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Archaeology and the Old Testament.

A WEEK or two ago the newspapers gave considerable space to the reports of the confirmation of the Biblical story of the flood derived from excavations at Ur of the Chaldees. We await with interest fuller accounts.

The discoveries raise the general question of the corroboration of the Bible record by archaeological investigation. It is remarkable how frequently light has been thrown upon the sacred narrative, and how often its challenged statements have been confirmed. When some critical theologians, with apparent wantonness, have rejected and even scorned the Scripture statements, in very many cases the Book has been corroborated and the critics discomfited. There are few more interesting books than those provided by archaeologists.

A few interesting illustrations of the bearing of comparatively recent discoveries upon the study of the Old Testament may be given.

You can read to-day the Babylonian account of the deluge and compare it with the Genesis narrative. The monuments tell us much of Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Cyrus and other great men mentioned in the Old Testament. On the famous Moabite Stone, found in Moab in 1838 by Mr. F. Klein, we have the record of the Moabite King of Moab, of the wars which he waged against the King of Israel. It is very interesting to compare this with the history of the campaign recorded in 2 Kings, chapter 3.

Hazeleiah, King of Judah, is well known to us. The story of the good king is contained in 2 Kings 18. There the invasion of Judah by Sennacherib, King of Assyria, is recorded. One of the finest of the monuments is the Cylinder of Sennacherib (about 700 B.C.). It records eight expeditions of the Assyrian king, and describes the siege of Jerusalem in boastful terms. "[Hazeleiah] himself like a caged bird within Jerusalem, his royal city, I shut in."

A lost nation rediscovered.

The great Hittite kingdom well illustrates the value of research and its bearing on the truth of the Old Testament. The Books of Joshua and Kings tell of the power of the Hittites. Joshua 1: 4 has these words: "From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites." 1 Kings 10: 28, 29 speaks of chariots and horses being brought from Egypt "all the kings of the Hittites." 2 Kings 7: 6 records the flight of the Syrians who supposed that the king of Israel had hired against them "the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians." Critics could not believe that such a powerful nation then existed. Prof. Orr's comment reveals the situation: "As, however, no ancient writer knew anything about such a power, these scriptural allusions to them were, as usual, treated as unhistorical. 'The unhistorical text,' wrote Mr. Francis W. Newman in his 'Hebrew Monarchy,' 'is far too manifest to allow of our easy belief in it' (the flight of the Syrians), adding that the reference to the Hittites 'does not exhibit the writer's

acquaintance with the times in a very favorable light.' Now, it will hardly be disputed that the statements of Scripture on this subject are confirmed to the letter. Abike from Egyptian and from Assyrian inscriptions we learn that the Hittite people were for nearly 1,000 years a great ruling power in Syria and Western Asia, extending their influence eastward as far as the Euphrates. They had, in short, an empire hardly less great than Egypt and Assyria themselves." So this great but long-forgotten people furnish a striking illustration of the Bible's accuracy. Prof. Orr's remark that "it seems evident that the Biblical books in which these references to the Hittites occur must have been written when the power of that people was yet in the ascendant, else the writers would have blundered in regard to them like others," will commend itself to us as a cogent if very moderate statement of the case against rabid criticism.

Tel el-Amarna tablets.

One of the most famous of archaeological discoveries was that of the tablets at Tel el-Amarna, east of the Nile, in Egypt. These, which came to light in 1887, belong to the fourteenth century B.C. or thereabouts. Some contain letters to Pharaoh of Egypt from the kings of Babylon, Assyria, the Hittites, etc. Most are letters or reports from Egyptian officials and from native rulers of Palestine and Syria. The letters show that Palestine and Syria formed an Egyptian province under native princes who acknowledged Pharaoh as overlord and paid him tribute. This correspondence is most curious in the cuneiform (wedge-shaped) script of Babylonia and mostly in the Babylonian language. A remarkable tribute is thus paid to Babylonian culture as well as political supremacy. The tablets belong roughly to the time of Moses, which is proven to have been an age of education and high literary culture, a culture possessed by Egypt and shared by Palestine.

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Let us see how these tablets affected the positions of opponents of the Bible. In 1795 Wolf in his "Prolegomena" to Homer popularised among literary critics the assumption that the use of writing for literary purposes was late. Wolf's views were almost unanimously accepted by critics. Only the more conservative of them would allow that amongst the Hebrews the use of writing for literary purposes would go back to the time of Solomon; and, indeed, most of the critics confidently said that the larger part of the Old Testament literature must be placed after the exile! Then appeared the Tel el-Amarna tablets. Some of the critics for a time ignored them or viewed them with suspicion until they were forced to accept the evidence. Nowadays men know that (as Prof. Sayce has remarked) "from one end of the civilised ancient world to the other men and women were reading and writing and corresponding with one another; schools abounded and great libraries were formed, in an age which the 'critic' only a few years ago dogmatically declared was almost wholly illiterate." The view, therefore, that Moses could not have written the Pentateuch because his was not a literary age is as dead as Raunses himself. "Moses not only could have written the Pentateuch, but it would have been little short of a miracle had he not been a scribe." "The age of Moses, and even of Abraham, was almost as literary an age as our own." One might have thought that the discredited critics would have learned modesty. Yet they merely changed their position and talked as confidently, with as little reason, about some other point. If they have not learnt humility, we, at least, may learn caution, knowing how little value their loudest depreciations of Scripture have had.

Hammurabi and his code of laws.

In the fourteenth chapter of Genesis is an account of the wars of certain kings—Amraphel, king of Shinar, Chedorlaomer, king of Elam, and others, who warred against the king of Sodom and his allies. In 1869 Professor Noldeke, a great Semitic scholar, wrote a treatise on "The Unhistorical Character of the Fourteenth Chapter of Genesis," in which he said that criticism had disproved for ever its claim to be historical. In 1903—only 34 years later—Professor A. H. Sayce, the eminent Assyriologist and archaeologist, wrote: "The increase of knowledge has not been favorable to the results of 'criticism.' It has proved them to be nothing but the baseless fabric of suggestive imagination. It is the Book of Genesis, and not the works of the modern German critic, whose claim to evidence has been vindicated by the discoveries of archaeology. It is true that the discoveries have been disputed by the 'critic' inch by inch, that first the philological scholarship of the Assyriologist, and then his good faith was questioned, and that now, when at length a grudging assent to undeniable facts has been extorted, we are told that the 'critical position' still remains unaf-

fectcd. Unaffected! When the foundation upon which it rested is absolutely gone!"

The first of the kings named in Genesis 14, Amraphel, is of more than usual interest. He is now generally identified by scholars with Hammurabi, Babylonia's greatest king, who in an inscription styles himself "King of the Westland." In 1901 a great discovery was made amid the ruins of Susa, the "Shushan the palace" of the Book of Daniel. Fragments of a great block of polished black marble were found, engraved with cuneiform (wedge-shaped) characters. Hammurabi, or Amraphel, is depicted on a low relief as receiving the laws of his kingdom from the Sun-god before whom he stands. When the cuneiform characters had been deciphered, they were found to be a complete code of laws. This Hammurabi Code is earlier by eight hundred years than the Mosaic Code, to which it bears a marked resemblance. For a few shillings you can buy a book with the Code, and so be able to compare it with the laws given through Moses. This is not the place for the comparison. Destructive critics as matter of course now often say that Moses copied from the Code of Hammurabi. May we call attention to the fact that at least the discovery of Hammurabi's Code of Laws helped to shatter the old critical view that the prophets of the Old Testament must be placed prior in time to the law? The critics

had two reasons for this position—(1) that writing for literary purposes was not in use in the time of Moses; and (2) that a legal code was not possible before the time of the Jewish kings. The Tel el-Amarna tablets absolutely destroyed the former assumption, and the discovery of Hammurabi's Code, dated 800 years before Moses, has certainly disproved the second. But, of course, the modern destructive critic lightly passes over the double discomfiture of ill-informed and loud-voiced critics of last generation, and with equal loudness and equal reason utters new depreciations of Holy Writ—the laws which before were stated to be impossible in Moses' day, are said to be borrowed from laws issued 800 years before. We remain fairly calm!

We note that, following on the discoveries which are presumed to confirm the Bible record of the deluge, it is announced that an expedition under Professor J. Garstang, Professor of Archaeology at the University of Liverpool, is to visit Palestine later in the year to seek evidence of the destruction of the walls of Jericho. The discussion of the question whether any valuable results are likely to accrue had better be postponed. It may at least be said that Christians will await the result with interest, even while they are willing to trust the Biblical record without any corroboration.

A Woman's Imperishable Monument.

The gift of uncalculating love.

Jos. J. Franklyn.

