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Mr. Herbert Hoover's Victory.

AN extraordinary world interest attaches to the election of Mr. Herbert Hoover as the new President of the United States of America. Myriads of Christians outside of America were filled with thanksgiving when they read of the overwhelming vote which he received.

Mr. Hoover was opposed for various reasons. Some of his enemies tried to discredit him on the ground that he was pro-British. The Roman Catholic interests naturally were allied with Mr. Smith, and of course all the "wets" opposed Mr. Hoover who had before accepting nomination declared his policy and supported Mr. Al. Smith who after nomination indicated his desire for a change in the prohibition law. It was chiefly the prohibition issue which interested the world. Were the people of America anxious—as anxious as liquor defenders in America, Britain and Australia had declared they were—for the States to become "wet" again? The election of Mr. Hoover was the answer, and that reply of the American voters—who gave Mr. Hoover a majority of over eight millions over Mr. Al. Smith—made much of the specious and interested writing of Australian journalists for months past look foolish, and was decisive enough to give hope that even the defenders of the worst of legalised trades will cease to libel America. We are grateful that Mr. Al. Smith and his supporters suffered not only a defeat, but a rout.

The new president is one of the best known of American leaders. He is largely a "self-made" man. The story of his steady climb upwards to position and fame is a stimulating one. His is not exactly a case of "from log cabin to White House"; but it is encouraging to others who may seem handicapped in life, and it certainly is a tribute to Mr. Hoover, to learn that one so humbly born who had to finance his university course by running a laundry is chosen as head of the greatest republic on earth.

The world knows the value of Mr. Hoover's war relief work. First as chairman of the Belgian Relief Commission, and later as organiser of Russian and Eastern relief—a gigantic task—he rendered most excellent service. After America's entrance into the great war, he was appointed Food Administrator. When peace came, he became Secretary of Commerce, and he has since established a Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce with representatives all over the world. Mr. Hoover is a remarkable man—even if his public career has been "solid rather than spectacular."

The newspapers are discussing the causes of Mr. Hoover's victory. The London "Daily Telegraph" says, probably truly, that "it would be wrong to stress any particular issue, whether religion or social legislation, as the final cause of the Republican victory." Doubtless there was, a combination of factors. Amongst the interesting views is the cable report of a leading article in one of America's newspapers. It says:—"Mr. Hoover's smashing victory places the country on record as being opposed to a Catholic President and favoring prohibition, as no other issues counted with the wedge driven deep into the heretofore impregnable south."

A Prohibition League advertisement published in the Melbourne "Argus" on the day that paper proclaimed Hoover's over-

whelming victory set forth the position succinctly:

U.S.A. Presidential Election!
GREAT "DRY" VICTORY.

"The Argus" of November 5 said:

"If Mr. Smith is elected
It will be because he
is a 'Wet' . . ."

SMITH IS NOT ELECTED,
Hoover is Home and "Dry."

So far "The Argus," while it was willing to concede that if Mr. Smith were elected it would be a "wet" victory, has not succeeded in making up its mind that Mr. Smith's defeat is a "wet" defeat! Perhaps enlightenment, with acknowledgment, is on the way.

Suppose for a moment that Mr. Smith had been elected. What a mighty shout of victory would have ascended to heaven from brewers, publicans, drinkers, toppers, interested politicians and newspapers! The failure of prohibition! The return of a nation to sanity! We can imagine the headings and the declamation. Well, Mr. Hoover is in by the greatest majority in history. . . . America remains dry, and America's defamers have to explain away their champion's rout and to seek a new defence for an evil—and we believe a losing—cause.

To an unusual degree, churches in America took part in the presidential campaign. Many churches and preachers publicly espoused the cause of Mr. Hoover, not from a desire to take part in politics, but because they believed that the issue was a moral one. To them the liquor question was the vital issue.

A woman's view of women's part in the victory is worthy of note. "I glory in the victory of the 'drys,'" declared Lady Astor, M.P., when commenting upon Mr. Hoover's election. "There is not the tiniest chance of any 'wet' candidate becoming President. The women of the United States are determined to make prohibition successful. It may take fifty years, but it will be done."

THE GREATER GIFT.

I gave a beggar, from my little store of wealth,
Some gold.
He spent the gold, and came again, and yet
again;
Still cold and hungry as before.

I gave him then, a thought—
And through that thought of mine,
He found himself—the man supreme, divine—
Fed, clothed, and crowned with blessings—
manifold.

And now he begs no more!

—Selected.

Mt. Etna in Eruption.

The devastation wrought by the eruption of Mt. Etna impresses us with the thought of the terrible forces of nature. Each day the reports become more saddening. The great flow of lava has spread over an extended front of many miles. Towns and villages are being engulfed by the advancing streams. The volcano with its smoking craters must even in daylight present an awesome spectacle. At night the sight and sound of a burning mountain, the flames bursting through the clouds of smoke, the stream of fire marking the lava course as it fires the houses and the woods, and the sound of the continuous explosions, must be terrifying in the extreme. We read of the formation of new craters, of incandescent boulders being vomited forth, of moving streams of lava which give the impression that the whole mountain is in motion. Imagination fails to picture the scene. How puny man appears when faced with a force so titanic and so relentless.

Fortunately so far few lives have been lost. Some, alas, have been engulfed and incinerated in the river of lava. A few, maddened by the loss of all their earthly possessions, have thrown themselves into the stream. Fifty thousand persons are in flight. Thousands are ruined and homeless. Their land will remain a desolation, and their loss is irretrievable. An opportunity is presented for a practical manifestation of sympathy and a recognition of the brotherhood of man. National divisions

count for little in the face of a disaster which touches our humanity.

It was pathetic to read of the people who paraded their images in processions, and who prayed to their saints as well as their God to protect their homes and villages. The one could not, and the other did not, give answer in the terms of the petition. Yet God reigns as King for ever, and is able to overrule the ills of life for the benefit of his trustful children.

Visitations such as Sicily is now experiencing remind us of the frailty both of our life and of our earthly habitation. This world, which seems so secure, is very unstable. We live on the surface of a sphere which has in it the fires which may yet be its doom. As we contemplate Etna, it seems natural to recall the apostolic word: "The day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness, looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

The Saviour's Look.

[It is the tradition that Mark was the assistant of Peter during the closing years of Peter's life, and that Peter's memory contributed much to Mark's Gospel. The following poem imagines Peter giving Mark his reminiscences, while Mark takes notes.]

—And then that cock, that bird of Judgment crew;
And straightway Jesus came across the court
Led as a prisoner, face fixed and sad,
And as he passed, he turned and looked at me.
O Mark! not all the scribbles in all the world
Could write that look, or tell the tenth of it.
Friendship was in it, happy younger days
Over the hills of Galilee, or tossed
By busy waves within my fishing-boat,
He pulling at the net and I the oars,
That look flashed memories; the walk we took
Down to the Baptist, and the opened sky
Proclaiming him the Christ, and those three years
Close packed with wondrous deeds and wondrous words.

I sank within the sea, and felt his hand
That drew me up again, I stood beside
The death-bed and I heard his "Talitha,"
I saw his form all glistening with light
On snowy Hermon. Must of all that look
Said, "Peter! Rock-of-witness of my church!"
Then, "Peter! Peter! Satan! Get thee hence!"
John Mark, that time I walked upon the waves

And then sank down—down—down, that whiff of time

Sufficed to view my forty years of life,
Yes, all the course of them; and so his look,
A glance, no more, had in it all the blind
Hesitated to sight, and all the lepers cleansed,
The demon-people freed from devilism,
Lazarus moving from his grave the dead,
The dumb, the crippled, all made sound and whole.

And in that look I found myself again
Upon the blessed mount, with parabables
And prayers and sweet heartitudes and lore
Of highest heaven winning to my soul;
Or by the sea, or crunched in Bethany
At Martha's table—what discourse was there!
And last the look brought memory of the feast
But three hours back, my boasts, my wicked boasts.

His hands upon my feet, the water poured,
The comfort of the towel—ait John Mark,
That broke my heart, I rushed into the dark
And sobbed the night out.

Not a word of this,
May set it down; he made a note of it;
But we must leave it out. O Mark, dear Mark
What would I give if I could leave it out
Of thought and grief and bitter memory!
But let's get on. Take up your pen again.

—"Christian Endeavor World."

"The Greatest of These is Love."

