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COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE NUMBER



From the painting by Bernard—"Resurrection." showing Peter and John going to the sepulchre on the morning of the resurrection.

WHO WOULD NOT ANSWER IF HE HEARD THE CALL?

"And walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brethren, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left the nets, and followed him."—Matthew 4: 18-20.

"And he saith unto them, Be not amazed: ye seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who hath been crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold, the place where they laid him! But, go, tell his disciples and Peter he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you."—Mark 16: 6-8.

Annual Offering, Lord's Day, OCTOBER 2, 1927

Our College

APPEALS FOR GENEROUS SUPPORT

1. BECAUSE THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL AND LABORERS ARE FEW.

Jesus commanded only one prayer of his disciples: "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest." The College of the Bible is part of God's answer and our answer. God expects us to do our best to answer our prayers.

2. BECAUSE THE COLLEGE STANDS FOR EFFICIENT EVANGELISM.

Jesus stood for cultured evangelism. God wants men properly prepared in character and culture for their high calling. The College seeks to provide such men. It does not manufacture "clergy men," but aims to send forth manly men. It trains, not for a profession, but for a life.

3. BECAUSE THE PLEA IS WORTHY OF THE VERY BEST.

This is an age of specialisation. Do we consider the great enterprise of restoring New Testament Christianity deserves less than the best preparation possible? While God can, and will, use men of one talent, that talent should be cultivated and increased. Having a divinely-given plea we should see that it is presented in the most effective way. We must educate or perish.

4. BECAUSE MANY YOUNG MEN ARE READY AND ANXIOUS TO GIVE THEMSELVES TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD.

They are ready to sacrifice earthly interests. All God's children are commissioned to preach. These accept the challenge. Is it too much to ask the brotherhood to have fellowship in their preparation? They cannot obtain the training in any purely secular school. It requires a special institution, built on the Bible, and controlled by the churches.

5. BECAUSE OF THE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVANGELISM BEFORE US.

The population of Australia is increasing rapidly—already two cities have more than one million residents. Every immigrant is a call to evangelism. Every Christless man, woman, boy or girl in Australia is a call to evangelism. Every city, town, village, home, in Australia is a call to evangelism. Recent successful missions have shown what can be done with and by effectively trained men. Money, machinery, organisation, and vision, are of no avail unless we have men. "Harvest plentiful . . . laborers few." The College aims to provide the men.

6. BECAUSE OF THE CALL THAT COMES WITH RINGING INSISTENCE FROM HEATHEN LANDS.

Millions wait for the coming of the gospel. The world stands to-day with doors wide open to the gospel. Shall those throwing off heathenism be left without Christ? Australia stands in a strategic position in relation to heathen strongholds. We dare not close our ears to this urgent call.

From the College 31 young men and women have gone to foreign service. Others are now preparing.

7. BECAUSE WE FACE A SERIOUSLY CRITICAL SITUATION.

The position to-day is: There are not enough evangelists to man present fields. Frequently strong churches wait months for leaders. New fields promising rich opportunities are neglected for lack of men. Every State records lost members because suitable evangelists are not available. This should stir every disciple. The College embodies the determination that this condition shall not remain longer than can be helped.

8. BECAUSE THE COLLEGE MUST BECOME A GREAT FORCE IN AUSTRALIAN RELIGIOUS LIFE.

Already as a result of 21 years service two-thirds of the evangelists and missionaries serving Australian churches have been trained at Glen Iris. Can you estimate their value to the Australian churches?

Think of the great host who will follow them as the years grow!

Every one pleading earnestly for the unity of all believers in Christ; for the recognition of the New Testament church with its divine names, ordinances, and organisation; preaching the New Testament gospel with its facts, commands, and promises, and with New Testament enthusiasm and insistence; and all centres of influence making for the coming of God's Kingdom!

Think of the immeasurable power for good this means!

Ask yourself: Is it worth while? Would you wish to have some share in bringing it about?

You may in supporting the institution that equips them.

9. BECAUSE WE CLAIM TO SPEAK WHERE THE SCRIPTURES SPEAK.

All the prophets and apostles from Moses onward were men specially educated by God for their respective ministries. Some spent long years in preparation. Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, and others, maintained schools of prophets. Jesus personally trained the apostles. Paul had young men in training.

The Bible emphatically recognises the need of proper equipment on the part of those who preach the gospel. The College is built on the Bible.

MONEY IS NEEDED URGENTLY FOR THE COLLEGE SUPPORT.

Every member is asked to make a special COMING-OF-AGE GIFT on **OCT. 2, 1927** so that this worthy institution may continue its ever-increasing usefulness and splendid service.

HELP TO MAKE THE COLLEGE

Out of Debt at 21

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Our College: A Historical Review.

R. Lyall, Chairman of the Board of Management.

THE first twenty-one years in the life of an individual, a nation or an institution is an interesting and noteworthy period, and at its close a review seems the natural and proper thing. In the process of "unwinding the chain on time's windlass," and looking again at the beginnings, many interesting facts are disclosed and brought back to remembrance.

The "Australian Christian" of May 3, 1906, records the proceedings of the Third Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia, and has the following:—

"The subject of the proposed scheme for the establishment and support of an 'Australasian College of the Bible' was introduced by F. G. Dunn, who proposed 'That the Conference approve of steps being taken to establish a College of the Bible.'"

After M. W. Green had seconded this motion, many others supported the same, and it was carried unanimously, the words being added "the whole meeting seemed to be quite enthusiastic about the matter." It was then quickly resolved "That the proposed College should be located in Melbourne" and "That the scheme of the proposed College be adopted with such modifications as the Executive may deem advisable, and that the Executive be empowered to give practical effect to the scheme as amended."

Following next in importance two other resolutions were agreed to with the same union of mind and heart, which were destined to make history in the days to come:—

"That this Federal Conference . . . should proceed to found and direct their own missions in foreign lands."

"That in the opinion of this Conference it is desirable to establish a fund for the support of aged and disabled preachers."

From these determinations our Australian mission stations in Baramati, Shrigonda and Diksal, India, also in Hweilichow, China, and the New Hebrides have been the outcome, and the splendid Preachers' Provident Fund as well. These are surely related to the College of the Bible. The College has trained missionaries, both men and women, who ably represent the churches in the distant fields and will train future workers. The Preachers' Provident Fund will care for the preachers and missionaries of both home and foreign fields when Father Time, frosty, may-be, but kindly, will tell these faithful workers to cease somewhat from their labor and help

them to enjoy a well-earned leisure in the evening of their lives.

Immediately steps were taken to bring the College into being. The Federal Conference Executive Committee caused the States to be carefully canvassed, and money and promises gathered that the first revenues would be assured. Other necessary preparation went on until February 12, 1907, when a public inaugural meeting was called, and special talks were made on the plans and prospects of the institution. Premises had been secured in Rathdown-st., Carlton, the best available at the time, and on February 19, 1907, actual commencement was made with an enrolment of 15 day and 18 evening students. Additions came later. H. G. Harward had been called to the first teaching staff, and shortly after was appointed Principal. His service to the College was marked by zeal and ability, and a warm tribute is cheerfully tendered to Bro. Harward for loyal and unselfish devotion to the task to which he stepped aside from his chosen work of preaching and evangelism. He saw the work safely set on its

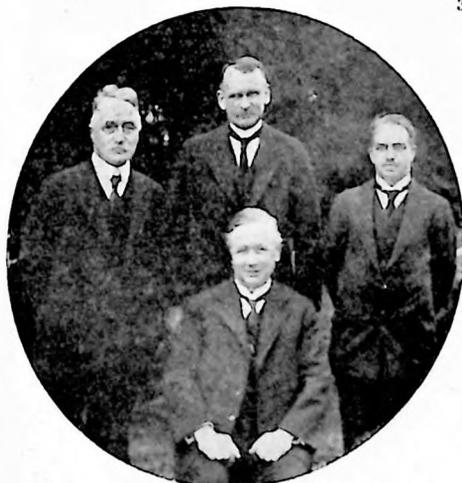
course, and retired at the end of the College year, 1910, with the thanks and appreciation of students, faculty and Board of Management.

At the beginning of the second term of 1907 A. R. Main joined the teaching staff and faculty of the College. He had previously been a student of Melbourne University, but for some years other duties intervened. However, the previous purpose prevailed, and the announcement was made by F. G. Dunn through the "Christian" that "Bro. Main had again undertaken study at Melbourne University for the B.A. degree and was associating himself with the College," adding the rather prophetic words: "It is the kind of work A. R. Main is best fitted for, and, should he persevere in his intention, we expect great things of him."

It was considered most fortunate that Bro. Main was available to take up the important position of Principal of the growing College on the retirement of Bro. Harward in 1910. In the meantime, while engaged in teaching during week days, and preaching each Sunday, Bro. Main had a brilliant University career, so that we find the Editor of the "Christian" writing on March 30, 1911, as follows:—

"All the friends of the College will be pleased to learn that its Principal, A. R. Main, has passed the final Honor Examinations at Melbourne University. He obtained first-class honors in the School of Logic and Philosophy, was first in class and secured the Hastie Scholarship valued at £60. Passing as before stated entitles Bro. Main to the M.A. degree in two years without further examination. We heartily congratulate Bro. Main on his splendid success, all the more creditable as it was secured in the midst of his college and preaching work. The College and the Brotherhood are to be congratulated on having in their midst a scholar of such distinguished attainments. It gives the College of which he is Principal the necessary hall-mark of scholastic standing."

It is a great pleasure to testify that every expectation regarding the Principal of our College has been well fulfilled, and the Board of Management pays tribute to Bro. Main for his distinguished and valuable services in all the subsequent years. Throughout the churches of the Commonwealth and Dominion of New Zealand he is held in highest esteem, and enjoys the complete confidence of all.



The College Faculty.

Standing—J. S. Taylor, B.A., T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed.
R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed.
Sitting—Principal A. R. Main, M.A.

We sincerely hope Bro. Main will be spared long to serve the College as well as to so capably help the work of our churches in other very important spheres.

On the teaching staff talented and zealous men have given their best work. C. M. Gordon was a popular and efficient member from 1910 to 1913, when he left for America. He also became for some time the organising and financial secretary, rendering good service. H. E. Knott, M.A., followed and remained with the College till the end of 1921, but resigned on taking appointment with the Eugene Bible University, Oregon, U.S.A.

In 1914 J. S. Taylor, B.A., commenced work as teacher of university subjects, and in 1915 R. T. Pittman, M.A., Dip.Ed., joined the staff. Bro. Pittman was a student of the first year of the College, and the Board of Management was glad to recognise his ability for the position to which he was called. T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed., followed H. E. Knott, M.A., and is a very valued teacher. The present faculty enjoys the affection, esteem and respect of the whole student body and all concerned with the well-being of the College.

Splendid men have been enrolled as students from the commencement in 1907. Some entered on the course with enthusiasm at the start, but found afterwards that their sphere of usefulness tended in other directions. This is true of every such institution. A fine spirit of loyalty and devotion has been developed, and is being maintained as the years go by. Some students left positions in business in which they easily might have gained distinction and financial success, but chose instead the "high road" of service, and perhaps lesser worldly reward, to prepare themselves for ministry in spiritual things and gospel work at home and in foreign fields. Later the College received women students for preparation for mission work.

During the twenty-one years of College history 348 students have been enrolled. Of these 117 are with churches in Australia, making two-thirds of the preaching staff employed. Some 31 have gone out for service in the regions beyond.

After a few years the College was more valued as its students went out to the work of the churches. Looking back at the roll of the first two College years some names are found of those who have given the churches excellent service, and are continuing to be so employed. Among these are J. I. Mudford, J. E. Allan, Elthelbert Davis, Wm. Gale, S. H. Mudge, H. M. Clipstone, J. E. Shipway, L. A. Johnston, L. Larsen, Stuart Stevens, N. G. Noble and others. Some of our students have passed to higher service. Of these some found graves in distant lands, far from their kindred and loved friends and brethren. These we hold in blessed memory.

The business affairs of the College were entrusted to the members of the Federal Conference Executive Committee in Melbourne for the first few months of 1907, but in October of that year a Board of Management was constituted with the following as first members:—W. C. Craigie, F. G. Dunn, C. Hardie, J. T. T. Harding, F. M. Ludbrook, Robert Lyall and A. Millis. Of these C. Hardie and W. C. Craigie were appointed secretary and treasurer respectively, and have been reappointed at various times, and continue in office at this day. F. G. Dunn was chosen as chairman, and filled that position with ability and great acceptance until his home-call in September, 1914. W. C. Craigie and C. Hardie have rendered conspicuous service also. R. Lyall was asked to succeed F. G. Dunn, and has held the office since 1914. He also had the honor of presiding at the Federal Conference in 1906, and the inaugural meeting of the College of the Bible in February, 1907, in Melbourne.

Well-known and respected brethren have served on the Board of Management through the years, and their interest and work are gratefully acknowledged. At last Federal Conference the

A Word from the Principal.

AS editor of the "Australian Christian" my usual practice has been to commend the Brotherhood enterprises to the churches and add a plea for their adequate support. In the present case, that privilege falls to others, and I have had nothing to do with the preparation of the present issue.

Twenty-one years count but little in the history of institutions, but are a considerable portion of the life of an individual. As I review my connection with the College, I have to confess that the years have been full of toil and care, and much more strenuous than most others will realise. They have, however, also been happy ones. I have had the happiest of associations with the Board of Management, my colleagues on the Faculty and successive groups of students. For the confidence of the brethren, the faithful service and helpful co-operation of my fellow-teachers, and the continued goodwill of those with whom I have been associated in College life, I am extremely grateful.

It has been a great privilege to touch the lives of the 348 students who have been enrolled in the College of the Bible. The faithfulness and devotion of many of these have won my admiration. It has been a joy to watch their progress in the work. I have been proud of the service given by some in the foreign field. It would be true to say of W. Mansill that he laid down his life for Christ in Africa; others are laying themselves upon the altar of sacrifice and service. Former students have had and are having remarkable success in the home land, in evangelistic and other work. Many have proved their ability by taking exceedingly high place in university life, and are now, at home or abroad, gladly devoting their lives to the cause we love.

The College has two great and pressing needs. These are, indeed, perennial, but should be specially noted at this time.

Money is very urgently required both to carry out necessary renovations and to pay current expenses. Many friends have generously and regularly helped in the past. Their continued assistance is sought, and that of others entreated. I think that no member of the Faculty would wish to feel that his support was placing too heavy a burden upon the churches, and in my own case the thought that anything was being asked beyond the power or the willingness of the Brotherhood to grant would speedily become intolerable. It would be very difficult to know where retrenchment could be made, and it is certain that it would impair efficiency.

A constant supply of students is necessary, men and women of devotion and ability. We need men of faith and zeal, ready to consecrate their lives to the service of Christ; men of first-rate mental ability, and those possessing temperament and natural gifts such as help to make a preacher's life a success. Once again I stress the strong desirability of men coming who have already had experience in church work and have shown speaking ability.

The College now stands, as it has stood for all the years, for the "truth as it is in Jesus." We seek to uplift the Lord Jesus as Son of God and only Saviour; we uphold the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures; we would ourselves come and would bring others to an acceptance of the faith, ordinances, life and hope of the early church. Because of this we venture to ask for the interest, prayers and support of the Brotherhood throughout the Commonwealth.