"All over the world men will speak of what she has done, in memory of her."—Mark (4: 1-9) (Moffatt).

The story so simply told by the sacred historians is so familiar to Bible readers that a detailed narration would prove wearisome. The centre of the picture is Mary of Bethany. She attended the social function at Simon's residence, and, evidently knowing that Christ would soon be in the hands of his enemies, who were then craftily plotting against him, desired to give some tangible expression of her love and devotion to their mutual Friend and departing Guest; and, especially in view of his approaching death and burial, in Oriental fashion anointed his head with the rare and costly perfume. It was an act of thoughtful adoration, esteemed by Christ, and destined to be held in everlasting remembrance. The translation of the story into over 500 languages and dialects has made it possible for all the world to hear how one woman, like Tennessee's Lady Godiva, "built herself an everlasting name." "Deeds are the pulse of time," the crystallisation of thought and feeling. It may be interesting and instructive to note the salient features of this story that will endure until the end of the Christian age.

The contrasted judgments.

It is amazing how people will differ in judgment upon the self-same deed. For example, the soulless materialist with scientific leanings may with telescope, hammer and microscope study stars, rocks and flowers and see nothing else; but the believer in God and immortality, being pure in heart, will see God in nature's vast domains. When Mary broke the crust and poured the contents upon the head of Christ, some of the disciples present (with Judas as ring-leader) said, "Why this waste?" but Christ, in opposition to the indignant onlookers, not only championed Mary's conduct, but set in motion the world-engirdling message: "This is a beautiful thing that she hath done"; let men speak of it throughout the habitable globe. Thus we see wastage and beauty are poles asunder. We can easily imagine that Mary's splendid example has inspired many of the world's benefactors. Men and women, whose name is legion, are likewise building their own monuments by their noble gifts to the great causes of education, care for orphans and aged, relief and cure of physical suffering.

Love does not calculate.

Mary could have demonstrated her love for Christ by the offering of a less costly

What Makes a Church Great?

The spirit of sacrifice.

H. G. Harward.

gift, and doubtless he would have acknowledged the compliment. But she understood that her Lord was on the way to the cross—he had set his face steadfastly towards Jerusalem—and that nothing was too precious or costly for the Messiah who was about to give his precious life for the redemption of his Father's world. Christ, who knew the family at Bethany and the nature of the gift, would quite understand the sacrifice involved. Thus he said, "This is a beautiful deed." I can never forget that when leaving London a poor widow sent a golden tinket as a farewell gift, and when handling the small box said, "You don't know what a sacrifice this means to me." Ah, yes, I did; it was out of their poverty, and like Mary's, was "a beautiful deed." In the lines of Mrs. Browning—

"No shattered box of ointment
We ever need regret,
For out of disappointment
Flow sweetest odors yet.
The discord that involveth
Some startling change of key,
The Master's hand resolveth
In richest harmony."

Love's gifts are for the living.

Mary's gift was to the living Christ. The usual Eastern custom was the anointing and embalming of the body for the grave, but Mary did the unusual. She presented her gift when her Lord's life was clouded by the cross, and in the moment when sympathy and kindness would be more highly appreciated. Christ said, "She has wrought a good work upon me."

To often we keep our "alabaster boxes" and wreaths for the graveyard, instead of making our presentations of beauty and fragrance while the living can find pleasure in our gifts. Maybe while you read these lines you remember those who are trudging along life's dusty trail heartsore and dejected; those to whom you may be Christ's messengers of good cheer and inspiration. Remember Mary of Bethany, who was one of the pioneers of the "deathless army" who are to bear Christ's sentence: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me."

GOOD KEEP A CLEAN WIND BLOWING.

God keep a clean wind blowing through my heart
Night and day;
Chase it with sunlight—let the silver rain
Wash away
Glooms and the smothering dust that years
Have I pray.
God keep a clean wind blowing through my heart;
Wind from far
Green pastures—and from shaded pools where
Still
Waters are;
Wind from spaces out beyond the first
Twilight star.
Satanism can have no place in me,
Nor grief stay;
When the winds of God rush through and sweep
Them away.
God keep a clean wind blowing through my heart
Night and day.

— Grace Noll Crowell
in "Good Housekeeping."

No chain is stronger than its weakest link. That is a very old-fashioned statement, but it contains an essential truth. And that is, that in the final search for greatness—whether in character, strength or usefulness—we have to think of individuals. Organisations are largely what the single members are willing for them to be. Their willingness being expressed in the contribution they make toward the success or prosperity of the undertaking.

In the church we are "many members in one body." "We are builded together for habitation of God through the Spirit." In a wonderful experience we have lost the identity of the "old man" in our union with the Lord. And yet we still preserve our own individuality in churches patterned on New Testament lines as we refuse to transfer the liberty we enjoy in Christ Jesus over to any priestly hierarchy. And therein is the greatest possible source of weakness in the work we are seeking to accomplish as churches of Christ. As individual members we may refuse to co-operate in the service of the church. We may get out of step in the forward march against the forces of evil. Achan-like we may hinder victory and bring disaster upon the cause because of unfaithfulness to the plan of the great Leader. We may so stand upon our own independence as to make co-operative effort impossible or only partly successful. We may be the weak link in the chain.

The life and service of every congregation are dependent upon the faithfulness of individual members. And the work of the co-operation of churches is determined by the loyalty of each separate church. And this faithfulness and loyalty ever demand of all the spirit of sacrifice. That is the further test of greatness in the church.

"Christ loved the church and gave himself for it." "He purchased it with his own blood." It only became his as he paid the price for it. And as it came into being through the sacrifice of its founder and head, so is its continued existence dependent upon the sacrifice of those who constitute its membership.

Cost usually determines the value we place upon possessions. The cheap thing is of trifling interest to us. The bigger the investment the greater our concern for the success of any movement. This is true in church relationship. The manifest indifference of so many members to the real progress of the church, and the furtherance of the gospel, is explained by the fact that they are making no real sacrifice. It is only that spirit which can make Christ and his church of supreme importance to us.

David would not offer unto the Lord a burnt offering of that which cost him nothing. He knew it was no gift if it was not

a sacrifice too. And shall we who have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ have a less devoted spirit in our offerings to the Lord?

And if we have truly "first given our own selves to the Lord" will we not recognise the divine ownership of all we possess? Personal consecration will mean purse-and-all consecration. Giving is a New Testament grace. There is an exhortation to abound in it. The inspiration toward that end is the example of Jesus, who enriched us by the poverty he endured.

The problem to-day is not one of possession, but of dis-possession. There are poor people in all the churches. Circumstances of life make it almost impossible to be contributors of their substance to the Lord's work. If they had the power and ability they would not come behind others in liberality. But the majority of the members have the power to do far more than they are doing. The pursuits of pleasure are willingly paid for. Costly habits have their eager patrons. The expenditure on the unnecessary and the selfish is phenomenal. The Lord's work suffers not because of inability to give, but because of unwillingness to sacrifice.

How many recognise giving to be an act of worship and a means of grace? How many make their offerings a definite transaction with the Lord? How many are giving proportionately and regularly? If we are not doing these things we are missing the real joy of partnership with Jesus in the glad service he has committed to his church.

The ideal is to determine between ourselves and the Lord the offering we purpose setting apart each week for the support of the Lord's work. And a share in all of it is a wise thing for ourselves and for the various departments of service. What meaning it would give to our offerings! And what generous gifts would fill the Lord's treasury!

Just think of this! If 30,000 members of churches of Christ in the Commonwealth invested regularly one shilling per week in the work of the Lord, there would be an income of £78,000 per annum. And is not that amount far in excess of what is committed to the treasury of divine service? With the spirit of real consecration it would not be difficult to double that offering, and what might be accomplished in the great work given to us to do, and all for the glory of our God.

We belong to a great church—it is Christ's. We have a great message—it is divine. Let us reach up to that standard of devotion in character, life, service, and sacrifice, which makes us worthy of our trust.

Religious Notes and News.

PELGRIMS' PROGRESS.

"Pilgrim's Progress" has just been translated into two new additional tongues. One is for the Tibetans, and the other is in Gaelic for use in the Irish Free State schools.

AUSTRALIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The second Australian Convention, under the auspices of the National Council of Religious Education of Australia, will be held in Melbourne from April 23 to 29, 1927. The first Convention was held in Sydney in March and April, 1927, and was a pronounced success, over 400 delegates attending. The programme has been arranged with a view of bringing before Sunday School teachers and all workers among young people subjects of practical interest.

BIBLICAL HISTORY PROVEN BY EXCAVATIONS.

Sixty years' labor at Mount Ophel has laid bare the Biblical City of Zion, "the fair place" which inspired King David to some of the finest passages in the Old Testament literature.