Len. Gale, Conference President, Vic.

Many reasons could be put forth in appealing for Home Mission support—concern for the spiritual welfare of the people of our own country, the needs of the weaker churches, and our desire that the church of Jesus Christ should grow and flourish. But the great incentive behind every appeal should be love. It was the love that Christ had for mankind that constrained him to give his all, his life, that men might be saved from sin and the consequence of sin. That love has made it possible for us to take all the advantages of the sacrifice which he made, but to simply take all the benefits to ourselves and do nothing else is to be both selfish and ungrateful—two of the most despicable qualities that can be associated with any person.

Christ so loved us . . . and there should be a responsive love on our part. He was very definite when he said, "If ye love me, ye will keep my commands." His command regarding the salvation of men was very emphatic. His "Go ye" was not conditional, but was an order from the King to his followers, and we can show, in some way, our love to him by obeying him. Very often that command to "Go" is applied only to his work in foreign lands, but it is to be applied just as readily to the work which is nearer our own doors.

The work of Jesus Christ in Victoria is insistent. From all over the State the call comes: from our isolated brethren who desire that they be helped in getting together and organising themselves into churches; from the young and weak churches who desire assistance so that they may grow into stronger churches and become self-supporting. There is a big work to be done among our young people which is essentially Home Mission work—at present to a great extent untouched. Brethren, the work is there to be done, but how shall we enter in without the help of the whole household?

Our hands have been tied almost entirely this year by the lack of funds. Shall such a condition continue through another year? Our offering on December 2 will tell the answer, and say whether we are in real earnest about Home Missions in Victoria. Our appeal is for £2,150. To a consecrated people this amount should be easily attainable.

GOD IS AT WORK.

We make mistakes, or what we call such. The nature that could fall into such mistakes exactly needs, and in the goodness of the Lord dear God is given, the living of it out. And beyond this, I believe more—that in the pure and patient living of it out we come to find that we have fallen not into hopeless confusion of our own wild, ignorant making, but that the finger of God has been at work among our lines.—A. D. T. Whitney

A Young Man's Problems.

No. 1.

T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip. Ed.

"Good morning, Jack! What is your best thought this morning?" The speaker was Eric Freeman, manager of a large city firm, and his question was addressed to one of two young men who were members of his Bible Class, and were now pursuing university courses together. They often met, these three, for the ties of long associations held them together in enduring friendship.

"Well, it seems to me, Mr. Freeman," responded Jack Marshall, "that the advance of modern science has made the acceptance of the Christian faith very difficult."

"How is that?" asked Mr. Freeman.
 "For one thing," replied Jack, "the Christian religion is founded upon miracles, and the whole trend of modern thought is away from the miraculous."

"Are you stating the case for science now, Jack?" asked Fred Trentham, the third member of the group, "or are you merely voicing the opinion of some so-called Rationalist? I've heard that kind of thing from some very irrational Rationalists, I think."

Fred Trentham was taking a science course at the university, and with the unfeeling candour that young men so often show towards their friends, was never backward in tilting at the budding young lawyer's essays into his special province.

"I think I am stating the case for science," answered Jack mildly. "You know—or you ought to know, Fred—that the foundation principle of modern science is the uniformity of natural law. There could be no science without it. That rules out miracles, and it is so much more satisfactory to move in the realm of knowledge than in the realm of faith."

"Granting that for a moment," interrupted Mr. Freeman quickly, and thus checking the retort on Fred's lips, "but who are the folk who live in these widely separated worlds of knowledge and faith?"

"The Christian lives his life in faith, and the scientist moves in the sphere of knowledge," explained Jack.

"Do you mean that the scientist knows absolutely that the law of uniformity in nature is a fact?"

"Yes, most assuredly," replied Jack, confidently.

"You might not be so cock-sure about it if you could clear your brain of the misty principles of law," said Fred.

Mr. Freeman ignored the interruption.

"How does the scientist demonstrate that, Jack?" he asked.

"By the scientific method of hypothesis and verification. Whenever it has been possible to put the hypothesis to the test, it is seen that nature is uniform," said Jack.

"You assume, however, that there are some instances in which it is not possible to put the hypothesis to the test," continued Mr. Freeman. "And that is right. What

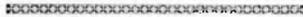
law, for instance, governs the aurora? Here are strange forces beyond our reach, and which act independently of human calculation."

"But surely," persisted Jack, "we may assume that such phenomena are governed by law, since it is known that law operates in so many directions."

"Assume, yes; but you see you are not now moving in the realm of knowledge as opposed to the realm of faith."

"I'm afraid you have lost your case," said Fred.

"You see," continued Mr. Freeman, "there is no way that science could prove that nature everywhere is uniform. It would need to control all space and all time, past and present, to do that. Even an agnostic like Thomas Huxley, in speak-



THE DAYSPRING FROM ON HIGH.

Thou hast arisen, but thou declinest never;
 To-day shines as the past.
 All that thou wast, thou art, and shalt be ever,
 Brightness from first to last.
 Night visits not thy sky, nor storm, nor sadness;
 Day fills up all its blue—
 Unfading beauty and unflinching gladness,
 And love forever new!
 Light of the world undimming and unsetting,
 Oh, shine each mist away!
 Banish the fear, the falsehood, and the fretting;
 Be our unchanging day!
 —Horatius Bonar.



ing of the uniformity of nature, admitted that the ground of every one of our actions, and the validity of all our reasonings, rest upon a great act of faith which leads us to take the experience of the past as a safe guide in our dealings with the present and future."

"Still, you must admit," said Jack, unwilling to yield the whole of his position as yet, "that there is a great deal of evidence for the recognition of such laws, and that miracles therefore are extremely unwelcome to the modern mind."

"I freely grant that they are unwelcome to the modern mind," said Mr. Freeman.

"That might be simply because of the occupation of men's minds with material objects, and their absorption in secular interests," said Fred, speaking more earnestly now.

"What I want you to see, Jack," said his Bible Class teacher, "is that miracles belong to the same category as many of the so-called facts of science, which are presented as certainties, though they are accepted on faith."

"What facts of science are you thinking of now?" asked Jack.

"Take the matter of life, for instance," said Mr. Freeman. "You know that, according to science, this world contained no

life when it began its course. How did it begin?"

"I should say that the likely hypothesis is spontaneous generation," said Jack.

"I was reading J. Arthur Thomson the other day," said Fred. "He gave another possibility as a guess of some scientists—that life may have arrived on this planet safely concealed in the recesses of some meteorite. Sounds plausible, doesn't it?"

"Don't be sarcastic, Fred. Let us suppose, Jack," continued Mr. Freeman, "it came by spontaneous generation. Is that not as wonderful as any miracle, and don't you accept it on faith?"

The young men were silent for the moment. And presently Mr. Freeman went on reflectively, as though trying to comprehend the wonder of the world. "There was a time when there was no life, and by spontaneous generation life began. Is the resurrection of Christ any more wonderful than that?" he demanded. "Is the faith of a Christian any more wonderful than yours?"

"Life had to begin in some way," replied Jack, doggedly.

"It did begin in some way, and apparently you and I both believe it began in miracle," insisted Mr. Freeman. "A miracle, mark you, and accepted by faith."

"But scientists don't call that a miracle," countered Jack.

"What's in a name? Take any theory of the beginning of life you may, scientific or religious, and it is of the nature of miracle."

"Well, now, Jack," asked Fred, "what about this faith of yours?"

"What faith of mine?"

"That life began by spontaneous generation!"

"Faith?" queried Jack.

"Faith, yes," insisted Fred, taking up the argument. "Has spontaneous generation ever been demonstrated? Don't scientific men say that the conditions of heat and matter in the beginning were such as to make the origin of life possible in the course of nature, and that these conditions probably will never be reproduced, and that therefore life will never come by spontaneous generation again? And, of course, it has never been produced in the lab."

"But science is not without hope that life may yet be produced," said Jack.

"And faith be turned to sight," said Mr. Freeman, smiling. "Jack, even if your thoughts do not run precisely along the lines I tried to direct them in our class, I think you still have a good chance of being enrolled among the heroes of faith. And now I would like to give you both a 'Great Thought' for the day—the words of Newman Smyth—"How many things hard to credit one must believe in order not to be a Christian!"

Our affections and beliefs are wiser than we; the best that is in us is better than we can understand; for it is grounded beyond experience, and guides us, blindfolded and safe, from one age on to another.—
Stevenson.

