister on March 30, and welcomed her into fellowship at Prospect on April 3. Prospect has applied for affiliation with the conference. Bro. Noble preached the second of a special series, "I will Build my Church," on April 3, when Bro. H. V. Stevens sang an excellent solo. Our aged Sister Mrs. Rouey passed away on April 4. Mrs. Weymouth and Mrs. Newsome are very ill.

Western Australia.

Bassendean reports a happy week in connection with the mission. The number of decisions to April 3, including restorations, was 35. Great interest is being manifested, and Bro. Graham answers many questions each evening.

Bunbury held anniversary services in connection with the visit of the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission. Addresses were given by Bro. Wakefield, former evangelist, and Bren. A. Bell (Perth) and H. Whiteaker (Collie). A kitchen tea was tendered to Sister Cayhill on the eve of her marriage. Bro. Robinson and Bro. Thomson exchanged platforms on March 13. On 20th Bro. Robinson visited Collie and spoke to good congregations. Bunbury services were taken by Bren. Moignard and Hicks. A birthday surprise party and social tea were given to Bro. Robinson. A presentation of a travelling rug was made, with many good wishes.

Queensland.

April 3 was a bright day for the church at Bundaberg. Three were baptised and welcomed into fellowship, from three different bodies. Four more persons confessed Christ, two of them from the Bible School. 52 were present at the Loyal Bible Class.

On April 3 New Veteran Bible School attendance was good. At night the building was filled to hear Bro. C. S. Trudgian speak on "The Lord's Day." Two Bible School scholars made the good confession and were immersed. At the after-meeting they were received into the church, when a total of 37 broke bread. An increase of non-members is apparent at the Gospel meetings.

On March 27 Bro. Alcorn addressed Brisbane church both morning and evening. The evening service took the form of an in memoriam service to the late Sister Ida Sloggert. The Bible School celebrated its anniversary on Mar. 27. On 29th the concert and prize distribution took place. On April 3 Bro. Alcorn was the speaker at both services. On afternoon of April 3, Bro. Ball addressed the Hawthorne Bible School. At the close of his address two scholars made the good confession.

New Zealand.

Wellington South church extended a warm welcome to Bro. and Sister Hibbert. There was just on 100 per cent. attendance at the morning service. Bro. Hibbert exhorting. At night the girls' and boys' clubs paraded in regalia. It was a splendid gathering. At the public welcome extended to Bro. and Sister Hibbert speakers were Sister Patching and Bren. Bain, Campbell, Vickery, Downey, Mason, Carpenter and R. A. Wright. Bro. Hibbert suitably responded. The church has entered on an extensive advertising campaign. Bro. Downey has left to take up his residence in Auckland. He was made the recipient of a gold fountain pen and pencil. Bro. Downey has done excellent work as superintendent of the Bible School. There have lately been several additions to the school in all departments.

The annual meeting of Dunedin church was held on March 9. R. Eaton, J. Johansen and J. Ferguson were elected additional deacons, and new trustees appointed were F. W. Pile, W. H. McKenzie and L. C. J. Dunlop. W. D. More was unanimously asked to remain with the church for another three years. He has consented to stay. The roll has been carefully revised and now stands at 212 members of which 32 are isolated. The Bible School, including teaching staff and senior Bible Class, has a membership of 112. On March 20 one of the Bible School confessed Christ. The church decided that each member be asked to increase his offering by one quarter, and to contribute through the duplex envelopes. The first harvest festival in the new building was very successful. On March 20 the aged Sister Mrs. Aburn died. She was one of the oldest remaining Tabernacle members. Hon. R. A. Wright was speaker on morning of March 27.

South Australia.

As a result of the mission at Bordertown five have been added to the church at Wampoony. The meetings are good, and the spirit excellent.

The churches at Milang and Pt. Sturt were helped by the services of Bro. Mauger on Apr. 3. Home Mission offering amounted to £20. Last month a social was held to wish two of the young ladies well, prior to their marriage. They were each presented with a useful present.

Dulwich meetings are still keeping up, and interest is being maintained in the various subjects ably dealt with by Bro. Rankine in his Gospel addresses. At the close of his address on April 10 two young ladies confessed Christ. The Bible School attendances are fair. The school library has been reorganised and more new books added, making it more up-to-date and interesting.

Anniversary services were held at Fullarton on April 10 and 11 with great success. On Lord's day morning 118 were present; afternoon close on 400, and in the evening about 450. Bro. Baker spoke in the morning, Bro. Collins in the afternoon, and Bro. W. Graham in the evening. There was a good meeting held on Monday, over which Bro. H. L. Vawser presided. The work continues to grow.

Prospect church reports good meeting at the Lord's table. Bro. Black expressed the church's thanks to Bro. Walden for his ministry with the church. Afternoon Bible School held a F.M. service, when an exercise was given by a number of the scholars. An offering of 25/- was received for F.M. work. Evening, Bro. Walden conducted his closing service, and spoke on "The Union of God's People." A duet and solo were enjoyed.