The revelation that Ophel and the famous eldorado captured by the armies of the "glorious king" 3,000 years ago are identical has vindicated the literary accuracy of ancient Hebrew historians and solved one of the chief problems of Biblical topography, leaders of the Palestine exploration fund assert.

Sir George Adam Smith now considers that the whole-back rock bounded by the Kidron and Tyropoeon valleys is the "City of David" about which there has been continual controversy. Other modern experts agree with him. The explorations started in 1867, but were temporarily abandoned and renewed five years ago.

METHODIST PROGRESS.

In his presidential address to the recent Methodist conference at Toronto, Mr. J. H. Laidlaw said: "We have had a year of great prosperity. We have had a year of abounding success in our Home Missions, and we are specially glad of the splendid work which has been done by the young men of Methodism in making the Babes' Home at South Yarra a glorious reality. We have had a great year in Foreign Missions, and we rejoice exceedingly that while the income of the other States has declined, ours has increased by nearly 15,000. We have had a great year in church building enterprises, and have built more churches and Sunday Schools and kindergarten rooms this year than in any year of our history, and above all, we have had a great year in spiritual service. Our God, even the God of our fathers, has done great things for us, wherof we are glad. Our people have been built up in their most holy faith. Sinners have been converted to God in large numbers, wanderers have been reclaimed, and young people have linked themselves up to the church of Christ in a way that in such a way that we are singing the Doxology in our hearts, and we shall have the joy this year of reporting to the Conference nearly 1,000 new members of the church. And then, we are glad, too, that since we met last year, the question of Methodist Union in England has been definitely determined by our people."

PLEA FOR INDUSTRIAL PEACE.

The Council of Churches in Victoria has issued the following appeal in regard to the present industrial trouble:—

"The Easter season, with its memories of the supreme sacrifice for the complete good of humanity and its call to men to seek along the avenues of mutual love and helpfulness the solution of the world's ills, prompts us to appeal to leaders in all sections of the industrial realm to renew their efforts to find through conference and consultation a remedy for the present disastrous situation. We do not attempt to offer an opinion

as to the various crises which have brought about the strife and division so manifest and the class hatred which appears to grow in strength and bitterness.

"We are concerned about the facts which indicate that there is much that is unchristian in our social order. There are, we believe, sincere men on both sides, who would go to almost any lengths to heal the wounds which fester in the body politic.

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"We entertain the hope that further efforts will be made to re-assemble representatives of employers and employed in the Peace-in-Industry Conference, and that this conference, meeting in the spirit of Easter time will find a solution which will tend to make brotherhood the outstanding fact of our common life.

"On behalf of the Council of Churches in Victoria,

J. E. Shipway (President).

Alex. Hardie (Vice-President).

G. A. Jenkins (Secretary).

ROMISH INTOLERANCE.

Carmen Padin Alvarez, a woman of Madrid, Spain, holding converse with some other seniores around the neighborhood pump, was careless enough to drop the remark that our Lord had brothers and sisters. The gossip was reported to the authorities, judging that the divine Majesty was insulted by crediting a normal family life to Joseph and Mary after the birth of Christ, condemned the careless Carmen to two years imprisonment. During the trial it developed that Carmen could not read and had the matter from hearsay. A higher court to which Senora Alvarez had recourse commuted the sentence, and she was marched off to jail. The curious part of this harsh sentence, smacking of well-known old Spanish ways, is the fact that several anti-clerical and out-and-out atheistic publications appear regularly in that country, and are never molested.—"Christian Evangelist."

A BAPTIST VIEW OF BAPTISM AND INDIVIDUALITY.

We are baptised to set forth the individuality of Christian decision. "The baptised, every one of you," said Peter, at Pentecost. All of you, but one by one. Men do not become Christians in the mass. At this moment in India one of the greatest perils of missions is the desire of the depressed classes to become Christians in communities. The movement will, no doubt, be accelerated, and then, like a pine forest on a hill-side, the falling of the top tree will bring down all the others. The position is not free from difficulties, but the method of community baptisms is not the remedy. Christ's baptism is individual, in it the soul cut off from outside influence, is compelled to act alone. Men may be, and have been, sprinkled in the mass, they can only be immersed one by one, and our desire for the uplifting of the people, either at home or abroad, must never blind us to the need of individual salvation.—Dr. W. Y. Fullerton.

A CHRISTIAN LAND?

Great Britain is called Christian, the land of the Bible, foremost in civilisation; yet even there the city slums are scenes of squalor and misery, the rich feast with Lazarus at the gate, 1,250,000 people are out of employment, and, in spite of all the crime, destitution and despair it causes, the drink trade continues to flourish. A cutting from a newspaper gives these three items of British expenditure last year:—Bread £29,600,000, milk, £88,900,000, alcoholic liquor £200,600,000. We wonder if conditions are any better here. In a country like this it should be possible for everybody to live comfortably. Yet there are multitudes out of work, and much distress. We need not say that all the evil is caused by drink. Industrial disputes, a spirit of lawlessness, and increasing irreverence count for much. The drink trade is here, and wherever it exists it works against the well-being of the country.—R. McC. in "Australian Baptist."

EACH DAY'S EVENTS.

By all we think and do and say,
In every hour of every day,
Some stone of destiny we lay.

By all with which our hours are filled,
By all that we have hoped or willed,
Our house of character we build.

By all the things on which we nurse,
By all we seek and all we choose,
By all we challenge or refuse.

By all we love and all we hate—
Ay, whether these seem small or great,
We daily make and seal our fate.

—Alex. Small.

The Salvation and Righteousness of God.

Robt. Henzle.

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels." These words of the prophet Isaiah are singularly appropriate as we gather around the table of our Lord. These words were first spoken by the precious blood of Christ. They are an expression of intense gratitude, and of joyful realization of the goodness and love of God. Our hearts are filled with grateful praise because of the knowledge of the possession of the gift of grace, and the righteousness of our own hearts which has been imputed to us. He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation. He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness. We stand attired in the garments which God himself hath placed upon us. We have felt the touch of his loving hands. We have looked into his gracious eye. The fragrance of his presence is still

with us. Our happiness is complete. But the sense of blessedness we now possess, we would still retain, and thus we exclaim in contemplation of continuous happy fellowship, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in God." These words of the prophet are especially appropriate when they have been considered in connection with the table of the Lord's Supper. To have this desire, and to be able to say that around the table of our Lord, viewing the emblems of heavenly love, and in contemplation of Christ's sublime death, our desires have been fulfilled, and our anticipations realised. Surely this isfulness of joy.

"Glorify be to him who loved us,

Washed us from each spot and stain,

Glorify be to him who bought us,

Made us meet with him to reign.

Glorify, glory,

To the Lamb that once was slain."

Victorian Conference.

April 4, 1929.

practically all of this matter had to be in type before the holidays, we are unable to give in this issue a report of the Conference. Following are some of the important things concerning which reports were made.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

During the year the churches have added 1,001 to faith and abstinence, 506 by letter, 108 formerly immersed, 108 by restoration, a total of 1,615. Losses recorded are 536 by letter, 100 by faith, 272 by roll revision, a total of 1,608. Net increase for the year is 208. Church membership now stands at 133,008.

Great efforts have been made to reduce the debit balance of \$1,211,181.10 brought forward from last year. In no small way the success of the year financially is due to the record response to the appeal made at last Conference, when \$169,197.45 in cash was then received; and from the promises made, \$692,177.45 has since been paid in, a total of \$861,374.90. Receipts for the year amounted to \$5,055,747.77 and expenditure to \$4,758,703.84, which, together with the debit balance of \$1,211,181.10 brought forward from last year, makes a total of \$5,620,976.66. This leaves a debit balance of \$265,571.11. Taking into consideration the debit balance of \$1,211,181.10 brought forward, the operations for this year actually show an excess of receipts over expenditure of \$676,127.11, a result which the Committee considers highly satisfactory, under existing circumstances.

The 1928 annual offering amounted to \$1,791,911, which, unfortunately, is less than last year to \$223,155.

The receipts for "duplex" envelopes show an increase of \$37,191.14, per collector also shows an increase. The greatest advance is in individual gifts, which show an increase of \$143,47.9. The first just closed was a record one for net Home Mission receipts, not taking into account years when payments were made to the Endowment Fund.

