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Churches of Christ and Christian Union.

MEMBERS of Churches of Christ often say, "Our plea is for Christian union," or "We stand for unity." But do we pray and work for union as we ought? It might even be asked if we exemplify the plea in our own lives. In some parts of the world "anti" brethren would have no dealings with churches using organs or functioning in evangelism through missionary societies. Is this Christian union in operation? The differences known as fundamentalism and modernism will not be extruded simply because we say we stand for union. At the Columbus Convention in U.S.A. recently the president (E. S. Jowett) recommended the appointment of a harmony committee to overcome division! Our American papers said that the proposal met with a hearty response and that such a committee would be appointed. Even in our own land differences between "conservative" and "liberal" brethren have been marked, and sometimes so stressed as to imperil unity. We have had our own organ, paid-preacher, and open-platform discussions and troubles. That these are now happily past makes it easier for us to see how they militated against the effectiveness of a plea for union. Some of us remember with glee how President A. McLean's "There's a great principle involved" satirised the attempt to breach Christian unity while practising disunity.

Have we lost our zeal?

There are those amongst us who fear that we have slackened in our advocacy of union. The veteran Dr. J. H. Garrison, Editor Emeritus of the American "Christian Evangelist," suggests that we have departed somewhat from our first aim. "We Disciples have lost some of our original zeal for Christian union, having allowed it to be subordinated to the ambition to build up a large body of our own." The rationalisation of the process of conversion or regeneration, by which our evangelistic work has been remarkably successful, has been

a temptation to emphasise that part of our work to the neglect of what we have claimed to be our special mission—the promotion of unity among the divided parts of Christ's severed body, the church."

Dr. Garrison has written much that is most helpful on the history of the Restoration Movement and on Christian Union. Sometimes, we must dissent from his conclusions, but acknowledge our appreciation of much of his writing.

It must be allowed that there is more than a possibility of our succumbing to the temptation to "build up a large body of our own." It is easily possible for us to get the lust for numbers or for power. We may think more of "our people," "our position," and "our plea," than we do of the church for which Christ gave himself. None of us thinks that "the church which is his body" is limited to the members of congregations wearing only the New Testament name. A New Testament name can be used in a sectarian sense as easily as can any human name, and the fault is none

the less in the former case. Let us each most earnestly attempt to eradicate a sectarian spirit and attitude. To be sectarian and also pleaders for union are incongruous things.

"Standing" for union.

We have recently heard quoted a remark by one of our brethren who is impatient with our progress along union lines: We stand for Christian Union, but do nothing else with or for it. Tragic if the indictment be true. When Dr. Alexander Whyte was harshly criticised, he was wont to seek for the error or failure in him which could be at the basis of the severe words of disapproval. So may we wisely examine ourselves if any brother with significant emphasis says: Oh, yes, you stand for Christian Union!

It is good to remember that our brethren have done much more than stand for union. They pleaded most strenuously for it at a time when the plea was most unpopular. Thomas Campbell encouraged his brethren belonging to different branches of the Presbyterian Church to have communion at the Lord's table. For this he was strongly criticised. It was his large-hearted tolerance which forced him out of the Presbyterian Church. His "Declaration and Address" breathes the very spirit of the Master in its desire for union as well as its loyalty to the Word of God. Our pioneer brethren did valiant service in calling men to unite in Christ. They made Christ central, and said that the nearer Christians got to him the nearer they must be to one another. They found men putting human opinions and dogmas as the centre of the teaching and having Christ out on the circumference. Our pioneers in making the plea for the union of believers and for the centrality of Christ had to suffer obloquy and persecution, had to give up loved associates and often suffer pecuniary loss. They did not merely "stand" for Christian Union.

A HELPING HAND.

Say, brothers, life is not all song—
Let's lift!
There's much of good and much of wrong—
Let's lift!
One talls beneath a heavy load,
Another tramps a dreary road;
And zeils and sorrow's silt and goad—
Say, brothers, lift!
Say, lift there, when a man is down,
Why lift!
Don't pass him with a gloomy frown,
But lift!
You too have troubles, but you know
In face of sun the fog must go;
So give a smile and not a blow.
And, brothers, lift!
Say, brothers, lend a helping hand,
And lift!
Upon the side of weakness stand,
And lift!
Another's burden shared by you,
Will give him hope and courage new;
The world has need of friendships true,
Let's lift!
—Fred Scott Shepherd.

Influence of our plea.

When we consider the great change that has come over Christendom and exult at the growing desire for union, let us not forget the men who were largely used by God to bring this happy position about. The New York "Independent" many years ago declared that there was not a religious body in the United States, whether it would confess it or not, which had not been influenced by the teaching of Alexander Campbell, Dr. J. H. Garrison, whom we have already quoted, truthfully adds:

"No competent church historian of the future will fail to recognise the fact that in our insistence on Jesus Christ as the true object of faith instead of any one of the creeds of Christendom, we made a most important contribution to Christian union, which can never come on any other basis. That this truth is being recognised by the Christian world as never before accounts for the union movements now in progress."

None of our brethren, however, will be likely to deny this contribution. But they fear that both our zeal and our influence for union are declining. They point to the fact that, whereas we once led in the advocacy of union, others are now in the van. Consider what the Anglican Church has done in its recent appeals. Or regard the greater effort of the American Episcopal Church, which is chiefly responsible for the World Conference on Faith and Order. We seem to have receded. Where, it may be asked, did we appear at Lausanne?

With sorrow we confess that with our great plea we should have done more. Had we been zealous in Christ's cause, and had we been united as we should, we might have more honored our Lord and blessed his people.

But there is another side. We are not so very much concerned with the question, Who will have the honor of being in the van? If any other people are used by God to advance the union of Christians and answer the Saviour's prayer, let us rejoice that they are being used. If their present zeal is due in part to an unacknowledged influence on the part of those who made the plea when it was more frequently scorned than praised, let us still thank God for the present advance.

Again, it is not necessarily inconsistent to plead for union while not being enthusiastically in favor of modern plans for union. Brethren who are said only to "stand" for union are more than willing to unite on the basis revealed in the New Testament. That they are not hastening to experiment with a "historic episcopate" or to accept a Nicene formula or any newer human creed is neither blameworthy in itself nor out of harmony with their plea for union. Union is only half of our plea. We have presented as a definite basis of that union "a return to New Testament Christianity in creed, ordinances, and life." If we stand for that basis with the same fervency and faithfulness that our fathers stood for the union plea we may make a great and certainly a most necessary contribution to the life and thought of the modern religious world. To

be stampeded, to compromise, to accept unity on just any terms, would be false alike to our heritage and to the Scriptures.

On giving up our position.

A few weeks ago the President-General of the Methodist Church of Australia (Mr. J. G. When) in an address given at a civic welcome in Gympie, Queensland, combined with a reception by the Protestant churches of the district, said:

"On this platform and in the body of this hall we have represented a manifest desire to worship one Father, one Lord and Mediator. Although I am privileged to be honored just now by being the chief executive officer of the Methodist Church of Australasia, I am not so much concerned about the progress of Methodism as I am for the progress of the Kingdom of God, and if being a Methodist is going to hinder the Kingdom of God, I am prepared to give up my denominational name and distinction."

A few years ago that would have been a very remarkable utterance. It is worth noting even to-day, though it could be paralleled by scores of statements from other church leaders who have caught a vision of the Christ and of the world's need. We could not be Christian and fail to rejoice at the change which has come over Christendom in a few decades.

We cannot but applaud Mr. When's declaration: "If being a Methodist is going to hinder the Kingdom of God, I am prepared to give up my denominational name and distinction." We cannot but doubt that this is a Christian attitude. Let us not forget that nothing less would be a Christian attitude.

We have given up.

Yet now consider. In churches known simply as churches of Christ there are thousands of persons who have done the very thing which Mr. When says he would in certain circumstances be prepared to do. True, a very large number of the members of to-day have never been connected with denominational churches; but thousands left their old associations in response to what they believed to be the will of God. They were facing the light, and followed the light wherever it would lead. They did not disavow one single truth or particle of good which formerly they possessed. They did not deny their former faith, or the faith and piety of their forefathers or fellow members. But they were convinced that denominationalism was wrong, and that the only way to Christian Union was by "a return to New Testament Christianity in creed, ordinances, and life." This means that when such people plead for Christian Union, they do not ask men to "join us," or "take our position"; they do not urge others to give up their views to adopt ours. They ask nobody to give up what they themselves have not already given up. It is Christ's word, the Lord's requirements, the will of God as revealed in the New Testament, which we ask men to accept and obey.