At Owen, since last report, harvest thanksgiving services have been held. Bro. Stanley, of the Port Adelaide Seamen's Mission, conducted the meetings. Bren. Stevens and A. B. Chappell, from Adelaide, have also assisted. Last Sunday the Bible School anniversary was held in the Institute Hall, Bro. Chappell speaking at all services. Special singing was rendered by the young people, and Bible School rewards were distributed at the close of the afternoon service.

Good morning meeting at Semaphore on April 10, when Bro. and Sister Dowling and their daughter, Dorothy, from the church at York, and also Bro. and Sister Hickling, from Moreland, Vic., were received by letters of transfer. The newly-formed Intermediate C.E. Society is making good progress. The girls' gymnasium classes are resuming for the year, as is also the young men's football club. The Sisters' Guild is doing quite a lot of sewing for the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

On April 10 the Queenstown Sunday School held its anniversary. At all services the gallery

was filled with scholars and teachers, and the chapel was crowded. Special anniversary pieces were rendered by the children, who were accompanied by an orchestra. At all services Bro. W. C. Brooker spoke. At the afternoon and evening services he gave object talks for the benefit of the children—in the afternoon on "God's Great Creation and Objects seen on the Seashore," and in the evening on "God's Great Garden."

Hindmarsh meetings have been fair during month of March. Three confessions and baptisms. April 10, a man confessed his Lord at close of the address by Bro. Paternoster. Church is planning for a tent mission with Bro. P. R. Baker, about August and September. Men's Bible Class go for camp at Pt. Noarlunga during Easter. Sister Mrs. W. Hall, who has been seriously ill, is improving; also Sister Glastonbury. Sister Florence Richardson was united in marriage to Mr. Leonard Healey on March 26.

At Norwood on April 10, Bro. Will Graham was the speaker at the morning service, when 188 met to break bread. Five new members were received into fellowship, viz., Sister Clarke by faith and baptism; Sister Eileen Winter, from Murray Bridge; Sister G. T. Young, from Unley; Sister Rita Jeffrey, from Alma; and Bro. Lewis, from Kadina. At the evening service Bro. Baker took the meeting, when there was another fine audience present. In response to the invitation, one young girl from the Sunday School made the good confession. At the after-meeting for breaking of bread, 27 met, making a total of 215 for the day. On Wednesday, April 6, a very successful social was held, when opportunity was taken of welcoming the new members that came into the church as a result of the tent mission.

Victoria.

On April 10 Bro. Jenner addressed the church at Black Rock.

Bro. J. C. F. Pittman addressed the church at Moreland on morning of April 10. At the evening service Bro. Robbins was the speaker, when there was one confession.

The church at South Melbourne had good attendances on April 10. Three were received into fellowship. The Bible School rally still continues, an attendance of over 200 being maintained.

On April 10, Carnegie had a visit from Bro. W. Clay, who addressed the morning meeting. One Bible School scholar was received into fellowship. Bro. J. E. Shipway spoke in the evening to a good congregation.

At Cheltenham on April 10 the morning speaker was Bro. Will Smith, of Carnegie. At night Bro. F. T. Saunders preached the Gospel. A welcome visitor was Mrs. T. B. Fisher, of S.A., on her way to Sydney.

A. G. Saunders, B.A., gave two splendid addresses at Lygon-st. on April 10, speaking in the morning upon "Faith's Questions and Love's Answer," and at night on "Contrast of Destinies." The soloist in the anthem was Miss Florrie Haines.

Red Hill meetings are maintaining the average of attendance. Bro. W. Jackel is preaching and exhorting faithfully. Sickness is present in a few homes. The recent Bible School anniversary was well attended. Bro. McCallum gave much help in his visit.

At Doncaster Bro. C. Lang is giving a series of interesting addresses on the apostles. The Bible School is in a flourishing condition, a fine attendance being maintained. Prior to her marriage, Sister Olive Smith was tendered a kitchen tea by the young people.

The Warrnambool Ladies Church Aid Society has made for the church six baptismal gowns, also has given the church a set of four beautiful vases. On April 7, A. J. Fisher delivered a lantern lecture on behalf of the local branch of the Zenana Mission. One new scholar at Bible School.

A special service was conducted at Mildura on the evening of April 10 by the Phi Beta Pi club, an address being given by Bro. Cave on

"Perfect Womanhood." On May 18, at Red Cliffs, there will be a district conference of the three churches. Bro. Gale will address the meetings.

Meetings at Colac are keeping up well, especially the evening services. Many visitors present. On April 10 Bro. Bird gave a splendid address on "Prayer," and at night to a good congregation on "What Must I Do?" Bro. Bird has been chosen by the Preachers' Fraternal to give the address on Anzac Day.