Evangelisation of New South Wales.

HOME MISSIONS IN THE MOTHER STATE.

Not Less than £1,000 Required on December 2.

THE VALUE OF ENTERING NEW FIELDS.

H. G. Harward.

An army always on the defensive may expect defeat. Attack is a condition of victory. Trench warfare may be necessary to repel an enemy, but there must be a "going over the top" if its territory is to be occupied. And in the "furtherance of the gospel" similar conditions prevail. The plan of the "Captain of our salvation" called for continual advance. "Other cities also" made their appeal to him. He expected the same spirit in his followers. And what wisdom there was in this plan of campaign.



Cecil Byrnes and the Chapel at Gilgandra. It was in this district that J. R. Combridge held a successful mission.

It was necessary to the progress of the church. The commission began in Jerusalem. The gospel was gloriously triumphant there. And it seems as if a spirit of entitlement possessed the early church and its leaders. Why go further, while there is still work to do in this great centre? But a permitted persecution made possible the carrying out of the divine charge—Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth. And it led to more glorious victories for our divine Lord. In this is the value of entering new fields. The continued growth of churches after the New Testament order is dependent upon this adventurous spirit.

It fortified the faith of the people of God. The conquests of the cross in other parts are wonderfully encouraging. There may be discouragements in the longer established work, but what joy accompanies the building up of the church in other fields. It stimulates devotion, increases zeal, creates interest, awakens enthusiasm, and stirs to renewed effort in established churches. Nothing confirms our faith in the New Testament plan more than its triumphs in new communities.

It was demanded by the condition of the times and the state of the people. Jesus Christ and his church were necessary in every part of the Roman Empire. None had superior claims upon the gospel, but all had need of it. "Those who were 'put in trust' with the gospel had to dispense it to all, as opportunity came to them, and was sought by them. Entering new fields not only certifies our faith in the power of the gospel, but it also demonstrates our appreciation of its value in meeting the challenge of others, and in supplying their need. Because of need Churches of Christ have been established in

many districts. There is the same reason for establishing them elsewhere.

The church can only have one effective policy. That is to advance. Apart from that stagnation or retreat is inevitable.

NEW SOUTH WALES' NEED OF THE PLEA.

J. Whelan.

The Mother State has abundant material resources, realisable and potential. The social income is ever-increasing. However, the real wealth of the State can only be measured in terms of human welfare. What of the physical, mental, moral, social and spiritual life of the people? The human factor in the final analysis determines a nation's destiny. Character is the basic requirement of the highest progress. This State needs more men of high ideals, unselfish motives and widest sympathies, such men as have become new creatures in Christ Jesus. New South Wales needs more Christians. Only thus can she have a transformed social life.

What a need there is for the plea of the Churches of Christ! This State has had a full measure of ecclesiastical machinery and elaborate ceremonialism. What it needs is the glorious unsectarian plea. We have a distinct contribution to make to the religious life of the State in that we have a specific message. There is no other communion pleading for the union of all God's people by a return to New Testament Christianity. What need there is for Christian unity! The waste of men and money, and unseemly rivalries engendered by compulsory divisions, are contrary to the mind of the Master, and the most potent hindrance to the progress of his kingdom.

New South Wales needs Christ. There is much sectarian nominalism, but a close examination reveals that only a small percentage of the population is vitally affected by spiritual realities. 500,000 children are outside organised religious education. The liquor and gambling evils are thruly entrenched.

The plea which centres in Christ, the divine Saviour, is the need of the hour. Its insistence upon his Lordship in religion and life, leading men out into a brotherhood of service, must win



H. C. Spratt and A. Wallace.

Hro. Spratt is the earnest evangelist in the Inverell district, and Hro. Wallace is the man who has organised Two Sunday Schools in places where such had never been before.

and who wherever adequately presented. That more has not been accomplished has not been the fault of the plea, but the inadequacy and sometimes inefficiency of its presentation. The puny we are numerically; how small our material equipment, how self-complacent many have become! We have a gigantic task; we have the resources of God; a divine plea capable of reaching the deepest human need. What is required is an aroused church living out its implications.

Our Home Missionary enterprise must rapidly expand. A larger staff of the best type of men must be employed. More and better buildings must be provided. Intensive evangelism is needed in all our churches. More earnest prayer must find expression in more sacrificial service and giving.

Let December 2 prove our loyalty to the plan our sense of New South Wales' need, as we offer our best gifts.

HOME MISSION FACTS AND TRUTHS.

Nearly twelve months ago a church of twelve members was organised in Grafton on the Clwyd.



J. R. Combridge.

Who has opened up the work in Allor-

ence River, and Roy Greenhalgh was sent into the district as the first evangelist. To-day there is a church of twenty-four members, with a Sunday School of fifty, and a Sunday evening congregation that frequently passes the fifty mark. J. R. Combridge recently conducted a home mission in the Gilgandra-Balladonia district with over thirty additions. As a further result a church was organised at Balladonia. Cecil Byrnes is caring for the work in both places, and hopes to open work in a third, and make the three into a self-supporting circuit.

H. C. Spratt was healed at Hornsby during the year, and already seven have confessed Christ. Five of these the last three weeks.

Burwood has been helped for ten months, and is now self-supporting.

A church has been organised in the popular Five Dock district, and there are prospects of building up a strong church there.

J. Gledhill has done splendid consolidating work in the Canley Vale-Lofus Park circuit.

Broken Hill has been helped, but in view of the recent very successful mission, and is no longer needed.

The good work has been continued at Eskdaleville, where W. J. Grossman labors.

A revival has taken place in the Inverell district. H. C. Spratt works a very large area of country.

Almost every assisted church has moved towards total self-support.

Much other work awaits our efforts. Some splendid openings for the establishment of still more new churches are presenting themselves.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN

THE FOUNTAIN.

"Whoever will let him come and take of the water of life freely."—Rev. 22: 17.

Travellers toiling up life's steep hill,
Linger not long by the shallow rill,
Haste to the Fountain! It gushes high
With the waters of immortality.
Traveller thirst by the way no more,
Drink at the streams that are running o'er.

Thou who comest with youthful men,
Bright is thy future, thy path serene,
Yet are there times when thou thirstest still,
When the broken cisterns all fail to fill?
When thy spirit yearns for a purer joy,
Which grows not dim and will never cloy.

Thou, who hast drank at each other stream,
Finding them always "not what they seem,"
Still turning from all dissatisfied,
Lying to find them too often dried,
Thine are the cravings too deep for earth,
These the aspirations of higher birth.

Freely the Fountain is flowing on,
Traveller, come ere thy life be gone,
Here are the waters that never dry,
Here is the good that will satisfy,
Come ere the day and its heat are o'er,
Drink of the Fountain and thirst no more.

—Marlaine Farningham.

NO ROOM FOR FENCES.

"Father Taylor," the unique evangelist of Boston, about the middle of the last century, used to say, "There is just room enough in the world for all the people in it, but not room for the fences that separate them."

The problem of fences has grown to be the most acute one the world has to face. There are all sorts of zig-zag and criss-cross separating fences running through the nations and the races of the world to-day. There are high Chinese walls of exclusiveness; there are electrified barbed-wire entanglements of race hatred and antagonism; there are deep ditches of isolation and indifference.

It is plain to see that the future of Christianity as a world religion, as well as the future of the world itself, is bound up with a Christian solution of race problems.

In these days of dividing walls of class and nation and race selfishness, we must shake the earth anew with the old message of the all-inclusive Christ in whom "there is neither bond nor free, Jew nor Greek, Scythian or Barbarian, but all are one in Christ Jesus."

Robert Frost sings in one of his most notable poems.

"Something there is that does not love a wall,"
Something there is, surely. It is the love of God. Jesus had little use for walls. He drew men out of little selfish back-yards, and led them down the main thoroughfare as a marching brotherhood. Some church bodies in America have expressed a fear that the choice of the topic of the race question is not a wise one. They seem to feel that "it is too hot to handle." Let us thank God for the increasing number of people who realize that there is no subject under the blue dome of heaven "too hot to handle" in Christ's name and in His spirit. For we can clearly see that if the race question is regarded as too hot to handle, the result will soon be a world too hot to live in.—"The Christian Advocate."

A PALM TREE LESSON.