—A. R. Main.

present members were appointed:—A. W. Connor, R. Gebbie, J. G. Hare, L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D., A. Millis, F. J. Sivyler, B.A., J. E. Thomas, and A. R. Main M.A. (Principal). Robert Lyall was re-appointed chairman, W. C. Craigie treasurer, and C. Hardie secretary.

The Board of Management has been exceedingly happy in its relations with the principal and faculty of the College as well as the students all through the years, and all have worked unitedly together for the common good.

For about eleven years R. Ennis was the very efficient organising and financial secretary of the College, retiring in 1925, when Fred T. Saunders was chosen to succeed in that office. The Board thanks the members of all our churches for their good help given through these brethren and asks for continued and even greater interest and help in the future to meet the expanding needs of our great institution. Now that New Zealand has established a College of its own, the burden of the support of our College devolves entirely upon the members and churches of the Commonwealth.

A pause might be made here and reference and thought given to many brethren who planned and worked faithfully and well at the beginning of our efforts to establish the College of the Bible. At the memorable conference of 1906 the names of some well remembered brethren appear. They were not spared to see the progress made. In their day they fought a good fight, they kept the faith, now they stand in the presence of the King. Amongst others we

recall the following who showed special interest: F. G. Dunn, J. T. T. Harding, A. B. Maston, M. McLellan, H. D. Smith, A. T. Magarey, J. Colbourne, D. A. Ewers, T. H. Brooker.

"So when a good man dies,
For years beyond his ken,
The light he leaves behind him shines
Along the paths of men."

Many brethren and sisters have provided generous amounts for College purposes. In this connection we remember with gratitude many gifts from T. E. Rofe and Mrs. Rofe, Mrs. E. Hovey, J. W. Baker (executor of late Mrs. Mary Kelly), the Winter Family, John Hindle, John E. and Dr. E. A. Bardsley, the late R. K. Spotswood, R. J. Finlayson, and others who have given scholarships for students and other funds which have helped the students and College work to a wonderful degree.

Other men have labored to establish and build up the College of the Bible on strong and sound foundations. We enter into their labors. May this and succeeding generations never forget "the endless debt to other men" they owe for all that has been done. Above all we praise God for his leading and blessings abundant through the years. May he continue to crown our faith's endeavor. Remembering all the way we have been so graciously led, and with strong faith in the future, believing the "best is yet to be," may those who following us look back along the corridors of time be able to say of the College of the Bible—"Though thy beginnings were small, thy latter end shall be glorious."

Brotherhood Co-operation in Preacher Training

Hon. W. Morrow, M.L.C., President Federal Conference.

The idea of a brotherhood naturally implies co-operation, a society in which men and women are united by common ties and for a definite purpose, where the interests and aspirations of the individual members become identified with the unified objective of the organisation. Such a society can function, in its fullest sense, only as the individual member faithfully discharges his or her part in the working out of the supreme objective. Observe how every human system, and nature itself, is the embodiment of this idea, and if nature, the nation, family and fraternity demand for their full realisation this spirit of co-operation, is it not only reasonable to assume that the higher we ascend in the relationships of life the greater will be its manifestation? If it be true, as one distinguished scholar has affirmed, "That in all the spheres of divine operation grace invariably presupposes nature," then we need not be surprised to discover that this spirit of co-operation finds its ideal in that spiritual brotherhood instituted by Christ when he established his church and to which the apostle refers when he says "We are to hold by the truth, and by our love to grow up wholly into him. For he, Christ, is the head and under him, as the entire body is welded together and compacted by every joint with which it is supplied, the due activity of each part enables the body to grow and build itself up in love" (Moffatt's translation). A more fitting figure, portraying the marvellous unity and co-operation that should characterise this divine brotherhood, we could not have than that which is given, by the apostle, in his first letter to the church at Corinth, wherein he compares it to the human body in which every member, with a wonderful concord and co-operation, functions for a concerted purpose. In such a figure there is an obvious truth, that to the extent that there is default by any member the corporate life is weakened and its unified purpose impaired. Was this not also the meaning of the Master in the parable of the vine? Therefore, in a brotherhood so constituted, it must follow that whatever makes for its life and purpose should be of vital concern and receive the fullest support from its individual members.

It will be remembered that it was this thought that caught the imagination of Alexander Campbell in 1834 and led him to affirm that: "1. We can do comparatively nothing in distributing the Bible abroad without co-operation. 2. We can do but comparatively little in the great missionary field of the world, either at home or abroad, without co-operation. 3. We can do little or nothing to improve and elevate the Christian ministry without co-operation. In this work of conversion, the whole church by natural necessity, as well as by the authority of the Great King, must co-operate." Old as these utterances may be, yet they seem to have gathered weight and wisdom with their years, and come to us to-day with added meaning in view of the greater need for training men and women for the work of the ministry and the necessity for providing the means to enable our own College of the Bible to fulfil its mission in meeting this ever growing demand.

During the twenty-one years of its existence this excellent institution has rendered magnificent service to our brotherhood in the training of our young men and women for Christian service, both in the home and foreign lands, a work the full value and appreciation of which, I feel, has yet to be realised by our members. It has given us leadership in all those religious activities with which we are identified, leadership to which we are greatly indebted for our successes in the past and upon which we so largely depend for future progress. However, if the College is to continue to serve the brother-

hood to the extent of our future needs it is obvious that we must be prepared to place its existence and sustenance upon a more permanent and assured basis, relieving it of those harassing financial disabilities under which it has been laboring. Let it be remembered that the College of the Bible is the child of our churches, a part of our religious life, a vital factor in the realisation of our religious aims, and as such should command the closest co-operation of every member. This is the year of its majority. For 21 years it has faithfully served, placing to its credit a record of achievement exceeding the highest expectation of its most sanguine sponsors. Surely the occasion is fitting to show our appreciation of its worth by our birthday gifts that will enable it to reach its desired goal to be out of debt at 21.

As Federal President I would like to take this opportunity of tendering my hearty congratulations to the Board of Management for having so successfully directed its course for the last twenty-one years, to the Principal and faculty for the high standard and honored place which their noble labors have secured for the College in the realm of higher education, to the students, past and present, who are so worthily honoring the high ideals and best traditions of their Alma Mater, and to the brotherhood in the possession of such a valued institution. I sincerely trust that its future will be one of even wider opportunities, freer and more unrestricted in its operation, achieving great triumphs for the King of kings.

SPECIALISATION SPELLS SUCCESS.

We are living in a different environment today to that of a quarter of a century ago. Competition is keener, people are better educated, wages higher, employers more exacting and demand higher efficiency. The men who secure the highest positions study and specialise in some particular profession. The man who does not study remains in the ruck, whilst the student climbs to the pinnacle of success. What is true about professions and businesses

is also true regarding the preaching of the gospel, the noblest profession of all.

If a preacher desires to attract people he must have an attractive message, he must know how to prepare his address, and present it logically and tactfully, otherwise he will fail to carry conviction.

The College of the Bible, with its efficient staff, is educating consecrated young men and fitting them for the noble work of preaching. Every member of the Church of Christ in Australia should regard it a duty as well as privilege to assist our own College financially and by prayer.—S. Price Weir.

CHRIST AND THE INTELLECT.

Our dear Lord has affected our hearts and expanded our sympathies, and it may be well to enquire as to how his teachings and religion have affected the intellect, especially considering his simplicity and the alleged unlearned men he chose to be his apostles.

I see nothing in his teaching to disparage learning, but rather to encourage it.

He claimed to be the truth, and it was said by one of his apostles that he knew all things and by another that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge were hidden in him. What mean such expressions: "If any man willet to do his will he shall know the doctrine whether it be of God." To know him is the highest knowledge. To be good is better than to be an encyclopedia of knowledge. Certainly Christ's blessing is upon all truth and the search for it.

The history of the church is ample proof that he is willing to let his light shine in the halls of learning as well as in the house of God, to guide the student in the college as well as the pilgrim on the way to heaven.

The minister as part of his equipment needs a good foundation of culture with which to begin his labors for the Lord, otherwise he will be at great disadvantage and may on some occasions have to suffer some embarrassment.

The Lord bless the small colleges. In proportion to the number of their graduates they have made by far the greatest contribution of great men to the civilisation of the world.—John L. Brandt.



Saturday Noon: Students leaving for Week-end Preaching Appointments.

Education a Factor in Growth.

GROWTH DEPENDS ON EDUCATED MINISTRY.

The growth of the Restoration Movement in Australia is inevitable. Truth never stands still. Grace, knowledge, character: these are factors in growth; tributaries to the stream of truth; onflowing, unfailing. Similarly, education, be it true to name, enhances the value of those things which by themselves are valuable.

The past 21 years have seen a pleasing and permanent growth in our churches throughout Australia. Coincident therewith the history of our Bible College at Glen Iris has demonstrated that brains and character plus education produce the life that wins. Churches at home and abroad, Y.P. agencies, missions: all embrace the spirit of true education and acknowledge their indebtedness to our Bible College.

Thus the truism that education is a factor in growth is exemplified in the life of our churches. There is still a great need for preachers, and Glen Iris is the source from which naturally we will draw our supply.

Our continued growth will depend, in no small measure, on an educated ministry, and in conferring this boon upon the brotherhood the College at Glen Iris has more than justified its existence.

Twenty-one years of magnificent service, of educating men of ability and consecration, men who are giving themselves to the highest and best work to which men can be called—this is the record. It is likely that the next 21 years will be the most significant in history; may our College continue to give us men who will impress the Christ whom they represent upon the thought and life of many generations.—S. J. Southgate, President N.S.W. Conference.

THE DIVINE METHOD.

Surely no one needs to be convinced of the importance of education as a factor in successful leadership and ministry. A period of preparation for definite service has always been the divine method. Moses, although learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, yet had to go for forty years into the wilderness for further preparation before he was given his ministry. Solomon received in a special and miraculous way the education necessary for his task. The apostles were chosen for the purpose of accompanying with Jesus so that he might personally train and teach them. We might extend the list by many more.

Without some educational preparation we should soon be as the Jews in Paul's day—having a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge, and we would certainly make a similar muddle of God's plan. Since we do not live long enough to allow of forty years' preparation in the wilderness, and God does not give us miraculous knowledge as he did Solomon, and we cannot walk with Jesus in the flesh as did the apostles, a period of training and education under wise and godly men becomes indispensable to each one who would be a successful leader. Not until it becomes possible again to talk face to face with the Christ, or God bestows miraculous knowledge upon men, can we dispense with the College of the Bible.—Albert J. Ingham, President, W.A. Conference.

THE ALLY OF ALL OUR WORK.

This is the light in which we ought to view our Bible College. Whether we think of the local church or of our co-operative tasks in Home Missions, Foreign Missions, social service or young people's work, we are forced to a realisation that the well-being of all, and the future growth in effectiveness of all, is conditioned on the work of the College. This is so because it is our source of supply for trained workers. So then we must not think of it as

a competitor with other interests but as an indispensable ally.

The aim, "Out of debt at 21," can be attained if an army of small contributors will respond in addition to those able to do bigger things. Are you one of those who because not able to do big things have done nothing? We need your help. Men of evangelistic passion, trained and qualified, are the great need of the hour. Glen Iris loyally supported is destined to be the big factor in future growth. Other factors enter in, but under conditions as they exist, evangelism plus education is the need of the hour. Help this work and you help all our work.—A. W. Connor, Conference President, Vic.

SERVED A GRAND PURPOSE.

I welcome the opportunity of extending cordial greetings to the College of the Bible on having attained its majority.

The College has served a grand purpose in the past 21 years of service, and its education has been a factor in growth with many who have passed through its classes.

Many who have availed themselves of the educational facilities which the College offers have spread themselves in different parts of the world, and have been instruments in the development and growth of God's work.

There is a very definite need in these days of ours for all serious, honest-minded men to consider the things which are going to count in the task of the present day.

Let us realise that a sympathetic and active application in our education will not only give us confidence but will increase the prestige of the organisation we represent and consequently react beneficially on ourselves.

Development of the body and mind makes for the individual a growth which stands him in good stead in any sphere of life.

Education along spiritual lines makes for the individual a growth which stands high above all else.

May the College continue to carry on its good work of education along lines which will make for the extension of God's kingdom on this earth.—F. Langlois, S.A. Conf. President.

The need of the hour is not more factories or materials, not more railroads or steamships, not more armies or more navies, but rather more education based on the plain teaching of Jesus.—Roger Babson.



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OUR DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

I wish to congratulate the Principal and Board of Management of our Bible College at Glen Iris, as this worthy institution celebrates the twenty-first anniversary of her birthday.

As our Bible College reaches the majority age of invaluable service to our brotherhood, we are reminded of the great debt of gratitude we owe, not only to those who prepared the way for its establishment, but also to those who toiled so faithfully and valiantly to make her the great factor she is to-day.

We are too apt to undervalue the benefit of education and training in connection with our church work. We seem to incline to the view that success—increased—depends more upon the



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good seed and soil, warm rains and sunshine, rather than upon the sower, yet we should ever remember the skilful sower is the successful husbandman. So in the economy of grace, the Christian worker needs training for his matter and methods have a prominent place in the production of results. Care should always be taken to give effect to the Word.

We find in Acts 14: 1 that Paul and Barnabas so spake that a great multitude believed. I am convinced that the manner of presenting gospel truth has much to do in producing results. In this respect our Bible College has rendered magnificent service.

I trust that one and all will give her many happy, helpful, practical "returns" on October 2.—Stuart C. Trudgian, Qld. Conf. President.

AFTER COLLEGE—WHAT?

The Old Boys of Glen Iris from many parts of the world look back on the days that are gone as great days, when at the feet of great masters they had the privilege of training for a life to which they had set their hearts. It seems hard for some of us to realise that time has sped so quickly, and every Old Boy would like to present his "birthday greetings" at this "coming of age" of the institution he loves so well. He hopes, also, that the objective of the Board will be reached—"Out of Debt at 21."

The College has contributed greatly to the work of our Australian brotherhood, and it should be the aim of every Old Boy in these days to so interest and inspire that portion of the brotherhood among whom he may be working, so that it will contribute of its men and money to the College. More than ever we must stand in together on this great task: the College cannot do without the brotherhood, and the brotherhood cannot do without the College. After College, what, Old Boys? A deeper consecration to things of God, and a greater determination to rally men to the colors. So "Let all the ends thou aimst at be thy country's, thy God's, and Truth's.—J. E. Shipway, President Old Boys' Club.

Christianity has been the mother of all modern education.—Dr. McCosh.

Facing Life's Problems.

HIDDEN POSSIBILITIES.

There is much in the experience of early youth that seems to belong to the realm of the unreal. The process of years, however, brings us face to face with facts. Problems varied and pressing make an endless procession which we have to meet at every turn of the road. Facing this great host and finding solutions constitute the major portion of life's task. Somewhere in every problem is hidden a possibility.



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Something worth-while is contributed to experience as questions are rightly met and solved. To that end spiritual and intellectual equipment are essentials, and in the securing of such the College of the Bible aids tremendously.—Chas. Schwab.

OUR COLLEGE.

