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Magnifying Christ.

Stuart Stevens.

Phil. 1: 20.

THIS was Paul's ambition and passion. Such a passion has unmistakable symptoms. It makes us unashamed of Christ. There is henceforth no nice calculations of pros and cons. Christ is our glory and our boast. It also leads to great liberty of speech. That is what he means by boldness. And, in the third place, this passion leads to expectation and hope—not a weak sentiment, but an eager assurance that "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and that all flesh shall see it together."

I.

His desire is that Christ shall be magnified. Not only served and worshipped, praised and trusted, but that he may be enlarged. Not that Paul may become bigger and be more abundantly honored, but that Christ may be more honored in Paul.

But can Christ be greater than he is? In himself, no. In me, yes. In the world, most certainly. He can be a greater reality, can be more consciously near, can give greater joy, can occupy more space in my life. We can truly pray, "O Jesus Christ, cross thou in me," and ardently sing as we make new discoveries in his nature,

"Jesus, I am resting, resting
In the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of thy loving heart."

II.

Christ is to be magnified in our body. To do this, we must, like a true lens, be ourselves transparent, and be perfected for his magnify. There are two instruments which magnify, the microscope and the telescope. The first was known ever since a globule of water was observed to increase the apparent size of things beneath it. Laysan found a convex lens of rock crystal among the ruins of Ninewah, and the use of spectacles, the earliest form of manufactured microscope, can be traced back at least six centuries. The microscope enables us when

so near an object that by unaided vision we could not see it, to see it as if it were at ordinary distance. In technical terms it reduces the convergence of the rays.

The telescope, discovered by Lippershey, of Middleburg, in Holland, in 1608, when holding two spectacle lenses one in front of the other, and independently found by Galileo shortly after hearing that such a thing was possible, enables us to stand afar off from an object and see it as if it were near. Saints are to be telescopes; they are to bring Christ near to those that are

afar off; to magnify him, so that though he is in the heavens, he may be seen to be actually present in daily life. To bring Christ near to people and to bring people near to Christ.

Saints are also to be microscopes. Christ in his Spirit is near all men, but he is too near to be seen without an intervening medium. He was near the world before he was born into it; by his body he was manifested. Now he is to be manifested in our bodies, and to be magnified by the manifestation. So that men shall see that which is too near to be seen, the divine is to be made human, the spiritual natural, the ideal actual. The imperfect human vision that neither sees nor knows the Saviour is to be corrected by the life and witness and character of the saints.

III.

Saints are to be magnifiers of Christ at all times and in every way.

Like the lens I am not to attract attention to myself, but to focus the minds and hearts of the people on him. We shall not magnify Christ by making others feel small. Treat men with all dignity, but greater Christ by speaking his praise, by making his name part of our common speech, by living more nearly as we pray, by discovering what he may wish for others, by sacrifice for his sake.

The Christ we magnify is great enough to save us at the end as well as lead us up to it. We may safely extol him all through.

"Through evil and good report,
Still keeping by his side,
By life or death in this poor flesh
Let Christ be magnified."

It is a Christian grace to have pleasant and affectionate thoughts about men, to rejoice in their excellencies and charitably to forget, as far as may be, their shortcomings. —Dr. R. W. Dale.

ANSWERED PRAYER.

I asked for bread: God gave me a stone instead,
Yet while I pined there my weary head,
The angels made a ladder of my dreams,
Which upwards to celestial mountains led,
And when I woke, beneath the morning's beams,
Around my resting place fresh manna lay;
And, praising God, I went upon my way,
For I was fed.

I asked for strength; for with the noontide heat
I fainted, while the reapers, singing sweet,
Went forward with ripe sheaves I could not bear.
Then came the Master with his blood-stained feet,
And lifted me with sympathetic care;
Then on his arm I leaned till all was done;
And I stood with the rest at set of sun,
My task complete.

I asked for light: around me closed the night,
Nor guiding star met my bewildered sight;
Nor quelling clouds gathered in a tempest near.
Yet, in the lightning's blazing, roaring flight,
I saw the way before me straight and clear,
What though his leading pillar was of fire,
And not the sunbeam of his heart's desire;
My heart was light.

God answers prayer; sometimes, when hearts are weak,

He gives the very gifts believers seek;
But often faith must learn a deeper rest,
And trust God's silence when he does not speak;
And trust God's silence when he does not speak;
For he, whose name is Love, will send the best.
Stars may burn out, nor mountain walls endure,
But God is true; his promises are sure
To those who seek.

—George Macdonald.

Lighting the Darkness of India.

Rev. Reginas.

A previous article was destined to show the gross darkness covering the millions of India. There is little danger of overstatement in this respect. Very few Europeans in India, and probably most of the missionaries of long residence in the country, agree that Katherine Mayo's book "Mother India" fairly represents Indian conditions, notwithstanding the fact that educated Indians feel grieved at what they regard as unfair and incorrect statements used by the authoress to reveal India as she saw it.

It is doubtful whether Christianity can claim to have made extensive inroads upon the degrading conditions prevailing. Not, however, because the gospel lacks power, nor that it has failed in its influence, but rather that the field is so vast that all so far accomplished by Christian effort has amounted but the fringe of the work needing to be done.

This is not ground for discouragement; rather is it reason for greater effort. God has wonderfully blessed the work of probably every mission. Multitudes have become Christians, in spite of the persecution involved in so doing. They have found in Christ the peace and satisfaction for which they formerly sought in vain. They have changed their manner of life. With the knowledge of Christ has come the desire for betterment along every line. They live in better homes; their habits have much improved; they now observe health laws; they aspire to better ideals of life. Many have become ardent Christian workers, zealous for the uplift and salvation of others.

Growth in spiritual things is usually not rapid. Missionaries often grow discouraged at the apparent slow development of Indian Christians. Not in a week, a month, a year do they exhibit all the graces of the Christian life. But neither do men and women in Christendom. With generations of Christian influences to aid us, and with holy associations from birth, we still are conscious of much of the "old man" within. We must then expect even slower development in people, the background of whose lives has tended chiefly to degradation. More than likely, Indian Christians compare quite well with Christians in Australia, particularly considering the differences in environment.

Int concerning the Indian work of our Australian churches. One cannot but wish that many of our church members could and would go and see for themselves. It is thought that none would be other than delighted could they investigate the work done under the leading of our Foreign Mission Board. The properties acquired, the buildings erected, the types of work in hand, the numbers being reached, the converts to Christianity speak volumes for the industry of the missionaries, the gifts of the brotherhood, and the management by the Board.

Our Bit of India.

Unlike many missions, we have not mapped out an unduly large piece of territory. Most missions to-day are shortening their lines, often abandoning valuable property owing to the necessity of working within a smaller area. The section for which we are responsible includes about two thousand square miles, being roughly fifty miles long by forty miles wide. In it there is a population of at least two hundred and fifty thousand. Some place the figures much higher. The field is very compact. Had we four or five stations, well equipped with workers, the whole territory could be effectively evangelized.

Our Australian brethren should understand that we alone are responsible for this portion of India. By arrangement with other missions touches it. A quarter of a million people must hear of Jesus through us, or must die without knowledge of Him. A comparison of an Australian State of

about the same population helps to an appreciation of the need for more workers in the field beyond. Estimate the number of preachers of various religious bodies within that State, add thousands of Sunday School teachers and other Christian workers, and then remember that a few have in all five men and five women, with a few native Indian helpers for the task of teaching, preaching and healing among that vast population, entirely dependent upon what we are able to do for them. Let it be known, too, that nothing save lack of funds prevents a larger staff of workers. Young people, consecrated, capable, trained, are ready to go. Indian workers, though not plentiful, can be secured, and our mission should have at the very least another score of such workers. One almost shudders to think of the money spent on Australian church work in comparison with that spent on our Indian field. Are people in Australia so much more worth saving?

Removing Ignorance.

"To open the eyes of the blind" was part of our Lord's programme. And that probably included mental as well as physical blindness. To help remove India's unenviable record of illiteracy is no unimportant work of the messengers of the Light of the World. And to this our missionaries apply themselves diligently. Not, as in some missions, with a view to a high standard of education, resulting often in educating village folk out of the environment in which they really should continue, but with the object of giving to both sexes, to high and low caste, even to the outcasts, the simple rudiments of education.

We have many schools. Large ones at Shrigonda and Baranati, but also small ones dotted here and there in the villages. Schools often are held in the crudest types of buildings, not any better than an average Australian cow shed. There are almost no conveniences, just a few old books, slates, etc., yet wonderfully good work is done. Many of the children write beautifully. Scripture teaching is given every day, and one marvels at the ability of small heathen children to repeat Scripture, to recite the ten commandments, and to answer Bible questions. Native teachers (they are often preachers also) have charge of these village schools, and are frequently aided by their wives.

Housing Wives and Strays.

No work appears more than that done in the homes for boys and girls. Some of these are children of Christians; many are orphans, or from heathen homes. All are very needy and very full of promise. They are extremely well cared for in the ability of the missionaries, and calls for firmness, tact, patience and care. Needless to say, the children are well cared for in terms of wholesome food is provided, and a sufficient supply of clothing, bedding, etc., is furnished. The children are taught habits of cleanliness, are educated and trained to be useful. Tasks are allotted to all save the very small ones. Older children have to accept responsibility for those younger. Indian Christian assistants share this work with the missionaries. Many of these children have become Christians. Some of the older ones are being definitely trained for Christian service. Many of the children are from outcast people, and have the worst possible background to their lives. Too much must not be expected of such children. But many who pass through our orphanages will become our preachers and teachers in later days.

Healing Diseases.

Perhaps no country in the world presents more opportunities for doing medical work than does

India. The qualified medical man, whether European or Indian, the nurse, whether white or black, the untrained man or woman with just a working knowledge of simple household remedies is in a field of wide opportunities. We are particularly fortunate in having on our medical staff Dr. Diddle, three Indian doctors, Broen, Watson and Essart (both skilled medicine men), a trained nurse, and other missionaries with much experience in relieving the physical needs of the people. Thousands of cases are dealt with annually. Special attention is given to women and babies. Child Welfare Centres have been established. Lives are being saved, suffering is being alleviated, habits which promote health are being inculcated, and with it all there is the message of the Great Physician of the deeper needs of humanity.

Reforming Criminals.

Should any of our brethren regard work among the Bhamptas, or Criminal Tribes, as mere social work, let them forever dismiss the thought. Would that we had a similar opportunity with five thousand instead of five hundred. Being liberally supported out of government funds, this work is the cheapest in which we are engaged. And no part of our mission gives greater promise. Imagine five hundred men, women and children, born of criminal parents, reared among thieves and vagabonds, associating with no other class, captured at length by the authorities and placed in compounds within wire enclosures twelve feet high, and under the care and control of our missionary. What a store of nerve, tact, patience, faith, hope, love such a missionary needs.

But after a very few years many of these families have so far responded to treatment as to be allowed to live out in the open under strict supervision, while still others are permitted to live elsewhere in the country. Such such reformatory work is well worth while, but it has not ended there. Quite a number have become Christians. Some are to-day officers of the Baranati church. Some of the brightest and most promising Christians on the field to-day hail from the Criminal Tribes Settlement.

Preaching the Gospel.

There is grave danger on the mission field of allowing institutional work to get in the way of the work of preaching. Apparently some missions have almost lost sight of evangelistic work in an effort to educate the people. Not so with our Australian mission. Preaching is done in Baranati, Shrigonda and other towns and villages every day. Under the direction of the missionaries, often in their company, are native preachers go from village to village, from market town to market town. There is Indian fashion (the most effective way) for the Indian who sing and preach to someone who has gripped and changed their own lives. And the people listen; some, it may be, to forthwith forget, but others to store the message in mind and heart. God uses the street and wayside preaching of these faithful men. And the printed message also does its silent work. Scriptures are read and given away just to remote places, often never to be heard of, but sometimes to lead the seeking soul to the seeking Saviour.