We learn that it is out of struggles we must get the nobleness and beauty of character after which we are striving. One of the old Scotch martyrs had on his crest the motto, "Sub pondere cresco" ("I grow under a weight"). On the

crest was a palm tree, with weights depending from its fronds. In spite of the weights the tree was straight as an arrow, lifting its crown of graceful foliage high up in the serene air. It is well known that the palm grows best loaded down with weights. Thus this martyr testified that he, like the beautiful tree of the Orient, grew best in his spiritual life under weights. This is the universal law of spiritual growth. There must be resistance, struggle, conflict, or there can be no development of strength. We are inclined to pity those whose lives are scenes of toil and hardship, but God's angels do not pity them if only they are victorious; for in their overcoming they are climbing daily upward towards the holy heights of sainthood. The hardships in the Apocalypse are all for overcomers. Heaven's rewards and crowns lie beyond battle-plains. Spiritual life always needs opposition. It flourishes most luxuriantly in adverse circumstances. We grow best under weights. We find our richest blessings in the burdens we dread to take up.—J. B. Miller.

THE LOVE WHICH SPEAKS.

It is not enough that dear ones love us. There are times when we hunger for them to say so. Love which is real love needs to make a beaten track between the heart and lips. And over that path true love will oft-times journey. Yea, we do need to have a care lest indifference of soul, hand-drum round of toil, or aught else, within or without, make dumb the lips of love. For some day a quiet call will come from beyond the skies. In one swift instant a voice will hush, a heart still, and a face vanish from the sweet, every-day seeing of our careless eyes. And then we will wish—so longingly—that the love which so often sprang into warm birth in our hearts had travelled its timely journey to our lips. Oh, how we do need to guard ourselves from growing cold and careless toward our greatest blessings, because they are our common ones!—Selected.

MAN-LIKE AND GOD-LIKE.

A gentleman who had filled many high stations in public life, with the greatest honor to himself and advantage to the nation, once went to Sir Eardley Wilmot in great anger at a real injury that he had received from a person high in the political world, which he was considering how to resent in the most effectual manner. After relating the particulars to Sir Eardley, he asked if he did not think it would be mainly to resent it? "Yes," said Sir Eardley; "it would doubtless be mainly to resent it, but it would be Godlike to forget it." This the gentleman declared had such an instantaneous effect upon him, that he came away quite another man, and in temper entirely altered from that in which he went.

TESTED.

Spurgeon once told a story of a maid-servant who came to him and asked if she might become a member of his church. In order to find out whether she was really a Christian, he asked the girl whether she could tell him of any difference in her life since she had tried to serve God. Her reply was simply, "Please, sir, I sweep under the mats now!"

WHY HE CRIED.

Man.—"Ah, little boy, I'm glad you didn't laugh when your friend slipped on a banana and fell down."

Boy.—"Don-hoo-hoo; he's my brother."

Man.—"Gher up, he's not hurt."

Boy.—"I don't care, but it was my banana."

The Family Altar.

J. C. F. P.

Monday.

My little children [H.V. "dear children"] these things I write unto you that ye sin not. If ye sin, ye have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.—1 John 2: 1.

He is there by the Father's own appointment (Eph. 1: 13-23), that we who are in Christ might be, in God's sight, perfect in His righteousness. Sin is hateful to God, and should be so to us.

Reading—1 John 2.

Tuesday.

Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God. Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.—1 John 3: 1 (see John 17: 25).

This relationship makes us brothers and sisters of Christ, joint heirs with him, and the dearly beloved of the Father. John might well say, "Behold, what manner of love!"

Reading—1 John 3.

Wednesday.

Beloved, if God so loved us we ought also to love one another.—1 John 4: 11.

Our love as children of God one to another should be deep and strong; seeing we all share alike in the redemption of our lives through the love of Christ, who gave himself for us, and also because God has made us all his children in Christ.

Reading—1 John 4.

Thursday.

And this is the record: that God hath given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.—1 John 5: 11.

In Christ is eternal life, and in eternal life is all the good and all the glory that ever God can bestow on them that love him. This is the sum and substance of the glorious gospel of the blessed God.

Reading—1 John 5.

Friday.

This is the commandment, that, as ye love heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.—2 John 6.

Our Lord's commandment is here referred to (John 13: 31). What a wonderful word love of "God is love." Love redeemed us; draws us to God; makes us his children; binds the church together; demonstrates to the world our relationship to Christ; kills earthly and sensual affections; conforms us to the image of Christ.

Reading—2 John 6.

Saturday.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.—2 John 4.

Next to the joy of winning souls is that of knowing that they are continuing in the truth. If the latter fall the former becomes a source of sorrow instead of joy.

Reading—2 John.

Sunday.

Beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.—Jude 17 (see 2 Peter 3: 2).

"Inspired of the ancient seers,
Who wrote from them the sacred page,
The same through all succeeding years,
To us, in our degenerate age,
The spirit of thy word impart,
And breathe thy life into our heart."
Reading—Jude.

Foreign Missions.

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF BARAMATI CHURCH.

The report from our Baramati church will be full of interest. It will miss reading it because it is longer than our usual paragraphs. Baramati is one of our indigenous churches, and is a testimony to the faithfulness and success of our workers in India.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BARAMATI CHURCH.

From Oct. 1, 1927, to Sept. 30, 1928.

Services.—The church services were regularly attended by the members, who also did not miss to break the bread and to drink the cup every Sunday. Some were encouraged to attend the services by visiting them personally.

Prayer Meetings.—This year we have started a new method of conducting Wednesday prayer meetings, and by this method most all the young teachers and others are attending the meeting with pleasure. Indian people are fond of bhajans and kirtans. We have started our prayer meetings with the full use of bhajan.

Evangelist.—The Baramati church has employed a new evangelist during this year. So far he has done a good service among the Hindus and Mohammedans of Bori village. Mr. John Horse is an experienced, strong, capable hand in the out-villages. We are very pleased with his work at Bori.

Baptisms.—On Nov. 12, 1927, Mr. Ennis was honored to immerse the following:—Torolfin, Mrs. Kolthar, Mr. Jodhav, Ananda and twelve orphan boys. On March 18, 1928, Mr. Coventry was honored to immerse Ashvanti, Ratnamala and David Indole. Nineteen were immersed during the year.

Addition by the Letters.—Sushilabai, Subhanation, Rohellabai, Kamalabai and Sunilabai were added in the church by recommendation.

Births.—Mr. and Mrs. Dungee got a son on March 12, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Sakharan Galkwad got a daughter on May 9, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Vishwanath Galkwad got a daughter on June 5, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. V. Divaker got a son on Sept. 17, 1928.

Deaths.—Lodhulabai Bhawhaji died on Feb. 19, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Hathul lost their youngest son on May 11, 1928. Shevantiabai died on March 29, 1928.

Marrriages.—The following people were joined in holy wedlock:—Torolfin Hivale with Mr. Galkwad; Avantiika David with Mr. Vilhory Gore; Sushilabai Sathe with Yeshwant Divaker; Kamalabai Salve with Govind Thorat. These were wedded by Mr. H. R. Coventry in the Baramati chapel. Mr. John Chakravartyan, with Miss Subhanumal Salve, was wedded at Shergonda by Mr. T. Escott. One of our orphans, Dasrath Divaker, was wedded in his childhood in Hindustan. His wife and he were brought up in the orphanage of our mission at Shergonda and Baramati respectively, and now they are quite happy in their united life in a happy home; so we, the elders and deacons, allowed his open acceptance in the church under the leadership of Mr. H. R. Coventry.

Guests.—Mr. and Mrs. Ennis and Lola visited Baramati church and encouraged us in several ways. Mr. Choudhury, of the Children Special Service Mission, visited us and showed several magic lantern pictures.

Farewell and Welcomes.—Miss E. M. Caldwell was given a hearty farewell by the church on the day she left for Australia. Mr. and Mrs. Ennis also were given a warm welcome address by our church on their arrival at Baramati. It was a splendid function. Our Indian evangelist, Mr. John Horse, was honored with welcome on his occupation of our Bori service.

Sunday School.—This is a very important branch of this church. Doing very good work. This year we have started five Sunday School classes among the Hindus in the town of Baramati.

mail. Mr. and Mrs. Ennis were present at the Sunday School teachers' conference, and several encouraging points we got from them. They had a tea party with us on their visit to Baramati.

The Christian Endeavor Society among the orphan boys is going on regularly.