Our College. No, I cannot say my College. That was not my privilege. But the grandest word in my limited vocabulary—brotherhood—enables me to say, Our College, and we are all proud to say it too. Yes, brethren, this splendid institution belongs to us. The fine band of students who are there, preparing for their life's work, are ours. We have every reason to be proud of them. The splendid men who form the College Faculty are also ours. We honor them for their work's sake. And the College property is ours. We are proud to have such a fine educational establishment belonging to our brotherhood. And that splendid debt, that belongs to us also. Yes, honor bright, let us claim the lot. The only time to be proud of a debt is the day after it is paid. "Out of Debt at 21"—that is a splendid slogan. Let us all try to make it a fact on October 2. As a fact, we may well be proud of it.—Chas. H. Hunt, Kalgoolie.

LIVING FOR THE FAITH.

Perhaps no problem faces the preacher more constantly than that of living for the ideals of the gospel. Not merely living up to the standard that the gospel sets, but living for its ideals, for his faith. Such living demands concentration of purpose; calls for devotion of heart and soul and mind; and for the resistance of weakness within, and of specious temptation from without.

There are times when it is nobler to die than to live, when death is more honorable than the surrender of conscience, and fidelity to God. But it often calls for greater moral courage and heroism to live for the ideal than to die for it. It may be said that the College aims to teach men to live for the faith. There is meaning in its claim to train, not for a living but for a life.—Elhelbert Davis.

SELF-FULFILMENT.

The College advanced to its manhood in training young men and women for Christian service, by putting at their disposal the knowledge and experience of their seniors, and by directing the spirit of service. Its growth was commensurate with the assistance it gave students in fulfilling themselves and realising the possibilities latent within them. All former students aver that at Glen Iris the spirit of service for Christ and his church was most sedulously cultivated, that they were made more conscious of responsibilities to God and humanity, and led to acknowledge moral and spiritual obligations which before were imperfectly recognised. The College is worthy of the admiration and support of the whole brotherhood.—E. P. Aderman.

MEN OF HIGH IDEALS.

As I glance over a few photographs of students of the College in its pre-Glen Iris days, I am struck by the losses we have sustained from among the ranks of these splendid fellows. C. A. Wilson, Walter Mansill, Joseph Binney, Arthur Strongman, a splendid quartette of consecrated workers, all died young when "facing life's problems." What might they not have been!

In those days—such was the common infirmity of youthful minds—the lads used to keep autograph books. Here is a message from each of the four, as written in my collection:—

- (a) "Life's very best be thine!
Whether it come as joy or pain."
—W. Mansill.
- (b) "Be useful where thou livest, that they may
Both want, and wish, thy pleasing
presence still."
—J. Binney.
- (c) "Christ uses men, so be a man."
—C. A. Wilson.
- (d) "A purpose once fixed, and then death or
victory! That quality will do anything that
can be done in this world; and no talents,
no circumstances, no opportunities will
make a two-legged creature a man without
it."
—A. D. Strongman.

How has the College helped me in facing life's problems? I am asked. Chiefly by bringing me into close contact with young men of high ideals.



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who found God's lovingkindness to be better than life, who loved honor more than worldly honors, and who died climbing towards the heights. God speed the College as it enriches the lives of those who are to lead among our churches!—J. I. Mudford.

MISSIONS REQUIRE MEN FOR CONSERVATION.

Experience has taught that our greatest need after a successful mission is that of a capable leader, teacher, encourager and soul-winner. The greatest institution in Australia for providing men with moulded character, holy enthusiasm, consecrated education, and sound faith is the College of the Bible. God bless you, Bro. Saunders, as you endeavor to make known the merits of this grand institution, because the members of the Churches of Christ always respond sacrificially to an appeal for that which is worthy. Where is the member who will not make an offering on October 2?—E. C. Hinrichsen.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS OLD THIS YEAR!

What memories arise of the events of those years, the childhood struggles, the endeavor to walk, then independent of everyone and launching out on our own, and now to be 21! Responsible for every act and deed, liable in law for faithful fulfillment of all obligations. What a burden it is to a young man to be under a load of debt on coming-of-age! How he wishes he were able to pay that debt!

My recollection of the College dates from 1910, when I became a member of the Church of Christ. I look upon the College as one of the best institutions of the church—if not the best. It has grown rapidly since 1910, and many preachers have blessed the College for the splendid work done for them there. It would be invidious to name any of the splendid men who have graduated under the able guidance of Principal A. R. Main. The College is hampered by the debt on its property, and it behoves the brethren to take steps to wipe off that debt and hand over the deeds of the property on the twenty-first birthday, and give it a fresh start in life on its reaching the age of responsibility. Let us be up and doing, brethren, and free the College of that debt.—Thos. E. Rofe.

THE SPIRIT OF THE SCHOOL.

It is the vocation of every one to help. It is not reserved for humans to be spectators while the drama of life is being played.

Then to prepare for life's vocation there must be a training ground. During the years of learning the spirit of the school asserts itself. It is no vague ideal nor is it merely a guiding principle. Its influence is strong and its help real, for being part of the school it influences all. In some cases the effect is striking; in others almost imperceptible.

The preparation time is often difficult, for some old cherished ideas have to be discarded and new truths imbibed. The ideals and purposes of life, however, act as incentives, and the spirit of the school acts as guide, helping to prepare for service. Doubts and misgivings often dog one's footsteps, and the goal seems far removed. He who would be victor must first fight; he who would be master must first be pupil. To retreat may seem wiser than to advance. Play is easier than work. Self may easily be placed before the interests of others. The spirit of the school points to the things which are ultimately best—advance, work, and others.

Embodied in this phrase is a greater wealth of meaning, because Glen Iris is the training-ground for the heart as well as the mind. The spirit of the school becomes the Spirit of the Saviour. His was a mission of helpful service. Of him then must we learn, him follow and serve until as night falls we come to rest and home.—R. C. Holduan, Chairman Students' Com.

Putting Christ Into Australian Life.

TORCH-BEARERS OF THE FUTURE.

Those who preach the gospel or teach the things of the kingdom are light-bearers illuminating dark places. Paul was such. But he not only carried the light himself, but manifested a concern about light-bearing in after days. Did he not say to Timothy: "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2: 2).

We, too, should manifest a similar concern. Some of the faithful men in the churches are growing old, while others are in middle life, and when they have gone, who will lead the Lord's host? They must pass on the torch to the younger, and they, in their turn, must lead on in the eradication of darkness, and in the spread of light.

gently present the teaching of the Saviour. Our churches will do well to look out for and engage brethren who are "workmen that need not to be ashamed, handling aright the Word of Truth." We must look to the College of the Bible to supply the workmen. The establishment of the College was one of the wisest things that the brotherhood has done. But the College must be supported by our gifts. Looking through the State records of annual offerings for the College, one discovers a real weakness in our plans. The appeal of this institution has not met with a worthy response among our churches. It looks as if it is not regarded as one of the essentials in our plan for evangelism. What is to become of our Home or Foreign Mission work if we have not the men to enter the open doors? Future progress depends on the



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But if those younger in years are to be the evangelists, the elders, the deacons, the Sunday School workers of the future, they must be trained. This can be done in various ways, and through numerous institutions, but the College of the Bible at Glen Iris is playing, and will continue to play, a most important part in this necessary work. And as long as that institution trains men to be evangelists and not clerics, and aids men who will not devote their whole time to the work to be more efficient in the work they do for the church of God, just so long should it command the respect and support of the brethren. And by supporting this College we will be passing on the torch to others who will be able to bear it for God's glory and the good of humanity after we have gone. Thos. Hagger, H.M. Organiser, N.S.W.

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IS WORTHY OF THE BEST.

Each generation is confronted with its particular problem. Our days are no exception to the rule. In every important calling the demand is for trained men—specialist in his or her sphere. And the educated person is in demand for the chief position in business life. The business in which the Christian is engaged is of supreme importance. We have a message to present which can save a lost and ruined race. The preaching of the gospel of Christ is worthy of the best. If the plea we advocate is to be favorably received, and meet with acceptance by those to whom we preach, the message need be presented in a clear, earnest, and reasoned way. Our Foreign Mission Board realise that those who represent us as missionaries to the heathen need to be equipped for their work. The peoples of the East are seeking the highest and best education. Our Home Mission Department is more fully seized with the necessity of securing preachers of the Word of Life, who are consecrated, and can intelli-

number of men trained for a life service in the preaching of the gospel. Let us more generously respond to the appeal on October 2.—H. J. Horsell, S.A. Conf. Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S THREE CHEERS.

Western Australia's concept of the importance of the Bible College is evidenced by at least three considerations.

1. The number of the men she has sent for training. The years of history piling up behind the College should yield a very presentable list of students from the Far West of Australia.

2. The men from the College she welcomes to help in the work of the churches of this Western State. Out of our handful of evangelists now at work, nine speak the language of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris.

3. The money Western Australia puts into the institution. Not to become too antiquated and dig too far into "the years that are past," 1925, £45 13/8; 1926, £19 7/2; 1927, £67 3/11.—A. Lucraft, Acting Secretary W.A. Conference.



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"THEIR VISION WAS OF GOD."

Tested by time and justified by results, the College of the Bible "comes of age" this year. Amongst the many institutions of our Australian churches, it stands out as one of the most essential. Twenty years ago, it was said by many to be years ahead of its time. To-day we find the greatest shortage of preachers for our larger churches—marking the years just prior to the opening of the College, when men for these churches should have been entering a college. Experience has shown that it was "not before its time." It has assured to Australia a supply of preachers, which has made possible the great development of the past fifteen years; for without these men new causes would not have been attempted.

After twenty years we look back and applaud those far-seeing men who made possible the commencement in 1907. Their vision was of God, and God has set his seal upon their work. It has been richly endowed with men of outstanding ability on the Faculty, and it remains now for the brotherhood to endow it financially, to enable it to take the place designed of God in the winning of this great land of the South to the Book of God. May God bless the 1927 College appeal!—W. Gale, Vic. Conf. Secretary.

TASMANIA REMEMBERS.

"The College offering!" There is ambiguity. Of course, the context of past privileges and present needs indicate the specific phase. But I purposely challenge the construction, because it challenges me. I see three distinct demands. Yes, "the" College offering. A training place where the Bible is pre-eminent in the heart, mind, and life of Principal, professors, and student-body. Indeed, a College of the Bible. Few theological colleges may claim that unique distinction. Clearly there is also a pronounced "College" offering. Young men and young women have given, are giving, and many now are preparing to continue "offering" redeemed talents and devotion to Christ. Their economic problems challenge our comfort and convenience. They offer "life," which is "the last citadel of self." Finally, and urgently, we see the College "offering." That is the annual appeal for prayers, sons, daughters, and money from Christian homes. These precious gifts are vital as a "continuous" offering. That fourfold "offering" will be required, "until he come." Tasmania will prayerfully, therefore generously, remember the offering on October 2.—N. G. Noble, Tas. Conf. Secretary.

THANK YOU!

It is a bitterly cold evening. Outside the wind tells of the wintry conditions, but inside the College buildings the students are comfortably seated at their studies.

"How is this possible, you ask, seeing that Melbourne is such a cold place."

The answer is simple. Many good folk have shown such a practical interest in the College men that it is now possible for each one of them to enjoy the cheery comfort of a radiator.

Who are they? Well, we really cannot name them, but they are the young people belonging to the C.E. Societies and clubs of the churches.

We thank them all for their gift, and bless the fellowship they thus have with us in our preparation for his service.—Students of the C.O.B., per R. Banks, Secty. Committee.

If a people expect to be ignorant and free, they expect what never was and never can be.—Thomas Jefferson.

The Testimony of Teachers.

The Capacity for Work.

If most young men anticipate their college course in the same way that I did mine, they look to the college especially as an institution that will increase their store of knowledge, and by the sheer weight of accumulated wisdom increase their ability for special service. And a college course, sincerely undertaken, does secure that result. But it does other things of equal if not greater importance, one of which is to increase the capacity for work.

College life is strenuous. Numbers of young men break under the strain. Every young man who successfully negotiates his college course comes out of it with a greatly increased ability to undertake and carry through enterprises of worth. And in a preacher's life nothing can be of more value, or more necessary. The life of the average preacher of the gospel is crowded full of hard and difficult work, and the young man who sets out to achieve success in this service needs to know how to conserve his time, and direct his efforts to the best advantage—in a word, the art of working.

It is a fact, of course, that many people think the preacher has an easy, even a lazy time, in life. Few have any realisation of the breadth and range of a preacher's activities. Think for a moment what is required of him. He must be acquainted with current events; he must familiarise himself with all the vagaries of religious thought, and be able to debate successfully with all the representatives of all religious varieties; he must know the developments of science as they relate to religion; he must keep in touch with the progress of philosophy; he must associate himself with all movements for social reform; he must be able to speak on all phases of the liquor problem—moral, social, religious, political, scientific and medical; he must be a diligent student of the Bible, and must know the latest results of scholarship in this field; he must give religious instruction in the schools; he must address clubs and young people's societies, women's meetings and brotherhood meetings, prayer meetings and literary meetings; he must be an able financier, a Bible School expert and a good church organiser; he must visit his flock regularly, and be a kind of burden bearer, helping to carry the load of their perplexities and troubles; he must prepare two sermons for Sunday, and be as fresh as if he had been in his study all the week, and he must find time to develop the self-control necessary when someone comes to him wondering how on earth a preacher puts in his time!

No doubt preachers can be lazy, if they want to be. No one can keep tab on their working hours. They are not timed by the clock. No preacher could be a success if clocks could time him. Most of our men are conscientious workers, who toil nearer sixteen hours a day than eight, and seven days a week instead of six or five, and who need good habits of working if they are to sustain the heavy task that is theirs.

It is unfortunately possible to be very busy at very little. A recent writer said a preacher may "comfort himself with the delusion that he is doing a great deal because he is doing a great many different kinds of things. . . . Just as the frequency of appeals for money may give us the impression that he is very generous even though he never gives anything in response to any of the appeals." Dr. Alexander Whyte once said, "Our epitaph may be the motto of Grotius, fitted to sum up too many ministers' lives, 'I lost my life laboriously doing nothing.'"

But this again emphasises the need of learning how to work—how to co-ordinate one's efforts, how to conserve one's time, and direct

one's energies, to the best advantage. Not the least valuable of the college influences is the contribution that is made in this direction—a student learns how to work.—T. H. Scambler.

Is It a Sacrifice?

On one occasion a teacher at the College remarked to a student that it was good of her to sacrifice so much and come and sit down in the benches devoting time and effort to the drudgery of study. "Oh no," was the reply, "this is what we've been praying for," and the teacher had to think again. Thinking again does us good. To devote a life to extend the saving worth of Jesus Christ is to rise above material comfort and business prospects, and to find anew the love and joy and hope that alone make life worth living. "This is the work for me," was her attitude, and she rejoiced in it greatly.

On a previous occasion, however, the same remark elicited a somewhat different reply. Another student thinking of the lucrative appointment he had given up, said that his loss of income "trod on his toes" for a while, and the candid admission lost him no respect. There are usually some fifty students at the College every year, and the total surrender of economic income by them can be fairly put down at a figure between £8,000 and £10,000 per annum. Many of them are highly qualified in technical

is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. These men in Glen Iris call "the deeps of man's nature to the conquering," and they are the better men for wrestling with the grind of poverty. It puts something good into them that would otherwise not get there.

Then some who do not know us have an absurd idea that it is necessary to dispel. It is that the life at the College is an easy one. The victims of this delusion had better try a term's work at Glen Iris. Lectures and hard study and long hours and examinations whose pass standard is 60 per cent, would provide the necessary awakening. Then this shock could be supplemented by the preparation that must be made for the services and Sunday School work that so many of the students undertake throughout the State.