Very enjoyable meetings at Swanston-st. last Lord's day. Amongst visitors were Bro. and Sister Morrow, from Dulwich, S.A., and Bro. and Sister Wakeley, from Cheltenham. Good sermon from Dr. Brandt on "The Lord's Day." At evening meeting illustrated address on China was delivered to good audience.

Two additions since last report from Collingwood. Meetings are fairly well attended. April 10 the church had a visit from Bro. H. G. Payne, who was received into membership in 1894, and is now preacher of church at Albion, Qld. Bro. Gagg, an isolated member, has passed away. We extend sympathy to family and relatives.

Horsham attendances still maintain their splendid standard, especially at morning services. On morning of April 10, Bro. Payne gave an address on "The Academy of Calvary," and in the evening on "The Rent Veil." At the conclusion of the service, a young man who had confessed his Lord the previous Lord's day was baptised.

At Glenferrie Bro. T. H. Scambler delivered the fifth of the series on "The Wondrous Life of Jesus." Three new members were received on confession and baptism, and two by transfer. At the evening meeting, an augmented choir, conducted by Mrs. Bennett, rendered Stainer's "Crucifixion" before a crowded congregation. There was one confession.

Bro. Lang exhorted the church at Surrey Hills on April 3. A young man was received in on April 10. The League of Joy two years ago set as an objective £100 for work in China. The amount is now within the vicinity of £200. The church auxiliaries have decided to assist the League to reach that amount by a special effort on Saturday, April 30. The whole amount will be devoted to the erection of a ward in the hospital at Hueili, China.

Oakleigh church held its annual business meeting on March 30, when officers were elected as follows:—Deaconesses, Sisters Gracie, Hooper, Walters and Wheat; deacons, Bren. Barnett, Brown, Butler, Foreman (envelope secretary), McGregor (superintendent), Smith (treasurer) and Roberts (secretary). Satisfactory reports were received from the auxiliaries. On April 3 a brother was received into fellowship. Bro. Mudge spoke at the evening meeting.

East Kew anniversary celebrations were continued on April 10. In the morning Bro. Youens exhorted. In the afternoon Bro. Cameron, of North Richmond, gave a talk to the children and friends, after which the cradle roll children were presented with cards. In the evening Bro. Youens preached to a crowded house, and at the close two lads from the Sunday School decided for Christ. The children's singing, under the leadership of Bro. Elliott, was enjoyed.

A young lady confessed Christ at Kyneton on March 27, and was baptised on 3rd. inst. Sister L. McKay was received by letter from Drummond. The church appreciates very highly the presentation from the preacher, Bro. R. Greenhalgh, of a church Bible, and a handsome cushion from Sisters H. and T. Benson and M. Crymble. A very happy afternoon was spent on Saturday, at the Bible School picnic at Mineral Springs. Bro. Marshall, of Lancefield, died in Kyneton Hospital on March 28.

At Castlemaine on April 3, the Bible School anniversary was held. There were splendid attendances. Bro. A. G. Saunders, of Lygon-st., gave three addresses. Special singing by the scholars, under the leadership of Bro. D. Ross, assisted by an orchestra. The celebrations were continued on Tuesday night, when a splendid concert was given by the scholars. On April

10 the anniversary services were repeated, Bro. Clippstone speaking to a good congregation. In the afternoon the prizes were distributed. In the evening Bro. Clippstone gave a fine address on "A Model Home."

There have been good meetings at Balwyn recently. April 3, Jas. E. Thomas commenced his fifth year of service. A. R. Main gave a helpful address. In the evening Bro. Thomas led the meeting, and Mrs. Laidlaw, of Los Angeles, U.S.A., gave the address. A lady 70 years old confessed Christ and was baptised straightway. April 10, Jas. E. Thomas spoke morning and evening. Hon. W. Morrow, M.L.C., Federal President, and Mrs. Morrow were at the evening service. The choir rendered special singing. The Sunday School picnic was held on April 4 at Croydton.

At Geelong city church on April 10, an encouraging exhortation by Bro. Stevens on Psalm 42 was delivered to a good attendance. One confession at the close of the evangelistic appeal. The choir materially assisted the singing, and a male quartette rendered a selection. Y.W. League attendances are well maintained, the majority attending morning worship. In honor of Sister Miss M. Ball, who is about to be married, a kitchen tea was tendered by the kindergarten department and G.E. Society on Monday last.

Good services at Box Hill on April 10. Bro. Cameron, of North Richmond, gave an excellent exhortation at morning service. A church picnic was held at Mordialloc on April 4. On April 7 a debate was held between members of the K.S.P. and P.B.P. clubs, the subject being, "The Youth of To-day is Better than the Youth of Twenty-five Years Ago." The P.B.P. won on the affirmative side by about 5 points. On April 2 a kindergarten party was held in the school-room, when 57 kinders were entertained under the supervision of Miss Gill, assisted by her fine band of helpers.