If we have failed to do as much as we should, let us seek forgiveness and deter-

mine to do better. If we have failed in our lives to exemplify the plea, let us see that the reproach is removed. But let us not, in fear lest we "stand" too much for union, run away from the New Testament position or ignore the church of apostolic days.

We reprint in this issue a brief editorial from the American "Christian Evangelist." It expresses our mind, and contains a salutary lesson for others and ourselves. May we not ask in all kindness: Do men who live up to the teaching of the "Evangelist's" editorial not do much more than "stand" for Christian Union?

Best Way to Promote Union,

The Disciples of Christ will count for most in the effort to establish Christian Union by being united among themselves. Every one must refrain from introducing practices of mere personal taste or opinion and work for the things that promote peace. If one creates strife in his own religious group, how can he be trusted as a leader in the Christian Union movement in general?

Some are trying to introduce into our churches the things that originally caused division among Christians, and in doing so they imagine that they are "progressive brethren." It is perfectly futile and particularly ridiculous to beg for a recognition of the old sectarian tenets that divided the church originally, imagining that these will unite the churches to-day.

To build up a strong, true, well-organized body of members who believe in the church; who make Christ's word the supreme law of their lives; who go out to seek and to save the lost; and who honor the New Testament as the full teachings of Jesus Christ, is the surest way to promote Christian Union. No doubt there must be a written statement in order to arrive at a common understanding. No man need exercise his ingenuity to produce this, for we already have it. It is the New Testament. If any man will take that book and live by it, or any church believe and practise it, and will stand upon ground from which they never need to move in order to have Christian Union.—"Christian Evangelist."

FOR DREAMERS.

We dream of days when strife shall cease,
And hate and crime shall be no more;
When love and righteousness and peace
Shall reign on earth instead of war.

We see a nobler human race,
When good the evil shall redress,
And beauty ugliness replace—
Dear Lord, thou know'st how well we dream!

Forgive us that we are so slow,
Who see and love the better way;
To practise all the good we know,
And herald in the longed-for day.

Lord, give us strength the right to do,
While cherishing the golden gleam,
In thee all lovely things come true—
Help us to work as well as dream.

—Elsie M. Leland

The third objection lies in the idea that miracles involve a modification or suspension of natural law. A moment's reflection, however, will show that this objection is not legitimate. As I write this article, a typewriter lies upon my desk. As far as nature is concerned the army of that typewriter will remain in a horizontal position until the end of time. But I press a little key, and the arm assumes a perpendicular position and the corresponding letter appears upon the paper. I say not modified or suspended any law in the performance of this operation. What I have done is this. I have worked the force of my will into the forces of nature and compelled nature to do for me what it could never do for itself, and because of this thoughts which come into my mind from God knows where will be read by many I have never seen and perhaps will never know. Surely this is a miracle—a lesser miracle. But in the whole process no law has been modified or suspended. If, therefore, man, out of adjustment with nature in so many ways, can compel nature to do what nature if left to herself could never do, why should it be thought a thing incredible that Jesus, living in such perfect adjustment with nature, could do the force of his will into blind eyes, diseased limbs, leprosy, leprous bodies, and perform the things recorded by the evangelists. Perhaps, were our eyes not hidden because of sin, we would see the laws obedient to him, and greater still, would understand better his sinless life.

Positive Evidence in Favor.

With these objections out of the way—and they are the only objections found that have any show of validity—let us turn to some evidence in favor of accepting the records of the evangelists as true. In Matthew's Gospel there is a suggestive and arresting sentence—"Say ye, his disciples came by night and stole him away while we slept." When Jesus was placed in the tomb, Pilate gave permission to the representatives of "religious bigotry, ecclesiastical hatred, and political intolerance" to make the tomb secure. A stone was rolled to the door of the tomb—a circular stone about four inches in thickness—and it was sealed with a Roman seal. A guard was placed before the door—sixty-four soldiers divided into four companies, each company remaining on duty for six hours. Moreover, the Roman law was inexorable. To touch the seal meant death; to roll away the stone meant death; for a soldier to sleep on duty meant death. Yet the seal was broken, the stone rolled away, and the soldiers confessed they slept on duty! No one was punished, because Pilate's hands were not clean, and he was forced to grant immunity to the soldiers. But look at it. What did the disciples want with the dead body of Jesus? And if they had said death could not hold him. The oldest gospel record tells us that when they saw him die, all hope perished—"They all forsook him and fled." Unless, therefore, the grave yielded, he was not the Messiah but an impostor. Moreover, it is incredible to believe the soldiers would sleep. One might, or fifteen might, but it is hardly likely, knowing the death penalty hovered over them, that all would sleep. And if asleep, how did they know the body was stolen? and that the disciples stole it? All the evidence points to the glorious truth that the Prince of Glory broke the bars of the tomb.

At the crucifixion, with all over in the minds of the disciples, they "all forsook and fled." But on Pentecost they were "all in one place." What brought them back? Guesses have been made—I will not add to their number. Two things, at least, are certain. (1) The disciples reassembled because they were convinced they had seen Jesus alive after the crucifixion; and (2) they were changed men—changed in spirit, disposition, outlook, temper! Something happened, that we must recognize, something powerful enough to turn defeat into victory and change the history of the whole world. Reject the New Testament explanation, according to the principle

of parsimony—the burden of creating something great enough to turn the streams of history into new channels falls upon us.

The Evidence of History

Again, evidences for the resurrection are not confined to the New Testament. Christ is history—this fact must not be overlooked. Three tremendous changes have taken place in history, all of which remain a mystery apart from the resurrection of Jesus. A man who styles himself a "Hebrew of the Hebrews," a "Pharisee of the Pharisees," and as "zealous for the law," refers to the first day of the week? But why the first day? The sanctity of the Sabbath had been inbred into the mind of the man of Tarsus as into the minds of all zealous for the law. Nothing could be more sacred in institutional life. Indeed, so sacred was the Sabbath that in order to safeguard it it had been surrounded with a mass of technicalities. But this Hebrew of the Hebrews says "the first day." Why? Surely a revolution has taken place, and revolutions are occasioned by no ordinary occurrence. The New Testament explanation is that on the first day the Prince of Glory lived again.

And what shall we say of Easter Sunday? Why is it singled out from all the rest of the Sundays in the year? There is no Easter the other side of the crucifixion. Easter has no meaning apart from the resurrection of Jesus.

And the Christian church! This was born at Pentecost. Pentecost was made possible by the re-assembling of the disciples. The re-assembling of the disciples was made possible by the conviction that they had seen Jesus alive after the crucifixion. Reject what the New Testament says, and it will be necessary to conjure up something sufficiently powerful to cause men to face danger and finally give up their lives.

The resurrection of Jesus is a well-attested historical fact. But it is the kind of history that, in every generation, repeats itself. For not only did Jesus break the bars of the tomb and live again, but through the centuries he has broken the bands of those held captive by moral unworthiness, and "raised them to sit in heavenly places." And since this is so, it is not hard to believe that the power capable of working such moral miracles once said to the winds and the waves of a storm-tossed lake, "Peace be still," and there was a great calm.

Religious Notes and News.

LIVES OF GREAT PASTORS.

Lives of great pastors might be studied with profit. Church history is rich with the stories of such men, and while they are not as sectional as the literature of crusader and reformer, they show how the steady flow of spiritual life goes on, and how day by day the Kingdom of God is being built up by the men who wrestle on Sunday and visit the people during the week.—*Christian Evangelist.*

SOUVENIR BIBLES TO BE CARRIED.

Replying to a request made by the British and Foreign Bible Society, Squadron-Leader Kingsford Smith has indicated his willingness to carry a souvenir copy of the New Testament addressed to the Governor-General of New Zealand (Sir Charles Fergusson) on his flight across the Tasman Sea. The secretary of the Australian arm of the Society (Mr. A. T. Thompson) has had a number of New Testaments embossed with a monogram, while underneath is written "Psalm 129: 2-6." The text reads:—"If I take the wings of the morning and sail to the uttermost parts of the sea thy hand will lead me."

JEWISH AGNOSTICS.

"Jews who have lost their religion and know no God are the greatest social problem of today," said Dr. James Black in his address to the annual meeting of the Melbourne Council of Churches last week. "I was sent to the conference of the world missionary council at Jerusalem to represent Jews; it was a remarkable thing to send a Scotchman to represent Jew, but I represented Christian work among Jews, which is a different thing. We have often forgotten that the greatest enemy of the Christian church was Judas, and that there are 15 million Jews in the world, Jews whose ancient hatred has been almost untouched by Christianity. The liberated Jew is your modern agnostic; he is a great danger because he is of the most talented men in the world. The conference at Jerusalem had prayed that the whole Christian church should work for a solution of this problem."