Is it a sacrifice?—J. S. Taylor.

The Preacher's Tasks.

To exalt Christ as Lord, and to win men to him;

To have a share in diffusing the "sweetness and light" of Christian culture;

To conserve faith in the midst of much rationalistic criticism and speculation;

To expound honestly the Scriptures, and to hold aloft the torch of truth;

To minister to those who find life's burdens heavy by reflecting the character of him who makes every burden light;

These are some of the preacher's tasks.

Whatever measure of success in the perform-



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arts, and have creditably filled responsible positions. Now it is well at this point to ask those who are reading this, to consider in addition the hard work and the fine work that the students are doing.

First of all, it is well to inform some that the annual offering taken up for the maintenance of the College is not for the direct financial benefit of the students. They receive none of it, except in rare necessitous cases. Every student pays for his own board and also pays his own tuition fees. Most of them work their way through College by means of their own savings, by what they can earn by preaching or at any other work, whilst the scholarships that some members of the brotherhood have generously made available can only help a few, and these sums are only won by hard and strenuous study. The preparation of the student for his future work teaches him what it is to endure hardness like a good soldier of Jesus Christ. It

ing of these duties has been reached by graduates of the College of the Bible, they themselves will be the first to admit that their training did much toward its achievement.—Randall T. Pittman.

THE AUTHORITY FOR TEACHING.

Christian education is grounded in Christ's authority and teaching. . . . In his "Great Commission" teaching goes along with disciplining and baptising. In the method of Jesus, preaching and teaching went hand in hand. He was more frequently called "Teacher" than anything else. His method was chiefly teaching. Certainly the authority of Christ is the end of all debate. Geo. W. Truett

Scholarship has never, so far as I can recall, been associated with any religion, except the religion of Jesus Christ.—President Wilson.

The College Calls to Women.

A GREETING.

The sisters of the N.S.W. churches send greetings and heartiest congratulations to the College of the Bible on the attainment of its 21st birthday. We pray that the Spirit of Jesus Christ may dominate the lives of Faculty and students alike. God has blessed you from infancy till now, and we know he will continue to bless your loyalty to him. He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself."—Agnes Rush, Pres. N.S.W. Sisters' Conference.

THANKS. PRAYERS. HELP.

"The College calls to women" for grateful thanks to God that he put it into the hearts of faithful earnest men to establish this College home which has so abundantly fulfilled the promise of early years.

As we view the lives of those who have passed through its course, missionries for abroad, preachers for the homeland, so well equipped, we thank God again and again for such an institution.

"The College calls to women" to pray for the Faculty and the Board who have hard problems and responsibilities that God will give them grace and wisdom; for the students, who often financially and otherwise hard pressed, are often tempted sore to give up, that he will "stablish their hearts."

"The College calls to women" to help financially: home life, material comfort, for those dear people, is ours to give. As the call goes out this year for increased funds, we entreat the sisterhood for a hearty loving response.—Alice M. Robinson, Pres. Women's Auxiliary, W.A.

FROM PRAYER TO POWER.

The Bible College is a sisterhood as well as a brotherhood institution. It tells of God and trains for service. Men of splendid talents and women of rare consecration represent it to-day on home and foreign service. The spirit of love and devotion that moved women to be last at the cross and first at the tomb of Jesus still lives.

To-day the College appeals to Christian womanhood. To all the women of our churches it calls for prayer, that increasingly it may rise through prayer to power. To many it calls for assistance in providing equipment, that in a worthy measure the College may offer the student the comfort and atmosphere of a real home.

Others it calls to Foreign Mission service, demanding rare self-sacrifice, patience and heroic living.

The past is an inspiration; the present is a challenge. The College calls to women. Let us hear and heed.—Mrs. T. B. Fischer, Pres. Sisters' Conference, S.A.

THE COLLEGE CALLS TO WOMEN.

One of the joys of a mother is to celebrate the coming of age of her children. How she surveys the past years with satisfaction, realising by the grace and goodness of God, the dear one has reached the age of maturity. Not only does she rejoice, but all the family. This year the College of the Bible attains its majority. It can be assumed that many parents rejoice that their loved ones, realising God's call for active

service, having heard and responded to the "Go ye" of the risen Saviour, were able to fit themselves for the great, vitally important work of soul-winning through this excellent institution.

Has God stopped calling young people to serve in home and foreign fields? Is the precious command of our glorified Saviour of none effect now? No! a thousand times No. He is still calling young women and virile men to do his gracious will. For the wondrous opportunities before us, the College of the Bible presents an unparalleled means of acquiring the Biblical and educational knowledge necessary to good soldiers of Christ Jesus. We appeal to all sisters in



Mrs. C. Fleming McDonald,
Matron, Hostel.

Tasmania to prayerfully and practically support the College of the Bible annual offering on Oct. 2, showing by liberality thanks to God.—M. A. Prichard, Pres., Tas. Sisters' Auxiliary Conf.

IN THE CENTRE OF OUR THOUGHT.

Some one has said, and said truly too, "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." A Christian mother's influence is the most wonderful influence in all the world. We think of that young man who said "I just couldn't go wrong, because I knew my mother expected so much of me." The greatest joy we mothers can have is to see the feet of our boys and girls turning into the pathway of high moral ideals, that leads to Christ. What a wonderful institution is our College at Glen Iris for training the lives of our boys and girls for the work of the Christian ministry, and for missionary enterprise abroad for Jesus. We mothers cannot make any greater contribution to the cause of

Jesus, than to give our boys and girls to the ministry of the Word, and it should be a glad day for us, when any of our children turn their faces towards our College at Glen Iris. We must keep our College in the centre of all our thinking, for it is the greatest asset we have in all of our Christian work. The Board of Management is making a great appeal for the College to be out of debt at "The coming of the age" of twenty-one years, and I appeal to every sister of our great Victorian sisterhood to bring a worthy offering, and lay it upon the altar of her personal sacrifice, on Lord's Day, Oct. 2, of this year.—Mrs. J. E. Shipway, Pres. Women's Conference, Victoria.

VICTORIA'S BIRTHDAY GIFT.

It was a pleasure with other members of the Council of the Victorian Women's Conference to pay a visit of inspection to the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, at the invitation of the Board of Management. We were glad to go over the building and see the rooms occupied by present-day students, and then to think of the many past students who had occupied the same rooms before going out on their life work. Naturally the wear and tear of many years, faded paint-work and other things, showed the urgent necessity of renovation.

The members of the Board explained their intention of completely repainting and renovating all the classrooms and students' rooms during the present year if possible. The proposal was received by the Council, and it was decided to recommend the Women's Conference to assist the Board to carry out the necessary work. This was unanimously agreed to, and it was resolved that we raise by shilling contributions the sum of £150. A letter has been sent to all our Victorian churches. We trust the appeal will result in every member having a part in this twenty-first birthday gift. We like our rooms at home to look clean and inviting, and desire the same for our students, so they can do their work amid the best environment. A gift from every member will greatly help to achieve this object.

The College is a most worthy institution. It stands for progress in the church. We want our young men preparing for the great task of preaching the gospel to be assured of our interest during their years of hard study. Let us give them the best we can—clean, bright rooms to live in while away from their homes. They will repay us afterwards in noble service for the best of leaders, Christ, our King. Shall we make this birthday gift from the sisters of Victoria "worth while"?—(Miss) Louie Rometch, Victorian Women's Conference Sec.

MY WORK.

Let me but do my work from day to day,
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
In roaring market place or tranquil room;
Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray:
This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;
Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right way.
Then shall I see it not too great nor small
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;
Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours,
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall
At eventide, to play and love and rest,
Because I know for me my life is best.—Van Dyke.



Lady Students Arriving at College.

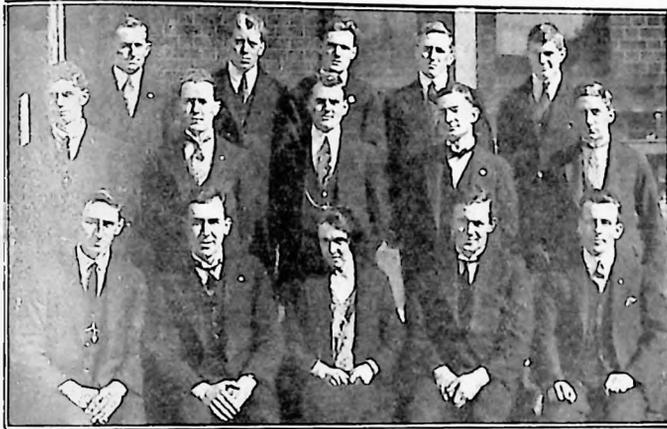
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A GRACEFUL ACT.

I most sincerely hope that that College offering this year will be up to your expectations, and be more than sufficient to meet all current expenses. It would be a graceful act for the brotherhood in the Commonwealth to give the "latch key" of the property free from debt to the president of the Board of Management on its 21st birthday.—A. E. Illingworth.

EXPUNGE THE DEBT.

To reach maturity possessed of an education qualifying the individual for a life task is the least and the most we covet for everyone. It applies with equal force to the religious task as to commerce, manufacture and primary production. To the educators in all these spheres the nation owes a recognition that can only be made by the expression of its gratitude. To



New Students, 1927.

OUR GREATEST ASSET.

The College of the Bible is the greatest asset the church has.

From an economic point of view, it conserves our man-power by giving an education to men who could not get such at any other institution. It also saves time and money to those who seek to know the truth. The situation in Melbourne is ideal, being central to all the States. It gives the students an opportunity to help themselves, and many young men have the opportunity they could not get if the College were situated in any other city. Its Principal is eminently suited with wonderful tact and judgment; born to be a teacher of men. Not an extremist, always logical, and may I say, lovable. The church must have such an institution if it is to spread the gospel to all the world urgently. Then why hesitate when money is needed? To help the College we are helping both Home and Foreign Missions.—Leo. Rossell.

ABLE ADVOCATES NEEDED.

In the first place let me congratulate the brethren of Australia upon having a college for the purpose of training young men of vision and consecration to equip themselves for the ministry of the Word, to fit themselves to teach and lead in thought the fundamentals of the plea for which we as a people stand. Our brethren in training have to meet an educated ministry outside, therefore it is also necessary to have men who are able and willing to defend a cause which we as a great brotherhood claim to be right. Some of our good brethren do not see the need of the College, fearing the encroachment of the clergy over the laity. I have no such fear, as with our demagogic church government no such ascendancy is possible, even were it desired by our evangelists and preachers. Education is a factor in every day life, in order to prosper materially. Surely then it is equally so when our spiritual welfare is considered. I therefore urge upon the brethren in my own State to assist financially to the best of their ability, the College which we claim as our own and of which we are justly proud.—P. Duff, Tas. Conf. President.

THE CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH.

The religious papers of recent times have given much prominence to the views of church leaders on the question of church union. Whilst we welcome every effort aiming at the unity of God's people, we feel that nothing definite will be accomplished without first getting the support and moral sanction of the community at large. The individual will be the deciding factor in this as in all other great movements.

The challenge to the church of Christ to-day is to instruct "every creature" in "all things" commanded by Christ. The College has been the greatest factor of recent years in Australia for disseminating the principles enunciated by Christ. Men equipped for leadership at Glen Iris are making their presence felt in the community. But the cry for assistance to preach the Word of life in all simplicity in city and country grows louder and louder each year. Brethren, our loyalty to Christ demands that this incessant call shall not pass unheeded. We must put our best in money and men into the College before the College can assist us to put Christ into the life of our community and State. Let every member celebrate the "Coming of Age" of our College with a liberal offering on October 2.—W. E. Reeve, Qld. Conf. Secretary.

What is needed . . . is that the representatives of religious education who emphasise life situations should be thoroughly trained in the use of the Bible. . . . Their treatment of the Scripture should be in accordance with the best type of Biblical study available. . . . The Bible is too valuable a source book of religion to be ignored or to be turned into an encyclopedia of illustrations.—Prof. Shailer Mathews.

"If religious education is to conform to sound, modern, social and educational principles, it has a duty—however much out of keeping it may seem with the present-day trend towards a purely individualistic Christianity—to bring pupils into contact with life in its actuality and wholeness, and therefore with the real and present life of the community."—Eberhard.

Why not give Christianity a trial? After contemplating the world of human nature for nearly sixty years, I see no other way out of the world's misery but the way of doing Christ's will.—G. Bernard Shaw.

expunge the debt financial from the College of the Bible, and the burden of it from the faculty and management, so that it might step out at twenty-one unencumbered and capable to pursue its noble calling, would be a fitting expression of our gratitude as a brotherhood to the brethren whose life and learning are spent in the training of many for the good of all.—Rowland Morris.

Whatever may be the surface currents, the deeper movement of the tide is with the Christian cause.—J. H. Oldham.



Heralds of Harmony: The College Orchestra.

Unto the Uttermost Parts of the World.

The College and the Missionary Opportunity.

The missionary opportunity is never doubted by intelligent Christians. The Christianity of an unbeliever in Christian missions is necessarily suspect. It is not for us to look at allegedly faulty missionaries and "rice" converts. We look to Christ, our Captain, who orders us into all the world to preach the gospel.

Where Christ commands, all the world calls. Christ being true, eternity being real, how appalling the world's need. Spiritual need where Christ is unknown, is profound beyond the possibility of over-statement. Ship-owners, officials, planters, traders, many of whom assume jungle morals in their distant destinations, denounce us and ridicule our purpose. But we can heed only Christ, not any who in word and deed reject him. Only from the point of view represented at Calvary may Christians settle this or any other duty. There is need in crowded lands where heathen superstition sits in cruel possession of heart and home: There is need—need that is dark and dreadful, however gauged; need that Christ alone can satisfy; need, therefore, that the manhood of the Christian church, against the worst that license, pride of race or vested interest—all of them heartless and unscrupulous—can do, must hasten to relieve.

It is necessary, however, to attend to one all-important fact: the task is none for a weakling. It was never easy; it is more complex and problematical now than ever before. The Orient that has been somnolent almost unto stagnation is so no longer. It is ceasing to be static and is becoming dynamic, dangerously dynamic. A new life is upheaving all the world. Asia is being born anew. Africa is waking up. Many movements are discernible that are sinister in appearance. Atheism is replacing superstition. Scientific education has entered where hitherto has been darkness. Racism, like a vast maelstrom, menaces everywhere. The gospel message, once ignored, is now challenged; formerly tolerated, but misunderstood, it is now resisted though better understood. The light shineth in the darkness, but the darkness apprehendeth it not. Assuredly the missionary's task is none for a mental, physical, or spiritual weakling.

It follows, therefore, that we must send our best men. That means prepared men. To meet Egypt's material power and scientific resources, God sent Moses, his prepared man, himself trained in all the wonderful wisdom of the ancient Egyptians. To meet governors silversmiths, frantic mobs, kings and philosophers, God again called up his prepared man, Saul of Tarsus, whose education was hardly surpassed in his day. And we have no warrant now to think that God will work in any other way.

This is where the College comes in. Within its walls we may hope to find our prepared men—without denying opportunity to serve to others. All who have looked upon the half-hundred young men at Glen Iris know them to be worthy of comparison with any other similar group in Australia. They are spending years in heavy labor through love for Christ and his work. They are sincere, alert, faithful, spiritual, consecrated. During these years of severe and systematic study, they are being tested and sifted. They are our best. Without the College we must go without these splendid prepared men. Then we should look in vain for the men and women we cannot do without, if we are to attempt this increasingly complex missionary task in any adequate manner. Therefore no

Our Missionary Honor Roll.