Meetings at North Melbourne continue to be well attended. On April 10 Bro. Dawson addressed the morning service, one lady being received into fellowship. One confession at the evening service. The concert given by the Gore-st. representatives on April 5 was greatly appreciated. On April 10, services were well attended. In the morning Bro. Dawson (Preston) spoke on "Who Will Give a Freewill Offering this Day?" In the evening Bro. Hunt gave a very earnest and impressive address on "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." At the close one young lady confessed Christ.

New South Wales.

At Lidcombe on morning of April 10 Bro. Aderman, of Auburn, exhorted the church. In the evening Bro. Puffett conducted the Gospel service. At the close of his sermon a husband and wife confessed Christ.

At Epping on April 10 there were good congregations all day. In the morning Bro. Paternoster, of Enmore, gave a wonderful message on "If Ye Have Faith," which was much appreciated. At night Bro. Fretwell delivered a fine Gospel address on "The Greatest Question in Religion."

At Lismore on April 3, Bro. G. Davis spoke in the morning. The Bible School was well attended, and several more new scholars were present. At night Bro. P. J. Pond preached on "How to Know One is Accepted of God." Bro. Pond was at Bangalow morning and afternoon, assisting the church.

Wagga worship meeting last Sunday was well attended. The three who were baptised at mid-week service were welcomed into the fellowship of the church. In the evening Bro. Stitt spoke on "The Power of Christ's Resurrection." Four new scholars were added to Bible School. Mr. and Mrs. Stitt have gone to Sydney to attend annual conference.

On morning of April 10 Bro. A. E. Illingworth's address to Chatswood church from Rom. 8: 29 was greatly appreciated. At the Gospel service

Bro. C. R. Hall baptised Sister Elsa Stenning, who confessed Christ the previous Sunday evening. Bro. A. H. Webber preached to a splendid congregation. We are thankful to report Bro. Whelan is greatly improved.

At City Temple on April 10, there was a good attendance at each service. Bro. S. Triglone spoke in the morning, and in the evening Bro. Illingworth preached on "The Cross and Its Attractions." Both messages were appreciated. The church had fellowship with Bro. and Sister Greenhalgh, who for years were members; also Bro. Orhard, of Shepparton, Vic., and Bro. Gillanders, of North Fitzroy, Vic.

At Paddington on March 31 Bro. Escott gave an interesting talk on the work in India. Two very good addresses were given by Bro. Chapple on April 3, his evening message on "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth" being particularly instructive. During March three new members were received by faith and baptism.

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ANDERSON.—On March 20, John Henry, the beloved husband of the late Myra, and father of Ray, Pearl and Merle, was called home suddenly. In recent years our brother lived a rather secluded life, failing health preventing active association with the church. In 1883 he was baptised by Bro. C. A. Moore, at the Hobart chapel, Tasmania. While in membership at Enmore, N.S.W., he was actively engaged in various departments of work. He then removed to Victoria, and for some years was in fellowship with Newmarket church, where he rendered useful service. Deepest sympathy is extended to the aged sister, Mrs. Moore, late of Newmarket church, and his three children, two of whom are members of the Croydon (Vic.) church. His remains were interred in the Kew cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—On March 15, at her residence, Cheltenham, Sister Mrs. Williams received her call to the presence of Jesus. It was the writer's privilege during his ministry at Cheltenham to show our sister and her husband "the way of the Lord more perfectly," and from then on they both were always closely interested in every phase of the work of the local church. Sister Williams was a woman full of the Spirit of the Master, gentle in her ways, loving in her manner, charitable in her thought, and generous in her deeds. Her gracious manner and her excellent character won the love of all. She will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. Bro. Wakeley, with the writer, conducted the services in the home and at the graveside. Our sincere sympathy is with the husband and family in their sorrow.—S. H. Mudge.

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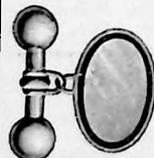
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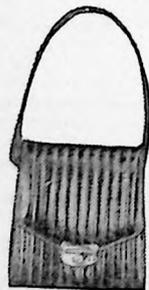
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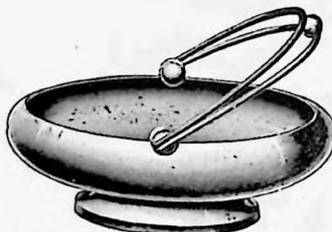
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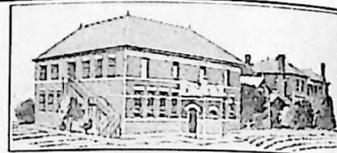
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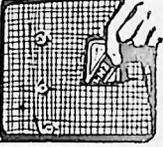
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