J. J. HALEY HONORED.

At Cynthia, Ky., U.S.A., where J. J. Haley labored from 1895 to 1903, a memorial tablet was recently erected in his honor. The "Christian Evangelist" recently contained an account of the unveiling ceremony and a eulogistic address by Clyde Darsie. Older brethren, who remember with gratitude Bro. Haley's work at Cynthia, will read with pleasure Bro. Darsie's comments.

"Bro. Haley was a big man in every way—big of body, big of brain, and possessed a big mind. His mind did not live in the realm where the things killeth. It went deeper and wider than that. In relating his personal experience, one testified that when at one time his faith was shaken, he went back to the Thirtieth Chapter of First Corinthians, and from its teaching forth of love he reconstructed his world of thinking. Amongst our people he was known as a philosopher, a broad thinker who searched the depths and made lucid much that to others had been unintelligible. His career had been wide fields of labor. He was a traveler, a lecturer, preacher. And yet, with all his exertion, he was as approachable as a child. His people loved him for his gentle spirit, his broad sympathies. Gentle, companionable, able—what a pastor he was!"

A brief editorial note in the "Evangelist" which Bro. Haley was an editorial contributor for many years, stated that "Haley was one of the greatest men the Disciples have ever produced. His memory deserves this recognition and a great deal more. We enrich our lives when we remember such men."



W. J. Crossman,
N.S.W. Social Service Organizer.

On the opposite page are appeals to stimulate interest in the annual offering for the work of the Department.



IF ALL WHO HATE WOULD LOVE US.

If all who hate would love us,
 And all our loves were true,
 The stars that swing above us
 Would lighten in the blue.
 If cruel words were kisses,
 And every scowl a smile,
 A better world than this is
 Would hardly be worth while.
 If purses would not tighten
 To meet a brother's need,
 The dead we hear would lighten
 Above the grave of greed.
 If those who whine would whittle,
 And those who languish laugh,
 The rose would rout the thistle,
 The grain outrun the chaff;
 If hearts were only jolly,
 If grieving were forgiven,
 And tears of melancholy
 Were things that now are not—
 Then love would kneel to duty,
 And all the world would seem
 A bridal bower of beauty,
 A dream within a dream.

—Matthews.

A HALLOWED SPOT.

In his seventy-third year, Robert Balkes, the founder of Sunday Schools, in company with Joseph Lancaster, his fellow-labourer, revisited the spot in Gloucester where his first school was held. "Pause here," said the venerable man, uncovering his head and closing his eyes. He stood for a moment in silent prayer. After that, with tears of joy rolling down his cheeks, he said, "Here I stood when I saw the destitution of the children, and the deceleration of the Lord's day by the indolents of the city. As I asked, 'Can anything be done?' a voice answered, 'Try.' I did try, and see what God hath wrought!" All are not permitted to reap so rich a harvest as did that good man. But he the sower's great or little, the promise will prove true, "He that sows forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

A CRANK.

A Western miller, in a talk with a reporter of the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat," describes thus a little eccentricity of his, which is a harmless one, to say the least:

"People call me a crank, but I don't mind it. I have been a miller for years and I have made plenty of money, so I can afford to be eccentric. In ten years I have personally distributed to young men all over this coast and along the railroad routes across the continent, 315,000 little books containing the Proverbs of Solomon and a few gospel hymns. That's my way of trying to do good on this wild earth. Maybe I'm a crank, and maybe I'm a saint in disguise. Besides, I give away penny Testaments by the thousand. I always carry half a dozen in my coat-pocket. Now, if you won't tell anybody about it, I'll show you another of my schemes for spreading the light in this dark land. I send out thousands of sacks of wheat and feed. The man who stands at the chute sacking the stuff has a pile of assorted tracts—I buy 'em in London—before him, and as each sack is filled he puts in one of the little booklets right atop the feed and grain. If I am a crank, I guess I'm harmless."

TO PROPITIATE A GODDESS.

Ghastly rites to propitiate Kali—"The Black Mother"—the Goddess of destruction and death in Hindu mythology, were described at a trial at

Manila, in the Central Provinces of India. It may be mentioned that at one time human sacrifice was essential for her ritual, and Thugs murdered their victims in her honor.

Evidence showed that Mulchand, a Hindu, who was at one time in Government service, had a son named Luchman, who became seriously ill. It was believed by the family that the boy was "possessed," and that to obtain his recovery human sacrifice was necessary. Luchman was apparently starved, and on a cold day he was taken, stripped naked, bound hand and foot, and deposited in an open space. It was expected that this treatment would serve to drive out the devil. Instead, it hastened the boy's death. Mulchand's daughter, Rukhman, a mere child, was then brought forward, the tip of her little finger was severed, and the blood sprinkled on some bread. This offering was taken to the place where Luchman's dead body was eventually discovered. Rukhman was then repeatedly dashed to the ground, and so injured that she died.

Judge Barr remarked that there was no doubt that there was no wish to cause Luchman's death, and that the inhuman treatment meted out to him was done for the "good of his health." His view was that the family were convinced that Luchman was possessed by an evil spirit, and that the only hope of his recovery was by way of human sacrifice, and Rukhman was selected as being the most likely offering to propitiate the angry goddess Kali. Manila, observed Judge Barr, was a very backward district; in 1919 he had three or four cases to try in which men had barred not only women, but an entire family in the belief that they were exterminating witches. In this case he was of opinion that Rukhman was murdered as a sacrifice to Kali. He sentenced Mulchand and two of his sons to death, and Mulchand's daughter-in-law to transportation for life. The four assessors—who take the place of a jury in Indian trials—had found that none of accused was guilty, on the ground that "human sacrifice was a necessary and excusable crime." Selected.

FOUNDLING BECOMES MISSIONARY.

One morning a little baby, wrapped in a blanket, was discovered outside St. Thoma's Hospital. He was taken into the hospital, and the nurses cared for him. They did not know what to call him, for no one owned him, so they called him "Tom," after the Hospital, and "Bridges," because of the two bridges which spanned the river on either side of the Hospital. Tom and Bridges grew up to be a man, and better still, to love the Lord Jesus Christ. One day, when Darwin returned from Tierra del Fuego, he said that he would sooner try to civilise the dogs in the street than try to civilise the people who lived out there. And Tom Bridges said, "I am going out there with the gospel message." And he went. Twelve years later, when Darwin visited the place again, he saw the people clothed and civilised, and singing their hymns in the little chapel. Such is the power of the gospel.

STIRRING.

"Doctor, what I need is something to put me in lightning-trim; something to stir me up."
 "Well, perhaps I'd better send in my bill."

A DEFINITE PLAN.

"Your wife is very systematic, isn't she?" "Yes, very; she works on the theory that you can find whatever you want when you don't want it by looking where it wouldn't be if you did want it."

The Family Altar.

—J. C. F. F.—

Monday.

We all, with unveiled face reflecting in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the spirit (1 Cor. 2: 3).

Christians are like mirrors. As Moses caught the glory of God in his face and reflected it to the Israelites, so we reflect the image of Christ to the world, in so far as we live in His presence.

Reading—2 Cor. 3.

Tuesday.

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake—2 Cor. 4: 5.

The preacher should be like the strong eagle that holds the priceless jewel. Tear away its casing, and the jewel shines forth with brilliant splendour; it has served its purpose. How many preachers feel and act like Paul did?

Reading—2 Cor. 1.

Wednesday.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.—2 Cor. 5: 1.

"For ever with the Lord,

Amen: so let it be;

Life from the dead is in that word,

'Tis immortality.

Here in the holy pent,

Absent from him I roam.

Yet nightly pitch my moving tent

A day's march nearer home."

Reading—2 Cor. 5.

Thursday.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you.—2 Cor. 6: 17.

God cannot have fellowship with sin, nor can we if we desire fellowship with God. The prodigal left his evil life in the "far country" when he "came to his father," and thus he received a clean garment.

Reading—2 Cor. 6.

Friday.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.—2 Cor. 7: 1.

The promises of God are for the "holy" and "pure in heart." They are not like the beautiful picture the artist drew on the pavement, to be erased by the first shower of rain, but as enduring as the eternal ages. Yet God smiles in Christ Jesus, the "Holy of Holies!"

Reading—2 Cor. 7.

Saturday.

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.—2 Cor. 8: 9.

Jesus was poor from birth to death, therefore he must have been rich in glory before he became man.

With pitying eyes the Prince of Peace
 Beheld our helpless grief;
 He saw, and, O amazing love!
 He flew to our relief.

Reading—2 Cor. 8.

Sunday.

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.—2 Cor. 9: 15.