Former students of the College who have served in Foreign Mission fields.

India.

Miss V. R. Blake.
H. R. Coventry.
Miss E. M. Caldwell.
Miss E. M. Cole.
A. A. Hughes.
Mrs. A. A. Hughes.
F. R. Killey.
Mrs. F. R. Killey.
J. R. Leach, B.A.
G. H. Oldfield, M.B., B.S.
Miss L. Redman.
Miss E. D. Vawser.

China.

A. Anderson.
Mrs. A. Anderson.
H. A. G. Clark, M.A., Dip.Ed.
Mrs. H. A. G. Clark, R.T.V.N.A.
A. C. Garnett, M.A., D.Litt.
E. R. Killmier, M.B., B.S.
Miss P. W. Ludbrook.
W. Waterman.
Mrs. W. Waterman.

South Africa.

C. A. Bowen.
Miss M. C. P. Benjamin.
W. W. Mansill (Deceased).
S. E. M. Riches.
Mrs. S. E. M. Riches.

New Hebrides.

A. B. Chappell.
F. G. Goodwin (Deceased).

Australian Aborigines.

W. E. Black.
Miss E. M. Osborne.

Bolivia.

E. F. Smith.

department of our work more earnestly seeks the continuance and advancement of the College of the Bible than our Foreign Missionary interests; none more truly prays that the brethren may respond with the overwhelming generosity of a love that never calculates to the next annual appeal, the first Lord's day in October.—A. G. Saunders, Chairman Vic. F.M. Committee.



Missionary Volunteers, 1927.

The College of the Bible and the World Programme.

The world is the melting pot—change (both radical and powerful) is seen on all sides. The lurking power of evil, with all its subtle and seductive forces, is abroad—its learning and logic are persuasive. The church must gird on her armor—she must mobilise all her forces too. The call is for men! men! The command is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." All Christians know that only Christ's gospel will save to the uttermost. Satan has come out into the open; he is putting all to the touch. He is practising his deceptions upon even the unsuspecting heathen. China, India, Africa—all are threatened.

It is a magnificent programme, fascinating and inspiring; a programme that calls, "Come now, quit ye like men." The College undoubtedly stands in a unique and privileged position, for it is only by passing through her portals that men can be equipped for such an onerous task. She has by now passed through the most difficult stages of her life with the utmost distinction and worthiness; her influence is being felt both at home and abroad. She has steadily and patiently built up a tradition that will surely and certainly act as a stimulus to the future students whom the Master calls to her hallowed halls. Having attained now her majority, she is peculiarly fitted by experience to give that particular equipment which is so essential to a leader of the Master's ever victorious army.

By her corporate life she can give rise to that wonderful spirit of enthusiasm for the cause, without which no souls can be saved; by that fellowship and communion among her students she can bring into being that subtle beauty of personality which, full of divine grace, attracts and holds all searching souls that ceaselessly seek the peace that passeth all understanding. She can show, by her past records, what service signifies, and it is this that constitutes the very essence of the Master's teaching.

Grace, enthusiasm and service—these are first things for which, from the outset, the College has consistently stood, and with these as fundamental, she is admirably suited to give to her students that added advantage of knowledge and culture which have become so increasingly important to those who, in these days of supposed enlightenment, would stem the onrush of a clever and crafty adversary. At all times, knowledge to the missionary is power, but to-day it is even more needful, since there are new "isms" that would poach upon his preserves, and false reasoning must be rectified, illogical arguments must be refuted, false doctrines must be uprooted.

There are countless millions that are still in darkness. The light of Christianity must be conveyed to them before the false fire of fickle "isms" gets a hold. The College with its strong missionary spirit of the past twenty-one years now stands on the threshold of a new life. The clarion still rings clear—"Go ye!" It is a wonderful task, a magnificent programme, an immense privilege; it calls for the greatest faith, knowledge and sacrifice. The College has given the utmost equipment to her past students; she can still give of her best, and she will give (in the new era upon which she is entering) men who will march breast forward, never doubting, never wavering, looking only to the sacred goal.—J. W. Cosh, Vice-chairman, Federal F.M. Board.

Building the Walls.

BRISK MESSAGES FROM BUSY MEN.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS IN THE BUILDING BUSINESS.

Twenty-one years in the building business and paying handsome dividends every year. Statisticians tell us that every child born in Australia is worth several hundred pounds to the Commonwealth. Who can estimate the value of the men that have been and are being built at Glen Iris; men who are on the King's business in our cities and country towns, and our foreign stations. Our College is paying such handsome returns that any sane person should not hesitate to invest in it. A golden investment it would be advertised if a purely commercial proposition. Let us invest in these lives going out from our Bible College.—Len Gale.

"I'M TWENTY-ONE TO-DAY."

How often we hear the expression, and what a wealth of meaning it contains. Is it not the commencement of greater responsibility—a broader outlook and increasing usefulness in life? The College of the Bible is a wonderful asset to the brotherhood and, at this period of its history, its responsibility and usefulness could be further increased if the way were made possible for its advancement. The College of the Bible may be likened unto a company, formed for the purpose of carrying out a certain work in connection with our plea, and the brotherhood are shareholders of unlimited liability, having responsibilities in any forward movement. We have a splendid faculty and Board of Management, and excellent material to turn out the finished article, but are your shares fully paid up? If not, the onus for the limitation of greater usefulness is on you!—R. J. Finlayson.

FOUNDATIONS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS.

Now, more than in any previous age, men and women are appreciating the advantages of education. Every modern community has, during the last fifty years, increased at least twenty-fold the amounts paid to the school-master. To meet the needs of cultured democracy a body of still better educated ministers is required. Those who support the efforts of the College of the Bible are laying broad and deep the foundations upon which the future success of the Churches of Christ will be built.—D. R. Hall.

RAISING THE STANDARD.

Twenty-one years old! Why, it seems only a few days since the infant began to toddle. Quite an army of trained workers have passed through the College. They have raised the standard of efficiency in the pulpit. True faith has nothing to fear from true knowledge. Faith was never intended to be a cloak for ignorance. The man of God must know his book and all about it. His outlook should be broadened by education, and his oratorical peculiarities kindly corrected lest they become offensive habits.—Alan Price.

BUILDING A MONUMENT.

When the original architect designed that home in Glen Iris, now known as the College of the Bible, little did he dream he was building a monument. Yet, a monument it is. A monument of sacrifice. Those young men who are attracted to the College are surely moved by a spirit of love, and have in their hearts a desire to equip themselves for the King's business. The pecuniary attraction of the pulpit is so very disadvantageous that had the theological student devoted the same number of years to any other calling, he would enjoy remuneration ever so much greater. The choice of the ministry as a life's work is that of sacrifice, and to those

scores of students of the past, together with those of current occupancy, and those yet to come, surely the College of the Bible is a monument of glorious sacrifice. We rejoice with all interested in this wonderful institution that this active monument has now reached its majority. May it continue its splendid progress.—Reg. P. Clark.

MEETS THE DEMAND OF THE AGE!

The age is remarkable for the extraordinary spread of scientific knowledge amongst the masses. The result has been to arouse an ever-growing interest in simple Bible truths and particularly the story of Christ. The average thoughtful man at heart believes, or at any rate wants to believe these things, and rightly feels that the more he can learn about them the better for that faith without which his life is vain and empty.

With such a crying need for an adequately equipped and educated ministry, how could we as a religious body have met our share of the responsibility to-day had we not put hand to the plough twenty-one years ago? We are thankful that the task was begun when it was. We congratulate the College on its fine record, and are proud of its achievement. We look forward with confidence to its increasing influence in the religious life of our nation.—C. R. Furlonger.

THE GREATEST BUSINESS.

Heartly congratulations to the College of the Bible at Glen Iris on coming to its twenty-first anniversary.

What a great record has been established in those years. Can any other institution which we are supporting claim a greater? Many young men and women have been splendidly trained and fitted to go out well equipped to teach others the great plan of salvation through Jesus Christ, and to win them to his service.

This is the greatest business to which any can devote their lives.

Let us continue heartily to support the College by our prayers and money so that the walls can be built longer and stronger in the years to come.—Alf. J. Gard, Federal Treasurer.

Telegrams.

Rathdown-st., 1906, to Glen Iris, 1927. Congratulations on past. Prayers for future. May your majority offering be a worthy one.—H. G. Payne, Alhion, Q.

Glad to add word of gratitude to College. Sincerely hope worthy aim of "Out of debt at 21" will be attained.—D. Wakeley, Sec. O.B. Club, Cheltenham, Vic.

Congratulations to the great institution which has meant so much to the brotherhood. May we show our appreciation of its worth by responding liberally on Oct. 2.—H. M. Clipstone, Castlemaine, Vic.

Congratulations on twenty-one years of solid work. As a result, scores of preachers thank God for the College; and scores of churches have been benefited.—J. R. Leach, Claremont, West. Aus.

Congratulations! May our College ever rejoice as the young man in his strength; yet, with the passing of the years, adding increasingly thereto wisdom and grace divine.—H. J. Patterson, Ascot Vale, Vic.

Happy reflections, keen appreciation prompts West Australian Old Boys' Club congratulations and birthday greetings.—Chas. Schwab, Secty.

Heartly congratulations. The sons of the College answer for her. Her children have arisen to call her blessed. They are as arrows in the hand of a mighty man. May the quiver never be less full!—J. Wiltshire, Adelaide, S.A.

Heartiest congratulations to the College of the Bible on its coming of age.—W. H. G. Wakefield, Maylands, W.A.

Heartly congratulations to the faithful workers at Glen Iris after 21 years of splendid service. May God continue to use you to fit men and women to preach the grand old message of the gospel in Australia and overseas.—D. R. Stirling, Fremantle, W.A.

Twenty-one years! Am I right? It seems more like fifty-one when we think of what has been accomplished, due largely to the consecrated service rendered by Bro. Main and his co-workers. Heartly congratulations.—W. G. Brooker, Queenstown, S.A.

A charter student heartily congratulates his old College upon its twenty-first year of service for Christ and the brotherhood, and trusts that the long-standing debt will be removed on Oct. 2.—J. Ernest Allan, Vic. F.M. Secty.



A Class in Session.

Second Term's Results, 1927.

The following students, having secured at least 80 per cent. of marks, passed with honors in the examinations of the second term. For a pass a grade of 60 per cent. is necessary.

New Testament.—R. J. Manning and E. L. Williams (equal), 87; Miss E. M. Drysdale, 86; C. Fortune and J. O. Methven (equal), 84; R. L. Arnold, 83; I. J. Chivell, J. J. English and G. M. Mathieson (equal), 81. 17 others passed.

Old Testament.—Miss E. M. Drysdale, C. Fortune and R. J. Manning (equal), 86; R. L. Arnold, R. A. L. Beaumont, J. J. English and

Missions.—C. Fortune, J. O. Methven and E. L. Williams (equal), 98; L. R. H. Beaumont, 96; Miss E. M. Drysdale, 95; J. J. English, 92; R. J. Manning, 91; R. L. Arnold, 90; V. C. Stafford, 89; Miss L. Foreman, 88; W. T. Atkin, 87; F. G. T. Turner, 86; E. J. Miles, 84; I. J. Chivell, 82; A. R. Lloyd, 81; T. Bamford, 80. 10 others passed.

Economics (Leaving).—R. J. Manning, 88; T. W. Sinsterson, 84; W. E. Jackel and F. G. T. Turner (equal), 81; W. Saunders, 80. 8 others passed.

English (Leaving).—4 passed.

EXIT STUDENTS, 1927.



LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL.

Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.

Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong.
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

E. L. Williams (equal), 84; J. O. Methven, 83; F. G. T. Turner, 82; I. J. Chivell and V. C. Stafford (equal), 80. 16 others passed.

Church History I.—E. L. Williams, 88; J. O. Methven, 84; R. L. Arnold, 82. 7 others passed.

Christian Doctrine.—E. L. Williams, 87; J. O. Methven, 86; R. L. Arnold and V. C. Stafford (equal), 83; F. G. T. Turner, 82; L. R. H. Beaumont and G. M. Mathieson (equal), 80. 4 others passed.

Church History II.—A. N. Hinrichsen, 94; A. W. Ladbroke, 91; R. J. H. Greenhalgh, 84. 2 others passed.

Homiletics I. and Practical Church Work.—R. J. Manning, 100; C. Fortune and A. R. Lloyd (equal), 98; J. J. English, 96; I. J. Chivell, 87; W. T. Atkin, 86. 9 others passed.

Homiletics II.—E. L. Williams, 97; J. O. Methven, 90; R. L. Arnold, 88; L. R. H. Beaumont, 87; F. G. T. Turner, 83; V. C. Stafford, 80. 4 others passed.

Homiletics III.—A. N. Hinrichsen, 95; A. W. Ladbroke, 94; R. J. H. Greenhalgh, 87; R. A. Banks, 85; R. C. Bolduan, 83. 2 others passed.

Apologetics.—A. N. Hinrichsen, 97; A. W. Ladbroke, 94; R. J. H. Greenhalgh, 87; R. C. Bolduan, 83. 1 other passed.

Hermeneutics and Exegesis.—A. N. Hinrichsen and A. W. Ladbroke (equal), 92; R. J. H. Greenhalgh, 86. 3 others passed.

Psychology.—Miss E. M. Drysdale and A. W. Ladbroke (equal), 84; A. N. Hinrichsen, 82. 3 others passed.

Logic.—A. N. Hinrichsen, 92; A. W. Ladbroke, 88; R. J. H. Greenhalgh, 86; R. C. Bolduan, 85. 2 others passed.

New Testament Greek.—R. J. Manning, 95; C. Fortune, 91; W. T. Atkin, 88; I. J. Chivell, 85; J. J. English, 83. 5 others passed.

Elocution I.—R. L. Williams, 88; J. J. English, 83; C. Fortune, 82; W. T. Atkin and A. R. Lloyd, 80. 10 others passed.

Elocution II.—V. C. Stafford, 90; R. L. Arnold and E. L. Williams (equal), 88; F. G. T. Turner, 85; R. H. L. Beaumont and G. M. Mathieson (equal), 80. 4 others passed.

Ancient History.—C. Fortune, 91; R. J. Manning, 92; J. J. English and A. R. Lloyd (equal), 89; I. J. Chivell, 88; W. T. Atkin and K. A. Jones (equal), 85; R. L. Williams, 82; C. J. Robinson, 80. 8 others passed.

English (Intermediate).—W. Saunders, 81. 3 others passed.

French (Intermediate).—7 passed.

Latin (Intermediate).—1 passed.

Algebra (Intermediate).—T. W. Sinsterson, 97; L. C. Viney, 96; S. Neighbour, 88; I. A. Pater-noster, 82; J. O. Methven, 81. 2 others passed.

History and Civics (Intermediate).—T. W. Sinsterson, 83; 7 others passed.

Geography (Intermediate).—T. W. Sinsterson, 86; J. H. Christensen and L. C. Viney (equal), 80. 4 others passed.

—A. R. Main.

Of Interest to Intending Students.