And so the good work goes on. India's darkness is being penetrated by the light of the gospel. It is hard work for the missionaries, but their sterling quality keeps them at their tasks. The general conditions and the discouragements would break less sturdy men and women. They should be very proud of our missionaries; they compare so very well with those of other missions. They are deliberately spending their lives, shortening their days, giving of their hearts in this good work. Their rewards are small here; surely they will be great hereafter. Mean while they deserve the best we can give them; they carry on all our continual remembrance of them and their work at the throne of grace.

Christ and the Scriptures.

A SCIENTIST'S APOLOGIA.

Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of Baltimore, U.S.A., a world-renowned surgeon and author of several works on medical science, was recently asked by an "advocate" preacher to join a certain organization. Dr. Kelly in a letter explained his reasons for being unable to accept the invitation. He also in his reply gave a statement of his own faith. "The Sunday School Times" printed Dr. Kelly's letter, from which we take the following:—[Ed.]

It is my profound and unalterable conviction from the experience of a lifetime, and from its observed effects upon the spiritual life and well-being of others, that the Bible throughout, in the most profound sense in which it is possible to conceive it, is the Word of God to man.

I find the Old Testament a picture gallery crowded with wonderful prefigurations or types of him who was to come—Christ Jesus our Lord.

Christ in the Scriptures.

I believe when God created light that it was specifically the most perfect and wonderful figure in the whole realm of nature he could give his intelligent creatures whom he wished to bring closer to the Godhead of Jesus Christ, soon to appear as the Light of the World. And so in type do I find him written in large letters on all the pages of the Word: in Noah's salvation in the ark, in the lives of patriarchs, remarkably in Joseph's life, in Moses as a figure of that Prophet who was to come, and, above all, in the services of Levites, and so on throughout, including all the prophecies, Psalms, and other writings made sacred by his holy content of the Lord Jesus, who was in the bosom of the Father until his advent.

"Most Profound Conviction of My Life."

I believe that Jesus was miraculously born of a virgin, thus uniting his Deity to our humanity for ever—the Lord God Most High became one with the lowliest of his creatures. My faith not only accepts but rejoices in the miracles manifesting his power and his glory and his compassion for our lost and suffering humanity.

I find in the Gospels faithless wellspring, ever new and refreshing, daily revealing to us the purposes of God. I see clearly that Christ's most great regnant purpose in coming was to go into the cross to bear the sins of the whole world, to offer himself a propitiation for sin, our Substitute. Without his sacrificial death as an expiation of our sins and for sinners, the whole Word of God, including the Old Testament, so abundantly honored in its fulfillment in the New Testament, becomes utterly meaningless and futile. It is the most profound conviction of my life, now far distant from its close, upon which all my hopes rest, that I shall see our God and Father and his Christ and my loved ones who have gone on ahead of me; that I, I, I, my unalterable conviction that all these assurances and blessings come to me and to all Christians by the way of the Cross, which is ever bearing me.

Need I add, then, my assurance that this mortal body will rise again, having put on immortality, and seeing my Lord Jesus Christ I shall finally reach my goal in being transformed into his image, and my body being made like unto his glorious body.

I rejoice, therefore, in his Resurrection, the substantial ground of my hope, his gift of his Holy Spirit—my Mentor, my Guide, my Teacher, and the Spirit of love who broods over my naturally cantankerous, rebellious, lustful human nature and by his divine alchemy, wrought by the way of the Cross, ever draws me to the foot of that

Cross as the one great effective source of all blessing now and through the ages to come. The longer I live, the more increasingly wonderful becomes the Cross, that "via crucis," as our only way of salvation.

I write in that spirit of love which unites me to all for whom Christ died, to all who are also called to this great life in him, imparted by his Holy Spirit. The love of Christ seems to draw me especially to those who differ, as I believe we do on these vital questions, hoping that our Father will give us grace to see these profound truths alike, when we shall place our whole confidence in him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, the Root and Offspring of David, God's sacrificial Passover Lamb.



TWO TEMPLES.

A builder buildeth a temple:
He wrought it with care and skill—
Pillars and groins and arches,
All fashioned to work his will,
And men said, seeing its beauty,
"It never shall know decay,
Great is thy skill, O builder!"
"Thy fame shall endure for aye!"

Another buildeth a temple
With infinite, loving care,
Planning each stone with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer,
Never raised her unceasing effort,
None knew of her wondrous plan,
For the temple the mother buildeth,
Was unseen by the eye of man.

One is the builder's temple—
Crambled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the mother buildeth
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.

—Hattie Rose Hall.



Whole-Souled Christians.

The world and the church demand men who are in dead earnest. God will not honor in the church a man who has a heart for the world and a heart for the church.

It is said of Bedwald, King of the East Saxons, that he had in the same church one altar for the Christian religion and another altar for the service of the devil; and of Rufus that he painted God on one side of his shield and the devil on the other side, with this inscription, "I am ready for either."

Unfortunately, is the attitude and temper of thousands to-day in the church. They have just religion enough to make them absolutely miserable, merely religion enough to rob the world of its power to give enjoyment of its soul, and not religion enough to give them unspokeable joy in the service of God. They sell their life-joy along the coast of the world, encountering its storms and risking destruction on its rocks, instead of sailing out heroically and joyfully on the boundless ocean of God's unspeakable love. They are double-hearted disciples; they have one heart, one will, one soul for God, the world, and another heart, will, and soul for God. They miss both worlds; they are of all men most unworldly. They ought to be whole-souled in the service of God as their only Lord.—B. S. MacArthur.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

May 2.

LOVED WITH EVERLASTING LOVE.

(John 13: 1.)

F. J. SIVER, B.A.

"Jesus knowing that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own that were in the world, he loved them unto the end." John gives us no record of the actual instituting of our Lord's Memorial Supper. The other evangelists had already done that. Instead, John lifts the veil and permits us to see something of the emotions that swayed our Lord during that last sacred meeting which he had with his disciples. Here, for instance, it is revealed that when Jesus was most conscious that he was about to leave this world and return to the Father, he gave overwhelming proof that he loved his disciples with a love that was everlasting. In the beautiful deed that followed—the washing of the disciples' feet—we see certain "bright shouts of everlastingness."

"Selflessness . . . seeketh not her own," declared the apostle. If there is any selfishness in love, it will die; for selfishness is sin, and all sin must ultimately be destroyed. Love to be everlasting must be unselfish. Nowhere is such love better seen than in that last hour which Jesus had with his disciples. Burdened with all the sins of the race, and carrying the weight of all our woes, with Gethsemane and Calvary ahead, knowing that one of the twelve had betrayed him, and that the rest would all forsake him, yet Jesus completely set himself aside so that he might comfort the hearts of his followers. In the course of the conversation that followed the washing of the disciples' feet, he said, "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you." Previously, Jesus had told them that one of the two great commandments was "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." But this was superseded by the new commandment in which the love of self is to be obliterated. They are to love one another as Christ loved them, with a great self-forgetting, self-denying love—a love that has in it something of the Eternal.

Serviceableness.

Jesus was always intensely practical in his love for humanity. In that joyous moment of excitement that followed the restoration to life of the daughter of Jairus, Jesus thought first of the immediate need of the little maiden: "Give her something to eat." Peter said of Jesus, "He went about doing good." What a summary for a life! When Jesus entered the upper room, he saw at a glance the one thing wanting. As the meal proceeded, and no one offered to do the lowly task, he, the Lord of life and glory, arose from supper, laid aside his garments, took a towel, girded himself, and set about washing the feet of the disciples. The love that rules and the love that lasts is the love that expresses itself in deeds, not words; in service, not sentiment. To serve is indeed to reign.

Servicence.

But love is not satisfied with merely doing the beloved an occasional service. It must give itself. "Love's strength standeth in love's service." The lovely service of the upper room was but the prelude to the high sacrifice on Calvary. The Christ, who girded himself and washed the dusty feet of his disciples, stretched himself upon the cross to make atonement for their sins and for the sins of the world.

It is in this supreme self-sacrifice of himself that we find the greatest proof of Christ's everlasting love. Such love reaches out to the sin-fullest, the most unworthy. Such love as that can never end.

TOPIC FOR MAY 2.—MY FATHER'S HOUSE. —(John 14: 2.)

New South Wales Conference.

Hartley Gray, M.A.

The 43rd annual conference of the New South Wales churches was one of the best yet held. Such is the opinion of brethren well qualified to judge. Thus—"One of the best" (W. B. Hall); "Real good" (A. Morris); "Splendid spirit and more enthusiasm" (J. Whelan); "The best attended" (J. Chapple, the new president). The retiring president, Bro. S. J. Southgate, conducted the proceedings very ably and gave a fine tone to all meetings. All rejoiced at the reports of progress in every department. Every committee and organiser was congratulated by conference.

Some features were rather interesting, especially the attempt to get all the business of conference done on one day. The rallies had been during the week, so that only the reports were to be considered on Friday. This meant some limitation on discussion, and there was but little opportunity to consider future plans. That the scheme worked well was due to the able guidance of Bro. Southgate. Good Friday was a strenuous day, but most successful nevertheless.

Business Session.

The business session was presided over by Bro. S. J. Southgate, at Emure Tabernacle. Applications for admission to conference were granted to three churches: Canberra (E.C.T.), Grafton, and Kurri Kurri, making 46 churches all told. Greetings were acknowledged from other States and brethren.

Notes of Motion.

These released a flood. I. R. O. Sutton, of North Sydney, moved "That this conference while fully appreciating the work of the College of the Bible at Glen Iris, considers that the establishment of a Bible College in Sydney is essential to the more effective evangelising of the State of N.S.W., and therefore recommends to the Federal Conference that steps be taken to provide a systematic course of lectures commencing not later than February, 1930." The motion was lost.

J. J. Fraser, of Merewether, had given notice "that in future all evangelists sent out into the field be thoroughly tested as to their character and standing among the brotherhood, and through understanding of the plea of the Churches of Christ." At once the point was taken, who would constitute the judicial and standing body? Such a scheme was contrary to the principles of the brotherhood in setting up a standard of beliefs and opinions. Churches had often engaged preachers in spite of the recommendations of the credentials committee. It was felt wise by conference to advise churches to make use of the existing sources of information which were adequate for the purpose.

3. I. A. Paternoster sponsored some proposed amendments of the Constitution on behalf of the H.M. Committee, but because of faulty draughtsmanship and misunderstandings they were rejected. This involved the rejection of a proposal to reconstruct the executive of conference by adding to the H.M. executive (which is the conference executive as it now exists), a representative of each of the other committees. Much time was spent in trying to get out of the impasse. However, conference did accept the proposal "that any persons in the employ of conference or assisted from its funds, or evangelised employed by any church assisted or subsidised by the conference shall be eligible to be a member of the executive or Home Missionary Committee." The general result showed the need of a small sub-committee to consider proposed amendments and draught them for presentation to conference.

Welcome was extended to some interstate visitors, and to Dr. E. R. Killmer, of China.

At 11 a.m., when all delegates were present, a

quiet half-hour was conducted by Bro. J. Whelan, the theme being "The Spirit-filled Life" (Eph. 5: 18). The experiment of thus breaking in on business quite justified itself, for the address created a fine inspiration.

Home Missionary Committee.

Bro. T. Hagger, organiser, and Bro. T. E. Hefe presented the report, which showed increases all round—3 churches (total 46), 219 members net (total 4,189), 416 Bible School scholars (total 4,651), and 59 teachers (total 518), besides an overflow of 2841. The committee had spent £2830 compared with £2123 the previous year due to subsidies to more churches. The annual offering of £1818/7/7 had been a record.

Aims for future work were suggested and commended by conference.