Compared with God's gift of Christ, in whom is all blessedness, the gifts of man to God are as the fine dust in the scale, which he bestows upon them. They are precious to him because of the love that prompts them. Apart from that love they are offensive. As when a man offers a shilling out of his riches to his king, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?"

Reading—2 Cor. 9.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

September 5.

PHILIP THE EVANGELIST.

(Acts 8: 5.)

W. Waterman.

"And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church which was in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles." "Providence, like Hebrew, needs to be read backwards." Reading backwards the history of the apostolic church as we now can, we see that God used this persecution to expand the church "in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." The disciples were [literally] "broadcast . . . as seed." "They dropped into open soil, and grew up a hundredfold."

Who were the Evangelists?

They were "the church which was in Jerusalem, all . . . except the apostles." "It was the rank and file who went about preaching the word." "They were taught enlightenment by perception." How the apostles' orderly division of labor was upset! They had said, "Look ye out seven men whom we [apostles] may appoint over this business. But we will continue steadfastly . . . in the ministry of the word. . . . And they chose Stephen, and Philip, and five others, to wait on the tables, but Stephen and Philip, like the rest of the elders, grew too fast for orderly appointments.

To Whom Should They Go?

They went abroad to all "in the regions of Judaea and Samaria." Philip himself preached in the city of Samaria. Notice, first, that Samaria was diseased; may more! "dead in trespasses and sins." Samaria was also possessed. "Out of Christ, out of the cross, self-centred, self-seeking, self-are mad!" Samaria, moreover, was deluded by Simon. "She was bewitched. Somebody must lead the world! The question is—Simon or Christ?" That Samaria seeks a spiritual leader is a hopeful sign. "Show me a man who has dreams, fancies, visions of the night, and who is following invisible leaders, out of him may come a very capable of Jesus Christ!"

What Shall They Preach?

"And they . . . went about preaching—the word. Philip . . . proclaimed the Christ." To disease, they offered the Good Physician; to the possessed, the Captor of Captivity; to delusion, the Light of the world. Their preaching, too, was worthy of their message. Would ours be as worthy? "Christianity is nothing if not dogmatic." If it be one of many, saying, "You have heard the others, will you be good enough to hear me? It is not what I professes. It is not a suggestion—it is a revelation." It is therefore, not an argument—it is a proclamation. So Philip took no notice of Simon. "Do not imagine that Christianity has to go down to Samaria to fight a pitched battle with Simon Magus." What then did Philip do? Philip preached Christ. Thus he did not argue down Simon; he superseded him.

The Outcome.

"We shall reap, if we faint not." So Samaria yielded a harvest of joy; "there was much joy in that city." Samaria shook off Simon's spell: "of long time he had amazed them with his sorceries; but [presently] they believed Philip teaching the name of Jesus Christ." But best of all, Samaria was saved: "both men and women, and Simon also himself." The God who made the human heart made also the gospel for the heart; here is divine affinity. "I desire you to preach the word; keep it in season and out of season. . . . Never lose patience. . . . and never give up your teaching" (2 Tim. 4.).

TOPIC FOR SEPT. 12.—PAUL'S CONVERSION.
—Acts 9: 1-22.

Our Young People.

Conducted by Leslie C. McCallum, M.A.

THE HEART STORM.

The human heart is a troubled sea
Whose waves throw up the spray,
And many a bark is tossed in the dark,
And the bottom yearns for day,
But blessed is he who has on board
The Master of sea and wind;
For he will speak and the day will break
And the storm be left behind,
No more will the angry lightnings flash,
Nor the echoing thunders roll;
For the Master's touch prevails so much
O'er the storms that sweep the soul.

THE YEARS AT THE SPRING.

Spring is in the air. On every side the golden bloom of the wattles, the lilly-butions who nod their heads in the breeze, and the little harbingers of spring, deck the landscape fair. In Nature the next three months will be full of life and action. Action should also be the keynote of our work among the growing boys and girls in our midst. The spring is an excellent time to plan special efforts in the Bible School, the Endeavor Society and other young people's organisations. May we suggest one or two ways in which we think special efforts might be made.

I. A Spring Attendance Campaign.

If your school or society has not made a special effort to recruit new members this year, surely the next few weeks is just the time to do it. A real live campaign will help your school in every way, and will bring into your midst young people who should be won for the Lord Jesus Christ. Several different schemes suggest themselves. You might plan for a motor car race around Australia, dividing the school into two sections, each side choosing its own car, and for every new scholar brought by either side allowing so many miles to be advanced. Another scheme is that of an aeroplane race around Australia. On a piece of calico or paper draw a map of Australia with wavy dotted around the coast and about even distances. Secure two toy aeroplanes, divide your school into two sections, and then commence the race. When a new scholar is brought let the side who brings him advance their plane to the next town, and so on. In view of the tremendous interest that has been aroused by the flights of Hinckler and Kingsford Smith, this should prove a very helpful and popular campaign. In addition, this department can supply an outline of such a campaign and rally letters to all schools wishing to use them. Prices of lanterns may be had on application to the secretary.

II. A Campaign of Evangelism.

The Bible School is the greatest field for evangelism that the church possesses. But we have to frankly confess that we have not yet made all the use we might have made of this field. Too often many of the young people who attend our Bible Schools come to school-leaving age without having been won for Christ. How can we bring about a better situation? Only by concerted and consistent efforts. We must try more and more to reap the fruit of our sowing in the Bible Schools; we must make very definite efforts to win our young people for Christ. This we may do by decision days in the Bible School, or by special attention to personal soul-winning. The ideal school, of course, is that school where every teacher is a personal soul-winner. However, many teachers do not feel able to do this work, and so other ways of capturing the young people for Christ must be thought of. The special mission is always a great opportunity for

winning young people, and as many of our churches in Victoria will be conducting special soul-winning campaigns next month, it is to be hoped that they will pay special attention to the task of winning the young people for Christ and his church. Enlist the help of your young people. Ask them to draw up a list of the names and addresses of the young people of the community whom they know, and then use every effort to induce these young people to attend the mission services. With the consent of the missionary, it might be possible to arrange one or two services especially for young people.

Other plans will doubtless suggest themselves to your mind. Use any and every plan that will help in the great work. Don't be afraid to break new ground. Often our work is hindered because we get into a rut and are afraid to make new ventures with God.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WORK.

The church has various departments, each with distinguishing features. The Sunday School is distinctively the teaching institution of the church. It seeks to develop the religious life and character by teaching. We cannot have complete Christian character without intelligence upon the great principles and truths of religion. Christian people must know the fundamental moral laws which underlie all civilisation; they must be acquainted with the great religious conceptions of God's revelation to man; they must have right ideas of God, of his nature, and of his relations to men; they must know of their duties to God, and likewise the Christian teaching on social relations and duties; the ideals for personal life given to the world in the life and teachings of Jesus must be made familiar to them. Religious devotion and enthusiasm is good, but it needs the broadening influence of religious knowledge to make it most effective. How may one be an efficient representative of Christianity if he knows nothing of the historical beginnings of the Christian religion, its antecedents, and its institutional development through the centuries? It is through the teaching of these supremely important things that the Sunday School does its distinctive work.—W. C. Barclay.

OUR PICTURE.

The church at Horonia has for one of its auxiliaries a live R.S.P. Society. The society was organised about five years ago, and since its foundation it has made steady progress until it now numbers about twenty-three members. The club has proved a splendid help in the work, as several the young men have been brought into the church through its influence. Mr. Lyall Williams is the chaplain, and Mr. L. A. Warden the secretary of this society.



R.S.P. Club, Horonia, Vic.

Foreign Missions.

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

W. T. MAGAREY.

We are very sorry to announce the death of Bro. W. T. Magarey. He had been ill for many weeks, but fell asleep in Jesus on Aug. 16. He was a good man, beloved by all who knew him. He was interested in all God's work. He was a guarantor of our Foreign Missionary account in the bank for £500 for many years. He was always interested to hear of our Foreign Missionary work. We are sure that Mrs. Magarey, daughter and son, have the sympathy of our brotherhood in their great loss. Bro. Magarey's grandfather was one of the pioneers of the work in Australia. He was a man of intelligence and piety and wealth, and gave his mind, heart and money to the work of the Lord. Bro. Magarey's father, the late Dr. S. J. Magarey, was a "beloved physician" in Adelaide for many years; was superintendent of the Great-st. school for over twenty years. Bro. Will Magarey was a worthy son and grandson of these Great Hearts of the South Australian brotherhood.

MR. ESCOTT'S CAR.