Church Treasury.—This was very poor several times during the year, but by faithful prayers we got help from our generous missionary brothers and sisters, so at the end of the year our balance sheet shows that we are doing well, and not having any debt on the church.

Estate of the Church.—Baramati church possesses the following properties:—(1) Bori village: one house of Rs. 310. (2) Sanser village: one house of Rs. 250. (3) Baramati: one house of Rs. 150. Sanser house we are going to sell to the mission, as the church building fund will be better off in near future to be used.

Church Members.—100 were on the register; 15 transferred; 1 excommunicated; total left, 91. 13 are in different places for education; 81 are at Baramati.

Adherents.—Adults, 12; Orphan boys, 32; Other children, 25. Total, 69.

Mission Connection.—This church is in connection with Australian Churches of Christ mission, and we got Rs. 20 P.M. from this mission towards the salary of our Bori preacher.

Foreign Mission Day.—This day was observed on July 1, and Rs. 120 were collected on the occasion.

Gifts.—Mr. and Mrs. Ennis gave Rs. 110 to the Baramati church for Indian musical instruments. We are enjoying our bhajans and kirtans on those same musical instruments. We are very thankful for their generous gift.

The Desire of the Church.—The local members of Baramati church strongly desire to stand on their own legs, and it will be done when our members will pay a sufficient donation for this work. Our desire is to possess the chapel and the ground surrounding it, about 39 gunths. Also 21 gunths land of the cemetery, burial place. We have applied for this, and hope to get a favorable reply from the home board.

Church Building Fund.—For the last three years we are collecting money for the extension of the chapel; still £50 wanted.

United India Mela.—Our church takes part in the united mela at Dhond with other missions. Dhond Conference.—Australian Churches of Christ Mission has proposed a conference of the churches of this mission, to be held at Dhond every year to consider the questions regarding the churches. Our Baramati church has taken a leading in the conference from the last year.

Thus our Lord God Almighty helped us during the last year in our struggles and in our ups and downs. We wish our members should be guided in spiritual life in all ways, and with united effort may bring new folks to the fold of Jesus Christ. This is our prayer and desire.—K. L. Kolthar, church secretary.

A STORY FROM HELLICHOW.

Ray Kilmner.

Our old Chinese evangelist who died last year can preach a good sermon. He was particularly happy in talking to the children, and was always able to gain and keep their interest. He usually addressed some portion of his remarks to the children, often calling them by name to answer his questions. His favorite subject was the vain worship of idols, and he would deal with the subject in his own original way somewhat as follows:

"As you boys are going home from this church service, just call at the big temple down the street. Go right in and look at the idols. Although they glare down at you with big angry eyes, and there is a look of fury on their faces,

and perhaps a club or sword in their hands, don't be afraid. Go close and examine them carefully. They cannot hurt you. Put your hand upon one of them. When you now look at your hand it will be covered in dust. There is dust all over that idol. And look at the eyes resting on his face, and the cubs in his hair, and the spiders who live in his ears. Why does that god not keep himself clean? Why does he allow the flies on his nose and the spiders in his ears? Why does he not even care to do anything at all. He wears his crown and they placed him there he must remain, and there is no life in him. He cannot move head, or arm, or leg. If you boys have a fly on your face, you can brush it away, but this idol cannot do that. If you get dirt upon you, you can wash yourself clean, but this idol cannot do a spider and vermin, which you can crush under your foot. You can do much more than he can. Why, then, do you worship him? Of what use can it be to bring him gifts, so that he may perform your requests? He cannot even care for himself—cannot protect himself even from a fly. How, then, do you expect that he will do anything at all on your behalf?"

ADDRESSES.

T. Collins (acting-secretary) Emerald church, Vic.—"The Laurels," Emerald.
M. J. Ross (secretary) Ararat church, Vic.—19 View Point-st., Ararat.

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BIRTH.

MUDFORD (nee CURRY).—On Nov. 6, at "Widulva" Private Hospital, Mildura, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mudford—a daughter (Valma Sylvia).

DEATH.

TAYLOR.—On Oct. 25, at Brisbane, the beloved husband of Emily Taylor, and loving father of Albert, Winnie (Mrs. E. H. Pail), Edna (deceased), Emmie (Mrs. B. Trenzner), and Arnold. A patient sufferer at rest.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family "Kynuna," Simpsons-rd., Bardonia, Brisbane.

IN MEMORIAM.

GREGORY.—In loving memory of Ebb Gregory, dearly beloved and faithful kindergarten superintendent of North Melbourne Church of Christ, who was called to higher service on November 19, 1927.

"Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest,
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast.
We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best."
Good-night! Good-night!

—Inserted by kindergarten friends and teachers.

LEE.—In fond and loving memory of dear mother, who passed away at Templestowe on Nov. 3, 1926; also dear father, who passed away on Nov. 19, 1927.

God has taken home our loved ones,
Who were always good and kind;
But they'll always be remembered
By the ones they have left behind.

Sadly missed.
—Inserted by their loving family.

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Wanted by young lady, furnished flat, two rooms or balcony bed-sitting room with kitchenette, close beach. A.L. 42 Empress-st., West Footscray.

Here and There.

We learn that Bro. J. Turner, after a few years in U.S.A., is returning home to South Australia, and will shortly commence work with the church at Owen.

To ensure the insertion of many items of news which came too late for last issue, we have devoted extra space in this issue to church reports, which appear on pages 731 to 735.

The Victorian Sisters' General Dorcas will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday next, Nov. 21, in Swanston-st. lecture hall, from 10.20 a.m. till 4 p.m. All sisters are welcome.

The monthly meeting of the Victorian C.E. Council will be held at Lygon-st. on Tuesday, 20th inst., at 8 p.m. The State President, Mr. S. E. Thorman, will address the meeting. A full meeting of delegates is requested.

Every member of the church within N.S.W. is asked to make a special gift to the Home Mission work of that State on Dec. 2. Please send it to Thos. Hagger, 212 Pitt-st., Sydney, or pass it through the churches in which you hold membership.

Bro. B. W. Manning telegraphs: "Manning family leave Rockhampton November thirteen; Brisbane per Canberra (twentieth); arrive Sydney twenty-second; Melbourne, twenty-sixth; Adelaide, per express, twenty-eighth; glad to relate story of Rockhampton mission where possible and desired."

On Tuesday morning we received the following telegram from Queensland: "Wonderful experiences. Harriette-Stewart mission Rockhampton; twenty-five welcomed Sunday; fourteen further confessions; total one hundred twenty; chapel being opened November eighteen; would you like a part?—Manning."

Armistice Day was regarded with more than usual solemnity. In all the churches the two minutes' silence, observed with reverence made in the significance of the day. Prayers were offered for those who suffered through the war and for world peace. The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month has become a sacred hour throughout the Empire. The day is a fitting one for considering the blessings of peace.

There were good attendances at Gardiner, Vic., on Sunday last. Four were received into fellowship, two by faith and baptism and two by transfer. Bro. Gildie spoke at both services. His evening theme being "A Divine Christ, or No Saviour." This was the first address of a series on "Five Inevitable Issues." An evening offering was taken up for the work of our Social Service Department. The Bible School picnic at Wattle Park on Nov. 6 was a great success.

At the close of three weeks' effort great interest is shown at the tent mission at Ascot Vale, Vic. Visits from St. Kilda, Moreland, Collingwood, Coltrane, Northcote and Newmarket churches have been appreciated. Bren-Webb and Barber present story and song with great power. Sisters Mrs. Webb and Barber help greatly with solos. Sister Mrs. White, the organist, has not missed a meeting. To date 22,000 have been won for Christ.

The American Christian Evangelist publishes pictures and particulars of the destruction of our church buildings in Florida by the recent hurricane. The accompanying letterpress states that "after a survey and recommendations by Mr. I. Brown and Everett S. Smith, of Miami, the Florida State Board decided to call for \$250,000 from the brotherhood to be distributed according to the needs of the churches on a proportionate basis applicable to the churches. This sum should be the minimum. To completely restore the work at a time like this \$450,000 should be raised. The response along this line has been good."

College of the Bible examinations are now being held. We give a final notice of the Annual Demonstration to be held in Lygon-st. chapel on Thursday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m. Chairman of the Board of Management will preside. Diplomas will be presented, and a large number of programme rendered. There is a presence of brethren and sisters in great numbers would be appreciated. Officers of churches could encourage by their presence those who on our behalf go out to their work in the home land and in the regions beyond. Should any friends care to be seated at afternoon session at the College at 9.30 on Friday morning, Nov. 23, they would receive a hearty welcome.