J. Chapple,
President, N.S.W. Conference, 1928-1929.

1. That the work be continued in the fields already occupied, and that the present policy of gradually reducing the committee's part of the financial support be applied, if possible, to all fields being helped.
2. That three new fields be entered during the year.
3. That a five year postal campaign be inaugurated by means of which approved literature be put into every home in the State through the post.
4. That as far as possible existing churches adjacent to each other be formed into circuits for more effective work.
5. That September be set apart as "Restoration Month," as last year, when emphasis be placed upon our special mission as a people.
6. That the manager of the book depot be empowered to publish suitable leaflets and booklets for circulation.
7. That an effort be made to establish a central church in Newcastle before Pentecost, 1930.
8. That an effort be made to send out a motor van in charge of a reliable brother to visit the scattered members, circulate our literature, preach the gospel, and, wherever possible, gather together little groups of brethren into churches for worship and work.

Credentials Committee.

Bro. E. J. Hilder submitted the report.

Chapel Extension Fund.

The report was presented by Bro. F. S. Steek, and led to a discussion on the best way of obtaining churches erecting poor, flimsy, unsuitable and dangerous buildings. A building committee consisting of Bro. G. E. Knight, A. Graham (builders), and C. Morris (architect) was appointed to work in conjunction with the H.M. Committee, and the Chapel Extension Fund for this purpose.

Reports were given by Bro. F. G. Gilmore (Buckholde), C. Barnes (Gillendarra), B. Greenhalgh (Grafton), H. C. Spratt (Twyfelfel) and Brown (Wagga) telling of their interesting experiences and abounding opportunities.

Foreign Missionary Committee.

The report was presented by Bro. J. Glydesdale, who enlarged upon the splendid success of the work in the New Hebrides. Dr. Killmer explained to conference how it was that he was at conference instead of in China. Financial results had been eminently successful. A second annual offering of £882, Children's Day Fund of £165, and gifts of £1213 helped to swell the total receipts to £2,191/2/1.

The F.M. rally in City Temple (Tuesday, April 2) was splendid. Musical items were given by Misses M. Moore and B. Hall. J. B. Leach, B.A., late of India, gave an informative address on the reform work among the Bramhmins. Dr. Killmer entertained the gathering with his description of Chinese traits and customs, concluding with a stirring appeal on behalf of medical missions. The offering amounted to over £33 in cash and promises.

Bible School and Young People.

The report of the department was submitted by Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A. (organiser), and A. B. Webber (chairman). The increasing size and complexity of the work was evident, and tribute were paid to the organiser—46 schools, 491 scholars, 518 teachers, 14 J.C.E.'s, 5 Internormals and 16 C.E. Societies, and 10 other Y.P. Clubs are under the care of the department. A motion was passed placing all the training classes under the committee's control.

The Young People's night (Monday, April 2) attracted a large and enthusiastic audience to City Temple. A representative programme was given by various schools and societies in the metropolitan area. P. C. Bennett (late organiser) gave a fine address on "The Desire of Youth"—for emancipation, enjoyment, expression and emulation—which is best satisfied in Jesus Christ. Offering amounted to £25/12/6.

Social Questions Committee.

Bro. R. A. Mackenzie and C. Caspersen presented the report. The discussion and the commendation of the committee's work showed the deepening interest of the brotherhood in social matters.

The inspirational rally held on Wednesday, April 3, in City Temple, was fine. Miss L. Thoroughgood and the children's home favoured with musical items. The organiser (Bro. W. J. Crossman) outlined the work during the year in the relief depot, employment bureau, prisoners' aid, and children's home. Colonel Law, of the Salvation Army, told of his experiences in dealing with some social problems, stressing the encouragement yielded by spiritual results. Bro. Casford Vaughan (of the N.S.W. Prohibition Alliance) also addressed the meeting. Offerings amounted to £17/1/6.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were presented at the close of the afternoon session by a resolutions committee (G. Fretwell, convener). Due to the lack of time, they were accepted with little debate.

1. Prohibition. "In full confidence of the divine blessing, the conference of the Churches of Christ in N.S.W., while regretting that the Premier has not acceded to its request to give the electors the right to vote for prohibition without compensation, is emphatically of opinion a

that the terrible social, moral and economic evils arising from the continuance of the liquor traffic, call for its immediate removal, and urges all citizens of the State to leave nothing undone to ensure a majority "Yes" vote for prohibition at the forthcoming poll on September 1 next."

2. The Press. "That this conference deprecates the widespread practice on the part of the public press to devote so much space to the publication of sporting, sensational and even salacious matters, and urges the editors of the various papers to allow more space for news of moral, religious, and ethical character."

3. The Lord's Day. "That we deplore the tendency towards the desecration of the Lord's day, and urge upon our members and all Christian people by personal consecration and Christian education to conserve all the values of the Lord's day."

4. Finance. "That as an item of activity in its Pentecost campaign, if a recommendation to the incoming executive committee that a conference of business men be arranged to discuss the whole question of finance in its relation to the various activities of conference, and report its findings to the executive committee."

5. Eucharistic Procession. "That this conference of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales, believing that the elevation of the so-called consecrated 'Host' in the forthcoming Eucharistic procession is contrary to the teaching of Jesus, subversive of the faith and order of the New Testament, a perversion of a divine ordinance of the Christian religion, and an act of idolatry repugnant to the religious convictions of the Churches of Christ, and offensive to the bulk of the Protestant community, and which was possibly become a menace to the peace and good order of society, respectfully urges the Government of the State to prohibit such idolatrous practice as the said elevation of the so-called 'Host' in this or any other city or town in the State of New South Wales."

This latter caused quite a deal of excitement and discussion, some speakers deprecating the church's calling in the aid of the political power in matters of religious and spiritual concern.

Evening Session.

A splendid gathering almost filled the Emmore Tabernacle at night for the H.M. rally. Solos were sung by Miss J. Flood and Mr. E. V. Turk. The retiring president, Mr. S. J. Southgate, gave an address on "The Message for the Age." This age demanded knowledge, certitude, and loyalty. Hence our message must be that given us by Christ—Scriptural, simple and all-sufficient, and not mere opinion. It must be with conviction, especially concerning the place of the church in God's economy, and it must be evangelistic.

"Attempting the Impossible" was Mr. T. Hagger's topic. In response to his appeal the offering amounted to £713/7/1.

Bro. Southgate was given an inscribed Bible as a memento of his year of office, Bro. J. Chapple, incoming president, making the presentation.

Officers and Committees.

President, J. Chapple, of Paddington; vice-president, I. A. Paternoster; secretary, W. H. Hill; assistant secretary, E. J. Hilder; treasurer, H. W. Arrowsmith.

Executive and Home Mission Committee.—The above officers, and the following:—J. Fox; G. F. Funnell; A. Marry, E. Palgrave, S. J. Southgate, J. Stinson, J. Whelan.

Foreign Mission Committee.—I. A. Paternoster (chairman), G. Morton, J. H. Leach, B.A., J. Gylesdale, G. Eager, G. E. Knight, E. Christophers, Quan Mane, H. W. Carl, P. C. Bennett.

Bible School and Young People's Committee.—F. S. Suter (chairman), P. C. Bennett, S. G. Goddard, S. O. Goad, A. Graham, S. H. Matthews, A. A. Smith, L. J. Stinson, J. E. Whelan.

Social Questions Committee.—K. A. Mackenzie (chairman), J. F. Judgen, A. L. Carter, C. H. Caperson, T. P. Dale, W. H. Hunter, H. V. Larrigan, W. I. E. Lewis, A. E. Oldfield.

Credentia Committee.—W. H. Hill, E. J. Hilder, T. E. Rofe, S. J. Southgate, J. Whelan.

Representatives to Council of Churches.—I. A. Paternoster, G. Fretwell, J. Chapple, T. E. Rofe, E. Davis.

Conference Sermon.

The largest gathering for years in the City Temple listened to Bro. I. A. Paternoster deliver his conference sermon, Sunday afternoon, April 8. His subject was "Pressing towards the Goal." He pleaded for the exaltation of the cross of Christ, by increased evangelism. The fine spiritual tone was a feature of the meeting. Items by the Emmore choir, and a lovely duet by Misses H. Hall and N. Marley, helped materially.

Victorian Women's Conference.

The Victorian women's forty-third annual conference was held in the chapel, Lygon-st., Carlton, on Wednesday, April 4, 1928. There was a very large attendance of sisters.

Mrs. J. E. Shipway, president, occupied the



Mrs. H. P. Clark, Newly-elected President of Victorian Women's Conference.

chair. The morning devotions were led by Mrs. A. W. Connor, her theme being "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Minutes of last year's conference meetings were read and confirmed. The notice of motion by Mrs. Mitchell, which was carried, read thus:—"That a nominating committee consisting of five names be elected at this and each annual conference. The duties of this committee shall be to make and receive nominations for all officers of conference and for membership on all committees. These nominations may be supplemented by open nominations on the day of conference."

Decided to hold next conference in the chapel, Lygon-st., on Wednesday, prior to Good Friday. The secretary was asked to convey the thanks of the sisterhood to the Editor and Manager of the "Australian Christian" for their courtesy in printing the monthly executive reports and conference matter. Greetings to be sent to our members, and several sisters unable to be with us by reason of sickness and infirmities. Greetings were received from Mrs. Cosh (W.A.), Mrs. P. M. D. McCallum (America), Miss Mary Thompson, Miss Caldwell, Miss Vawser (India), Mr. W. Gale (Secretary General Conference), Mr. J. E. Allan (Secretary F.M. Committee), Mr. Chay, Hardie (Secretary College of the Bible), Mr. G. T. Walden (Secretary F.M. Board), Mr. W. Clay, (Secretary Social Service Dept.), Bendigo Sisters,

Conference Plans.

The rendezvous was Clark Island in the Harbor. Over 350 made the trip by launch to a most delightful spot, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, thus being to a conclusion one of the finest conferences in the experience of the N.S.W. Brotherhood.

The thanks of conference are due to many, but chiefly to Bro. Southgate for his able chairmanship; to Mrs. Hagger for organising the details; to the Sisters for lunch and tea; to Bro. Will Atkinson, the never-failing organist; and to the singers who helped so splendidly.

Tasmania, Western Australia, South Australia, and N. S. W. women's conferences. 58 churches responded to the roll call.

The obituary report told of 35 sisters called to eternal rest. Mrs. Forbes offered prayer on behalf of all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Conference re-assembled in the afternoon, when Mrs. Abernethy conducted the devotions. Thoughts were taken from the Bible reading, Joel 2. "The fruitage of the years." I will restore unto you the years which the locusts hath eaten."

The welcome greeting was given by Mrs. Heg. Clark, and responded to by Mrs. G. Moore, on behalf of overseas visitors; Mrs. Collins (S.A.), Mrs. Heg. Embley, who told us the work done by the church at Twynholm, London, Mrs. Stephens (Geelong). Greetings from Ballarat. Amongst the many visitors were Mrs. Flinn, an isolated sister of W.A.; Mrs. McDonald, Swan Hill; Mrs. Woollens, Sydney; Mrs. Hovey, Brim; Mrs. Juekel, Wangaratta; Mrs. Withlers, Maryborough; Mrs. Larson, Shepparton. "The Duty of Divine Citizenship" was the subject of Mrs. Shipway's presidential message. Incorporated in the secretary's annual report were brief reports of the various departments of work. These were spoken to by superintendents and representatives of committees. Two reports on women's work were read from Ballarat and Castlemeane. Mrs. Watson, missionary on furlough from India, gave an interesting address. Her sister spoke on "The Typical Home in India."

The evening devotions were led by Mrs. Forbes, her text being "Three Steps which begin all Service"; "And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he said, Behold the Lamb of God." The organ recital by Miss Pittman was much enjoyed. The address, "The Church and the Future," given by Mr. G. Moore, was of a very high order. The appeal for the "coming of age" renovation fund for the College of the Bible resulted in 485/10/-, and was presented to Mr. Main, the principal, by Mrs. Shipway. Mr. Main thanked all concerned in the gift, on behalf of the College Board, the students and the faculty.