The Conference Committees are grateful to the women of the churches for their splendid assistance. The Women's Executive organised a special offering which yielded \$78,518. The Women's Mission Bands (53 in number) set as their aim the raising of \$275 for the year. Thanks to energetic work on the part of the Executive Committee (Mrs. T. H. Scambler) and her Committee, the bands more than reached their objective, \$200 being raised. Of this amount the Home Missionary Committee received \$150, and the Foreign Missionary Committee \$120. The women of Victoria are thus made the supporters of a "living link" in the foreign field. Mrs. Zelen has collected \$55 from the sisters for the support of Bible-women in India and China. This does not represent the full giving of the sisters, for many young women help with contributions from Bible Schools, Endeavor Societies, P.B.P. clubs and girls' guilds; while the sisters also share in the general contributions made to both Home and Foreign Missionary work.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

For the past Conference year the Committee of the Church Extension, Properties, Trusts and Property Department has not entered on any new church building enterprise. The Committee is anxious to build up as quickly as possible a large capital fund, so that more substantial assistance could be given the churches possible to lend money without interest, which is done by some religious bodies controlling large funds for this special purpose, then all percentage payments by the churches, regularly made, could be taken off the books and much other reductions would result. This is the objective of the Committee, and the annual offering of the churches, and other contributions made, all help towards this ideal. In the meantime, however, the generosity of many of our members in lending money at current rates of

interest has made possible the work done hitherto. The Committee thanks very sincerely all helpers in this direction. Last year's annual offering came to \$167, and two brethren who had loaned £100 without interest made donations of that amount. The capital fund has grown in 19 years to £3,199. If this can be increased to £10,000 or more, such a fund will greatly aid to the effective assistance that can be given to churches.

Since 1910 the Committee has assisted churches to the extent of £28,828, and in addition has enabled churches to make banking arrangements to provide cost of buildings, the amount involved being close on £21,000.

SOCIAL SERVICE.

The Committee reports that "there is no department of the Conference whose work is so diversified as ours—a feature which could easily lead us into a lengthy statement which it is not possible for us to make here."



A. G. Saunders, B.A.
Newly-elected President of our Victorian Conference.

Work at the Burnley depot has been carried out almost entirely by the Women's Auxiliary under the presidency of Mrs. C. Gill. 159 families have been helped, these comprising 843 children, 400 par- individuals, 633 parcels of clothing, and nearly 200 cts of vegetables and food, and nearly 200 cts of groceries have been distributed to needy cases. During Christmas time a liberal distribution of toys and Christmas cheer was made to nearly 50 families. Mrs. Allen, the Auxiliary secretary, has given herself most unselfishly to the work. In addition to checking receipt of parcels, she has made over 300 acknowledgments by post. The value of the work at the depot, in addition to the relief described, is best seen in the fact that 11 decisions for Christ can be directly traced to this benevolent origin, and 19 scholars have been brought to our schools.

The room at our disposal at Burnley, although altogether inadequate, with the coming winter, are faced with a problem, the only solution of which is a larger depot in a more central place. The Burnley church has given its free rental for more than three years.

Office work has involved the devoting of hours per day to interviews. Many applicants have been sent to other bodies which could more attention be given to them. Every effort is made to prevent overlapping. Over 2,000 letters made to prevent overlapping. Over 2,000 letters and 500 packets have been despatched. Hundreds of men, mostly unskilled, have registered. A

great task has thus been imposed on the secretary. The Committee would like to be of even greater service to those in need of work and to employers, and seeks consultation and co-operation.

As to Homes for the Aged, the report states that the Committee has now decided to raise the sum of \$2,000 before purchasing any property. The members of the Committee are hopeful that some substantial donations will make it possible to commence to build. A £218 is invested with the Church Extension Committee that is repayable at call, and promises redeemable next year, amounting to nearly £200. The Homes are part of the Pentecostal aim for 1930.

Amongst the multifarious duties of the Committee are help in prohibition propaganda (the Prohibition League being assisted), children's welfare, securing of pensions for numbers of the eligible aged, the protecting of churches against imposters, and the giving of help wherever needed. £750 has been expended on four cases, mostly as loans. The paragraph on finance states that "the increased financial support received during the year is an indication of progress. Only 20 per cent. of our churches give us regular support, and 50 per cent. ignore all our appeals. The total income for the year was \$1,213,317."

BIBLE SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

The statistical schedule shows that as far as scholars are concerned, the year has been a satisfactory one. Last year we reported 11,511 scholars, this year 12,054, being a net gain of 543. The number of teachers reported this year is 1,622, being one more than last year's total. 187 have been added to the churches from the Bible Schools.

During the year the following new schools were reported: Mount Albert, 66 scholars and 10 teachers; Henalla, 6 scholars and 2 teachers; while branch schools have been formed at Adelaide Lead, near Maryborough, and at West Preston.

The year began with a debit of £91,137.7 and closed with a credit balance of £39,144.10. It is a matter for rejoicing that the debit has been turned into a credit balance, but this has been done at the cost of efficiency. The annual offering amounted to £227,123. In the Equipment Fund there is an amount of £165,131.1 from which assistance is rendered to schools as required.

The following suggestive paragraph is worthy of the consideration of church officers as well as leaders of young people's societies: "Consideration was given by this Committee to the resolution passed at last Conference which suggested the bringing together in closer co-operation the work of our young people's organizations. A meeting was held with representatives of the Christian Endeavor Committee, and a conference with leaders of the K.S.P. organization. In the judgment of your Committee it was not possible to do more at present in bringing our various young people's organizations together than could be accomplished by an occasional international meeting to which all our young people could be invited. As a Conference Committee we look forward to the time when all our young people's organizations will be more closely affiliated with this Conference, and with that end in view we hope that consideration will be given to the formation of a young people's society which will unite in one all the scattered units of our work."

The financial statement reported receipts to be £322,811. The Equipment Fund stands at £165,131.1.

Brs. L. C. McCallum, M.A., the organizer for the Department of State efforts to South Australia. His faithful services have been highly appreciated, and good wishes are expressed for his future work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This report pertains dealt with Federal work and not merely with State efforts. Three new missionaries have been sent to India Miss Lynda Foreman, A.T.S.A., and Mr. and Mrs. Reg.

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The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN.

NOTHING LIKE TRYING.

Life after all is a kindly affair;
Why is it stupid and not worth living?
Striving and getting won't drive away care;
Try giving.

Scowling and growling will make a man odd;
Money and fame at the best are beguiling;
Don't be suspicious and selfish and cold;
Try smiling.

Happiness stands like a maid at your gate;
Why should you think you will find her by raving?
Never was greater mistake than to hate;
Try loving.

YARD-WIDE CHRISTIANS.

We were in a store to-day. The young men and women were busy displaying the latest summer styles. Goods of all shades, and patterns, and textures, and widths. "Yes," said a young lady energetically, "this is a full yard wide." She meant that the particular pattern she was recommending was of normal breadth. "Yard wide" is a synonym for good measure. So many yards will make a garment if it is "yard-wide." If it is only "three-quarters" in breadth, more must be added to the length. People prefer goods a full yard wide.

It is so in the Christian life. There is a great demand for yard-wide Christians. Narrowness is abnormal. The need is for broad-minded, generous-hearted, sympathetic, consecrated, helpful, ready-to-lead-a-band Christians. Such people have a wide outlook. They take liberal views of things. They plan magnificently. They are true blue. Their broad shoulders are always under churchly burdens. They lift evenly all the year round. You may lean on them, and lean hard. Their courage never fails. Their zeal never tires. Their faith never dies. Every one is a color-bearer for the King.

Away with your sickly, puny disciples! Pigmies are of small account. We want none of the half-a-yard wide sort. These are stirring times! Awful times! Glorious times! Oh, for a host of young men and women of whom I may be said: "They are yard-wide Christians!"—*Epworth Herald.*

WHEN A PRINCESS HAD WHAT SHE WANTED.

"I wish I were rich and could have anything I wanted. I'd always be happy then." I wonder if you have ever said that. If so, perhaps this little story about a real princess will show you that riches do not always bring happiness, and that the best pleasures are often those that we make for ourselves.

When Queen Victoria was a little girl, she was one day visiting Queen Adelaide, who told her that as a great treat she could have anything she asked for. Thereupon the little princess said nothing would give her so much joy as to clean the windows.

They gave her a pail of water and some pieces of cloth, and she spent a very happy time all her life. If you were a princess and could have what you asked for, I wonder if you would have made such a choice. "Jewels."

WHY SHE LOVED MOTHER.

One day a lady called her little girl to her side. "I'm so glad, mother; I wanted to love you so much." "Did you darling?" "I don't think you were lonely when I was busy, for you had your doll to play with." "Yes, mother; but I'm tired of loving doll, because she never loves me back." "And is that why you love

mother?" "Partly; but I love you most because you loved me first, when I was too little to love you back." "We love, because he first loved us.—Selected.

WHERE FOUND.