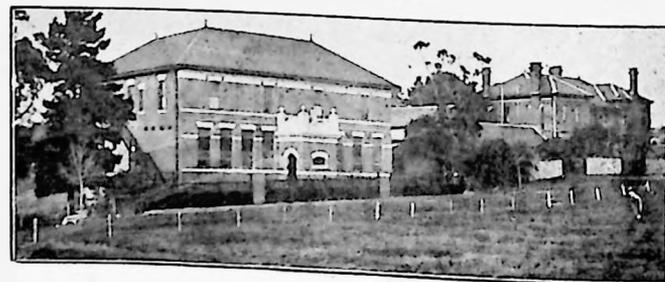
Secular Subjects, 1928.

Everything depends on action. It is compulsory for students to pass in three subjects, including English, at the Intermediate Examination at the University of Melbourne, or at a similar examination at any other University, before commencing the work of the Biblical course at the College of the Bible.

The Principal urges all intending students to commence study before they enter the College, and to enable them to do this, the following partial details are now given. The books included in the list will be used in class in 1928.

1. British History 1763-1919—Warner and Marten.

2. Geography—
(a) Intermediate Geography—A. James.



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(b) Australia, Physiographical and Economic, 1921 Edition—Griffith Taylor, Chapters III, IV, and V. in Part I, and the whole of Part II.

(c) Junior Geography—James.

3. English—
(a) English Grammar, Grades VII. and VIII.—Lawson and Elijah.

(b) Palgrave's Golden Treasury of Lyrical Poems.

(c) Austral Garden of Verse—Hansen and McLachlan.

(d) Shakespeare—A Midsummer Night's Dream.

(e) Selected Essays—E. Lee.

(f) Novel—Quentin Durward, by Scott.

4. Algebra—Hall and Knight.

5. French—Siepmann, Part I. and Part II.

6. Latin—Smith's Principia Part I. Iulium Sidus (Kerry) I, III, V, VI, IX, X, XII, XIII.

7. Greek—Rutherford's Greek Grammar, Underhill's Exercises. Xenophon, Anabasis II.

Students are advised that they can best help themselves by beginning with the following subjects:—

(a) British History.

(b) Intermediate Geography (A. James).

(c) English.

(d) Algebra. In this subject they should endeavor to obtain any local tuition that is available.

In English the following poems are to be learnt by heart:—

Shakespeare—Sonnet, "When to the sessions of sweet, silent thought."

Milton—Sonnet, "When I consider how my light is spent."

Wordsworth—Sonnet on Venice.

Keats—Sonnet on Chapman's Homer.

Keats—Ode to Autumn.

Tennyson—Ulysses.

Browning—Home Thoughts from Abroad.

Home Thoughts from the Sea.

Kendall—Sonnet, "I purposed once."

Gay—Australian Federation.

—J.S.T.

COMING EVENT.

OCTOBER 2, 4, 9 and 11.—Bible School Anniversary, Gore-st., Fitzroy. Sundays, Oct. 2 and 9, 3 and 7 p.m.; Tuesdays, Oct. 4, Demonstration, and 11, Concert; special singing and speakers.

(Other "Coming Events" and Small Ads. on page 594.)

VICTORIAN SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

Burnley depot will be opened in future on Wednesdays only—2 till 4 p.m.

The Women's Social Service Auxiliary has decided to conduct a jumble sale at Burnley on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28 and 29.

Churches are invited to send to Churches of Christ Mission, Burnley (rail free), all and sundry gifts of hats, boots, shoes and inferior material. Proceeds devoted to women's work.

All senders are advised to send parcels in sacks.

Advise the secretary, Mrs. D. Allen, 12 Boudary-st., Surrey Hills.

Unemployment.

Wanted, first-class motor mechanic, city. Typists, motor-body builders, trimmers, carpenters, painters, handy men and motor drivers waiting.

Best wishes; many happy returns; heartily behind appeal; trust worthy response whole Australia.—Ira A. Pater-noster.

Here and There.

To have the mind of Christ is the mark of maturity for any man. Christlikeness is the supreme moral achievement.—J. H. Oldham.

A wireless message has been received from Bro. G. T. Walden, who is a passenger on the "Makambo." The vessel is expected to reach Sydney on Saturday, Sept. 17.

On Tuesday evening Dr. and Mrs. John L. Brandt visited the College and had tea with the students. Afterwards Dr. Brandt gave a much appreciated lecture to the students.

The monthly meeting of the Victorian Sisters' General Dorcas will be held on Wednesday next, Sept. 21, in Swanston-st. lecture hall, from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. All workers are invited.

The monthly meeting of the Victorian Christian Endeavor Council will be held at Lygon-st. chapel on Tuesday, 20th inst., at 8 p.m. Special business. At the close Dr. Brandt will deliver an address.

Bro. and Sister T. Escott and their son left Melbourne on Tuesday morning by the "Moldavia." They will spend some time amongst the churches in South and Western Australia before proceeding to India.

Australian agents for the "Christian" will receive extra supplies of this issue, and it is asked that these may be distributed among members so that the greatest use may be made of the information it contains. A recent inquirer for the date of the College special issue declared it to be the most valuable issue of the year.

The picture on the front cover of this issue has been produced through the courtesy of Mr. B. L. Semmens, Supt. of the South Melbourne Methodist Mission, who owns the only copy of the painting in Australia, and very kindly granted permission for a photograph to be made. This brotherly act is very much appreciated.

The Lygon-st., Carlton, C.E. Society, through the good offices of Bro. E. Tippet and the Lygon-st. choir, conducted a first-class concert on Thursday evening last in aid of the Social Service Department. The programme was of an excellent character. It is expected that a substantial sum for Social Service work will be the result.

The Presbyterian Church of Victoria has recently lost some fine leaders. Last week Prof. T. Jollie Smith, of Ormond College, died after a long illness. Professor Smith was a fine scholar and writer, and helped the whole community. He was a sturdy defender of the Bible. The whole religious world is the poorer for his going.

For the past four years Fred. T. Saunders has acted as Australian correspondent to the "Christian Standard." In response to frequent enquiries from brethren in Australia, arrangements have now been made whereby he will act as honorary agent for subscriptions for that paper. Brethren may obtain rates and information from Bro. Saunders on application.

The photographs in this issue of the College students and buildings were made by Bro. W. C. Craigie, whose interest in the College and students is much greater than that required as custodian of the College overdraft—there is no cash. Bro. Craigie devoted the whole of one morning to taking the pictures, in addition to the labor and expense involved.

Has your contribution for the Canberra Fund been forwarded yet? We still need £140 to complete £3,000. And £3,000 is the minimum amount on which the work can be undertaken; the Federal Committee really needs more. Send to-day to A. J. Gard, King's Grove, Tranmere, S.A., or Thos. Hagger, 242 Pitt-st., Sydney, N.S.W. New South Wales and Western Australia have contributed their quotas to the Fund, but all the other States have a good way to go. It is important to complete the first £3,000 for Canberra promptly.

During the past month the church at Hindmarsh, S.A., has been engaged in a tent mission with Bro. P. R. Baker, of Norwood. A wonderful time of refreshing and fellowship was spent. An average attendance of thirty were in the choir, which rendered items every night, under the leadership of Bro. Hall. Ten made the good confession. At the thanksgiving service tokens of love were presented to Bro. Baker and Hall. All expenses were paid without any collections being taken in the tent. Bro. Baker spoke to the Sunday School on Sept. 4, when one young lady made the good confession. On Sunday, Sept. 11, the men's Bible Class held a reunion of present and past members, when 40 attended. Bro. P. H. Hancock, of Craydon, past president of the class, gave an inspirational address. The sympathy of the church is extended to the friends and relatives of the late Sister Miss Wherry. Several members are sick and in hospital.



Miss Jermyn.

Since the beginning of 1911 Miss E. Jermyn has given faithful service as College house-keeper. Her capable management and constant regard for the welfare of the students are gratefully acknowledged.

The Hinrichsen-Brooker mission at Wangaratta, Vic., has been helped by visitors from district towns. On one Sunday a party motored from Echuca; they returned after the meeting, a distance of 105 miles. Some who were converts in Yarrowonga mission two years ago and now live at Wodonga have been present several times. They have had to travel 45 miles. A number from Yarrowonga have often been present. Benalla and Shepparton have also been represented. On Sunday night the big tent was crowded, and many stood. There were two confessions. There is much talk about, and interest in, the mission, and it seems that a healthy church will be established in Wangaratta.

On Monday, Aug. 29, the Temperance and Social Questions Committee of New South Wales held a rally in the City Temple, Sydney. Bro. Southgate, Conference President, presided, and in a telling message spoke on the social task of the church. Bro. W. J. Crossman, the recently appointed organiser of the committee, was introduced, and outlined the work planned for the year. Two magnificent addresses were delivered. Mr. H. C. Forman, M.A., President of the N.S.W. Alliance, presented the case for prohibition, whilst Mr. J. Whelan dealt with the

social question. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Horsey, Miss Harman and Mr. Norman Fell, whilst Mr. L. Piper presided at the organ and rendered fine selections prior to the commencement of the meeting.

The South Australian Conference will commence on September 29. Intending visitors from Victoria are asked to communicate with Bro. W. Gale, McEwan House, Lt. Collins-st. Concession fares will be available if six or more are travelling to the Conference.

The annual concert by the students of the College of the Bible, given in Lygon-st. chapel on Monday evening last, was the most successful yet held. The Chairman of the College Board presided, and a varied programme was enjoyed by a very large audience. Miss M. E. Pittman helped as accompanist, and Miss Rea Lawson and Mrs. Smith delighted all with elocutionary and musical items respectively. The items by the students consisted of solos, recitals, double quartettes, orchestral items, and a scene from Shakespeare. The efforts of all were highly appreciated, and encores were demanded.

Under the heading "A Worthy Citizen" the local newspaper at Lismore, N.S.W., gave a full account of a public farewell by the citizens of Lismore to Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., on his leaving that city after ten years' service with the church. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and citizens representing the civic, commercial, educational and professional life of the town, took part in eulogistic references. An illuminated address and a wallet of notes were presented Bro. Pond by the citizens in recognition of his services to the community. An account also appeared of a church farewell, and of the farewell addresses on the Sunday. 17 converts, mostly young men, were received during the month of August.

Bankstown church, N.S.W., is experiencing great blessing. Three have recently been baptised and received into fellowship. One was transferred from the Baptists, and two are awaiting baptism. Bro. Illingworth addressed the church on Sept. 11, and was much appreciated. The Dorcas Class held a successful annual meeting, 80 sisters being present. Mrs. Long, of the A.I.M., gave an address. At the business meeting the church decided to become a subsidised church instead of an assisted church. A committee has also been formed to plan for the celebration of the anniversary of Pentecost. A church paper has been decided on for free distribution. A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Bennett for his untiring efforts.

On Thursday last some members of Enmore church, N.S.W., entertained Bro. and Sister Bader at dinner, prior to their departure on the "Tahiti." Bro. and Sister Paternoster issued invitations to all the preachers and their wives, the Enmore officers and wives, and representatives of each committee. About seventy sat down to dinner. The tables were artistically decorated, and bountifully provided by the sisters. Words of farewell were spoken by Bro. Paternoster, Southgate and Hagger. Bro. and Sister Bader suitably responded. Sunday was another fine day, over 180 breaking bread. At night members of the Junior Red Cross were present. There were four confessions, totalling twenty-one the past six weeks. Sister Mrs. F. G. Dunn and Bro. H. Gaggin were welcome visitors during the day. Ray Stapleton was baptised.

DEATH.

CLARK.—August 31, 1927, at her parents' residence, "Hawthorn," Military-rd., Watson's Bay, Sydney, Doris Edna (Billie), dearly loved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Clark, and loving sister of Gladys (Mrs. V. Holmes), Jack, Walter and Phyllis (Mrs. D. Pratt), aged 21 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

DUNN.—In loving memory of Francis Gregory, dearly loved husband of Eleanor Rea Dunn, died at Parkville, Vic., on September 13, 1914.

The Family Altar.

— J.C.F.P. —

Monday.

Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher, vanity of vanities, all is vanity.—Ecclesiastes 1: 2.

At the age of twenty-one, meditating upon life's illusions, Dr. John Cairns wrote: "Nothing is more fallacious as a test of true satisfaction and tranquillity than the flash of joy or jocularity which blazes forth in common society. There is the sparkling froth, to be sure, which dances on the surface of the gay mountain stream, but there is also the wreath of foam which bubbles on the crest of the storm-tossed wave. . . . Were it not for the light and the hope of Christianity I really do not see how I could avoid absolute despondency when I contemplate human nature and human life."

Reading—Ecclesiastes 1.

Tuesday.

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few.—Ecc. 5: 2.

"God is in heaven, and men below:
Be short our tunes, our words be few!
A solemn reverence checks our songs,
And praise sits silent on our tongues."

Reading—Ecclesiastes 5.

Wednesday.

Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and prolong his days, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God.—Ecc. 8: 12.

Surely, if God is so patient with those who repeatedly transgress his laws, he will be "peculiarly kind to them that fear him, and endeavour to walk uprightly before him."

Reading—Ecclesiastes 8.

Thursday.

Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth.—Ecc. 12: 1.

This text "addresses the youth of both sexes, throughout the creation, and says in effect, 'God made you; he is your Creator; he made you that you might be happy; but you can be happy only in him.'"

Reading—Ecclesiastes 12.

Friday.

The voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.—Song of Solomon 2: 12.

J. M. Neale wrote: "Often and often have I shown, in the Book of Canticles, how all things that the bridegroom has are the bride's also; how it is her garden as well as his, in which he walks; how it is her land as well as his, into which she is called: 'the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.'"

Reading—Song of Solomon 2.

Saturday.

What is thy beloved more than another beloved?—Song of Solomon 5: 9.

"This question gives the bride an opportunity to break out into a highly wrought description of the beauty and perfections of her spouse." (See verses 10 to 16).

Reading—Song of Solomon 5.

Sunday.

Jealousy is cruel as Sheol.—Song of Solomon 8: 6.

In his "Esmond," Thackeray wrote: "In the presence of death, that sovereign ruler, a woman's coquetry is sacred, and her jealousy will hardly pass the boundaries of that grim kingdom. 'Tis entirety of the earth that passion, and expires in the cold blue air beyond our sphere."

Reading—Song of Solomon 8.

ADDRESSES.

G. J. Andrews (preacher Warracknabeal church, Vic.)—Anderson-st., Warracknabeal (Phone 372).

P. J. Pond, B.A. (organiser, N.S.W. Young People's Department).—242 Pitt-st., Sydney.

J. E. Webb, 110 Donald-st., N. Brunswick, not 168 as previously inserted; numbers of street changed. Phone, Bruns. 211.

COMING EVENTS.

SEPTEMBER 18, 20, 25, 27.—Collingwood Bible School Anniversary. Sunday, Sept. 18, afternoon and evening. Tuesday, Sept. 20, Concert; Mr. Bell, magician. Sunday, Sept. 25, afternoon and evening. Tuesday, Sept. 27, Concert. Special singing by scholars, assisted by orchestra. Everybody welcome.

SEPTEMBER 18, 25 and 28.—Footscray Bible School Anniversary Services. Sunday, Sept. 18. 3 p.m., Bro. W. Gale; 7 p.m., Bro. A. E. Hurren. Sept. 25, 3 p.m., Bro. A. W. Connor; 7 p.m., Bro. W. Clay. Concert, Wednesday, Sept. 28.