Mrs. Clark presented the retiring president, Mrs. J. E. Shipway, with a copy of the revised version in appreciation of her services as president of the Victorian Women's Conference.

Resolution—"That this conference of women of the Churches of Christ in Victoria, is of opinion that in the interests of the youth of our State newspapers should be restrained from publishing details of atrocious and immoral crimes."

Mrs. McCann introduced the officers for the ensuing year—President, Mrs. Clark; vice-president, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Scambler; secretary, Miss Homelch; treasurer, Mrs. F. Lee; asst. and financial secretary, Mrs. Dines. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Miss Huntsman for her efficient services as treasurer during the past four years; to Mrs. Shipway for the able manner in which she presided over the meetings; to Miss Pittman for many years of faithful service as organist; Mrs. Leane, pianiste for executive meetings; Mr. B. Lyall and Mr. H. Leane for auditing the books; the officers of Lygon-st. and

Swanston-st. churches for the use of their buildings during the year; the scrutineers; Mr. G. Moore for his address; Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Gedling, Miss Bagley, Miss Preston; the ladies who served the tea, and all who in any way helped to make this conference pleasant and profitable.

Superintendents and Committees elected:—Home Mission: Superintendent, Mrs. G. Mitchell; Mesdames Pratt, Searchedbrook, B. J. Kemp, Welch, Shipway, McDowell, Moate, Lewis. Foreign Mission: Superintendent, Mrs. D. Pittman; Miss Baker, Mesdames Emms, Morris, General Deeres; Superintendent, Mrs. Hunter; Mesdames Anderson, Withers, Kettle, Wilson, F. A. Kemp, Johnston, Zellus, Oliver, Harris, Martin, Dawes, Dyce. Prayer Meeting: Superintendent, Mrs. Burton; Mesdames Bay, A. Baker, Williams, Lindsay, Wilson. Hospital Visitation: Superintendent, Mrs. Meyer; Mesdames Cameron, Hay, Widdicombe, Thomas, Northeast, Garey, Kettle, Smedley, Curtis, Stewart, White, Sheen, Bennett. Women's Mission House: Superintendent, Mrs. Scamiller. Mesdames Gill, Fortescue, Main, Wilson, Dines, Miss Ellis. Girls' Circles: Superintendent, Miss M. Smith. Benevolent Home: Cheltenham, Super-

intendent, Mrs. Chapman. Isolated Sisters: Superintendent, Miss P. Ellis; Mesdames Piper, Brown, Hammond, Oliver. Benevolent Department Social Service: Superintendent, Mrs. Gill; Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Whittington, Miss Dingley, Mrs. Moncur, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Sharp, Anderson, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Cowdroy, Miss Main, S. Wilson. The conference was brought to a close with prayer and benediction by Mr. Clipstone.—L.H.

The financial reports submitted to conference showed that £145/4 had been received from various sources, and £112/15/8 expended, leaving a credit balance of £13/8. The Women's Mission Hall has received a contribution from sisters the sum of £231/11/4, which was expended as follows: Home Missions, £135/15/9; Foreign Missions, £92/12/7; College of the Bible, £22/3/-. The sum of £85/10/- was received by the executive from churches, conference executive, isolated sisters and as individual gifts. In response to the appeal for College renovations.

the scholars the shorter the lesson period; the more vitally interesting the subject the longer the period.

A matter to which the leaders of our schools might give some attention is the loss of time from the actual teaching of the Bible which occurs when preparations are being made for anniversary celebrations and the like. We ought to realise the value of these efforts, knowing that often people who come to the Bible School anniversary afterwards come to the services of the church; but when we remember how little time we actually have for the work of teaching the Bible, it behoves us to keep a watchful eye on everything that would encroach on the teaching time.

For the rest, it is clear that all possible causes of the waste of time in school should be eliminated. To none more than to us is that injunction of the preacher so appropriate:—"Whosoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest."

BIBLE SCHOOL DEMONSTRATION.

In the Temperance Hall, Russell-st., Melbourne, on Wednesday, April 11, the Easter demonstration of the Bible School and Young People's Demonstration was held. Mr. A. W. Connor, the Conference President, presided over the large gathering. The programme, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present, was given by the following schools:—Preston, a duet; Asent Vale, an action song; North Fitzroy, a dialogue; East Camberwell, a concerted piece; Gardiner, a recitation; South Yarra, a dialogue; Parkdale, a trio.

Mr. H. J. Patterson, M.A., the preacher of the Asent Vale church, and president of the committee of the Bible School and Young People's Department, gave a stirring address on "The Child in the Mill." His address was a challenge to the church to rise and make use of the opportunities that were being presented day by day for the winning of boys and girls for Christ and his church. The offering for the funds of the department amounted to £40/11/6.

THE LITTLE THORNS.

Grant us, O Lord, the grace to bear

The little pricking thorn;

The basy word that seems unfair;

The twang of truths well worn;

The jest that makes our weakness plain;

The darling plan o'erturned;

The careless touch upon our pain;

The slight we have not earned;

The rasp of care, dear Lord, to-day,

Lest all these fretting things

Make needless grief, oh, give us, pray,

The heart that trusts and sings.

—Selected

Our Young People.

Conducted by Leslie C. McCullum, M.A.

VISIT OF DR. W. C. POOLE.

A great treat is in store for the Bible School and Christian Endeavor workers of the Melbourne metropolitan area. On Tuesday, May 1, Dr. W. C. Poole, President of the World's Sunday School Association, and Sir Edward Sharp (President of the Bible Section of the World's Sunday School Association), will arrive in Melbourne to conduct a series of meetings. The meetings will commence with a public gathering in the Independent Church, Collins-st., when Dr. Poole will give an address on "The Place of Christian Education in the Building of a New World." On Wednesday, May 2, at 8 p.m. in the same building, a G.E. rally will be held, and on Thursday, May 3, at 8 p.m. in the Scots Hall, Russell-st., a Bible School teachers' and workers' conference will be conducted, when both Dr. Poole and Sir Edward Sharp will give addresses. On Tuesday and Thursday, May 1 and 3, luncheon hour talks will be given by Dr. W. C. Poole at the Assembly Hall, Collins-st., from 12.15 to 1.45 p.m. Dr. Poole is an Australian and a speaker of international repute, and every one who can possibly do so should plan to hear him.

THE QUESTION OF TIME.

In our work as Bible School teachers there are two things incumbent upon us all—to give to our work all the time we can, and to make the very best use of the time we do give to it. Time is wanted for the preparation of the lessons, and then for the actual imparting of the instruction. If it cannot be found for the first there is grave risk that the time spent with the class will be wasted.

Many busy teachers make time for the study of their lesson by arranging the week's private devotional Bible reading around the subject to be studied. Probably there never was a time when teachers found it so difficult to find the necessary time for lesson preparation as the present. But where there is a will there is a way. Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin" whilst she had her seventh child in her arms, and the full care of a household upon her. Some of our Bible School teachers are equally as enterprising. Here is a lady who reads over her lesson while she does her housework. She always carries a paper and pencil with her, and when some point occurs to her she notes it down. Thus when the end of the week comes

she has a large quantity of material to draw upon.

One very common source of complaint among our teachers is the shortness of the time allowed for the presentation of the lesson. So often it happens that just when the teacher has secured the interest of her class, and they have become absorbed in the lesson, a bell rings and they are summoned to the assembly of the school. This often happens to the good teacher, while on the other hand the teacher who has not prepared the lesson very well is waiting anxiously to hear the tangle of the very bell that the other teacher heathens to hear. There are two ways out of the difficulty. First, let every teacher make such preparation as will enable him to make the best use of all the time available, and secondly, let the leaders of the school guard jealously the lesson period, for it is of the utmost importance. Only very exceptional events should be allowed to interfere with the work of the teacher before the class, for the Bible School exists primarily to teach the word of God, and every opportunity should be given to the teacher to carry out the work for which the school exists.

In considering the time necessary for a lesson, there are a number of things which should be considered. The time will vary with the age of the scholars, the subject of the lesson, and the capacity of the teacher. The younger



New Tabernacle, Northam, W.A., with group of Bible School in front.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN

The Family Altar.

J. C. F. P.

A FRIEND.

The most wonderful thing in this world is to have a friend, who you know understands; who shows it in his eyes and who lists it in his voice. Who throbs it in the grasp of his hand. Who sees all the good, and is kind to the bad. Who shares in your sorrow or joy; it matters not what, he judges you not—Keep the gold and forget the alloy. Who shares his portion and asks not return. He it wealth, he it love, he it power; Such a friend has a wealth beyond wealth of this earth. A solace in life's darkest hour. Who don't have to tell you in words he's your friend. It shows in every act he bestows; Let come then, what will, blow wind good or ill, He never misjudges—he knows.

—Selected.

A TOUCHING STORY.

Professor Stuart Blackie, of the University of Edinburgh, was once hearing a class. A man rose with his book in the wrong hand. He began an explanation, and the professor thundered, "Take your book in your right hand, and be seated!" The student held up his right arm, and it was off at the wrist. The Scots students hissed the professor. The great man hesitated a moment, then he went to the student and put his arm around him, and, with tears streaming from his eyes, said, "I never knew about it. You will forgive me, I?" It ended in the conversion of that young man. The story was told long afterwards at a Bible conference, and after the meeting a man came forward and raised up his right arm; it ended at the wrist. He said, "I am the man. Professor Blackie led me to Christ, but he never would have done it if he had not put his arm around me and made the wrong right."—Selected.

"BILLY AND HIS PA."

Billy: "Who was that man, pa?"
Pa: "That was a man from our church, Billy."
Billy: "What was that little package he wanted to give you?"
Pa: "That was something about church work."
Billy: "What was it about church work, pa?"
Pa: "Oh! something about money."
Billy: "Does the church have bills for coal, lights, water and gas like we do?"
Pa: "Yes, and they have to pay a pastor, a janitor, and for insurance and give money to missions too."
Billy: "That must take a lot of money. How can a church get money?"
Pa: "Oh! the people give it. Is that all you want to know?"
Billy: "Did that man want you to give money, pa?"
Pa: "Well, you would make a fine lawyer. The church members are to give each week."
Billy: "Do you give any?"
Pa: "O! say, I've got a headache."
Billy: "Maybe them envelopes had headache pointers in them."
Pa: "Yes, they didn't have anything in them."
Billy: "Was you mad at that man, pa?"
Pa: "What in the world makes you think that?"
Billy: "I thought you looked mad. And the man wanted to pray—was that cause you was mad?"
Pa: "I didn't say I was mad."
Billy: "Well, I bet he wanted to pray for your headache."

Pa: "Now Billy, will you hush or take a whipping?"
Billy: "I'm agona hush. But I sure hope he gets enough money to keep the church. For if they shut no church, then they won't be no Sunday School. I like to go to Sunday School." Pa (knocking out the window): "There goes that man now! You run out, Billy, and tell him I want to see him."
Billy: "And tell him you ain't mad now, pa?"
Pa: "No, just tell him to come in again. I want to see him." (Billy makes a quick trip.)
Pa: "What did he say, Billy?"
Billy: "He said all right." He guessed the Lord answered his prayer already. He said soon as he made one more call he would come here."
Does this mean anything to you?
With prayers and good wishes.
Finance Committee, Copeland Baptist Church.

HOW TO BE HAPPY.

Are you almost disgusted with life, little man? I'll tell you a wonderful trick. That will bring you contentment, if anything can: Do something for somebody quick! Are you awfully tired with play, little girl? Wearied, discouraged and sleek? I'll tell you the loveliest game in the world: Do something for somebody quick! Though it rains, like the rain of the flood, little man, And the clouds are forbidding and thick, You can make the sun shine in your soul, little man. Do something for somebody quick! Though the stars are like brass overhead, little girl, And the walks like a well-heated brick, And our earthly affairs in a terrible whirl, Do something for somebody quick!