Sir Henry Wotton was asked by a priest in Italy, "Where was your religion found before Luther?" "My religion was found there—where yours is not to be found now—in the written word of God," was the answer. The Bible frees men from the yoke of the priest. In saying, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," the Lord Jesus made priest and altar unnecessary, for now "Whosoever will may come." A Roman Catholic began to read the Bible and said, when he found his doctrines were not supported there, "Wife, if this book is true, we are lost." He read on, and the grace of God in Jesus Christ was made plain to him and he cried, "Wife, if this book is true, we are saved." "For God sent not his Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him."

A SINGER'S PRAYERS ANSWERED.

The Dean of Worcester once said that, in speaking to one of the greatest singers of this century, he mentioned that a dying young man told him that his first religious impressions were derived from hearing her sing "I know that my Redeemer liveth." She looked at the Dean with her characteristic searching expression, and as large tears came to her eyes, she said, "I don't remember ever to have sung that song without prayer beforehand, and this is not the first time I have had such an answer to my prayers."

THE PATH.

I shall go forward,
Though the way is long;
I shall go forward,
On my lips a song.
I shall go forward,
On my lips a prayer
That I may keep
My feet everywhere.
The path leads upward,
Though the way be steep;
That I, unflinching,
May ever keep

My good upon
A mountain peak, a star;
May no height be to me
Too great, too far.
Fearlessly and laughing
On and up I go,
Seeing the blue sky
And not the depths below.

—Abigail W. Cresson.

WHY HE HESITATED.

John S. Sargent used to relate how one afternoon he saw an old English countryman he thought would make a good model, and went his usual wont to bring the man in.

"The master wants to paint you," said the girl. The old fellow hesitated.

"Will he pay me well?"
"Oh, yes, he'll probably give you a pound."
Still the old man hesitated. He took off his shabby hat and scratched his head in perplexity.

"It's an easy way to earn a pound," the maid prompted.
"Oh, ay, I know that," came the reply. "I was only wondering how I'd get the paint off afterwards."

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

Monday.

Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider how frail things he hath done for you.—1 Sam. 12: 21.

The best incentive to devoted service to God is to devoutly think, and meditate on his goodness to us in the past. It is infinitely stronger in us than it could possibly have been to the Israelites.

Reading—1 Samuel 12: 6-25.

Tuesday.

God forbid: as the Lord liveth there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.—1 Samuel 14: 15.

Nothing can justify injustice, even when backed by the highest authority on earth. The people did right in saving Jonathan from his father's insane wrath.

Reading—1 Samuel 14: 20-45.

Wednesday.

And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.—1 Samuel 15: 22.

Mere formal and external acts, however religiously performed, are an insult to God, even when right in themselves, if they do not reflect an obedient and devoted spirit.

Reading—1 Sam. 15: 6-23.

Thursday.

And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the Lord was with him.—1 Sam. 18: 14.

David was wise and skillful, and the Lord blessed him with success, because he sought to please God rather than men. Some of the greatest men of God have been masters in arts and sciences. Such were men in Bible times, as Noah, Joseph, David, Daniel.

Reading—1 Sam. 18: 1-16.

Friday.

And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the Lord, saying, The Lord be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever.—1 Sam. 20: 42.

The love that Jonathan and David had for each other "passed the love of women." It was a bond of holiness. So the love of Christ to us, and our love to him, is stronger and purer than all mere human love.

Reading—1 Sam. 19: 1-18.

Saturday.

And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose, and went to David in the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.—1 Sam. 23: 16.

Jonathan was a friend in need to David in the right sort. As Jonathan went to David in the hour of his distress, so Christ comes to his people.

Reading—1 Sam. 23: 19-29.

Sunday.

Then said Saul, I have sinned; return, my son David; for I will no more do thee harm, because my life was precious in mine eyes to-day; behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.—1 Sam. 26: 21.

Saul's repentance was shallow and short-lived. True repentance means, not only sorrow for forsaken sins, but a constant determination to forsake them, not merely because committed against man but against God. "Against thee, thine only have I sinned."

Reading—1 Sam. 26.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

April 10.

THE SOWER'S EXPECTATION.

(Matt. 13: 1-23.)

W. Waterman.

Although Jesus was the Son of God, and spoke the word as never man spake, or could speak, he was under no illusions about his influence on the hearts of the majority; indeed, he was fully conscious of many wasted words. So in this his first parable, he tells his disciples what he was experiencing in his ministry, and what they must expect in theirs.

No matter how faithfully we preach, he expected that our words would fall on many.

A Hard Heart.

"This is he that was sown by the wayside—when he saw or heareth the word of the Kingdom, and understandeth it not; and the evil one cometh and snatcheth away that which hath been sown in his heart." How many hearts have thrown away their finer recesses to all manner of carnal thoughts. "Tramp, tramp, tramp!" at any time the thoughts of time and matter go down the accustomed path across the heart. It is, alas, hardly possible that the seed of life can find lodgment there. The word is consciously or unconsciously resisted; then down swamps a crop of light world fancies or cares—and the seed is gone! The seed of the word is safe only when it is buried deep in the heart.

It tells us, too, that we shall fail with many.

A Shallow Heart.

"This he that was sown upon the rocky places, is he that heareth the word, and straightway with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but endureth for a while; then when tribulation cometh, because of the word, straightway he stumbleth." Our most earnest words will have no effect on some men, because they are so shallow that they cannot make the word of the gospel increasingly make sense to those under its teaching. Soon the bottom of their natures will be reached; then, with nothing to feed on, the seed of life must of necessity wither. A piece of handsome furniture need be made out of a dead box; neither can a Christian of worth be made out of a man or woman habitually flippant. They are as children who will chase every butterfly that flits between them and the one they were at the time pursuing. They "straightway" receive Christ, but as quickly desert him. Need we blame ourselves for the lapse of many of these?

Our words, too, will be crowded out of many.

A Worldly Heart.

"This he that was sown among thorns, this is he that heareth the word; and the care of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful," or "bringeth us to fruit to perfection." Many will not be persuaded to make a clean job of their religion—they will cut off the top growth that shows to all, but will leave the roots. "All weeds grow apace." In the race that ensues, certainly the thorn will be outgrown; so it will either bear no fruit or bring none to perfection. In such a heart the wheat will be no match for the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of its riches, and the desire for other things.

But we have this encouragement; we shall find many.

An Honest and Good Heart.

"This is he that was sown on the good ground, this is he that heareth the word and understandeth it, who verily beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty." Thank God for this promise—it is worth all the disappointments! But even here, notice a warning; some will bear wells, but all are not made so well, for some will give but sixty or thirtyfold. We need not expect even the honest and good to be all we could wish.

TOPIC FOR APRIL 17.—THE CHURCH'S WILD OATS.—Matt. 13: 24-43.

Our Young People.

Conducted by L. C. McCALLUM, M.A., B.D.

THE JEWEL.

I have a precious jewel
Set in a frame of years.
It throbs with pulsing gladness.
It sounds the depths of tears.
It thrills with hope and longing.
It trembles in the midst of fears.
Age-long 'twixt good and evil,
That shining gem is life.

What shall I do to keep it
Safely while I shall live?
And how am I to use it
For service it should give?
My best care will I give it
As swift years hasten on,
For I can have no other
When this fair gem is gone.

—Clarence E. Flynn.

THE IDEAL TEACHER.

Every Bible School teacher is deeply interested in the work of teaching. The teacher in the day school has to go through a long period of training before he or she is judged to be ready for the work of teaching. The student-teacher must look at his work from every angle; he has to study the child as well as the latest methods of teaching, and must become familiar with the subject he is to teach if he is going to be successful in his work.

The great majority of those who teach in our Bible Schools have never had the opportunity of studying either child nature or the methods of teaching. We then conclude that they will be unsuccessful in their work? Not at all. While we could devoutly wish that it was possible for every one of our teachers to take some studies in child nature and methods of teaching, it must be remembered that there are other things which are of greater moment.

The greatest qualification that the teacher in the Bible School can possess is a sincere Christian experience. It may be perfectly true that a public school teacher can teach children mathematics without being interested in mathematics. He may be an acceptable teacher and never practise mathematics outside the school-room. But the teacher of Christian truth must be one who lives out in his daily life the truths which he teaches from Sunday to Sunday. The eyes of young people are keen, and they will quickly discover any insincerity in our lives. I have heard of a Bible School superintendent who declared that no one could teach in his school who attended the public dance hall. While he was emphasising this statement, he himself was doing the very thing that he said others should not do. I need not stop to say more. Truth will out, and when his hypocrisy was discovered,

what little influence he might have had in that school was killed instantly. Happy is that teacher who can face his class knowing that nothing stands between him and his Master, and the young people whom he is trying to lead to him.