As the Christmas season approaches, our readers will be considering the purchase of suitable gifts in the shape of cards, booklets, and other expressions of goodwill. The attention of those looking for a suitable gift may be directed to the booklet "Living Links of Fellowship," which has just been issued by the Ladies' Guild of the Church of Christ in Swan Hill, Vic. It contains a choice quotation, in prose or verse, for each day of the year. The quotations were selected and forwarded by different people who have been helped by them and who pass them on for the delight and profit of others. The booklet is dainty and attractive, its format harmonising with the beauty of its thoughts. We can cordially recommend it to our readers. The price is 2/6 post free. Copies may be ordered from Mrs. Wilson, Box 21, Swan Hill or from the Austral Printing and Publishing Co.

Dr. Dorland, at Scots Church, Melbourne, on Armistice Day, spoke as follows: "We must dedicate ourselves to the cause of securing the good will of all men and nations, and so permanence of world peace. We must do this to be secure that the war memorials we are building today are the last that will ever be seen in the world. The only sincere and certain contribution we can each make towards the peace of the world is by personally seeking the peace of God. That lasting peace is no product of compromise or of diplomacy, but of conversion to God and loyalty to Christ. Before we can enjoy the peace it is so easy to talk about and so pleasant to dream about there must be a complete change of heart in men and nations, and that our best hope of seeing our world as it should be is to see the first kingdom of God in that little sector of the world wherein we are placed."

Bro. L. C. McCallum, M.A., who is in charge of "Our Young People" department, has been distinguishing himself in a new role of burglar catcher. Readers of Monday's papers doubtless noticed the report of his plucky capture of a noted burglar. On Saturday last, Bro. McCallum was called to investigate a neighbour's home where suspicious circumstances had attracted attention. On entering a bedroom, they were confronted by two men, one of whom pointed a revolver and ordered them not to move until they had been disarmed. They promptly threw up their hands and locked the door on the men. Almost immediately thereafter, the two men escaped through a window. One climbed a fence and got away. Bro. McCallum caught and crumpled with the other, despite further threats. The neighbor and his wife ran to assist, and so the burglar was arrested. It is reported that the police found on him an automatic pistol. Not unaturally, favorable comment has been made on the bravery which made possible an arrest under such circumstances.

Mr. Justice Higgins, of the High Court of Australia, presided over a crowded meeting in Sydney, at which the instrument which was held forth of world peace was discussed. In his Sunday, Nov. 11, "The Pact of Peace for our World," said Mr. Justice Higgins, "is more laudatory of war."

than an aspiration; it is a definite international covenant. There has been nothing like it in all the history of the world, and it should like to see the words of the pact hung up in a conspicuous place in all our schools. Who is there that does not remember in those four years of agony the promises so freely made, that it was a war to end wars? Yet in ten years have elapsed and people who love the world so passionately and bravely wonder when the promise will be fulfilled. There are more than three and a half millions of men under arms in Europe even now. What is the cause of this? It is fear—mutual fear—degrading, unholly fear, that is the root of these armaments. If we could exercise that ugly demon of mutual distrust the wealth produced by the labors of humanity would be available (subject to our existing war debts) for the service of humanity. Bear in mind that Vice-count Grey says 'great armaments lead inevitably to war.' The following motion was moved by Mr. W. D. Jackson, minister of Collins-st. Baptist church, and carried: "We, citizens of Australia, express our satisfaction that the Commonwealth Government has signed the 'Outlawry of War' pact, and call upon the Government forthwith to take the necessary action, in conjunction with the other Governments, to give effect to the pact by instituting measures of renunciation of war by instituting measures for speedy disarmament."

HOME MISSION APPEAL.

The task of healing the bodies and souls of men highlighted in Western China is straining our resources, and burdening us with increasing liability year by year. The responsibility of the great work was assumed after much prayer and meditation. Tasks we arise, hark our stakes and with increased vigor drive them in at the home base, the increasing strain at the far-flung battle line will draw the stakes and bring defeat upon us. Brethren, the need is imperative. The name of our Redeemer, shall we not put forth our best? Let strength, endurance and consistency be manifest in us this day, so that the rope-hold we have taken does not slip through our grip.—Howard Morris.

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COMING EVENTS.

NOVEMBER 15 to 20, Continuation of Saunders-Hammund Mission at Box Hill. Meetings in new chapel, Court-st. No service on Saturday. Sister churches cordially invited.

NOVEMBER 22. The Annual Demonstration of the College of the Bible will be held at Lygon-st., Carlton, on Thursday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 23 (Friday)—Carnegie. Come to the Fair. Opened 2 p.m. by Mrs. Hayward. Something for all.

NOVEMBER 24, Carnegie's Sale of Work and Gifts. Friday, November 24 next, in Carnegie Memorial Hall (close to Carnegie Railway Station). To be opened at 2 p.m. by Mrs. Hayward, and continue until 10 p.m. Friday only. You are specially invited to come over and make your week-end purchases and thus help yourself and Carnegie, too.

NOVEMBER 24 and 25, Collingwood Sale of Work, Nov. 24, 7 p.m. Nov. 25, 3 and 7 p.m. Good goods.

NOVEMBER 25, South Yarrs Women's Guild Sale of Work. Afternoon and evening. Opening ceremony, 3 p.m., by Mrs. Geo. Mitchell. Your help greatly appreciated.

NOVEMBER 26—Annual Prize-giving Demonstration of the Victorian Bible School and Young People's Department will be held in the Lygon-st. chapel at 7.15 p.m. Program: 1. Representatives of metropolitan schools. 2. Admission, adults 6d., children 3d.

News of the Churches.

South Australia.

Henley Beach.—Since Bro. Manning's arrival Sunday attendances are increasing. A number of members have come from other churches. Visiting brethren have given helpful addresses. It is proposed to start a mid-week meeting. Good fellowship prevails.

Mallala.—On morning of Nov. 4, Bro. and Sister Verco, from Sydney, both old members at Mallala, were present, with two other sisters and a brother from other churches. Bro. Verco gave a splendid exhortation. Bro. Maxon still continues with the work, and some nice meetings are held.

Norwood.—Good meetings were held on Nov. 4, when Bro. P. B. Baker spoke at both services. 128 broke bread. At evening service one young lady confessed Christ. Bro. Parsons met with a motor accident, but is now on the road to recovery. The Endeavor Society continues to do good work.

Glenelg.—Annual fete organised by the sisters proved a success, £90 being the result of their sale of work. The officers and members appreciate their untiring efforts. There was a good attendance on morning of Nov. 4; one young man received into fellowship. Bible School keeps good average. Gospel service attendances are good. Bro. T. Edwards' messages being appreciated.

Kadina.—Meetings continue well maintained in interest and attendance. On morning of Oct. 28, Bro. Bousie spoke on "Echoes of Conference," his address being much appreciated. On the morning of Nov. 4 Bro. F. T. Saunders, of Melbourne, was the speaker, his message being well received. All departments are in a healthy state. Y.P.S.C.E. especially so.

Mount Gambier.—There were good meetings on Oct. 28. Visitors included Bro. and Sister Weid and Hlay Roberts, from W.A., and Bro. J. C. Ferd. Pittman and Higgs, from Victoria. Bro. Weid addressed the church, and J. C. F. Pittman conducted the Bible class and gospel service. On Oct. 30 Bro. Pittman gave his lecture "Around the World." His address was well received. Alternate Sundays the church still assists the few faithful members at Willunga.

Queenstown.—On morning of Nov. 4 Bro. Brooker exhorted. In the afternoon Mr. Mackie, from New Hebrides, spoke in the school. In the evening Mr. Mackie and Willie Hly were again present. Mr. Mackie preached the gospel. The building was packed all day. At the Band of Hope competitions the society has been successful in gaining both shields for the dialogue and highest aggregate marks, besides several first and second prizes. On Oct. 30 the members of the girls' wattle club tendered a surprise evening to their president, Mr. Hill.