A DOUBTFUL TESTIMONY.

Mr. Ballington Booth tells a story of a woman who stood up in a Salvation Army meeting to testify to her conversion. "I was very foolish and vain. Worldly pleasures, and especially the fashions, were my only thought. I was fond of silks, satins, jewellery and laces. But, my friends, I found they were dragging me down to perdition, so I gave them all to my sister."

NO CHOICE.

Would-he passenger (out of breath from running). "When does the half-past five train leave?"
Porter. "Five-thirty."
Passenger. "Well, the church clock is twenty-seven minutes past, the post office clock is twenty-five minutes past, and your clock is thirty-two minutes. Now, which clock am I to go by?"
Porter. "Yer can go by any clock ye like, but yer can't go by the train, for it's gone."

HELP!

"Baby was taken very bad while you were out, mum," said the new maid.
"Oh, dear!" said the young wife. "Is he better now?"
"Yes, he's all right now. He seemed to come over quite faint; but I found his medicine in the cupboard."
"Found his medicine! Good gracious! What have you given the child? There's no medicine in the cupboard."
"Oh, yes, there is, mum. It's written on it, and the girl triumphantly produced a bottle labelled "Kid Reviver!"

Monday.

In the midst of your standeth one whom ye know not.—John 1: 26.
"In the legend of Christ Church Minster, Hampslead (London), we read that the Saxon builders saw with fear and wonder a stranger tolling dally by their side. He came and went mysteriously, asked no wages, and ever took upon himself the hardest tasks. When all was finished, and nothing remained of their companion save a blessed light and gracious memory, they realised that the Lord Christ had been amongst them, that he meant this to be in a special sense his own church; and so they called it by his name."
Reading—John 1: 23-31.

Tuesday.

And Jesus also was hidden.—John 2: 2.
"O Saviour, Guest most lounteous Of old in Galilee, Vouchsafe to-day thy presence With those who call on thee; Their store of earthly gladness Transform to heavenly wine, And teach them in the insting To know the gift is thine."
Reading—John 2: 23-51.

Wednesday.

The same (Nicodemus) came to him (Jesus) by night.—John 3: 2.
"Most blest believer he! Who in that land of darkness and blind eyes Thy long expected healing wings could see, When thou didst rise; And, what can ever more be done, Did at midnight speak with the sun?"
Reading—John 3: 23-35.

Thursday.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.—John 3: 16.
"In his dying moments Martin Luther repeated this text distinctly in Latin three times. Nearly a fortnight before his death he said, commenting upon these words, "What Spartan saying can be compared with this wonderful brevity?"
Reading—John 3: 16-36.

Friday.

Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall ye worship the Father.—John 4: 21.
Dr. Johnson wrote to Boswell: "You must remember that your image of worshipping once a year in a certain place, in imitation of the Jews, is but a comparison. If the annual resort to Jerusalem was a duty to the Jews, it was a duty because it was commanded; and you have no such command, therefore no such duty. It may be dangerous to receive too readily, and indulge too fondly, opinions from which, perhaps no pious mind is wholly disengaged, of local sanctity and local desolation. You know what strange effects they have produced over a great part of the Christian world."
Reading—John 4: 1-26.

Saturday.

Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will in no wise believe.—John 4: 48.
Not unlike many to-day, who seem to need miracles continuously to sustain their faith.
Reading—John 4: 27-51.

Sunday.

My father worketh even until now, and I work.—John 5: 17.
In Prof. Blackie's old age, even when on holiday in the Highlands, he felt that he could not be idle. "Unqualified repose only oppressed him. My father worketh hitherto, and I work" was a favorite text he often quoted."
Reading—John 5: 1-24.

Foreign Missions.

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

MISS EDNA VAWSER.

By the same steamer Miss Edna Vawser, Miss Cameron's co-worker in the Girls' Home, Shirigam, arrived home for a short furlough. Instead of spending her yearly vacation in the hill country of India during the hot season, she decided, with the full consent and approval of the Indian Field Council, to take this short visit home. Miss Edna is looking very well, and is delighted with the work in India. On account of the short time she will be in Australia, Miss Vawser will be unable to do any itinerating work.

NURSE ELSIE CALDICOTT.

On Saturday, April 14, Nurse Elsie Caldicott arrived by the "Naldera" at Adelaide, and is now resting with her parents at Mile End. We were very glad to hear from her, and her appearance justified what she said, that she had had a good voyage and felt very much improved in health. It will be remembered that Miss Caldicott was ordered away three months before the time she expected to leave on account of ill-health. Our sister is one of those who never spares herself, and undertook too much for her strength, and paid the penalty. We are therefore very happy to know that the decision of Dr. Oldfield has been justified by the good that the voyage has done our sister. Acting on the advice of the F.M. Board Miss Caldicott is accepting no payments to speak of meetings until she has had a prolonged rest. Will our South Australian churches please accept this notification? As soon as she is ready for any itinerating work the churches will be duly notified by the State secretary.

NEW HEBRIDES NEWS.

Bro. MacKie writes that all serious want an Australian doctor sent down to Oba. Promises of support are coming in. A French planter, Helstier, is willing to help liberally towards his support. Mr. Persyn, the Government Advocate for the natives, thinks that the Condominium Government will appoint our doctor Health Officer, and may assume some of the financial responsibility also. This same Mr. Persyn declares that these people are worthy of the effort we are making to help them. This official expressed himself as most delighted with the people on Oba, and says they are the most intelligent people he has come across in the New Hebrides.

PROHIBITION PROSPECTS IN THE NEW HEBRIDES.

All missionaries in the New Hebrides deplore the evil of strong drink, which is manufactured by the natives from the kava root. In a recent visit to Oba of one of the Government officials, Mr. MacKie and Roman Catholic and Melanesian missionaries spoke to him and told him that kava was a dangerous drug, killing the people. They are trying to get the Government to prohibit its use in the Islands, so that we may hope that it will not be long before the New Hebrides will have more prohibition of the liquor traffic than even the United States.

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGES ON OBA.

During the last twelve months they have had seventy marriages, and in three years three hundred and fifty baptisms. During the last two months they have had seven births among our Christian families, and no deaths of children. Bro. MacKie has started keeping a register of births. When the baby is old enough the mother brings it to Bro. MacKie to be registered. They have a little service, and prayers are offered to God of thanksgiving, and also asking God's blessing upon the mother and infant, and that God

will protect the young life and give its parents wisdom to bring it up in the knowledge of the Word of God. After the registration and the prayer, the friends present all shake hands with the mother and give the baby a generous gift, a shilling, so baby starts his career with about five pounds to its credit. Then the parents provide a feast, and everyone goes home satisfied. Bro. MacKie says, "You should see the crowd of people who come to witness the registration of the baby. All are pleased to come and bid the baby welcome. Some of the heathen are also bringing their babies to be registered. We do not build a service for them, but gladly give them a certificate. So far we are using Cradle Roll certificates for this purpose."

It is very pleasant to all who have the interest of these people at heart to see any emphasis that is laid upon the value and sacredness of the baby. The religion of Jesus Christ is certainly the babies' friend of the New Hebrides.

"Last Saturday week I had twenty-five marriages in the one day. The service took four hours by the time they were all married. I was tired. However it was worth it to know that the people are waking up to their responsibility of Christ's teaching."

I think this one day's marriage list is certainly a record among the Churches of Christ. What joy there would be in the house of an Australian preacher, especially in South Australia, if he could record twenty-five marriages, but in the Islands there is usually no fee given to the preacher.

HURRICANES IN THE NEW HEBRIDES.

We are sorry to report that the last hurricane destroyed all the gardens, so that there will be a big shortage of food for two or three months. Bro. MacKie adds, "I do not think it will affect the collections for the doctor very much, because they are collecting that systematically every month. Even the heathen are interested, and say they will pay for any medical help that they need from the doctor, and the Melanesian people wish to help with their contribution."

NEW BUILDING AT WALLAHIRI, NEW HEBRIDES.

They are building a new chapel at Wallahiri. They gave Mr. MacKie £18 to buy timber and iron for them.

They have ordered three new tanks. Bro. MacKie is urging our Christians to get tanks established everywhere. It will be a great help to securing a pure water supply.

BRO. AND SISTER MACKIE.

Bro. and Sister Mackie, who are leaving Oba by the July boat "Makaulou" will arrive in Australia either July or August. Mr. MacKie will probably bring with him one of the native boys named Wilo Boy, who has been helping in the house, and who is very desirous to make the trip to Australia. He is coming to assist Mrs. MacKie in the care of little Melville. He will pay his own expenses. Bro. MacKie says, "When he came back from a Sarrto plantation he was very ill, but after treatment for three months he has changed from a sickly weakling to a strong, sturdy fellow. He is between sixteen and seventeen years of age. He is exceptionally clean, neat and orderly. In fact, everything about the boy is so spick and span we hardly know it. He says he has saved his life, so he devotes himself to Melville. He has just refused good wages to work on a plantation at £3.10. per month. He is very intelligent, and can run the motor engine as well as a car."

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A General Meeting of the Trustees, Committee and all those interested in the establishment of the above cause, will be held in the new church building on Wednesday next, May 2, at 8 p.m.

Business.—To arrange opening and appointment of various sub-committees.
—J. T. Mahony, Secretary.

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A. NIGHTINGALE, NURSERYMAN, EMERALD VICTORIA.

Here and There.

There was one confession at Chatswood, N.S.W., on April 22, and one at Hurwood.

W. J. Way has commenced work at Banksstown, and P. C. Bennett at Mosman, N.S.W.

Baptisms have been reported as follows from our N.S.W. fields, viz.:—Burwood 9, Canley Vale 1, Erskineville 8, Delongra 2, Grafton 3; total, 23.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Noble left Launceston, Tas., on April 17. They are spending a short time in South Australia prior to going on to their new work in Lismore, N.S.W.

H. C. Stitt has accepted an engagement with the N.S.W. committee to labor at Hornsby. As he has opportunity, he will visit scattered members along the Newcastle line.

There were splendid gatherings at Moreland, Vic., last Lord's day. Eight members were received into fellowship at the morning meeting. Bro. Welch gave a fine address at both services.

The Victorian Women's Conference Executive will meet in the hall, Swanston-st., Melbourne, on Friday, May 4, at 2.30 prompt. Delegates are kindly requested to attend. All sisters cordially invited.

At the request of the Federal Executive, arrangements are being made to send a preacher to Canberra for the first Lord's day in each month. Bro. G. Fretwell will be there for May 6.

The following telegram reached us on Friday last from Norwood, S.A.:—"Thrilling Finnish Hirschens-Stewart Mission, Maylands; ninety-two decisions; thankoffering three hundred seventy pounds.—Collins."

The C. R. L. Vawter mission party has accepted an engagement for twelve months' work in N.S.W. It is expected that the party will arrive from America early in 1929. Bro. Vawter and his helpers are most highly commended.

On Sunday last in all, or nearly all, of the churches, fitting reference was made to Anzac Day. Yesterday also the gallant men who made the great adventure were held in grateful remembrance. Some still mourn the cost of war which bereft them of loved ones. Men are yet with us, maimed and shattered by war, who deserve the best their country can bestow. Anzac Day should be a day in which the blessings of peace are emphasised.

There have been excellent attendances for the first week of the tent mission at Semaphore, S.A. On April 22 Bro. Heller spoke to a good morning meeting on "The Commander of a Great Army." At night the tent was again crowded. The subject was "Christ's Last Will." There was one decision, the first so far. The singing was hearty. Bro. Cox led. Mrs. Leslie Matthews, L.A.B., sang "The Ninety and Nine" very beautifully. Many strangers are coming to the meetings.