We are very glad to announce that the money for Mr. Escott's car has reached within a few pounds of the amount needed, and our Field Council in India has received instructions to purchase the car. We hope that any who have made promises towards the car will now send their money so that the matter may be entirely finished. We are sure that Bro. Escott's evangelism will be hastened when he receives word of the kindness of the Australian brotherhood in providing him with one of the Ford new model motor cars in which to do his work of evangelising.

MISS LYNDIA FOREMAN.

We were very glad to receive word from the doctors, who operated on Miss Foreman, that she is making splendid progress to complete recovery, and they say that there is nothing in her condition at present that would prevent her going forward to India at the end of this year.

CHILDREN'S DAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1928.

The Children's Day service, compiled by Mrs. H. A. G. Clark, Mrs. Ludbrook and Miss Ludbrook, is in the printer's hands, and we expect to have it sent forward to the schools at the close of this month, or the first week in September, giving the schools nearly two months for preparation. We feel sure that the service will be highly successful, and will not entail a large amount of preparation on the part of the schools. We are hoping that our messages concerning an every-school celebration of Children's Day this year will be realised.

BRO. H. A. G. CLARK.

We congratulate our New Zealand brethren in having secured the help of Bro. Clark as one of their preachers in New Zealand. Bro. Clark will be found a great help to the work in our sister Dominion. He is greatly remembered for his magnificent services in Victoria before leaving for China. Our Foreign Missionary workers in New Zealand will find Bro. Clark a valuable colleague in inspiring the New Zealand churches to a great work in the foreign fields. Mrs. Clark will be a very valuable helper to him in his work. Her father, the late Mr. F. M. Ludbrook, was one of our great Foreign Missionary leaders in Australia for many years. As a single-hearted, consecrated Christian he helped

Australia in its individual church, its Home Mission enterprises, and in its work among the Christless in foreign lands.

BRO. ROBERT LYALL.

In a recent letter from Bro. Chas. Bevan Seville, he speaks of having met Bro. Lyall at the American Convention. He says, "We were all delighted to see Robert Lyall and his good wife. He was a wonderful inspiration to our Convention." Dr. Seville adds, "Mrs. Seville and I wish to send our greetings to all the Churches of Christ in Australia, and assure you and all our brethren that you have our prayers that it may please the Lord to lead you to the greatest possible achievements in kingdom building." He asks that we will send a great delegation of Australian and New Zealand brethren to the First World Convention. "We are planning, if it may please the Lord, to have the greatest communion service ever held on earth. The Churches of Christ are requested in nineteen countries, now, and we are asking each country to be represented on the programme committee. The Convention will likely be held in October, 1930."

NEW SOUTH WALES F.M.D. OFFERING.

(By an unfortunate error the list printed last week contained the offerings for 1927. This year's figures are now given.)

Canley Vale, £8 5 7; Auburn North, 16 6; Bangalow, £1 10 0; Bankstown, £3 0 5; Burwood, £3 18 1; Corowa, 6; Chatswood, £162; Dorrigo, £5; Dundellong, 11; Emuree, £250; Gulgandra, £17 13 6; Granville, £1; Grafton, £5 6; Hamilton, £15 5; Hornsby, £2 15; Hurstville, £12 16 7; Inverell, £3 6 1; Loftus Park, £3; Liddellme, £19 12 3; Longueville, £21 10 1; Marrickville, £19 15 1; North Sydney, £7; Naremburn, £1; Paddington, £5 10 1; Rand, £14 1 2; Rockdale, £12 8 8; Seven Hills, £5 6 8; Sydney, £166 11 1; Tempe, £12; Taree, £24; Tyalgum, £3 10 1; Wingham, £2 18 9; Individuals, £36 17 1; Total, £82 11 10.

VICTORIAN F.M. DEPARTMENT.

BROTHERHOOD WELCOME TO

DRO. AND SISTER F. MACKIE.

Our missionaries from New Hebrides, and Willie Boy, Native Christian.

LYGON-ST. CHAPEL NEXT TUESDAY, AUG. 28, 8 p.m.

Chairman, Jas. E. Thomas, Pres. F.M. Comm.

Representative Speakers. Greetings from Dr. E. R. Kibbler, China, and H. Watson, India.

PLAN TO BE PRESENT AT FAIRFIELD ON AUGUST 26.

GREAT HOME-COMING DAY.

Special Speakers:—

11 a.m., Bro. A. J. Fisher, 3 p.m., Bro. V. Stallard, 7 p.m., Bro. T. A. Fitzgerald, Soloist, Ben Moy Linn.

Meetings for the Day: 10 a.m., A.C.F.; 11 a.m., Worship; 3 p.m., Bible School (singing by scholars); 7 p.m., Gospel Service.

All Past Members and Friends Cordially Invited.

SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC MISSION IN CHAPEL.

MYANGLER, MR. R. BOLDAN.

Sunday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, 5th, at 8 p.m., Sunday, 9th, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, 12th, at 8 p.m., Sunday, 16th, at 7 p.m.

COMING EVENTS.

AUGUST 26 and 28.—Christian Endeavorers, North Richmond, Coppin-st., 26th Anniversary, Sun. Aug. 26, and Tues., Aug. 28, 7.30, U. A. C. speaker, Mr. L. Trezler; 7 p.m., speaker, Mr. R. Boldan, 25th, 8 p.m., U. A. C. speaker, Mr. R. Gehlie. Leader of song, Mr. G. Hall. Roll-call of societies. Responses. Past members and friends are cordially invited.

AUGUST 29.—Bandra-rd., Caulfield, Great Final Meetings of special August services, Sat. day, Aug. 29, 11 a.m., "The Unconscious Element of Christianity," 7 p.m., "The Union of all the Churches." Mr. Geo. G. Tenny, speaker; Mr. Will Clay, song-leader. Mrs. G. Hall, soloist. "The Crucifixion," from Ben Hur, Mrs. Allison Murray, soloist.

SEPTEMBER 2, 3, 4, 5.—Chiff-st., South Yarra Mission for the deepening of spiritual life. Speakers, Bro. J. E. Webb, R. Gehlie, H. J. Patherston, A. G. Saunders, and A. Ludbrook. Song-leader, Bro. A. Scobie. Week-night meetings begin at 8 p.m.—All welcome.

SEPTEMBER 2, 4, 9, 11.—Stanton-st., Collingwood, Bible School Anniversary. Sundays, Sept. 2 and 9, visiting speakers. Special singing by scholars, 150 voices, assisted by orchestra. Tuesdays, Sept. 4 and 11, entertainments, 8 p.m. Admission, children, 1d.; adults, 2d. Reserve three dates.

SEPTEMBER 5 (Wednesday).—8 p.m., Church of Christ Hall, Oxley-rd., Glenferrie. Dramatic and Humorous Recital by Violet S. Borgia, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M., assisted by Coray Tranny and other artists. Admission, 1/6; children, 2d. Proceeds go to the work of the Ladies' Church Aid Society.

SEPTEMBER 23.—Northcote's 25th Church Anniversary. To celebrate this event the church has planned a "Big Church Reunion" for Sunday, Sept. 23. All past members cordially invited. Hospitality extended. A. E. Glynn, Church Sec'y, 90 Darlington, Thornbury, N.E.

TO LET.

Resided just off Newmarket, 4 large furnished rooms and S.O., 1 min. beach, open lawn, court, close shops. Apply 24 Nicholson-st., Coburg.

FOR SALE.

One or two building blocks, 45 x 110 ft., Hillcrest Estate, Dunstaff-st., South Preston, near new State school, station, cable and electric trams (elevated position); good surroundings. Apply "Land," c/o 7 Durham-st., Flemington, W.I.

WANTED.

Widow, alone, glad to see of well-furnished bedroom with convenience, to refined person in exchange slight attention; quiet home, suit pensioner or otherwise; companionable. 59 Melbourne-st., Monce Ponds.

DEATH.

BROWN.—On Aug. 12, at the residence of Mr. W. Reynolds, Percy-st., Devonport, Tasmania, Edward T. A., beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Brown, India, aged 24 years.

"God knows the way, he holds the key."
He guides us with unerring hand;
Some time with tearless eyes we'll see.
Yes, there, up there, we'll understand.

VICTORIAN DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

Unemployment.—The odd-job anywhere, any kind, would be appreciated. Grocers, carpenters, typists, laborers, etc., waiting.

Annual Banquet.—Sept. 10. Tickets 2 s. 2d. secretaries.

The gift of a sewing machine for the work at Burnley would be greatly appreciated.

Here and There.

Due to pressure of news, several items which came by Tuesday's mails had to be held over. "Logical Tidings" for July reports that during the next month visitors to Twynholm, London, included Mr. H. L. Read, of Adelaide, and Mr. and Mrs. Fox, of Sydney.