One other qualification in the ideal teacher is important. To be successful the teacher must know his Bible thoroughly. The teacher who teaches English must know every branch of his subject, so the teacher in the Lord's day school should aim to be an expert in one department of knowledge, namely, the English Bible. There is a tendency in some quarters to-day to neglect the actual study of the Bible. I have been present in some of our Bible Classes where Trade Unionism, Migration, and similar subjects are being discussed. I know that such subjects had been chosen in the hope that it might bring to the class some who might not otherwise attend. Nevertheless, I believe that the introduction of such topics in a Bible Class will, in the long run, defeat the very purpose for which they were introduced. A capable, sympathetic, and consecrated teacher, who knows his Bible, and is able to apply its truths and principles to the problems of every-day life, will not find it necessary to set aside time for the discussion of such topics as we have mentioned. In a similar way the teacher who knows his Bible will be able to interest others in it as well. A teacher of Christian truth must be a Christian every hour of the day, must believe implicitly in the Bible, and must study the Bible constantly if he or she is to succeed.

A PRAYER LIST.

Many teachers are so in earnest about the winning of their boys and girls to Christ that they carry a prayer list. This prayer list is made up of the names of those of the class who are not members of the church. Each day, each one is prayed for by name. A teacher may well call the help of others in the class who are members of the church to join in this intercessory fellowship.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," is true here as elsewhere.

Many will be led to Christ this year because some one prayed for them and followed the prayers with a sincere word of persuasion.

Paul's words, "My prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved," may be changed to read, "My prayer to God for my class is that they may be saved." Prayer and persuasion will win. Make a list now; start to pray now.

"Oh," said the minister, "that I might be able to slay men's lives as you do that stone." "You can, sir," said the sculptor, "if you will get down on your knees as I do." "Look out."

STICK AT IT.

When Nebuchadnezzar rebuilt the walls about Jerusalem, it was said, "The walls went up, for the people had a mind to work." And when he was tempted to leave his important duties and come down to the plains of Omri to bargain with the Samaritans, he replied, "I am engaged in a great work and cannot come down." If those engaged in the work of the Bible School will have a mind to work and will not stop when tempted to do so, they will be successful. "Stick like a postage stamp, and like the postage stamp, you will get down on your knees every day." "Be not weary in well-doing, for in due season you will reap if you faint not."



J.C.E., Bourt, Victoria.

Foreign Missions.

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

CHILDREN'S DAY ACTIVITIES.

In connection with last Children's Day a promise was made that in each State the school with over 50 scholars that gave the largest per capita amount would receive an enlargement of one of our missionaries, and a panel-photograph to schools of under fifty scholars giving the largest amount per capita. In Queensland, Allport school, with 105 scholars, gave 1.9 each, and Bundamba, with 71 scholars, gave 1.9 each. In Victoria, Swanston-st., with 41 scholars, gave 44.14.2, an average of 2.35. Peabody, with 73 scholars, gave 43, an average of 1.11. Other schools were very near this amount. Box Hill, with 218 scholars, gave 49.3, an average of 10d. a member. Doncaster, with 97 scholars, gave 41.5, an average of 10d. a member. The highest amount given in Victoria was 49.35, by Box Hill school, Port Lairy, an isolated school of eleven scholars, gave 41.5, an average of 2.2. As this was so near to Swanston-st. school, with 231, we have decided to send them a panel photograph. The school in New South Wales that gave the largest amount was Tempe, 125. In Tasmania, schools under 100 scholars, there were two so very close that we have decided to send each a panel photograph—Kelvin, 124.14.6 and Tunnel Bay, 11.16.6. School over 100 scholars, West Hobart gave 1.93 per head. This school won the Tyson Shield last year.

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INDUSTRIAL SETTLEMENT.

Settlement work has now reached an interesting stage where we are beginning to be able to tabulate some of the results of our efforts.

A new classification of the people had been made by the department, and we were instructed to separate our people accordingly. Those inside the enclosure only are to be called settlers in the future, and those outside are either free people or production on licence. For the settlers we would receive the revised capitation grant of Rs. 18 per annum. This also necessitated the division of the settlement up into different sections for settlement proper, free colonies and the administrative area. Among those allowed to live on the free colonies are persons on licence, and those whose registration is cancelled, and young men who have grown up in the settlement and are now free, not having been registered.

The first free colony was formed on a three-acre site out of the new field acquired last year. Practically all of the fifty plots have been allotted, and some forty or more have been built upon. It was necessary to ask permission to form another free colony. This has now been granted, and is being formed on the land adjoining the railway yard, including some already built by the better settlers who are now licensees and allowed to remain where they were. Thus we have two free colonies. These are divided into plots of 40 ft. x 40 ft., and are to be given on a forty-nine years' lease. The power of attorney authorising me to do this has just been sent from the Home Board, and we hope to register the lease bonds very soon.

Good houses are being built on the free colonies, some of brick and stone and almost all with iron roof. Government helped each family to move by giving a free grant of sums ranging from Rs. 10 to 20 according to the type of house built. About Rs. 750 was distributed among about 10 families. Most of them took building loans from the co-operative society also.

During the year the registration of another six persons was cancelled, and twenty-four more were placed on licence or probation. We have received a few families to take the place of those released, including several families of Bestars or Pambors. Others will come later to bring the

figures in the enclosure back to approximately 375.

The resultant figures for the settlement and free colonies were as follows on December 31—Settlers, 276; licensees on free colonies, 161; free people on free colonies, 97; total, 534. There are also 150 persons on licence in their villages in the Poona and Satara Districts for whom we are responsible. These we visit quarterly and keep careful record of their progress, some of the staff usually does this. We get a capitation grant of Rs. 3.85 per annum for all licensees.

There was a total of 30 births and 28 deaths, cholera being responsible for several of the latter. Thanks, however, to the untiring energies of the mission medical staff and our own settlement nurse, many very serious cholera cases were saved. The child welfare centre continues its preventive activities, and has been the means of helping many mothers and children to healthier lives. This has been a particularly bad year for the health point of view, and we are thankful that our losses are so low.

At the end of the year there were no persons absconding, but two who previously absconded have been caught and sent to jail for a term. One was a conditionally released man, and in addition to the nine months of his sentence his previous unexpired sentence came back on him, and he will have to stay there as a guest of the State for another four years.

This has been a good year for employment. There is a great building activity owing to better seasons. There are some 17 masons and 10 carpenters regularly working in the town and district. The number of laborers continues to grow, and there are now 33 men and lads engaged at this trade, owning about 30 machines. All the boys leaving school want to become laborers at present.

Owing to the dismantling of the sugar factories a great deal of carting has been available, and there are now some ten carts plying for hire. Work in the sugar cane fields is still, of course, the greatest source of employment for the unskilled men. Good wages are earned, as laborers are scarce. Older men work for merchants and sowars as debt collectors.

The well on the new field has been deepened, and the walls built up. The old windmill has been erected which pumps a tank and supplies the school. The agricultural class still finds ample scope for its activities in the farm, and we hope that the boys will imbibe a real love for gardening. The fruit trees planted last year have done well, and we have added to their number. We are trying to make this a self-supporting branch of the work.

The poultry have received the same attention as last year, and settings of eggs have been given out to settlers and others.

The spiritual side has had greater attention. Two weekly study classes are held for enquirers and those interested. Sunday evening preaching continues regularly as well as the work of the Bible school. There has been no converts but the former ones are on the whole doing well. H. H. and E. R. Coventry.

THE LAW OF LOVE.

"Make channels for the streams of love,

Where they may broadly run;

And love has overflowing streams

To fill them every one.

"For we must share if we would keep

That good gift from above;

Ceasing to share we cease to have—

Such is the law of love."

Victorian Conference.

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Nominating Committee.—A. W. Connor, W. Gale, L. Gole, H. J. Kemp, J. E. Shipway.

Council of Churches.—A. Anderson, W. H. Gray, S. B. Mudge, H. B. Robbins, A. G. Saunders, J. E. Shipway, D. Stewart, J. E. Thomas, G. E. Moore.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

That we recommend the Incoming Executive to ask the Social Service Committee to nominate representatives for hospital work.

That the report of the special committee on leakage of membership be printed and sent to the churches.

That all amounts received from individuals and auxiliaries be credited to the churches to which the individuals and auxiliaries belong unless a request be made to the contrary.

That James Gordon Hare, Manufacturer, of 11 Monmouth-ave., Canterbury, and John Edwin Austin, Manufacturer, of 21 Monmouth-ave., Canterbury, being recognised members of congregations of the Churches of Christ in Victoria in good standing and fellowship, are hereby appointed as trustees of the Church Properties and registered folios 166 in the Register of Successory Trusts under Part III. of the Trusts Act 1915 in place of the late Charles Hardie and the late Alfred Mills.