Cattonville.—Bro. Wakefield, of Maybuds, W.A., addressed the church in the morning of Oct. 28. Bro. Dawson, of Lake-st., Perth, presided. In the evening Bro. Mackie, of the New Hebrides, delivered a stirring gospel message to a splendid congregation. The I.C.F. Society held a successful concert on Oct. 31 to provide funds for the juniors' picnic. On Nov. 4 Bro. Hughes gave a helpful exhortation on Romans 16. A Young Worshipers' League has been commenced by the C.E. Society for the young folk who attend the gospel service; over 20 have been enrolled.

Hindmarsh.—On morning of Nov. 4 Bro. Allen Brooker addressed the church on "The Treasury Test." The young people's monthly service was held. A young lady from the Bible School read the Bible lesson; several young people gave sentence messages on "The Joy I Find in Jesus." Bro. Brooker's topic was "The Man of Joy." On Oct. 31 the quarterly Foreign Mission meeting was held. Bro. F. Mackie and Willie Hly, of New Hebrides, were present. A descriptive item dealing with medical mission work was given by

members of the Bible School. Bro. Mackie addressed the meeting on the needs of the New Hebrides.

Semaphore.—On Oct. 28 Bro. J. C. Stanley gave a fine welcome home message to the church. In the afternoon there was a record attendance at the Bible School. The school picnic on Nov. 3, at Belair, passed off very satisfactorily. The record in the Bible School (161 scholars) was maintained on Nov. 4, six new scholars attending. Bro. Beiler spoke at both services. The Bible College offering was taken. The girls' club held their annual demonstration in Semaphore Town Hall on Oct. 31. It was very successful. Bro. Powell has been the instructor this year. The boys' club, under the leadership of Bro. Samuels, is doing good work. It is pleasing to hear of the Bible School commenced by two isolated members of Semaphore church residing at American River, K.I. The school has been started with 18 scholars and 3 teachers.

Victoria.

Boort.—On Nov. 4 Bro. B. G. Cameron gave a special address on the evils of the liquor traffic. Local I.O.B. members (both junior and senior) were present. The church also enjoyed an address at the weekly prayer meeting by Bro. W. Hohlman.

Castlemaine.—Much sickness prevails. Bro. Farle's messages on Nov. 4 were most helpful. His morning address on "Christ, my Companion" was beautiful. The ladies' help assembly have held two very successful social evenings, raising almost £6.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—Much sickness interfered with the attendances on Nov. 4. Bro. Mathieson exhorted. He also gave a splendid gospel address on "Nothing to Pay." A young woman made the good confession. On Oct. 31 the talent scheme effort was closed with a birthday evening. This effort has resulted in over £10 being raised.

Drumcondra.—Meetings have been fairly well attended. Bro. Banks' messages have been much appreciated. The Bible School has commenced practice for anniversary. Bro. C. Cambridge conducting. On evening of Nov. 4 an offering was received for the Social Service Department. Our aged Bro. Latter passed away after a long period of suffering.

Footscray.—Bro. Cecil Thomson spoke morning and evening on Nov. 4.

Swan Hill.—Bro. D. A. Cockroft is conducting a volunteer mission with Echuca church. During his absence meetings have been carried on by Bro. C. McDonald, S. Harrold and A. J. Wilson. Children are preparing for anniversaries, being trained by Sister Waters.

Ascot Vale.—The interest at the tent mission is well maintained. On Oct. 29 seven made the good confession. Sunday, Nov. 4, services were the largest yet held. Bro. Webb's daughters sang a nice duet, as did also Bro. and Sister Barber. Bro. Webb presented the gospel very plainly, and three confessed Christ. Decisions to Nov. 5 numbered eighteen. The K.S.P. helps much each night.

Cheltenham.—Meetings on Nov. 4 were good. R. T. Pittman spoke in the morning. P. E. Webb, W.A., was present. In the afternoon a temperance meeting of combined Sunday Schools was held in the Soldiers' Hall, Mr. Reg. Ennis

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being speaker. At night, in the chapel, an inspiring gathering was addressed by H. A. Saunders, who has occupied the platform on Sunday evenings during D. Wateley's absence at Federal Conference. J. P. Willis was the evening soloist.

Glenties.—On Nov. 4 Bro. H. Ennis gave an address on prohibition. Bro. T. H. Scamiller preached at night, marking the entrance of his fourteenth year of ministry with the church. The Scouts held parade in honor of the occasion. Addresses have recently been given by Bro. A. L. Finger, H. T. Pittman, J. C. Lewis and H. L. Williams.

Woorin.—At Bible School anniversary on Oct. 21, Bro. Wilson, of Swan Hill, gave good addresses afternoon and evening. Scholars sang well. On Oct. 26 a farewell social was tendered Bro. and Sister Westwood. On 28th Bro. Westwood delivered his final address, a fine meeting listening to his evening address. On Nov. 4 Bro. A. J. Wilson, of Swan Hill, commenced his labors with the church as part-time evangelist for six months.

Warrenwood.—Meetings have been fairly well attended, several visitors being present. The ladies' aid society held a very successful jubilee stall and social evening. On Oct. 28 the Sunday School anniversary was held. Bro. Viney preached to good congregations. The children sang well under the leadership of Bro. Peel. On Nov. 4 the prize distribution took place. The church has engaged Bro. Viney to continue as preacher next year.

South Melbourne.—Bible School anniversary celebrations were concluded on Nov. 1. Large attendances enjoyed the children's singing. Many request numbers were rendered, including duets and solos. Bro. Waterman spoke in the morning on "The Answering of Prayer by God." In the afternoon Bro. J. E. Webb, of Morland, gave an enjoyable object lesson simply illustrated. Dr. W. A. Kemp preached at night on "L.I.C." His talk was well appreciated by all.

Heerick.—On Oct. 21 and 28 helpful addresses were given by Bro. Brown, of the College. On Nov. 4 the Bible School anniversary was held, when Bro. Black, of Newmarket church, addressed good meetings morning and evening. A lad from the school made the good confession. Bro. Black also gave an interesting afternoon talk on "The Magnet." On Nov. 5, anniversary services were continued, a good programme being rendered by children and friends. Prizes were presented. Bro. Gebble, from Gardiner, addressed a large audience. Supper closed a very successful anniversary.

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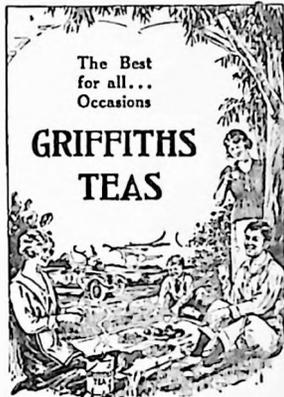
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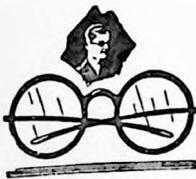


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News of the Churches.

Queensland.

Zillmere.—There were splendid meetings all day on Oct. 28. Bro. J. Stahl of Gympie, presided, and the secretary exhorted. The gospel service was conducted by Bro. C. Albury. Misses E. Hackett and E. Chalmers and the secretary helped in song. On Nov. 4 Bro. Willis exhorted; he also gave a good temperance address at gospel meeting.

Albion.—Recently the Bible School was addressed by Miss Burnett, missionary from Japan. There has been one addition by faith and baptism—a Bible School scholar. On Nov. 4 the Children's Day service was held in conjunction with the gospel service, the programme issued by the F.M. Committee being adopted to the meeting. The children took part well, and there was a good attendance.

Annerley.—Good meetings are reported on Nov. 4. At morning service Bro. Young delivered an interesting address on "Echoes of the Federal Conference." At night he preached on "First Things First." A young woman was baptised. The women's guild are meeting at the church and evangelist a good service in furnishing the vestry. Their work is a bright spot in the church activities.

Maryborough.—On November 6 church members gave a "house warming" party to Bro. and Sister A. N. Hirschman, in the house into which they have just moved, in Church-st. A beautiful tea-set and cake-stand were presented as tokens of the members' high regard. At the church quarterly meeting on Nov. 7 the treasurer announced that during the quarter he had received £10 from the sisters, and £46 from the young people. There were over 70 present at the gospel service on Nov. 4.

Western Australia.

Bassendean.—An inspiring address on John 1 was given by Bro. Nightingale on Nov. 1. He also preached at night. The young people had an enjoyable outing at Darlington on Nov. 4, followed by a social evening given by the tennis club. The Sunday School is in a healthy condition. The Midland cause, though affected by sickness, keeps on brightly.