SEPT. 25, OCT. 2 & 4.—Glenferrie Bible School Anniversary. Special services afternoon and evening; singing by scholars. Speakers, Bren. R. Gebbie, C. C. Dawson and J. E. Shipway. Tuesday, Oct. 4, Demonstration. Recitations, action-songs, etc.

OCTOBER 2 to 16.—Special Mission in chapel, Paddington-st., Paddington, Sydney, conducted by Thos. Hagger, every evening except Fridays and Saturdays. Old members of Paddington church will be heartily welcomed, and an interest is sought in the prayers of all. Members of sister churches are asked to attend.

OCTOBER 7 and 8.—Hartwell church Sale of Gifts, October 7 and 8, to be opened at 7 p.m. on 7th. Will be glad to see visitors from sister churches.

OCTOBER 9, 12, 16.—Cheltenham Bible School Anniversary. Special singing by the scholars under the leadership of Bro. Val. Wolf. Sunday, 9th, 3 p.m., T. H. Scambler, B.A. 11 and 7, special addresses by D. Wakeley. Wed., 12th, tea in school hall. Demonstration Soldiers' Memorial Hall. Good programme. Sun., 16th, 3 p.m., prize distribution.

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Lamps Wanted.—One of our smaller country churches which has not held services for some time is re-opening. They would appreciate the gift of a couple of lamps. Would churches having spare ones communicate with W. Gale, H.M. Office, McEwan House, 343 Lt. Collins-st., Melbourne. (Phone, Cent. 5445.)

IN MEMORIAM.

BURKETT.—Sacred to the memory of Charles Westley, died of wounds received in action at Mouquet Farm, Sept. 16, 1916; also Richard, killed in action at Bullecourt, May 3, 1917, the loved sons of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burkett, Maylands, Western Australia. Sunshine passes, shadows fall, But loving memory outlasts all. Whatever else we fail to do, We will never fail to think of you. —R. Burkett and family, W.A.

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Prayer Meeting Topic.

September 21.

TAKE UP THY CROSS.
(Matt. 10: 38.)

F. J. SIVVER, B.A.

"He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." What did Jesus mean by this ultimatum? What is involved in the demand to take up one's cross? Too frequently we have been ready to refer to any little discomfort or inconvenience as a cross. Clearly our Lord did not have in mind anything trifling and incidental, else he would not have made it a supreme test of discipleship.

The Original Experience.

Jesus was thinking of what actually took place in a crucifixion carried out by the Romans. As a boy he had doubtless witnessed the dreadful procedure, for crucifixions were common enough in Palestine. The supreme piece of indignity in that most shameful of all punishments was the fact that from the prison to the place of crucifixion the victim had to carry on his own back the apparatus of his doom. The memory of this haunted Jesus, and when he wanted a phrase to describe the shame and suffering that would fall to the lot of a disciple, he said: "Let him take up his cross."

Christ's own Cross.

Dr. Jas. Stalker finely expresses what Christ's cross meant. "To him it was two things—first, the last step of submission to his Father's will and, secondly, the last act of opposition to him on the part of man. . . . God's will was not to him, any more than to the other sons of Adam, easy of fulfilment. It led him in a way that was very strait and that, as he advanced, became dark and intricate, till he cried out that he whose will he had ever followed had forsaken him. In Gethsemane he groaned amidst his tears, 'Not my will, but thine be done,' and the next and last step was the cross. Such was the cross from one point of view. From another it was the last act of human opposition. Jesus was the brotherliest of all the sons of men, and he went about doing good. . . . He ought to have been the most popular and best-loved of the species. But there is a strange twist in the human mind, which makes it often hostile to its best benefactors; and so he was despised and rejected; and they hated him without a cause. Month after month this grew worse and worse, and the climax was the cross."

The Cross for the Disciple.

What the cross was to Jesus, such also is it to his followers. It means doing the will of God, and that involves suffering, the giving up of self, for his ways are not our ways. Jesus anticipated this for he said, "Let a man deny himself daily." The cross for the disciple also means encountering opposition. Christ commands us to preach the gospel and along with that there must be ministering to the sick, befriending the weak, caring for the needy. The same perversity which led men to persecute Christ leads them also to oppose his disciples. "The deeper any disciple's sympathy with the aims of the Saviour, the heavier is his cross; because the sight of a perishing world will torture him, the aspects of abounding iniquity will distress him, the slow progress of goodness will madden him, the failure of his own attempts to do good will haunt him; and he will often be driven in desperation to cast his burden on the Lord in prayer."

Compensation.

The compensation is far beyond the sacrifice. Christ promises, and experience confirms, that those who lose their lives in following him, find life in the higher sense. This is true not only of the life to come but also of the life that now is. Happiness may be lost as a result of following Christ, but blessedness is won here and now, and after that life everlasting.

TOPIC FOR SEPT. 28.—THE DANGER OF INATTENTION.—Luke 8: 18.



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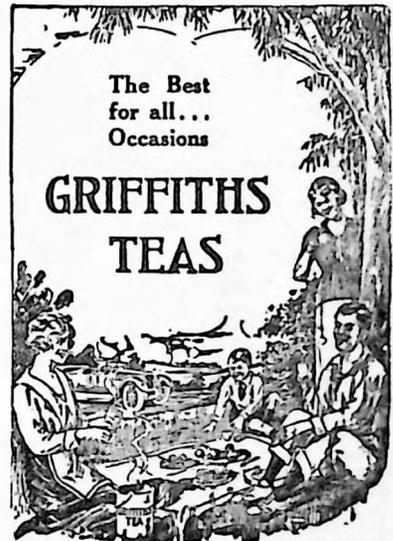
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News of the Churches.

Tasmania.

Launceston.—Attendances are rapidly resuming a good average. Bro. Noble inaugurated a young worshippers' league on Sept. 4, with 25 members. Bro. A. W. Connor's mission of a fortnight commenced in the chapel on Sept. 8. He is delivering fine messages. Sister Beryl Jolly has left to take residence in Sydney.

Western Australia.

Maylands.—The church was favored with a visit from Bro. A. Anderson on Sunday morning, Aug. 28. He thrilled the congregation with his wonderful experiences amongst the Chinese. His appeal that a hospital should be erected for Dr. Killmier will meet with a ready response, should a call for funds be made.

North Perth.—There has been considerable sickness. Two have decided for Christ at gospel services, and two have been added by letter. Bro. Ingham has accepted the church's invitation to continue for another two years. All auxiliaries are in a most satisfactory condition. The church is about to make large plans for future work.

Bassendean.—On Sept. 1 the Phi Beta Pi club held a concert, proceeds to aid their orphan fund, and to obtain material for gymnasium. A varied programme was enjoyed by a large audience. On morning of Sept. 4 Bro. Jagues gave an address on "The Second Coming of Jesus." Sister A. Poultridge was received into fellowship. In the evening Bro. Peacock delivered the gospel message.

Bunbury.—Bro. Anderson, missionary from China, spoke to a fine audience on conditions in China, and the urgent need of hospitals and medicine. David Owen, a bright S.S. scholar, died after an operation; a great number of day school and Sunday School scholars attended the funeral; some 73 wreaths were brought. Bro. Robinson officiated. A memorial service was held on Sept. 11. The girls' club held a social, and spent a happy evening.

South Australia.

Williamstown.—On Aug. 28 Bro. Talbot held an "in memoriam" service to the late Sister Bain. The building was nearly full, and a very nice service was held, Bro. Percy Philp singing a suitable solo. Bro. F. Fullston's discourse on the evening of Sept. 4 was much enjoyed. All meetings are improving.

Queenstown.—On Sunday, 11th inst., Bro. Brooker exhorted the church, and extended the hand of fellowship to Mr. A. Partington. At Sunday School two new scholars were welcomed. In the evening the building was crowded, when Bro. Brooker preached on "A Message Marked Urgent," his first sermon since his illness.

Norwood.—There was one decision on Sunday night, Sept. 4, when Bro. G. Rootes delivered a great message. On Sunday, Sept. 11, Bro. Baker had charge of the services after his mission at Hindmarsh. Miss Kleiman and Mrs. Kleiman were welcomed by transfer from St. Morris. At the evening service, after a powerful appeal from Bro. Baker, a sister made the good confession. Sister Mrs. Bowes is leaving for a three months' trip to Melbourne.

Croydon.—Church anniversary services were continued on Wednesday, Sept. 7. Bro. Bateup occupied the chair, and addresses were given by Bren. Russell and Beiler. The secretary's report was received, and a presentation made to Bro. Hewitt for services to the choir. The choir assisted with an anthem. Refreshments were provided. The anniversary was continued on Sept. 11. Bro. Graham spoke in the morning. In the evening the choir rendered special anthems, and Bro. Graham was again the speaker. There was one confession.

Gawler.—Meetings on Sept. 4 showed a good improvement. Bro. Oram's subject at evening young people's service was "Just Missed It." Bro. J. Olafsen has been elected a deacon. The annual meeting of the tennis club was held, and a working bee arranged to put down a court. The Band of Hope is flourishing. On Sept. 7 Mr. J. C. Oliver gave a good address.

Snowtown.—Morning meetings keep up fairly well. The church has decided to discontinue gospel services. The officers, with Bren. Burt and Rowlings, have been carrying on morning meetings. On Sept. 4 Bro. R. E. Pittman presided, and Bro. E. W. Pittman exhorted on "Faithful Stewards." With deep regret the church accepted the resignation of Bro. Burt as officer, speaker and superintendent. He and Mrs. Burt will be shortly leaving for Kadina. They will be greatly missed.

York.—Bro. Weeks has been appointed superintendent of J.C.E. in place of Sister House, who has given splendid service for some time. The Dorens Society on the 8th honored the birthday of Sister Simons, senr., a faithful member for many years. On the 10th the officers and their wives entertained the younger members of the church at a social evening. There are serious cases of illness in homes of members. A week of special meetings began on 11th, when there were good attendances both morning and evening. In the last two Lord's days four have been received by letter, and two by faith and baptism.

Moonta.—Bro. Graham McKie commenced his ministry in the midst of the "Back to Moonta" week. Members of the church, past members and hundreds of interested friends are rejoicing at his coming. Bro. B. W. Manning has visited the members and from house to house, and has been delighted with the prospects. The Sunday School anniversary was held on Sept. 4 and 6. Bro. L. A. Bowes, of Kadina, was the speaker. At night the building was packed. Bro. A. Doley led the singing with the help of Bro. S. Wilton and Mrs. Lange. The ladies organized a tea meeting, and at the evening service Bren. L. A. Bowes, A. Garland and B. W. Manning were the speakers.

Victoria.

St. Kilda.—Bro. Goodwin spoke at both meetings on Sept. 4. The Kappas were the guests of the P.B.P. club at a social on Aug. 31, an enjoyable evening being spent.

Drumcondra.—Good meetings on Sept. 11. Bro. Thompson, of North Richmond, was a visitor. Good attendance at Bible School, and new scholars enrolled. Bro. J. Mortimer spoke to a good congregation at night on "A New Testament Church Restored."

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Last Lord's day meetings were very enjoyable. Some visitors were present, including Bro. Young, of Fullarton, S.A. Excellent sermons from Dr. Brandt, which were attentively received. At the evening service many strangers were in attendance.

Bet Bet.—On Aug. 14 the church enjoyed the fellowship of Bro. Greenwood, from Dunolly, who exchanged places with Bro. Banks. The church has been helped by a series of addresses by Bro. Banks on "The Church from its Beginning." On Sept. 1 the young people held a happy social evening.

Glenferrie.—A very successful recital was given on 6th inst. by Violet Howgate and Will Fielding. The crowded audience thoroughly appreciated a most excellent programme. On Sunday, 11th inst., Bro. F. T. Saunders spoke in the morning. In the evening Bro. T. H. Scambler preached on "Faith," the second of "The Great Themes of Jesus." A father and daughter made the good confession.

Surrey Hills.—Good meetings last Lord's day. Bro. Perry, from Balwyn, gave the morning exhortation. At the prayer service at 7.45 p.m., inaugurated by the preacher, there was a gratifying attendance. One of the largest gatherings for some months heard the convincing gospel message delivered by Bro. Combridge.

Dunolly.—Meetings are keeping up well. On Sunday, Sept. 4, Bro. V. Stafford, of St. Arnaud church, gave helpful messages. Bro. Greenwood is laboring faithfully. Meetings on Sept. 11 were well attended. Bro. Greenwood preached to a fair congregation on "Under New Management." A Bible School scholar was baptized.

Thornbury.—Good meetings on 11th inst. In the morning a good attendance at the breaking of bread, and in the afternoon a record school, 411 being present. Great enthusiasm among the scholars. The objective of 400 being reached, it is intended to try for 500. At the evening meeting a collection was taken for the Hospital Sunday Fund.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—On Sept. 4 Bro. Wilkie spoke at the gospel meeting. Bro. and Sister Rodgers-Wilson were present in the morning. On Sept. 11 Bro. and Sister Escott were welcomed. Bro. Escott gave an interesting and helpful talk to Bible School and Bible Class combined. Bro. Fitzgerald spoke at the gospel meeting. Sister Mrs. Baker sang a solo.

Shepparton.—Christian Endeavor was organized on Sept. 1, and at the next meeting several of the younger members contributed papers or took part in the service. Splendid services on 11th. A special offering was taken in the morning, and the evening meeting was a "favorite hymn" service, at the close of which practically the whole membership stood as an act of reconsecration.

Footscray.—Very good meetings on Sunday. In the absence of Bro. Hurren, Bro. Rasmusson from Moreland, filled the platform. Amongst visitors was Bro. Flouer, from Echuca. Final practices for anniversary were held. At special meetings held to consider the resignation of Bro. Hurren as preacher, all expressed sorrow at his decision, but it is hoped that a suitable successor will be found.

Colac.—Splendid services on Sept. 11. Bro. Bird spoke at both meetings. Several visitors from Melbourne churches were present. Bro. Bird gave a powerful address at night on "Jonah Paying the Fare." The Sunshine Club held its fourth monthly social in the public hall on Sept. 7; 80 young people were present. The church is grateful to a friend who sent anonymously \$25 to Bro. Bird towards expenses of the church.

Benalla.—Meetings during winter have been good, with an average attendance of about 200 on Lord's day mornings. A Sunday School commenced on May 29 under the leadership of Bro. A. Thompson with twenty scholars and teachers, is going good. Several motor-loads have been to the mission at Wangaratta. A series of addresses by Bro. Jackel, senr., on "The Plate of the Ages," is causing interest. Prospects are bright.

St. Arnaud.—On Aug. 25 several members joined in the district conference at Dunolly when a profitable time was spent. Bro. Gal visited the church on Aug. 28. His addresses were heartening. In the evening over 60 were present at the illustrated lecture, "Shelton Tibet." The sale of work on Aug. 31 realized the aim set. On Sept. 4 Bro. H. Greenwood was the speaker. Fifty-three attended the gospel service.

Carlton.—Mrs. Clarke, of Grote-st., Adelaide was amongst the visitors at Lygon-st. on Sept. 11. C. C. Dawson, of Preston, gave an earnest address on "Calvary." At night A. G. Saunders, B.A., spoke powerfully upon "The Kingdom cannot be Shaken." The choir finely rendered "Oh, Love Divine," the solo being sung by Bro. Colin Dabb. Under the auspices of the Endeavor Society Bro. E. Tippett arranged a concert to aid the work of the Social Service Department.