The following telegram reached us on Tuesday:—"Hinrichsen-Stewart mission having much success Broken Hill, dust storm Sunday, but big meeting; ten confessions; total, forty.—Warren."

By a slip in last issue it was stated that Bro. Beaumont would continue to labor with Moreland church, Vic. It should have been Colong church. Bro. J. E. Webb is preacher at Moreland.

The tent mission at Drummond, Vic., conducted by Bro. W. Gale with Bro. Glas, Combridge as song-leader, opened last Sunday. A girl from the Bible School made the good confession on Monday.

Bro. B. W. Manning, of Balaklava, S.A., intimates that he is willing to preach at a church in Melbourne or Sydney on Sunday, Sept. 9, on his way to Rockhampton, preferably a church without a preacher.

The church at Mt. Clear, Vic., is meeting regularly, one week in the morning, and the alternate week at night after the gospel service. Isolated members in the district adjoining Mt. Clear are invited to attend the meetings. The Bible School is held each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

On Sunday, Aug. 19, the Baker-Watson tent mission at Norwood, S.A., commenced its second week. It is estimated that about 600 people were in and around the tent. The meeting was broadcast by station 5KA. On Sunday night over 40 questions were answered. The message of Bro. Baker was inspiring. Since the commencement of the mission two have made the good confession.

The tent mission at York, S.A., with Bro. Hampshire and Barnes as leaders, is continuing to draw large congregations each night, and on Sunday last the tent was again overcrowded. Bro. Hampshire spoke on the question, "Which is the Right Church?" and in response to the gospel invitation two young ladies and a lad confessed their faith in Christ, making a total of eight decisions to date. The presence of many visitors from city and suburban churches is appreciated. The assistance some have rendered in the song services is valued.

The Board of Management of the College of the Bible has made the following entry in its minute book:—"That we place on record our cordial appreciation of the devoted service rendered by Bro. Charles Harpe as Secretary of the Board of Management of the College of the Bible since its inception in 1907. Our departed brother had ever the interests of the institution at heart, and cheerfully gave time and labor to its advancement. His sudden call from our midst is deeply regretted by the members of the Board, who mourn the loss of a true friend and beloved colleague."

In response to the appeal for immediate financial help for the College, E. T. Saunders reports receiving this week a some interesting contributions. One lady forwards a pound note in a letter, "for the overdrift." Another sister, who already has contributed this year, sends three pounds; while a brother who says he is within a few months of his eightieth birthday has withdrawn all he had in the savings bank, nearly twenty pounds, and sent it, feeling that "the College will do more with it than the bank. Bro. Saunders would like to hear from others who will help in lifting the £5 promised by "working man."

We learn that Bro. R. O. Sutton has resigned as preacher of the Falcon-st., North Sydney, church, and will take the work at Auburn.

Bro. A. S. Hinrichsen will shortly begin work at Rockhampton, Q., where a Hinrichsen-Stewart mission is to be held. Recently he was united in marriage to Miss B. Kelly. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Hinrichsen much blessing in their new work.

The Victorian Department of Social Service has distributed two thousand tickets for Sale among the churches of the State for its third fellowship gathering. In 1927 three hundred men met, last year six hundred got together, and this year it is confidently expected that one thou-

AN EMERGENCY CALL.

The College Board is exercised over the serious condition of its finances, and, inasmuch as this situation vitally concerns the brotherhood, desires to make the position known.

The College does business on an overdraft, for which adequate security is given, and a limit arranged between bank and College.

At present the overdraft exceeds the limit by over £400. The College must carry on for three months before the Annual Offering comes in.

The Board is assured of the stability of the College in the good will of the brethren, because the general income for 1927 was £600 above that for 1926, while to date there is an increase in 1928 over 1927.

The present situation has been created by long-overdue renovations made this year, and the construction of Elmwood has involved much expense in addition to the cost of the road. The industrial depression reduced our expected income.

These improvements have added approximately £2,000 to the value of the property.

In view of its urgent need, the Board appeals to brethren to assist by special gifts now. Please send contributions to Fred. T. Saunders, 250 Torongarua, East Malvern, S.E.6.

and at least will assemble. One good reason for this expectation is that this year both men and women will meet. The function will take the form of a social evening of a very high character. Country churches are being asked to cooperate, and if possible to attend by proxy. Unemployed and needy members will be admitted free. Tickets are 2/6.

On Aug. 7 there was a large gathering at Wangaratta, Vic. to say farewell to Mr. A. S. Hinrichsen, the first preacher of the church. Geo. Jackel presided, and spoke highly of the splendid work done by Bro. Hinrichsen during his nine months' stay in the town. On behalf of the church he presented him with a beautiful silver tea service. Mr. A. D. Campbell spoke on behalf of the school, and Mr. A. E. Moore for the "Hope, Faith and Love" Society. Mr. Hinrichsen gave an appropriate response and was well received. A programme of vocal and instrumental items was enjoyed, and a dainty supper was served by the ladies. The local papers gave a column of space to the function. Mr. R. L. Arnold began his work at Wangaratta on Sunday last. He will begin full-time service with the church at the close of the College year.

The chapel at Prospect, Tas., now possesses a fine vestry for social purposes. This was erected by several of the brethren on Saturday afternoons.

At the annual meeting of the Council of Churches, Melbourne, last week, Mr. J. E. Shipway was appointed president for the ensuing year. Various matters of public interest were referred to in the secretary's report. The running of Sunday train services and the use of public parks for sport on this day were regarded unfavorably. The fear was expressed that the present drift if unchecked will end in a Constitutional Sunday. Resolutions were passed objecting to the proposal of the Railway Commissioners to reduce the pay of men who are required to work on Sundays from five and a half to four and a quarter, and protesting against the proposed renewal of existing leases for liquor advertisements on railway bridges. The Council also viewed with "grave concern" the possibility of the Ministry again introducing a measure legalising the totalisator for purposes of maintaining hospitals and charities.

The brethren in Ballarat, Vic. are very happy at the success of the mission conducted by Bro. G. T. Fitzgerald in the new school hall at Dawson-st. The mission began with a crowded house on Sunday, July 29, and each week the attendance has steadily grown, and increasing interest has been shown both by members and non-members. The question-box has been freely used, and all were delighted by the courteous and convincing way in which the missionary answered the queries. A bright song service was a feature of all meetings under the leadership of Bro. Harold Peary, assisted by Bro. Morrison. The great bulk of the accompaniments were played by Mrs. H. W. Morris, whose part was invaluable. Bro. Fitzgerald won admiration by his presentation of human need and the divine provision in the gospel, and demonstrated how a soul-saving campaign could be conducted without sensation and undue excitement. Each week saw decisions and at the crowded gathering on Wednesday, Aug. 15, the last night, three adults confessed their Lord, making a total of 17 for the three weeks' effort. On Tuesday, 14th inst., Bro. G. E. Moore (Swanston-st.) addressed the meeting and baptised his sister and her husband, who were among the converts in the first week.

IN MEMORIAM.

HAMILTON.—In ever-loving memory of our dearly loved son and brother, James Leslie (Jim), who made the supreme sacrifice on Aug. 22, 1918, after three years' active service.

He has sailed on his last commission,
In a beautiful ship called Best,
With his dear head safely pilloved
On the Great Commander's breast.

—Inserted by all his dear ones, Tenynson-st., Sandringham, Vic.

LAWRENCE.—In affectionate memory of our loved ones, father and mother, who died Aug. 22, 1925; Osbert, July 6, 1925; and Alice, March 13, 1916.

Love and unswerving union
Of soul with those we love,
Nearness and glad communion
Shall be our joy above.

—Inserted by mother, brothers and sisters.

SMITH.—In loving memory of William Smith, who passed away on Aug. 20, 1922.

"Here we meet to part again,
In heaven we part no more."

—Inserted by E. A. Smith and family, Brisbane.

TAYLOR.—In loving memory of our darling little Jack, who died at Children's Hospital, Aug. 27, 1927, aged 10 years.

"His cheerful ways and loving face
Are pleasant to recall;
He had a smile for everyone,
And died beloved by all."
—Inserted by mother, father and family, 1 Kingsley Crescent, Mont Albert.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE, OLD.

The president (Mrs. W. Wendorf) presided at a well-attended executive meeting in Ann-st. on Aug. 3.

The H.M. President (Bro. C. Young) gave a most encouraging talk.

Arrangements for the luncheon to be tendered to the Hinrichsen-Stewart team on arrival are well in hand. The baggaged outfit of robes, towels, etc. for the "follow the mission box" have been purchased and are being made up by the sisters. Cost of outfit was £5.