Subiaco.—Meetings are maintaining their high standard, a number of enquirers being present at all meetings. On Nov. 4 Bro. Carter spoke in the morning, while in the evening a crowded meeting was addressed by Dr. F. W. Burnham, whose subject was "What Would You have Jesus do for You?" In the afternoon the Bible School and church said farewell to Miss L. Battray, who is shortly to be married. Our sister received several handsome gifts as tokens of love and esteem.

South Australia.

Queenstown.—On Nov. 11 the church celebrated its 50th anniversary. Bro. J. Hall gave the address. Bro. Irons's subject at night was, "Let Us Forget."

Strathalbyn.—At Bible School anniversary services Bro. H. H. Crossin's messages were appreciated. On Oct. 28 a social evening was conducted by Sister Alice and Bro. Thos. Hamilton on the eve of their marriage. Many useful gifts were made. Meetings are all well attended, and all auxiliaries are healthy. The Bible School picnic in the hills on Oct. 27 was a great success.

Uley.—Bible School and kindergarten picnics, held on the last two Saturdays, were much enjoyed. The Foreign Mission work was a great success. Dr. Killmer and P. A. Dickson have been speakers at morning services. The literary and debating societies held its final meeting last Saturday night, the evening being devoted to dramatic scenes. The society has had a very successful year.

Norwood.—Good meetings were held on Nov. 11. Over 200 met to break bread during the day. Amongst visitors were Bro. Len. Smith, from Essendon, Vic.; Bro. Eli Neville, from Merleim, Vic.; and Sister Forbes, from Brighton, Vic. A fine meeting was held in the evening, when a young lady was baptised. After a powerful appeal by Bro. Baker, one man made the good confession.

Croydon.—At the Bible School anniversary on Nov. 4 Bro. Wiltshire spoke at the breaking of bread. In the afternoon the cantata, "Under the Palm," was given by the choir. In the evening Bro. Wadden was the speaker. On Nov. 11 Bro. Man Brooke was the morning speaker. In the evening Bro. F. T. Saunders delivered the address, and afterwards spoke in the interests of the College of the Bible.

Hindmarsh.—Bible School anniversary services were held on Sunday, Nov. 11. The attendances were large. In the morning Bro. Boss Graham delivered an address on "The Plains of Goo." In the afternoon Bro. Harry Manning spoke on "Shining," illustrated with a box of matches. In the evening an object talk entitled "My Old Travelling Bag" was given by Bro. Alton. Special singing was rendered by the scholars under the able leadership of Mr. H. Tompkins.

Grotest.—On Nov. 11 Bro. J. Wiltshire commenced a series of gospel addresses taken from John Bowman's "Pilgrim's Progress," the subject being "The Man with a Burden on his Back." There were two confessions, and 190 people. Special singing was rendered by the scholars under the able leadership of Mr. H. Tompkins. Increased membership and percentage of attendance; increased offerings for Home and Foreign Missions, College of the Bible, Church and S.S. Extension Fund; a new organ; the renovation of the Sunday School and class-rooms.

Cl. Morris.—The Bible School anniversary consisted of a well-attended meeting and a fine address from Bro. H. Gray on Oct. 31. The annual picnic was held at Morialta on Nov. 10. On Nov. 7 the officers and their wives gave a social to Endeavourers and young people of other organisations; 45 present. Bro. F. T. Saunders gave a brief message to the College of the Bible. E. H. Killmer visited the Bible School on Nov. 4 and gave an interesting address on China. There were over 220 present.

Prospect.—During the past month the church has experienced much blessing. Meetings have been well attended, and a splendid interest is maintained. On Oct. 28, 170 broke bread. On Oct. 21 Bro. Young and Stevens, Federal Conference visitors, were the speakers, and their messages were enjoyed. During the month two made the good confession, and were welcomed into fellowship. Keen interest was shown by the R.S.P. club in a debate, "Is the World Getting Better?" in which the affirmative was victorious.

Chicago.—Work commenced at Chicago on Oct. 18 under the direction of the churches of the Northern group, consisting of Prospect, Nalls-worth, and North Adelaide. Bro. Matthews presided, and Bro. Russell spoke at the first meeting. Weekly services are being held in the home of Bro. and Sister Hether, Chicago. There are 115 members in the district. Bro. Matthews hope to reach in the near future. On Nov. 4, Bro. and Sister Matthews, senr., of Gawandilla, donated a communion tray and glasses for the work. A tent mission is being planned for the new year.

Cottonville.—The annual business meeting of the club was held on Nov. 8. Encouraging reports were received from auxiliaries. France is causing anxiety, 35 new members were gained for the year (10 by faith and baptism, and 25 by transfer), while 8 were lost (3 by removal and 5 by death). The average to break bread was 116. The Bible School is in good condition; 199 scholars on roll; average attendance

121. In this department there is a credit balance of £18. The ladies' guild and C.E. Societies showed splendid work. The Juniors have 66 enrolled; average 12. Deacons elected: J. Adlam, D. C. Bart, J. Sinclair, L. H. Baden, M. Brown, L. H. Walters, W. H. Walters, W. Glosyn, F. Harding; elders: W. H. Leany, E. Semmens, W. J. Jackson. On Nov. 11, Bro. Hughes spoke at both services.

Victoria.

Glenferrie.—On 11th inst. Bro. T. H. Scudder, B.A., preached to large congregations morning and evening. The ladies' guild have raised over £270 from their sale of gifts.

Fitzroy.—Last Sunday Bro. Grundy exhorted the church. The girls' club, by a sale of work, raised £14 10/- for reduction of church debt. The J.C.E. made a donation for the same purpose.

Boort.—Fair attendances last Lord's day. Bro. R. G. Cameron preaching. The church had its half-yearly business meeting on 6th inst., when a motion of appreciation of the services of Bro. Galt was carried. On the 8th Bro. Galt gave his illustrated talk on Home Missions in Victoria.

Drummond.—Anniversary services on Nov. 11 were a great success. Splendid singing by the children was rendered to a crowded gathering. The meeting for worship was the largest for a long time. A club social on the previous evening was enjoyed, over 45 being raised towards the hospital.

Warragul.—On Sunday there were large attendances than for some weeks; 45 were present in morning, and 51 at night. "Is War Justifiable" was the subject in the morning. A few members of the L.O.F. Lodge were present in the evening, which was observed as Temperance Sunday. Bro. Wigney delivered an appropriate address.

Baywater.—Anniversary services were held Oct. 28, when Bro. Conbridge, of Surrey Hills was the speaker. It was a very successful day, many visitors being present. On the Wednesday following a social evening was held. Dr. Kemp gave a nice talk, and presented the prizes. The scholars rendered items, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

East Kew.—A special series of addresses was successfully commenced by Bro. Young on Nov. 4, when a young lady confessed Christ. The continuation of this series last Sunday resulted in a large attendance and another confession. In the morning Bro. Emms delivered a splendid address on prohibition. An enjoyable Sunday School picnic was held at Blackburn on Nov. 6.

Brighton.—Good meetings on Nov. 11, 12, 13 were present for worship. At night, in a special address, Bro. Forbes spoke on "The Prince of Peace." In the afternoon Bro. Bart gave an address on prohibition in relation to America. The C.E. Society sent 10 doz. cigs to Alfred Hospital. Recently Sister Texon for 25 years a member at Brighton, was called to rest with Jesus.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—There were splendid attendances on Nov. 11, A. G. Saunders giving inspiring addresses at both services. It being her last Sunday with the church prior to her marriage and removal to Sydney, Miss Edna Bagley sang a beautiful solo, also taking the solo part in an anthem by the choir. A social was arranged by Miss Elsie Preston to farewell Miss Bagley.

Pyramid Hill.—The work is carried on by local effort, and a majority of the members are supporting locally. On Nov. 5 Bro. Gale's illustrated lecture was much enjoyed. The meeting for worship on Armistice Day was held at 10.30 to enable the members to attend a special thanksgiving service in the Memorial Hall. Bro. Hart A. Lee was one of the speakers.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Good services were held on Nov. 11 (Armistice Day). Amongst visitors were Bro. and Sister Henry from Enmore, N.S.W., and Bro. Moore from Perth, W.A. Bro. Moore delivered two excellent sermons during the day on "A Vision of World-wide Peace" and

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The passing of Mrs. Oram, wife of the preacher of Gawler Church, was reported, and prayer offered for bereaved.—E. Evelyn Read, Secy.

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