Bros. Hirschens and Stewart commenced the tent mission at Mile End, S.A., on April 22. About 600 were present. Bro. Hirschens's subject was "The Second Coming of Christ." Seven persons, including five girls from one class in the school, confessed Christ. Great interest is being manifested by the members. The Y.P.C.C. gave a welcome social on 16th inst. to Sister E. Caldwell, returned from India; Bro. and Sister S. E. Biehles, from South Africa; and Bro. and Sister Allan Brooke, from Western Australia.

Bro. T. Hagger, our N.S.W. organiser, writes:—"Some about funds. The response to the Conference appeal was good, and much ahead of last year. It reached 1726/17/1. But that was not sufficient to wipe out the overdraft. The

committee carried through a big progressive programme last year, and have drawn up one for this year. It now rests with every member in the State to say whether the committee is to go ahead, call a halt, or drop some of the work. And they will say it by sending in gifts and contributions, or by withholding them. We must have money soon if we are to keep going. Send to the office, Sixth Floor, 212 Pitt-st., Sydney."

The opening service of the special theatre campaign conducted by Gardiner church, Vic., was held last Sunday night, and was a very great success. Between six and seven hundred people, the great majority of whom are not in membership with any of our congregations, were present. Bro. Halph Gebbie spoke on "The Mastery of Jesus." Bro. W. H. Clay led community singing in good style, and Mrs. F. L. Mitchell greatly helped with two beautiful solos. A very largely attended prayer service was held in the chapel prior to the meeting in the Regent Theatre. The splendid response on the first evening augurs well for the success of the venture. There was a fine morning attendance, a young lady being received into membership.

Preston, Vic., reports fine meetings and increased interest. Bro. Fisher's addresses have been uplifting. On April 15 the newly-formed P.P.P. held an impressive installation service. Bro. Fisher officiating. The ladies splendidly sang a chorus. Bro. Fisher's morning address on April 22 was a powerful appeal for Bible School work. A welcome social to Bro. and Sister Fisher was held on April 11, while the ladies welcomed Mrs. Fisher at a function on April 18. The final lecture of the local Y.P. committee series was delivered on April 19. Bro. C. C. Dawson speaking on "Christianity and Evolution." The Bible School held its annual meeting, satisfaction being expressed at the progress made.

The tent mission at Maylands, S.A., led by Bros. Hirschens and Stewart concluded on April 18, when a great thanksgiving service was held. The tent was crowded. Bro. Hirschens made a prophesying appeal which resulted in cash and promises of £375. The total number of converts was 92. The church has received a great spiritual uplift. There were good meetings all day on April 22. At morning service 223 broke bread. Bro. Collins exhorted on "Beginning our Pilgrimage." Eleven were given the right hand of fellowship. At night Bro. Collins spoke on "Joy and Obedience"; three confessed Christ. A number were also baptised during the service. On May 6 Bro. F. Glover and Sister E. Manger—two of our Bible School teachers—were united in marriage. During the last two weeks Sister Edna Vawter, missionary from India, had fellowship with the church.

The following letter has been received by our Victorian Conference Executive, and is published for the information of the churches:—"At the last meeting of the committee of the National War Memorial of Victoria, it was decided, in view of the national aspect of the present appeal and its particular significance to every member of the community who has near relations or intimate friends during the war, that in addition to the assistance, which we have already requested of you, you should be good enough to arrange for a special collection upon the Sunday nearest to Anzac Day, the proceeds of which will be devoted to this fund to defray the cost of the building of the Shrine of Remembrance. The committee considers that the amount secured in this way would be a tribute to those gallant men who laid down their lives during the war. Yours faithfully, S. J. Morrell, Lord Mayor, Chairman; John Monash, Deputy Chairman."

II. G. HARWARD'S WORK IN ENGLAND.

Bro. Geo. Percival Hamon, of Leicester, England, writes regarding the ministry of Bro. H. G. Harward:—

On February 27, 1928, the members of the Church of Christ, Evington-rd., Leicester, had farewell to Bro. H. G. Harward, of Sydney. We had tried all our powers of persuasion to the full, in an endeavor to get their stay prolonged. Bro. and Sister Harward came to us, fulfilled their gracious ministry, and are now homeward bound. They brought to us a rich harvest of love and spiritual devotion. Our brother's deep and profound knowledge of the sacred writings at once impressed and inspired us. His faithfulness in the proclaiming of the great evangel was an outstanding mark of his ministry. He preached the word with such power and eloquence that young and old were constrained to yield their lives to the Lord. His baptising of believers was a benediction to both those who obeyed and those who heeded. His visits to the homes of members and non-members alike will remain fragrant in the memory of so many, for he transformed the hearths and homes of the sick and sad into Bethels of hope and gladness.

Our last meeting was a most pertinent tribute to the high esteem and love which the whole church bore to our brother and sister. The church building was full. Our friends were the recipients of many gifts and tokens of love and remembrance. We are grateful to Australia, and lovingly salute all the brethren.

During his stay in England, Bro. Harward spent seven and a half months at Evington-rd., Leicester, where he delivered 130 addresses and 57 were added. He spent four and a half months elsewhere, and delivered 136 addresses with 63 additions. Total number of addresses for the year, 266; total additions, 120.

COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 28, 29, MAY 1.—Opening Services of the New Chapel at Box Hill (Court-st.), 28th, 3 p.m., Dedication Service; preacher, F. T. Carter, M.A., L.L.B. 29th, 11 a.m., T. H. Scamiller, B.A.; 3 p.m., W. H. Clay; 7 p.m., J. E. Allan. May 1, Public meeting; representative speakers. Past members and friends cordially invited.

APRIL 29 and MAY 1.—Brunswick Bible School Anniversary Services, Sunday, April 29 and Tuesday, May 1. Speakers, Mr. T. Fitzgerald and M. H. McNeilly. Tea provided in school hall for all visitors. Bright singing under the leadership of Mr. Boss Pearl. Past members especially invited.

APRIL 29 and MAY 2.—Church of Christ, Cheltenham. The Anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday and Wednesday, April 29 and May 2. Special services, and Tea and Public Meeting. Tickets, 1/6. Brethren everywhere invited.

APRIL 29 and MAY 2.—Chelsea Anniversary Services, Sunday, April 29. Speakers: W. Buckley, 3 p.m.; Bro. McCullum, 7 p.m. Concert, Wednesday, May 2. Special programme. Admission, one shilling.

MAY 6 (Sunday).—Newmarket Sunday School Anniversary in Remington Town Hall (near Newmarket station). Speakers: 3 p.m., Mr. Albert Anderson (from China); 7 p.m., Mr. Geo. T. Black. Special singing by scholars, led by Mr. Carl Hall. Offerings for Bible School funds. Concert on Tuesday, May 8, in Chancel, Finsbury-st. Admission, 1/6. Everything up to the usual high standard. Old and new friends cordially welcomed.

MAY 6 and 13.—Thornbury Church of Christ Bible School Anniversary. May 6: morning; Bro. Reg. Emiss; afternoon and evening, Bro. W. Gale. Special singing by scholars. May 13, 3 p.m., Distribution of Prizes. May 17, Thursday. Public Demonstration.

MAY 9.—At 8 p.m. New Church of Christ Hall, Osley-rd., Glenferrie. Recital of new and original selections by Mr. W. Fielding, assisted by leading artists. Admission, 1/6.

Queensland Conference.

The forty-fifth annual conference of the Associated Churches of Christ was opened in Brisbane on Good Friday. The President, Bro. S. C. Trudgian welcomed a large gathering of delegates and visitors. Greetings were read and cordially received from the Federal Executive, and from conferences sitting in other States. A welcome was accorded to Bro. J. K. Martin and H. D. Priestley, who have come to labor in the State since last conference. Bro. C. A. Willis and A. Bennett, who are working half time with the churches, were also welcomed.

Home Mission Report.

The Home Mission report, which was received and adopted, created a considerable amount of discussion. By revision of church rolls, State membership now stands at 2,660. It was de-



Chas. Young,
President, Queensland Conference, 1928-1929.

clared "that the Executive should endeavor to secure a comprehensive roll of all members within the State."

Missions.

Evangelistic missions conducted by Bro. H. H. Hall received appreciative reference. There were 8 missions in 21 weeks, with 118 decisions. Missions to be held in the coming year by the Hierarchy and Stewart party give every prospect of progress and success.

Finance.

Upon the question of H.M. finance considerable testimony to maturity of the duplex envelope was given. Another church gave £33 by this means to Home Missions, and the committee received nearly 12 weeks from this source. It was resolved "that delegates urge upon their churches the value of the duplex envelope, and this conference recommends the use of them by all churches."

Officers and Committees.

The election of officers and committees resulted as follows: President, Mr. Chas. Young; vice-president, Mr. H. G. Payne; secretary, Mr. W. E. Bevey; assistant secretary, Mr. W. Bothery; treasurer, Mr. G. Gubbins. The above constitute the executive, and with the following, form the Home Mission Committee: Messrs. C. S. Trudgian, August Hinrichsen, W. Wemford, W. J. Campbell, J. B. Ash, H. Bassard, and S. Vanham. Foreign Missions: President, Mr. H. Bassard; financial secretary, Mr. H. W. Herman; committee, Messrs. W. Berlin, Chapman, W. Davilston, F. Eichelmaier, W. Hazard, H. G. Payne, and O. Potter. Social Questions: President, Mr. John Swan; committee, Messrs. W. Berlin, Potter, sen., C. Fischer, O. Potter, G. Green, Coward, sen., and Laing. Advisory Board: President, Mr. H. Bassard; secretary, Mr. A. Block; committee, Messrs. Stuart, Trudgian, H. G. Payne, W. Wemford, J.

B. Ash, and J. W. Clothier. Christian Workers: President, Mr. J. K. Martin; secretary, Mr. B. Bassard; treasurer, Mr. G. Potter; committee, Messrs. A. Chapman and J. Paradise. Other appointments were as follows:—Representative of Federal Conference, Mr. T. F. Stubbing; immigration agent, Mr. H. G. Payne; isolated members' correspondent, Mr. C. S. Trudgian; obituary steward, Mr. A. H. Taylor; auditors, Messrs. Quirk and Cutler; church property trust, chairman, Mr. W. A. Wemford; committee, Messrs. W. Herlin, F. Eichelmaier, J. W. Clothier, and J. B. Ash.

Work of Committees.

Representatives of the various departments outlined the work and aims of their various committees, as follows:—F.M. Bro. F. Eichelmaier; Social Questions, Bro. W. Bothery; Bible Schools and Young People's Union, Bro. H. G. Payne; Connexional Fund, Bro. W. A. G. Wemford; Women's Conference, Sister Wemford.

Pentecost Alma.

Bro. C. Young and J. B. Cambridge outlined the Pentecostal programme and aims for 1930. This year being the 1900th anniversary of the Christian church, Churches of Christ throughout the world are preparing special objectives for that year. Queensland's Pentecostal aims are:—

1. Twelve months' special missions by an evangelistic team.
2. A mission in every church.
3. One hundred per cent. increase of preachers.
4. Opening of six new fields.
5. Increase of membership to 3,500.
6. Six young people for training in the College of the Bible.
7. A definite Bible reading campaign.
8. A greater emphasis on personal evangelism.
9. A greater attendance at the Lord's table and at prayer meetings.
10. An intensive tract distribution by every church.
11. Systematic and proportionate giving, and the adoption of the duplex envelope system of church finance.
12. Adoption of half-yearly State-wide rallies.
13. One hundred per cent. increase of readers of the "Australian Christian."
14. Opening of six new Bible Schools.
15. Increase of scholars to 3,500.
16. Opening of six new church buildings.

F.M. Report.

The Foreign Mission Committee's report was adopted, and the visits of Bro. and Sister Escott, and Sister Anderson and Pearl were freely commented upon. It is realised what an amount of good visiting missionaries accomplish, and the wish was expressed that missionaries on furlough in Queensland spend a longer time among the churches.