Yarrawonga.—Anniversary services were held on Sept. 11. Meetings were very fine, and attendances excellent. Visitors included Bro. Gale, who addressed each meeting. In the afternoon the two Bible Schools combined, there being 98 present. Bro. Pratt presided over the morning and evening services, and at the latter Bro. and Sister Pratt sang a beautiful duet. The Y.P.S. is making good progress, six more having been enrolled.

Hampton.—During College vacation Bro. Arnold did much helpful visitation. Last Wednesday the women's mission band celebrated its first anniversary; Mrs. Ludbrook was the special speaker. On Sunday morning the church decided to arrange for a brief mission. Bro. Arnold was congratulated on College successes, and asked to remain with the church as preacher during 1928. At night Bro. R. T. Pittman preached to a good audience.

Merbein.—Good meetings on Sept. 11. Bro. Orford was at Red Cliffs for anniversary services. Bro. B. G. Cameron took as his subject in the morning, "The Church," and in the evening "The Incomparable Christ." His messages came with power and blessing. Amongst visitors were Miss Emily Grey, from Nth. Adelaide, and Miss Lee, from St. Arnaud. The Bible School gives great encouragement, Bro. Orford's Bible Class being especially promising.

Hartwell.—On Sept. 11 Bro. Coomer, of East Camberwell, gave a fine message to the church. Attendance, 61. In the evening Bro. C. Robinson gave a good address on "The Unknown God." Two young men were baptised, and their mother made the good confession and was also baptised, together with a young girl who came forward at the Jesse Bader service. The Sunday School is working hard for the 100 per cent. mark. Strangers are attending in good numbers.

South Melbourne.—Enjoyable meetings last Sunday. The gospel service was well attended, and the address on "God" was ably delivered by Bro. Jas. R. Waterman. Owing to Bro. Conchie being on vacation, the Bible School was superintended by Bro. Millest. The members of the Phi Beta Pi and Sunshine Clubs have worked arduously for the sale of work. A successful concert was held in this connection. The Bible Study Circle reports good discussions on popular Bible topics.

Pimpinio.—After meeting for ten years in the public hall, the church has erected a substantial chapel seating 120 people. The new building opened on Aug. 28. Bro. W. H. Clay delivered two splendid messages to good audiences. On Aug. 30 a concert and coffee supper was held in the Pimpinio Hall, over 200 people being present. Fine addresses were given by Bron. Clay, Miller, Butler and Payne (chairman); also some splendid musical and elocutionary items. The sisters provided an excellent supper.

East Kew.—Over 90 broke bread on Sept. 4. Bro. Youens exhorted. In the evening he preached a powerful message to a full house. At the close there was a baptismal service. On Sept. 11 Bro. A. McNeilly exhorted, and a sister was welcomed into fellowship. Bro. A. McNeilly spoke again in the evening. His messages were much appreciated. During the week the City Mission representative gave an enjoyable lantern lecture. Bro. I. Barham is very ill in Melbourne Hospital as a result of a motor-cycle accident.

Brunswick.—On Sept. 10 a Brunswick and Coburg C.E. Union "quiet hour" rally was held. An inspiring address was given by Mr. T. B. Reed, of North Fitzroy Methodist church. On Lord's day, 11th, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lovell were welcomed by commendation from Coburg. Mr. William Rigg, of Brunswick Baptist church, gave a helpful exhortation. At night Bro. Leonard Smith, from Moreland, gave a chart address on "The Unfolding of Life," and two responded to the invitation. Sister Mrs. W. Jenkin presided at the organ in lieu of Sister Adams on holidays, and Bro. W. Jenkin had charge of the Bible School vice Bro. Roberts, also on annual holidays. Sister Mrs. A. Cornish is

collector for the College of the Bible radiator appeal.

Cheltenham.—The Mission Band had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Escott on Sept. 8. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. D. Wakeley, and attended by a large number of women. The messages of the visitors were much enjoyed. On Sunday all meetings were well attended. In the evening the church cricket club was present in a body. D. Wakeley preached well on "Peter and Cornelius." There was fine congregational singing, and a quartette was well rendered by some members of the choir.

Moreland.—Bro. and Sister J. E. Webb were welcomed and Bro. and Sister Robbins farewelled at a social evening on 7th inst. Bro. Gale occupied the chair. The speakers were Bro. Pittock, Fisher, R. Lyall, Gole, Gale and Robbins. As a token of love and esteem a handsome case of stainless cutlery was presented to Bro. and Sister Robbins. Fine meetings on Sunday, Bro. Webb's subjects being "Temptation" and "The Galilean Demoniac." A number of new faces were noticed at the evening meeting. Bro. Ernest and Cecil Watson rendered a duet.

Middle Park.—Good meetings last Sunday. In the morning Bro. Baker delivered an interesting address on "The After Life." J.C.E. anniversary was held at night. There was a very good attendance, and everybody enjoyed the singing by the children. Bro. W. H. Clay's message on "Ships" was much appreciated. One young man made the good confession. At the prayer meeting on Thursday night, Bro. Escott's address on his work in India proved intensely interesting. Two young men who recently confessed Christ were baptised.

Carnegie.—The address of Bro. Baker, of Ormond, last Sunday morning was greatly enjoyed. Bro. Shipway in the evening continued his series of "Fire Sermons," from which he makes excellent personal applications. The Bible School is practising hard for anniversary. The church building extensions are progressing, and the additional accommodation will be a great convenience. Mr. Waterfield, Austin Peters and party gave an excellent entertainment last Monday night in the memorial hall. The proceeds will be used for vestry furnishings.

Geelong.—The first anniversary of the Women's Mission Band was held on Sept. 1, an interesting programme being presented. Mrs. T. R. Morris, of Brighton, gave an enlightening talk on "Our India." The band has given £6/11/- to the W.M.B. Committee and has prepared a large parcel for Dhond Hospital. It now has 31 members. Bro. Stuart Stevens preached a striking gospel sermon on Sept. 4; theme, "Sorrows of Satan." Corinthian epistle expositions provide profitable studies. On Sept. 4 the Young Worshipers' League members, having completed the third year of activity, were awarded attendance prizes. Seven scholars had an unbroken attendance for the year. Bro. Stevens, Misses Donney and Bird, and Mesdames Piper and Stevens gave excellent service in this direction. Band of Hope members and friends enjoyed a recent lecture by Sister Urwood.

North Williamstown.—On Aug. 14 Bro. Neighbour, of the College, exchanged with Bro. A. H. Pratt, who was at Stawell. On Aug. 28 Mr. Lawrence, from the Bible House, spoke at worship service and Bible School. An "every-member-present" rally on Sept. 4 had good member-attendance. Bro. Pratt spoke on "The Christian Church, a Family." Five past members have returned and broken bread. The church and young folk are delighted with a visit from Bro. and Sister Escott and son, and much impressed by their messages. Each was presented with a little token from the young people, and Mrs. Escott with bouquets from Bible School and Phi Beta Pi. The church has decided to hold a Beta Pi. On Sept. 11 Bro. Pratt preached a powerful sermon to a fine meeting on "Gone with the Wind." Sister Thompson's son is still very ill. Grandma Adams is recovering after a short illness.

Warracknabeal.—On Thursday, Sept. 1, a welcome social was extended to the new evangelist, Bro. G. J. Andrews and Sister Mrs. Andrews. Bro. Wm. Gale, H.M. organising secretary, presided. Words of welcome were spoken by Bro. Wheeler on behalf of the church, Mr. Wilkinson (Methodist church), Captain Scrivener, and others. A helpful address was also given by Bro. Gale. Bro. Andrews made a feeling response, after which the ladies provided a delightful supper. On Sept. 4 Bro. Andrews delivered very fine addresses to large audiences. At night one young man took his stand for Christ. On Monday, Sept. 5, Sister Miss Royce Jones and Bro. A. M. Allan were united in matrimony, Bro. Andrews officiating. On Sept. 11 Bro. Andrews preached at Minyip in the morning and Warracknabeal in the evening to large congregations.

Queensland.

New Veteran.—Attendances at meetings were well up to standard on Sept. 4, all seats being occupied. Bro. C. S. Trudgian's gospel subject was "What these Scriptures say." Bro. Stalley, snr., exhorted. Special prayers for industrial peace were offered.

New South Wales.

Paddington.—Bro. Chapple opened the September campaign, speaking both morning and evening. His excellent messages were enjoyed by fair congregations.

Petersham.—Bro. Hibbard addressed the church on morning of Sept. 11. One new scholar in Bible School. There was a large attendance at gospel service, when Bro. Arnott preached on "The Salvation Christ Offers." A young man was baptised.

Wagga.—The men held a "bee meeting" on Sept. 10, and re-fenced one side of the church property. Bro. Stitt spoke at both services on 11th inst., speaking on "The Christian Life," and "The Salvation Christ Offers." Both meetings were well attended.

Rockdale.—There were good attendances all day on Sept. 11. Bro. A. C. Crisp, from Marriekville, gave a fine exhortation on "The Christian Life." Two were received into fellowship. 127 attended the Bible School. Bro. Alcorn gave a splendid message at the gospel service on "The Salvation Christ Offers," with one confession. There was one baptism prior to the service.

Rand.—On Sept. 3 the Sunday School picnic was held. H. C. Stitt, of Wagga, exhorted on Sept. 4, gave the children's address and distributed the prizes in the afternoon, and preached the gospel in the evening. The children's choir sang very nicely at both services. An offering of about £5 was received for Sunday School purposes. Sister Mrs. P. Taylor is superintendent.

Dumbleton.—On Sept. 4 Bro. P. E. Thomas gave a helpful message to the church on "The Christian Creed." At night Bro. Acland preached on "The Revelation Christ Made." On Sept. 11 Bro. Thos. Hagger spoke at each service. He addressed the church on "The Christian Life." In the afternoon he presented 25 prizes to the 25 scholars who sat for the Bible School examination. At 4 p.m. he addressed the ladies at their meeting. 26 had tea in church. At night his theme was "A Perfect Salvation." All services were well attended. The Bible School has commenced practising for the anniversary.

Epping.—On morning of Sept. 4 Bro. Fretwell spoke on "The Christian Creed." At night his subject was "The Revelation Christ Made." Both were splendid addresses. Miss Dot Stevens sang a nice solo. Our esteemed Bro. Lambert died on Sept. 2, and was buried at Rookwood. Bro. Fretwell conducted the funeral service. Christian sympathy is extended to the family. On Sept. 11 Bro. Whelan spoke in the morning on "The Christian Life." Bro. Fretwell's address at night was "The Salvation that Christ Offers." Both were greatly appreciated by good congregations. Miss Marge Edwards rendered a fine solo.

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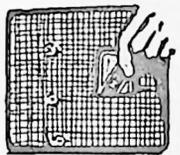
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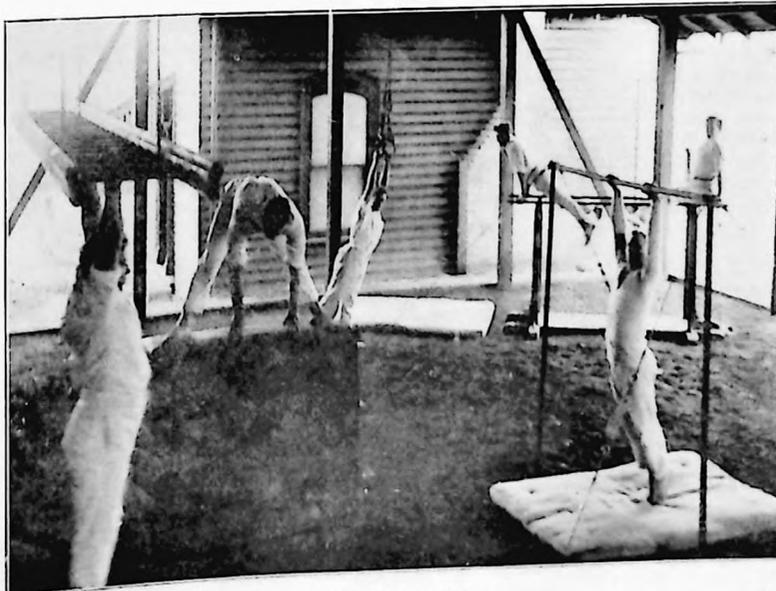


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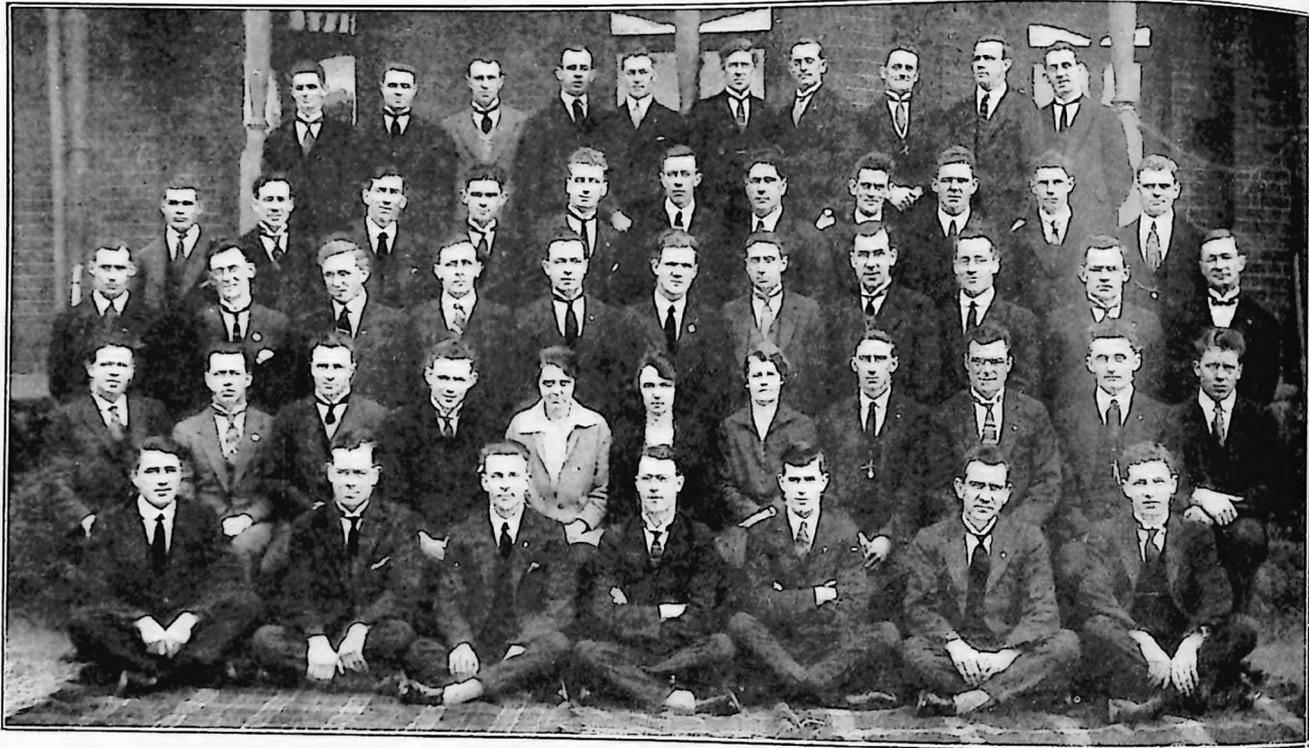
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