That Constitution be amended as follows:—Clause 12.—In opening paragraph the word "and" each Annual Conference to be opened and the paragraph to read: "The Officers and Committees to control them shall be appointed as follows:—"

Also add paragraph to clause 12 to follow sub-clause (b) "All Committees to control Departments (except Church Extension, Properties, Trusts and Begonia Committees) shall be appointed at each Annual Conference."

That the Executive of Conference be requested to consider the present method of nominations

offices and committees of Conference, with a view to the introduction of a more satisfactory method and a wider choice.

That this Conference, considering its indivisibility under that name, be associated with, or that any Conference Committee should be responsible for, such a Purchases Scheme as that planned by the Committee in charge of our Social Service Department, desires that Committee without delay to discontinue its activities in connection with the scheme.

That this Conference places on record the special work in Social Service given by Bro. Charles Bunka in all the years of his association with the Committee, and wishes him every blessing in his future work.

That we place on record our appreciation of the work of Bro. L. C. McCallum in connection with the Bible School Department.

That the Bible School and Young People's Department be requested to communicate with all our young people's societies and organisations not otherwise associated with Conference, and after a full survey of these activities, to formulate a proposal for the closer coordination of the young people's resources and activities of the churches, such proposal to be presented to next Conference.

That the new Executive be financed from Conference fees and any shortage be made up by pro rata contributions from the Committees of Conference, as on the present basis of contributions to Conference expenses.

That the thanks of Conference be expressed to Bro. J. E. Allan for his work as Secretary of the F.M. Committee, and to Mrs. Zelius for her valuable service during many years.

That this Conference of Churches of Christ in Victoria reaffirms its approval of the principle of the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage, and pledges its wholehearted support to the Prohibition League in its fight for no-licence in Victoria in 1930.

That greetings of Conference be sent to Bro. B. W. Huntston, in U.S.A., together with an expression of sympathy with him in his illness, and an assurance of prayers for his well-being.

That Bro. and Sister J. Sharp and Bro. and Sister A. L. Gibson be asked to convey, during their visit to America, Canada, and Great Britain, the greetings of Churches of Christ, as opportunity offers, to the Christian greetings of the Church of Christ in Victoria, and that members of Conference wish our Brethren and Sisters Sharp and Gibson a prosperous and happy journey and safe return.

That the report of the "Appeals" Committee be referred back to the Committee to reconsider the matter and report to next Conference.

That we as a Conference of Churches of Christ record our great admiration of the life-long work of Dr. F. B. Meyer; our gratitude to God for his great service that has made the whole Christian world his debtor; and our sympathy with our Baptist brethren in the loss of so valued a leader among them.

LORD, I BELIEVE

When I consider how thy loving care
Hast borne with me through all the years, how
I have
My life has been without thy ministries;
How hopeless all my days, save thou didst please
To grant me kindness for my uselessness;
Remembering this, and that thou now dost love,
Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief.

When I consider how the life of man
Is set about with goodly things, I can
But marvel at the tenderness of God
Toward all his children, though he wield the rod,
His heart is kind; his passion is their good,
What love sustains! What wondrous fatherhood!
Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief.

—Thomas Curtis Clark in "New Outlook."

Here and There.

Bro. J. R. Robinson has been appointed Acting-Editor of the W.A. "Christian Evangelist."

The holidays interfere much with mails. Correspondents who may wish to have their letters will please understand that all matter was inserted which arrived up to the time of our going to press.

The "South African Christian" of March 1 reports the sudden indisposition of Bro. Richards, song-leader of the Thomas Mission Party. Bro. Richards underwent an operation for appendicitis, and was reported to be getting along splendidly.

The church at Mildura, Vic., has for some time realised the need of a manse for the preacher. That desired end has at last been realised through the persistent efforts of a number of the brethren. Bro. Burton, contractor, has done his work well. The manse, which is a waterbath structure, is situated in Doakinae, next to the church building, and the preacher, A. C. Mufford, his wife and family, are comfortably settled in it.

Despite somewhat unfavorable weather, there was a large attendance at the Victorian Conference plenary held at Wattle Park on Easter Monday. A picnic committee (consisting of Bro. D. Wakeley, as convener, and the College of the Bible Sports' Committee) planned and carried out an unusually good programme of events. This careful planning of an interesting programme ensures the attendance and enjoyment of great numbers of our young people.

There were good attendances at Lakeside, Perth, W.A., on March 21. Bro. Albany Hill gave a very helpful morning address on "Temples and Worship." The evening meeting was a broadcast service, and was the first under leadership of Bro. Les. Pearce, who is relieving Bro. Schwab. The church is delighted to learn that although after Bro. Schwab's complete rest the doctors had suggested that they are now definitely satisfied that to investigate further they are now definitely satisfied that he has had the operation, and when seen at the Warwick Hospital on March 23 he was recovering fast.

Mrs. W. A. C. Wendler, President of our Queensland Women's Conference, who attended the West Moreton District Conference, feels enthusiastic about the splendid condition of the work in that circuit, where Bro. Campbell is preacher. The conference reflected a wonderful spirit of harmony and goodwill towards the preacher, and was easily the best held in that district. Bro. and Sister Campbell are undoubtedly doing a grand work, and are highly esteemed both by the church and general public. The Sisters' Conference was also a great success, when their worthy president, Sister Lohengeler, was again re-elected.

Among others who confessed Christ in Toowoomba, Queensland, were W. L. Toshach and wife. Toshach has served as preacher for the Congregational church in various States, and bears excellent credentials. Both are splendid singers, and their duets were a feature of closing meetings of the mission. The townspeople of Toowoomba are thrilled at the fact that the civic star of a chapel being used as a dance hall is to be shut down. Business men freely expressed their pleasure to F. T. Saunders when he visited for an inspirational meeting on Wednesday last. Every visitor to the city saw the sign "Trades Hall" across the front of the fine chapel opposite the Post Office. Its purchase by the revived church is a strategic move of the best kind. At the end of the address of Bro. Saunders at Toowoomba on Wednesday, a man made confession. He said that he was an organiser for the A.W.U., and asked if he might be the first person baptised in the new chapel because of his association with it in its last capacity. In spite of very heavy rain, 83 persons were in the tent for this meeting. The

members of the church are in the greatest of good spirit, and waiting for the coming of Bro. Lionel Johnston's evangelist.

At Hobart, Tas., good attendances morning and evening characterised the farewell services of Mr. Lionel Johnston on March 21. The morning topic was "The Whole Counsel of God" and in the evening the subject was "Disagreeable Playmates." The confessions of two of the young people from the Bible School made a fitting climax to the service. On March 25 the chapel was crowded for the farewell social. Representatives of public organisations were present on the platform. These included Pastor C. Matear, president of the Tasmanian Council of Churches; Mr. W. Osborne, Secretary of Hobart Temperance Alliance; Mr. Delman, G.M. of the Loyal Orange Lodge, for which institution Bro. Johnston had conducted antiseptics in the chapel. These all spoke in terms of praise of the valuable services Mr. and Mrs. Johnston had rendered for the moral and spiritual uplift of the community. Mr. G. Spaulding spoke on behalf of the West Hobart church and Mr. F. Collins, of Launceston, spoke for the Tasmanian Conference. Mr. J. C. Green made a presentation of cutlery on behalf of the Bible School; Sister L. Biley presented a silver pencil and book on behalf of the C.E. society; and Mr. Jarvis a silver crucifix for the Hand of Hope. The church's presentation of a gold watch and chain to Mr. Johnston was made by Mr. A. E. Heard, secretary, and the Sisters' Guild's presentation of a gold wristlet watch to Mrs. Johnston was made by Sister Wallace, president of church at a previous function had presented them with a Tasmanian blackwood bowl, and Mrs. Johnston's class at the State school had given him a set of morocco bound books. These tokens indicate the high esteem in which the departing preacher and his wife are held. They left with the best wishes of the church and community on Mar. 25 to take up the work at Toowoomba, Qld.

The Auditorium, Collins-st., Melbourne, was well filled on Sunday afternoon to hear the Victorian Conference sermon preached by Bro. Geo. T. Fitzgerald, of Ballarat. Bro. L. Gole presided. Bro. H. Gadie read the Scripture and Bro. A. G. Saunders and G. E. Moore led in prayer. Two beautiful solos, rendered by Mrs. F. L. Mitchell and Mr. Val Wolf, created a most helpful atmosphere. An offering was taken up for the Preachers' Provident Fund. Bro. Fitzgerald delivered a very good and helpful address on the subject, "Can the Church of Christ Survive the Changing Times?" The preacher said that the world had changed almost beyond recognition in the last forty years. In the days of our grandfathers a good day's travel was forty miles. To-day almost five hundred miles in an hour. The plough and the sheaf of wheat are no longer to be seen. The philosophy and thought of to-day. Great forces were now working against the church. The gambling spirit was now clothed in the garment of respectability, the liquor traffic still stood as a death-trap, certain types of literature were corrupting life at its source. The New Testament never presented the church as destined to tread an easy path. It would perhaps never be defeated, not truly finally destroyed, but it could well be asked, "What of the future of the church in the modern world?" Christ's promise for the ultimate success of the church referred to the churches of the world. It did not follow that it could remain true of each individual congregation. The possibilities of success or failure there rested with individual members who occupied the pews. The fundamental need of the church to-day was not fundamentalism or modernism, but a church consisting of individual Christians who were counting on the side of good and good against evil. The world says that the church was more beautiful than it, then, and only then, would the world wish to become Christian.