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The following resolutions were passed by conference—

1. An expression of appreciation of the courtesy and helpfulness of the press.
2. That the Government be urged to amend the laws against gambling.
3. An expression of confidence in the College of the Bible.
4. That conference recognise the worth of the "Australian Christian," and recommend every member to become a subscriber.
5. That conference approve the efforts of the Council of Churches in dealing with the moral and spiritual problems of the day.
6. That the Prohibition League be assured of our continued and loyal support.
7. That conference recognise the benefits of the Aged Preachers' Fund, and urge every preacher and church to contribute towards it.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by the president, and enthusiastically carried. The keynote of conference was evangelism, and the high plane of spiritual life and effort set before us in the visit of Bro. Baier found realisation in the intensely evangelistic fervor which characterised all sessions of this conference. The utmost enthusiasm was evoked when it was announced by the president that a series of missions were to be held by the Hinrichsen-Stewart party, beginning about the middle of this year. Thus closed one of the best and most progressive conferences in recent years.—Wm. Hothery.

OBITUARY.

ELDER.—On Mar. 13, after a long illness, Bro. H. Elder fell asleep in Jesus. He confessed Christ, and was baptised soon after the commencement of the writer's ministry at Oakleigh. Alternately with Bro. W. Smith, monthly prayer meetings were held in his home. Bro. Elder gave a wonderful example of how to suffer and be strong. Our late brother was buried in the Cheltenham cemetery, Bro. Wakeley assisting the writer in the service at the graveside. To Sister Elder and her three boys the sympathy of the church is given.—S. H. Mudge.

HODGERT.—On April 1 Bro. Geo. Hodgert passed away after a painful illness extending over 12 months. Bro. Hodgert, who was 61 years of age, was an old and esteemed member of Chapel-st., Norwood, church, S.A., having been in membership for about 35 years. During that time he was a devoted and consistent member of the choir. He also served the church ably as auditor. Bro. Hodgert leaves a wife and two sons to mourn his loss. Mrs. Hodgert has been a faithful worker in the Dorcas Society and the Women's Guild. Bro. Charlie Hodgert, the eldest son, is organist, and helps the choir greatly.—Geo. H. Mauger.

MOORE.—On Mar. 12, at her residence, Fitzroy-terrace, Prospect, Sister H. Moore was called home. Our sister formed the church at North Melbourne 38 years ago, and remained faithful to the end. Her mortal remains were laid to rest at the West Terrace cemetery on Mar. 13. In the presence of a large number of sorrowing relations and friends, Bro. Willsbire conducted the service. We commend Bro. Moore and her two children, who have joined the church, to the comfort of our Heavenly Father.—A.D.

VANCE.—Sister Vaneoe, wife of Bro. A. E. Vaneoe of Heron-crescent, was borne hence to higher service on Mar. 23. A great number of friends sincerely regret her passing. She was born in London in 1856, and came with her parents to this country in 1858. She took a stand for Christ in 1892, was baptised at Newmarket. She and her husband were the first fruits of the Ascot Vale church, where she became an active worker in Sunday School and church. She delighted to engage in every work for the advancement of righteousness, and personality and
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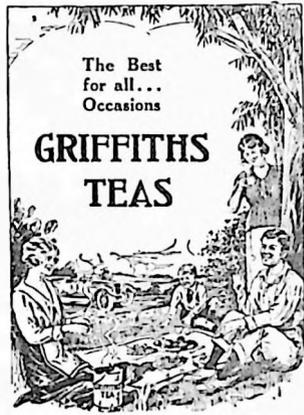
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News of the Churches.

Western Australia.

Northam.—Although many members were absent at the conference on Lord's day, April 8, attendances were very good. Bro. D. B. Sillling (Conference President) delivered interesting and uplifting messages. Bro. Buckingham exhorted on April 15. Four were received into fellowship, three being by transfer, and one by confession and baptism. Two ladies confessed their faith at the gospel service; two brethren were baptised.

Queensland.

Brisbane.—The re-elected president of the Q.A.S. and Y.P. Union was the speaker at Ann's on April 15, his subject being "The Bible School." At night Bro. Hassard proclaimed the gospel.

Gympie.—A gospel meeting on April 15 the three candidates previously reported were baptised. The building was well filled. Bro. Vanham preached an excellent address on "The Open Grave." 23 were added during the day.

Annerley.—On April 8 Bro. Day, of Toowoomba, delivered a good message on "Jerusalem Brotherhood." A number of visitors were present. The Ladies' Guild provided lunch. Sister Gray, of Chinchilla, sang a solo in the evening. On April 13 Bro. D. Quirk was farewell prior to his departure for England as the Queensland representative in the Bible Bible Team. The church presented him with a gold-mounted fountain-pen suitably inscribed. Fine meetings on April 15, Bro. Young speaking at both services. A lad confessed Christ. Bro. and Sister Beckham, of Gardiner, Vic., were visitors.

Ingleth.—The special soul-winning campaign is nearing the end. Zeal has never abated. Each Sunday sees an increase in the numbers at the morning service, and a most gratifying attendance at gospel service. Arresting addresses are being given by Bro. H. D. Priestley. On morning of April 15 three who had been baptised the previous week were received into fellowship. Eight children were added to the Sunday School, seven on transfer from Rosewood. On April 16 a K.S.P. chapter was inaugurated. Bro. H. G. Payne, of Albion, was present, and with two Brisbane Kappas, and five from the extinct Boonah club, carried out the initiation of nine new members. Bro. O. Cumming (an honorary member of the Gardiner chapter in Victoria) is Chancellor, Bro. H. K. Gerard Chaplain, and Bro. H. D. Priestley Deputy-Chaplain. The total enrolment is between 15 and 20.

Tasmania.

Sulphur Creek.—The Bible School won the T.B.S. Union banner with the splendid record of 92 per cent. attendance. The children all did creditably in the examinations.

Devonport.—Bren. I. Price, W. Reynolds, and A. Harvey have given helpful messages recently. In the T.B.S.P. examinations May Price gained the gold medal, Bernice Price a nice Bible, and Don Price a certificate of merit.

West Ulverston.—Sister Mrs. W. Howard, surr. passed away on April 18. Conference delegates returned with the Home Mission shield for the fourth year in succession. The Y.P.S.C.E. also won the C.E. Union's banner. Most of the children entered passed the T.B.S.U. examinations with credit.

Hobart (Collins-st.).—After Bro. Johnston's address on April 1 Bro. Petersen made the good confession. He was baptised the following Wednesday, also a young lady from West Hobart. Sister Petersen has been transferred by letter from Dover. On April 8 the six speakers were—morning, Bro. N. Cooper, and

evening, Bro. A. E. Heard. Bro. W. Morrow, Federal Conference President, addressed the Christian Endeavorers on April 10, and a united gathering on April 11. Bro. Jarvis welcomed him on behalf of Collins-st. church, and Bro. Morrow delivered an uplifting message. Bro. Park on behalf of the suburban churches. Bro. Major departed for Adelaide on April 17. Sympathy is extended to Sister Street and family on the death of her father.

Launceston.—Bro. Morrow preached a fine gospel message on April 8 to a crowded chapel. A young married couple confessed Christ. There were large meetings on April 15, when Bro. Noble delivered his farewell messages. Morning meeting was splendidly attended. Bro. Noble speaking on "Forgiveness." At the gospel service the building was crowded. Bro. Noble delivered a splendid message on "The Cross of Christ." Two ladies made the good confession. A baptismal service was conducted; two brethren and two sisters were immersed and received into church fellowship. Over 140 partook of the supper during the day. On April 16 a farewell social to Bro. and Sister Noble was held in the school Hall, the building being filled to overflowing. Bro. P. Duff presided. Messages of farewell were delivered by Mr. J. Wilcox (Launceston District C.E. Union), Gren. F. Butler (deacon), A. Reals (Bible School), H. Stevens (C.E. societies and choir), W. Waterman (Invermay church), M. Gromble (Prospect), C. Nicholls (church members), J. P. Foot, jr. (secretary of church, and on behalf of I.L.M. Committee). Presentations were made to Bro. Noble from the C.E. society and Prospect church, and Bro. Duff, on behalf of the Margaret-st. church, presented a wallet of notes. Bro. Noble suitably responded. A programme of songs and recitations was excellently rendered. On April 11 the sisters' guild arranged a farewell social afternoon to Mrs. Noble, who has been an active member. Presentations were made to Mrs. Noble from the Margaret-st. sisters' guild, and also the Invermay guild sisters, Mrs. P. Fritchard (president of the guild), Mrs. P. Duff, Mrs. W. L.D.B.G. and Mrs. W. Waterman made speeches of appreciation and farewell, Mrs. Noble suitably responding.

South Australia.

Queenstown.—On April 22 Bro. W. C. Broad exhorted. At night he spoke on "The Word of God." Good attendances all day. The Band of Hope had a splendid meeting on 16th.

Williamstown.—Bro. Warren began his ministry on March 18. On March 22 a welcome social was given to Bro. and Sister Warren. The services are being better attended, and more interest is being shown.

Strathalbyn.—The work goes steadily forward, attendance at all meetings being well maintained. Bro. Durdin is once more restored to health. Bro. B. Harkness spoke to splendid gatherings on April 8. All auxiliaries are active. The Y.P.S.C.E. held its annual business meeting on April 13. Both Junior and Y.P. banners are held by the local societies, the Y.P. for the second year.

Cottonville.—On April 15 six were received into fellowship. The Sunday School is increasing in numbers each week. A successful church social was held on April 16, the supper being arranged by the church officers. Splendid C.E. meeting on 17th; 43 present. A baptismal service was held on 19th. On April 22 a young lady received the Anzac Day service in the afternoon with other schools of the district. The gospel service was well attended. Bro. Hughes delivered a fine message.

Henley Beach.—During March there were splendid attendances. Bro. Harry Manning delivered most helpful messages. On Mar. 3 the guild held a gift afternoon. The takings amounted to £6/7/-, which was handed over to Home Missions collection on March 4. On morning of March 25 Bro. Brown spoke on "Stepping Back." Bro. H. Manning preached at the evening. On April 1 Bro. Manning gave fine address. On April 8 Bro. Pascoe's exhortation was much appreciated. The girls' guild has resumed activities.

Victoria.

Wangaratta.—Meetings last Lord's day were well attended; 16 broke bread. Several visiting brethren. Fine attendances of members at the annual meeting last Tuesday night.

Black Racks.—Meetings are being well maintained; 21 present last Sunday at breaking of bread. There have been a number of visitors lately, including Bro. Scambler, who with some others, has addressed the church.

Flitzroy.—During the past few weeks the messages of Bro. Boelcher have been appreciated. On April 18 the girls' club gave a social in aid of building fund, an enjoyable evening being spent. The club has only been in existence for a few months, but is doing good service.

Pyramid.—Work has been carried on much the same for the last few weeks. Members have appreciated Bro. B. G. Cameron's services, and regret his departure to Boort on May 13. The church is arranging to work in conjunction with Swan Hill and Woorinen for the future.

North Melbourne.—On April 22 Sister Stafford, from Cheltenham, was received into fellowship. Sister Stafford is an active Sunday School worker. Attendances morning and evening were good. The Sunday School is preparing for the anniversary, under the leadership of Bro. Easton.

Carnegie.—Well attended meetings were held on April 22. Bro. Mudge, of Oakleigh, gave the morning address. An Anne service was held on 23rd evening, at which Bro. Shipway addressed a large audience on "Sacrifice." A young lady confessed Christ, whilst four converts were baptised.