A Foreign Mission prayer meeting was held in the Allion chapel on July 5. Bro. H. Payne gave a very fine address on Foreign Mission work. Missionary letters and papers were read by Sisters Payne, Hermann, and Enebelmuder. Musical items were rendered by Mrs. W. Keeble, Misses Burnham and Baker. Five churches were represented, and 45 sisters were present. An offering for Foreign Mission work amounted to £10. Afternoon tea was provided by Allion sisters.—G. Partridge.

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE.

Monthly meeting was held on August 2, 29 sisters present. Mrs. Clark, president, presided. The devotions were led by Mrs. D. Allen. The speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Gill, who told of the work being done by the department of Social Service.

Sympathy was expressed for the sick and bereaved. Mrs. Clowse, a former vice-president and president for many years a member of our Conference Executive, has been called to higher service.

A women's Home Mission rally is being arranged for Friday, Oct. 5, in the chapel, Swanston-st. The speaker will be Dr. Burnham. A feature of the afternoon will be the free-will offering.

Women's Mission Bands.—Mrs. Scamler reports two new bands—Box Hill and Hartwell. Enthusiastic meetings held at Mulvena, Cheltenham, including sisters from Parkdale. Galvan was visited by Miss Ellis, and Mrs. Mann spoke at Ascot Vale and Oakleigh. Committee to visit Swanston-st. on Aug. 22 and North Fitzroy, Sept. 6.

Isolated Sisters.—Miss P. Ellis and committee have written 53 letters; 4 replies received.

General Boxes, with Mrs. Hunter superintendent, is having a busy time trying to meet the great distress now prevailing. Parcels received from Sisters Oliver, F. A. Kemp, Miss Emmiss. A parcel sent to Social Service Department, 22 garments sent to three private cases, £1 given for medical comforts, £1 given from Margaret Goulde to needy church members. Material given where people could make garments for themselves.

Mrs. Burton and committee for prayer visited Surrey Hills and Blackburn. A happy and spiritual time was spent remembering all the goodness and many ways in which our heavenly Father bestows upon us, giving us strength for our daily tasks. During the month members of Lygon-st. church visited the Cheltenham Benevolent Home. Mrs. Chapman, superintendent, reports a good meeting; 60 inmates assembled in the hall, where a short service was held. Mrs. Saunders gave a message of cheer in place of Mr. Saunders who was ill. The old folk appreciate these visits very much.

Hospital committee, with Mrs. Meyer, has paid 11 visits to the various institutions. Comforts of all kinds have been distributed amongst the inmates. Will sisters who provided over 20 doz. jars of Jam for distribution accept our grateful thanks?

Next meeting of executive, Sept. 7. Speaker, Miss Stevenson, of Y.A.C.A.—Miss Bundeck, Sec., 13 Florence-ave., Rew. E.L.

Report for Girls' Mission Circles.

Garnegie circle are having bright happy meetings with a good attendance of girls over the age of 12 years. Steady work is being done in preparation for the box for India. Assistance

has also been rendered to various local needs during the past few months. M. J. Smith, Supt.

OBITUARY.

ASLETT.—Bro. Geo. W. Aslett, of the Newmarket church, Vic., fell asleep in Jesus on Saturday morning, June 30. Our departed brother, who was in his seventieth year, had been in membership with the churches at North Melbourne, Bendigo, and Newmarket. Bro. Aslett was a devoted Christian brother, humble, cheerful, and friendly in disposition, and most dependable in his work as a Sunday School teacher and a door-keeper in the house of the Lord. He fought a good fight against ill-health, and was engaged almost to the last in his daily labors and in leading his class in the Bible School. The Newmarket brethren will long remember his twenty years of faithful witnessing for his Master.—J.L.M.

MACINTOSH.—Recently the home call came to Bro. Lachlan Macintosh, one of the faithful and steadfast members of the church at Carnegie. Bro. Macintosh became a member of the church during the flaker mission of 1925, and continued faithfully in service until the time of his death, becoming almost blind towards the last he found a difficulty in being present at all of the meetings. Sympathy is extended to Sister Macintosh and her family, all of whom are members of the church, and "sorrow not as others who have no hope"—J. E. Shipway.

PARKES.—Early on Sunday morning, July 29, after a prolonged illness, Bro. T. H. Parkes passed peacefully away. At the age of 16 our brother was baptised and joined the church in Birmingham, England. About 40 years ago he came to Melbourne. He was associated with the Lygon-st. church for two years, and then later helped at Fitzroy for a period of five years. Many still remember with grateful hearts his work in that district. Later Bro. Parkes continued active service as secretary of the church at Glenferrie, and for fourteen years was closely connected with the work. Having retired from business he next resided in Mentone, and took up membership with the Cheltenham church, but on account of the distance to that church, he decided to help, with others, the establishment of a church in Mentone. Our brother became secretary of this small Christian family, and with the rest of the brethren decided to transfer the place of meeting to the rapidly-growing district of Parkdale. For four years he stood by the work, until eighteen months ago, owing to ill-health, he was forced to give up active work. Throughout his long illness he maintained the greatest interest in the work, and a spirit of hopefulness supported his feeble body even in the darkest days.—A.W.S.

SPIEER.—Mrs. Speier, an old member of Castlemaine church, fell asleep in Jesus at her daughter's residence, Oakleigh, on July 25. She was baptised by the late Bro. W. W. Davey, and with her husband was among the earliest members

of the Castlemaine church. The memory of Bro. and Sister Speier will long be fragrant in Castlemaine, where they rendered continuous and conspicuous service to the church. Our late sister was laid to rest in the Spring Vale cemetery, the writer conducting the service.—S. H. Judge.

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PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC.

Dear Brother Editor,—

From a recent interesting article by A. J. Fisher under the above heading, I was greatly surprised to learn that the R.C. church had this fine motto, "In necessary things, unity; in doubtful things, liberty; in all things, charity." What a nice thing it would be to see them put it into practice. If they had they would never have persecuted Christians, they would never have introduced the Inquisition, and cruelly tortured and put to death many people, simply because they differed from them in their religious beliefs and practices.

If they would act upon the principle laid down in their fine motto, they would not show such bitter opposition to the present liberal Government of Mexico, mostly because they allow religious liberty to Protestants and Catholics alike. Were the R.C. church as fairminded as pretended to be, they would not so strongly oppose the Bible instruction in day school movement, nor would they be such strong supporters of the infernal liquor traffic which wrecks the homes and blasts the lives of so many men and women and children in New Zealand and elsewhere, neither would they be such opponents of prohibition.

Further, no such letter would have been, as the one recently published by their mouthpiece, the Pope, declaring their attitude in regard to church union, and demanding an unconditional surrender to the authority of Rome. Should the churches do this (please God they never will), just imagine what a joyful (?) time of liberty and charity would be ours.

In viewing Roman Catholicism as we find it in reference to this motto, it is weighed in the balance and found wanting. Between Romanism and Protestantism there is a great gulf fixed, and I am satisfied that I express the conviction of a great multitude of people when I say it never can be Protestant and, but Protestant nat. Catholic.—An Oldtimer.



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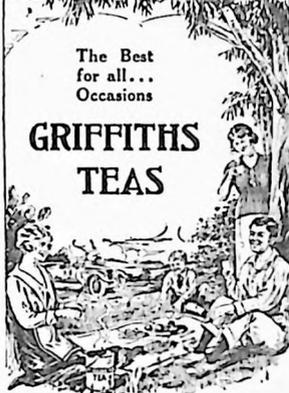
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Cheltenham.—On Sunday morning Bro. F. E. J. Smith spoke in a good meeting, which included a number of visitors. The school in all its departments was well attended in the afternoon. Bro. H. Woodcock's theme at night was "The Teaching of the Apostle Paul on Christian Love," the third of a series. Two ladies were baptised.

Fitzroy (Gore-L).—On Sunday morning, Aug. 19, Bro. Lewis exhorted the church. In the evening a mission was commenced, with Bro. Boettcher as evangelist and Bro. Shephard as song-leader. The audience at night was excellent. The subject was "The Unknown Friend." Bro. Shephard rendered a solo. The boys have organised a cricket club.

Middle Park.—On Aug. 12 Bro. Shaw exhorted at the morning meeting. There was a splendid attendance in the evening, when Bro. Hector Campbell gave an interesting address, and the special singing by the members of the Phi Beta Club was greatly enjoyed. A visit from Bro. Watson was enjoyed on Aug. 19. At the evening service Bro. Baker was the speaker, and he was greatly assisted by Bro. Fred. Elliott, who very ably led the singing. Four young ladies made the good confession.

Kanva.—At the evening service on Aug. 12 Reg. Goldsworthy made the good confession. The young people's club has paid two appreciated visits to South Liffmore and Miram. On each occasion a splendid programme has been provided, including a debate on selected subjects. Good audiences and marked interest prevail. A very enjoyable time was spent on Saturday afternoon, when the members met to witness tree planting on the church recreation grounds. Many liberal gifts have been made by the members, including swings, seats, tennis courts and shelter sheds. The basket ball team has played several matches against local teams. Many special meetings have been held planning for the new church building, which is to be either of brick or stone.

Mont Albert.—The first business meeting of the church was held on Wednesday, Aug. 15. Officers elected: Deacons, Bro. Luke McLeigh, Gile, Blackwell, Tom; Secretary, T. E. Anderson; secretary, J. T. Mahony; deaconesses, Mabel Luke, Blackwell, Gile, Kingsford, Mahony; Sisters' School superintendent, Bro. W. C. A. Luke. Meetings are gradually improving. H. B. Hobbs is doing a splendid work, proclaiming the message in love and power. Many strangers are interested. Bible School is growing at the rate of two to three scholars every Sunday. The church is making plans for Bro. A. W. Connor's mission. All members are co-operating. Sunday, Aug. 19, record services; 38 in the morning; evening, 80. Two were immersed. Bro. Dr. Kemp, who has come to live in Mont Albert, was present all day with his wife and a friend.

North Williamstown. Successful anniversary services were held on Aug. 5. At 3 p.m. J. E. Webb gave a fine illustrated address on "Influences of Bad Companions." 7 p.m., A. H. Pratt delivered a powerful address on "Bicycles," having one suspended from a cross-bar. On Aug. 12, 3 p.m., Mrs. Pratt gave a kindergarten demonstration to a fine audience of mothers. At 7 p.m. H. B. Ball told the children a story, and gave an eloquent address on "A Glorious Work." The singing by the school was excellent. Special solos were sung by teachers Mrs. Molar and Miss Haskel. On Aug. 19 eleven new scholars were enrolled. At 7 p.m. an in memoriam service was held to the late Sister F. Adams, who fell asleep on Aug. 1, aged 91. She was one of God's cheerful, loving and faithful followers, and was at his table a few weeks before her call to her service. Bro. Pratt made fitting reference to her life, preaching from "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Mr. Wilson sang a solo, and Sister A. H. Pratt sang "Memories of Mother."

South Yarra.—At the annual business meeting of the church on July 18 reports from all departments showed auspiciously to be progressive.

The secretary reported 18 additions, average attendance at worship service, 77, and 40 at meetings, 92. The losses were heavy by transfer and revision of roll. Present membership, 164. The treasurer reports a credit balance of £37 15 31. Fellowship, £279 16 11. Missions (duplex envelopes), £18 13 4. Special offerings, £56 11 2. Amounts for new building fund for year, £12, £25 of which was donated by the Women's Guild. All office-bearers were re-elected, excepting Bro. J. G. Brown, who, owing to his removal from the district, could not undertake the Bible School superintendency. Bro. G. Searle was appointed. Bro. Laddbrook gave a very fine report of the four and half months' ministry with the church. On Aug. 1 the C.E. Society celebrated its first anniversary. A number of societies were represented. Bro. S. H. Mudge, of Oakleigh, gave a fine address. The superintendent, Miss Sear, and her helpers are congratulated on the first year's success. Last Lord's day two were received into fellowship. Meetings are fairly well attended. A number are absent through illness. Plans have been made for meetings for the deepening of spiritual life.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Grafton.—There were five additions during July—three by faith and obedience, Bro. Stevens from Lismore by letter, and Bro. Corlis as a baptised believer. A recent men's service was a success. A church notice-board has been secured. Attendances at prayer meetings are better. The Bible School is growing in numbers and enthusiasm, and starts shortly on anniversary practice.

Ingliswain.—There was a splendid service on the morning of Aug. 12. Bro. Langlois, of the Adelaide church, S.A., presided. Bro. Taylor and gave fraternal greetings on behalf of the Home Mission Committee. Bro. D. Stewart, the song-leader of the mission party, gave a good address on "The Heavenly Places." The sisters of the church have been loyal in attendance at mission services.

Dankstown.—Bro. W. J. Way was absent from the work the last three Lord's days through having to undergo an operation on one of his eyes. He hopes to take up the work next Lord's day. Local brethren, and Bro. Puffet, Pond, Coxhead and G. Morton, have helped at meetings during Bro. Way's absence. After Bro. Pond's message on Aug. 12, a married lady confessed Christ. Work among the young is encouraging. Bro. and Sister Stevenson, of Petersham, were received into fellowship on Aug. 19. The Dorcas held their annual meeting on Aug. 14, when 73 sisters spent a happy and profitable time.

Lismore.—The 44th anniversary was greatly enjoyed on Aug. 5 and 6. There were good attendances on the Sunday, many coming from a distance. N. G. Nodde's morning theme was "Forgetting those Things that are Behind," and in the evening, "Reformation or Restoration." The Monday re-union tea, arranged by the sisters, was a great success. Mr. S. W. Bonner conveyed the felicitations of the "ministers fraternal." The evening programme, largely musical, was much appreciated. N. G. Noble was in the chair. The report of the secretary, H. B. Watherspoon, revealed great blessings over 44 years. The choir rendered splendid pieces throughout the anniversary, and Sisters Misses Gerlie Atkin and Vera Gardner presided at the organ.

South Australia.

Avon.—On Aug. 5 the Sunday School anniversary was celebrated. Bro. S. Riches, of Snowtown, conducted two services on the Sunday, and on Monday the tea and public meeting were on Monday. Bro. Riches and Mason being the speakers, and Bro. M. Bunde, superintendent, in the chair. All the services were splendidly attended. The annual report showed that nine scholars from the Bible Class had confessed Christ. Bro. and Sister Mason are doing a good work, and are loved by all.

Melrose (Grote).—Very fine attendances at all services on Aug. 19. Two sisters who had been immersed during the week were welcomed to fellowship in the morning. At night two men were immersed, and a lady confessed Christ. One of the most faithful members of the church has been called away in the person of Bro. W. T. Maguire. The ladies' F.M. band held their social and solo at work on Aug. 19.

Hindmarsh.—Bro. Allen Brown addressed the church on Aug. 19 on "Living Selflessly," the first of a series on "Christian Living." In the evening his topic was "The Devil's Fireside." Both services were very well attended. On Wednesday, Aug. 15, the Intermediate Endeavor Society held charge of the midweek devotional service, when several of the members took part. The death of Sister Miss Melba Clark is reported with regret.

Henley Beach.—Attendances at all meetings are encouraging. In July Bro. and Sister Manning returned to take up full-time ministry. A welcome service was tendered them by the members of the church. Mrs. Davey, from Tully Bay, a former member and earnest worker in the church, was present. A very interesting lantern lecture was given by Mrs. Nicholls on her work in south-west China. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls, with their two little ones, leave shortly for their home in China.

Queenstown.—On Sunday, Aug. 19, G. T. Walden exhorted the church. Mr. Walden addressed the men's class in the afternoon on "The Ten Commandments of a Footbalter." About 20 men were present. At the evening service he took for his subject, "The Man Who Wanted to See Jesus." On Thursday afternoon the "Bright Home" was held, and the Home Mission Committee of the Sisters' Auxiliary paid a visit. On Saturday afternoon members of the Girls' Wattle Club paid a visit to the Children's Home at Morialta, and took several large parcels of clothing for the little ones.

Balaclava.—Fathers' day celebrations were a great success. Bro. Burrow spoke to large audiences on Aug. 5. In the afternoon the Sunday School prizes were distributed. On Aug. 7 Mr. Burrow gave a most interesting night with lantern slides of Bolivia. The fathers were entertained in the hall after the meeting. The Endeavorers were chiefly responsible for the happy function. On Aug. 12 meetings were well attended in spite of sickness. One man made the good confession. Preparations are being made for anniversary. The girls' club gave a demonstration in the institute last week; half proceeds were donated to local school committee funds. Sunday School anniversary services were a great success on Aug. 19. Bro. Heller gave an excellent message at three services. Finances, excellent singing and interest throughout, and one young man confessed Christ. Bro. Manning expects to leave for Rockhampton about Sept. 5.

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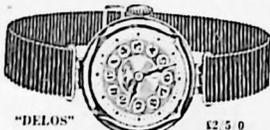
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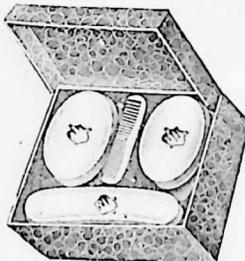
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