Dunstan.—The Bible School celebrated its 12th anniversary on Wednesday evening, 18th inst., when the annual entertainment and distribution of prizes was held. The programme consisted of action songs, dialogues, recitations, and pieces by the scholars, all of these were all well rendered and greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

Yarrowonga.—Splendid meetings last Lord's day. A number of members came from Corowa, N.S.W., and worshipped with the church. A happy time of fellowship was spent. Sister Mrs. Elthold of Corowa, gave an interesting talk to the Yarrowonga congregation, at which Bro. Shipway addressed a large audience on "Sacrifice." A young lady was much appreciated.

Warrenakool.—On Mar. 27 a farewell social and presentation was given to Miss Landl and Bro. Cowgill, prior to their marriage. On April 8 the church appreciated a message from Bro. J. Earl, of Brim. Good attendances on April 22. Bro. B. McPherson, of Brim, spoke in the morning and Bro. Andrews in the evening.

Newmarket.—Attendances are improving. Bro. T. Black's addresses, and Bro. Allen Stanford's solos continue to inspire and uplift. In the evening an offering was taken for the Shrine of Remembrance Fund. The Bible School is preparing for its anniversary. The young men's cricket team won the premiership in the Essendon-Flemington Combined Churches Association.

Drummond.—Recently Broen. Eldridge, from Colac, and Sister Haines were received into fellowship. On April 15 Bro. C. F. Pittman delivered an interesting lecture on "A Trip Around the World." Good meetings on April 22. At the gospel meeting Bro. Banks spoke on "The Promise of Christ's Return." Three adults made the good confession. Good interest in all meetings is maintained.

St. Kilda.—The P.B.P. and K.S.P. clubs assisted Bro. Goodwin in a bright evening service on April 22. Bro. Combridge was the morning speaker. Several scholars have been recently added to the Bible School.

Kaniva.—On April 22 the secretary spoke on conference impressions. At South Lillimur in the afternoon a young man made the good confession, Bro. Methven speaking. At evening service Kaniva chapel was crowded out. After an excellent address by Bro. Methven, two more men stepped forward. Wonderful attendances and interest prevail.

Middle Park.—Meetings on April 22 were very enjoyable. Bro. W. E. Jaekel, from the College, delivered an interesting morning address. In the evening Bro. A. Baker preached a farewell address entitled "God's Guidance." Miss Dickens, from Lygon-st., sang a beautiful solo. The church has granted Bro. Baker five weeks' leave of absence to conduct a mission in Western Australia.

Collingwood.—On April 22 services were well attended. Two sisters were baptised. Great interest is being shown by members in the scheme prepared by Bro. Hird, whereby we hope to obtain £200 in six months to pay off some of the building debt. Sister Mrs. Duncan, superintendent of the kindergarten, has been laid aside by sickness.

Cheltenham.—Meetings were large and interesting on April 22. F. W. Martin was the speaker at the morning service. The Bible Class in the afternoon studied the second coming of Christ. At the evening service Bro. D. Waksley spoke well on "Love's Sacrifice." After the church services a great Anzac gathering took place in the soldiers' hall, Bro. Waksley taking part, and a large number of brethren attending.

Bet Bet.—Meetings are keeping up well. Bro. Newell's addresses are much appreciated. The annual Bible School picnic was held on Easter Monday, when all had an enjoyable time. On April 11 a wedding was celebrated in the chapel. Bro. Russell and Sister J. Beales being the contracting parties. Withers officiated. Bro. Newell is conducting a Sunday School rally between the girls and boys; much interest is being shown.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—J. W. Baker, of North Fitzroy, gave the morning address on April 22. The presiding brother intimated to the church that Bro. and Sister McKeen had lost their eldest daughter, Mrs. Cochand (Lillian) as the result of an operation. At night there was an Anzac service, when Bro. Saunders discoursed upon "Life's Constant Call to Courage." Appropriate anthems were sung by the choir, and a solo by Mr. Townsend.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—The anniversary services held recently were very successful. On Sunday 150 Bibles bread. At the social evening held the following night the Baptist pastor, Mr. Backwell, gave an address. Mr. G. T. Fitzgerald, Mr. H. Feary also spoke. On Easter Sunday Mr. H. Sharp, of Brighton, spoke. Excellent chorals were rendered. The literary and social guild held a social evening on Tuesday last; about 50 present.

East Keok.—Splendid meetings on April 14, Bro. Youns speaking at both services. April 21, the meeting in the morning. Bro. and Sister and Sister C. Downing, from Doncaster, and Bro. Crooks, from South Richmond, were received into fellowship. Bro. Youns exhorted. In the evening, Bro. Youns preached, and a married lady confessed Christ. Two young ladies were baptised. The Bible School had a record attendance; one new scholar.

Ringwood.—Sister Mrs. Cochand, for many years organist of the church at Ringwood, passed away on April 22. On April 21 Bro. L. Smith conducted a short service at the house and Bro. English conducted the service at the grave. Sister Cochand will be sadly missed. The church sympathises with Bro. Cochand and relatives. Last

Lord's day Bro. and Sister Milne were received into membership. Bro. and Sister Syme, of Merlebin, have come to reside in the district.

South Melbourne.—Last week the revival meetings were continued, and much help and refreshing experienced. The same services are an attraction. On Sunday a large congregation was present at the gospel service, which was particularly a men's service. The K.S.P. club, with a big representation, ably assisted with special songs. Bro. and Sister Barber, of Northcote, rendered enjoyable songs. During the week a men's service was held. Sister Mrs. Newman, senior, now in her 80th year, has nearly completed 15 years of Christian service with the church at South Melbourne.

Brighton.—On April 22 to a fine morning gathering Bro. Forbes spoke on "Personal Evangelism." Mrs. Edgar Hall, from Norwood, S.A., was present. In the evening an Anzac memorial service was conducted. A splendid audience was deeply impressed. On April 19 the sisters' mission band and the Phi Beta Pi club united for a missionary rally. Mrs. H. Clark, of Clina, gave an interesting address. Supper was served by the girls' club. On April 21 the Phi Beta Pi entertained the young men's Bible class and other guests to a social evening. This was a huge success, fifty young folk being present.

Brunswick.—On April 21 a social evening was recorded the erected teams. The Bible School anniversary was commenced on 22nd. At worship Bro. H. J. Patterson (Ascot Vale) exhorted on Isaiah 38: 19. Splendid audience. At 3 p.m. Bro. J. E. Welch (Moreland) spoke on "The Influence of Keeping Bad Company." Good attendance. At night a full house gathered. Bro. A. McNeilly's text was Eccles. 12: 1. There were two confessions. Children and teachers sang excellently under the leadership of Bro. Hargrave. Several of the hymns were also helpful. The afternoon collection was £2 15/-, and the evening £2/16/-.

Camberwell.—Attendances at morning and evening meetings are very encouraging; a number of strangers come to the gospel services. Bro. Mulford is sowing the good seed faithfully. Several additions from sister churches. Sunday school and literary services on 1st and 3rd nights were very successful. Bro. Holliday gave an interesting and instructive talk to the children on "Teapots," which was much appreciated. The demonstration by the scholars to a full audience was of a high order, the items from the kindlers to those of the elder scholars being rendered in good style. Attendance at the school has considerably increased of late.

Surrey Hills.—The first of a series of four special Sunday evening evangelistic services was inaugurated last Lord's day, and was a most successful success. The services of Bro. Les Brooker, as song-leader, were obtained, and a large attendance greeted Bro. Combridge's presentation of the gospel theme, "The Wonderful Love of Jesus." A quartet was rendered by Mesdames Combridge and Wilson, and Messrs. G. Murray and Silekland. In the morning Bro. Goodwin, of St. Kilda, gave the exhortation. On Monday evening the Bungs club held an initiation service, and on Tuesday the Phi Betas gave an entertainment at the Burwood Bungs' Home.

North Williamstown.—On Mar. 31 one was received into fellowship by letter, and one by restoration. On Mar. 19 a farewell social was tendered to Bro. Jack Thomson, on his departure to New Zealand. Bro. A. H. Pratt prevented him with a beautiful Bible on behalf of the church and Bible School. On April 1 Bro. B. A. Cockroft exhorted. After the gospel address a Baptist brother came forward. The church has been pleased to have the fellowship and help of Bro. and Sister C. B. Cockroft, Ruth and Edna, of Qld. On April 15 Bro. C. B. Cockroft presided. After a powerful sermon by Bro. A. H. Pratt, three made the good confession, and one was restored. A K.S.P. club has been installed with Bro. A. Pratt as chaplain.

New South Wales.

Railway Town.—On April 15 Bro. E. G. Warren gave a good address on "Witnesses for Christ." The church was glad to have our aged Sister Mrs. Newman present. The Bible school and kindergarten are getting along quietly.

Hurstville.—The church is having a time of refreshing, and has appreciated the services of Bro. Thos. Hagger, Crossman, and Flood, who are delivering a series of addresses. During the last two months there have been ten baptisms and one restoration. Interest is well maintained. The Band of Hope is in a very promising condition, and is increasing in numbers.

North Sydney.—Meetings show a decided improvement of late. Five scholars made the good confession recently. Three of them being baptised at Noreburn before the training class on April 19. The church has sustained another severe loss in the sudden home-call of Mrs. Josiah Horsey. She became ill on her way home from church on April 15, and passed away before midnight. At the gospel service on April 22 reference was made to her consistent Christian life.

Chatswood.—On April 15 Bro. Morris, from Brighton, Vic., gave a helpful address to the church. On April 22 Bro. Pond addressed the church. At gospel service Bro. Whelan's theme was "He-made Men." A young woman confessed Christ before a great congregation. Bro. R. Hayward's solo was appreciated. 150 met around the Lord's table. The church extends sympathy to Bro. Horsey in the loss of his dear wife, also to Bro. and Sister McKeen in the loss of their dear sister in Melbourne.

Broken Hill.—On April 15 Bro. John Cremer gave an excellent morning address. Good meetings continue both morning and evening. Three brethren and the preacher in their turn address the church here and at Railway Town. The J.G.E. society, under the guidance of Bro. Will Harris, is having helpful meetings. The senior C.E. is also doing well. The newly-formed club of 18 members is a great help. The tennis club is doing well. Bro. E. G. Warren has been busy distributing Austral tracts among the foreign people of the city, and was well received.

Grafton.—A concrete baptistry has been built under the platform of the Protestant Hall, and on April 1 the first baptismal service was held, when three candidates were immersed. 65 were present at the service. At the communion service five were received into fellowship. On April 8 Mr. Howett conducted the service, and there were two confessions. A choir has been formed and a senior Christian Endeavor is in the process of formation. Further gifts to the church include a new communion tray, and silver and china vases. Mr. J. Balkie has been elected deacon and treasurer.

Peterborough.—At a largely attended public rally a resolution was carried in favor of prohibition. A committee was appointed, with Bro. Arnold as president. The teachers and officers of the Bible School invited members to tea on April 18 in honor of the beginning of the thirteenth year of Bro. Arnold's ministry. The treasurer's balance sheet for the year showed an increase in giving to all purposes, the duplex envelopes helping. The preacher's report revealed a year of activity and progress. On April 22 there was splendid interest in the Bible School session, and an increase in the attendance. The evening service took the form of a Bible service, the theme being "The Bible, God's Book."

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ability for leadership. Her most joyful experience was spread over eleven years of service for the boys of the Burwood Boys' Home, of which she was matron. Whilst there 265 boys were placed under her care, sixty-five of whom joined the church at Surrey Hills, where her membership remained until her death. For the past sixteen years Mrs. Varcoe had resided at Healesville. In 1921 she was a delegate to the World's Sunday School Convention in Glasgow. The honor of presidency of the following organisations was conferred upon her:—Women's Christian Temperance Union (Healesville branch), Australian Women's National League, Band of Hope, Healesville Red Cross Best Home. She was also Chaplain of the Ladies' Lodge, No. 97, Loyal Orange Institution, Healesville. Our heartfelt sympathy is with her partner in life.

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