Victorian Conference.

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Holden. They are all Victorians, and all are graduates of the College of the Bible. Miss Foreman is also a double certificated nurse. Another item of special interest was the opening of the first hospital built by our Australian brethren at Dhond, India. This is in charge of Dr. Oldfield. The Ashwood family has made this hospital possible. Mr. and Mrs. Zelius and family, of Victoria, equipped the Zelius Dispensary. The young people everywhere have taken a part also.

Besides the workers from Hinchelwood and the MacKies from the New Hebrides, the following have been at home during the year: H. H. Watson, Mrs. Watson and family, and Miss E. M. Caldwell, all from India. In April, Mrs. Coventry and three children, and Miss Blake, are expected in Australia.

The College of the Bible has eleven missionary students, six of them ladies.

The annual offering rose by £24/1/4 to £1,574/17/8. Other gifts from churches and members went up by £61/1/3 to £778/6/11. Duplicate envelopes brought in £282/11/11. Mission funds and special gifts £106/16/10; Endeavourers, £28/14/6 (last year £11/12/6); clubs £10/10/0 from £57/14/1 to £29/2/4. Children's Day gave us £101/1/0 against £91/19/4 a year ago. Other Bible School offerings increased from £172/0/0 to £165/16/0. On the whole this is an encouraging result, especially as there were no large baptisms and special gifts. The largest individual gift was an anonymous £50. Gifts received from all sources, £3,121/8/10. Last year's grand total was £3,478/16/5.

Near the close of the year we lost Bro. Ernest J. Allan, our most efficient and faithful secretary for more than seven years. By Bro. Allan's labor and enterprise Foreign Missions have greatly advanced in this State. Bro. A. G. Saunders has taken up the secretaryship.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.

The Committee reports: "Many new societies have been formed. As far as we can tabulate from information to hand we have in the State 22 Y.P. and Intermediate, and 46 Junior Societies." The Junior Department, under the superintendency of Miss Milligan, has had a profitable year. A separate Intermediate Department has been formed under the leadership of Mr. P. Austin; four new societies have been formed. The Missionary Department, under the direction of Miss L. Parker, has helped much. Arrangements were made with the Home Missionary Department to allow of the Waingarua field being made the C.E. "link." Foreign Mission work has also been assisted, and contributions for Dhond Hospital received. Miss O. Starr has organized the Sunshine Department, which has provided help and cheer for the needy and shut-ins. At the same time the "Home of the Begs' Home" was provided with a well-laden Christmas tree. The financial statement reports receipts of just over £37.

Mission at St. Kilda, Vic.

Gratitude for blessings received, and sorrow that the effort could not continue longer, are expressed by St. Kilda church. The assistance of sister churches, many of whom came a long way to help, was much appreciated. Special items by choir and numerous soloists helped to make the mission attractive and helpful, and the presence of visiting preachers was enjoyed. The brethren are indebted to Moorland church for making possible the special effort by the release of Bro. J. E. Webb. His earnestness, reasoning and strength of appeal drew the people nearer and bound them to the Saviour. Bro. E. Brooker as song leader rendered splendid service. Bro. and family gave excellent help. Twenty-nine were added to the church by faith and baptism. A larger field of service was opened, and a better understanding of our people by the community resulted. The thank-offering amounted to £35.

—W. Andrew.

Glenferrie Mission, Vic.

The mission of the Vawter party at Glenferrie came to an end on Mar. 21. In four weeks 62 people responded to the invitation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. L. Vawter and Mr. Howard T. House form a powerful combination. Individually and as a team they know how to secure and sustain the interest of the people. Mrs. Vawter is a gifted soloist and song-leader, and has rare gifts as a personal worker. Bro. House is a pianist of unusual ability, and the people were constantly asking for extra numbers on the piano. His peculiar forte is his skill as a crayon artist, and his pictures, which always illustrated a sacred song, brought crowds to the meetings. Bro. Vawter is a sturdy preacher of the old-time gospel. He makes a very emotional appeal, but depends upon the exposition of the gospel message to bring men to decision.

One feature of the mission that was quite unusual in our experience and which, perhaps because of its novelty, was slow in its first development, but which aroused great interest towards the end, was the reading of the Book of Acts. Dr. Vawter believes that the inspired record of conversions is the best possible tract to put into the hands of the people, and towards the end of the second week he began to urge people to read "Acts," promising an autographed copy of the book to all who would read it. Time was taken in every service to secure names of those who read it, and to present the copy thus won. Just on 100 copies had been presented when the mission ended.

Our services were greatly helped by large delegations from other churches. Visiting groups of 20, 30, 40, and occasionally 50 people were present throughout. In every service at least one picture was made and presented to the largest delegation. Music on the marimba or chimney, or both, was also a feature of every service.

Yet we did not achieve all we had hoped. No block of land was available for a tent in our community, and we tried the expedient of using the church building during the week and the Town Hall on Sunday evenings. It was not a satisfactory arrangement altogether, for while meetings were always large, and often overcrowded, we found that the people of the community, who came in large numbers to the Town Hall, did not follow us to the church in any large way during the week. The response therefore was not as abundant as we had anticipated. Yet we have had a time of great uplift and blessing. Our work has been brought before the community in a remarkable way, and un-

doubtedly the mission has prepared a field for extensive reaping in days to come. Mr. and Mrs. Vawter and Mr. House won the hearts of the church folk all that was done, the willingness of the missionaries to spend themselves to the limit in the interests of the work, and the personal charm of each member of the party, endeared them to all. We pray for a rich blessing upon them in their work in New South Wales.—T. H. Scambler.

West Moreton District Conference, Qld.

The district conference, held in the Rosewood chapel on March 17, proved to be one of the best in West Moreton history. Attendance was the largest. Bro. A. Henriksen, President, occupied the chair.

The secretary's report was good. There have been 21 additions for the year. The report from the treasurer showed a surplus of £21/1/4, a record for many years. All church reports were good. Meetings throughout the circuit have been well attended, but unfortunately there have been many removals to other parts of the State.

A vote of thanks and appreciation of the splendid work of the evangelist was carried unanimously, and recorded.

During the afternoon Bro. Young, State President, impressed the conference with his message. Visitors included Bro. Aug. Henriksen, E. Hylson, J. Partridge, and Sister Mrs. Wenderf (State Sisters' President).

Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Bro. A. Henriksen (Mt. Walker), re-elected; vice-president, Bro. John Henriksen (Tarrone); secretary, Bro. John Christensen (Rosevale), re-elected; treasurer, Bro. John Buchner (Marburg), re-elected.

Numbers were gathering for the evening demonstration, but because of threatening storm



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The meeting was reluctantly postponed.—J.E.F. Chairman, Secretary.

WEST MORETON SISTERS' CONFERENCE.

The devotional service was led by Sister Mrs. W. Campbell. Sister Lobgeiger, president, delivered a nice address in welcoming delegates and visitors. Mrs. W. A. Wendorf responded, and delivered an inspiring address on "That I may Know Him." Mrs. Bulhse contributed a vocal solo.

The secretary's report showed excellent work accomplished. The penny-a-week collection amounted to £12 17 9. An orphan in India had been supported. It was decided to hold a sale of work in December.

The sisters have undertaken the financial responsibility of installing two lights in the luncheon pavilion.

A splendid essay was read by Sister Mrs. Madson on "Persevering in Prayer." Votes of thanks were accorded Mrs. W. Wendorf and Miss A. Lobgeiger. Mrs. Wendorf, in replying, spoke of the success of Rockhampton mission. The Women's Executive and the sisters of Queensland were the movers in the effort so successfully launched.

The following officers were elected:—President, Miss A. Lobgeiger (re-elected); vice-president, Mrs. A. Bulhse (re-elected); secretary, Miss A. Zahl (re-elected); treasurer, Mrs. H. Berlin (re-elected); A. Zahl, secretary.

West Wimmera Conference.

The West Wimmera Conference this year assembled in the beautiful Shire Hall at Kaniva, Vic., which seats 500. Many visitors were present. The messages by Bro. Shipway on Sunday and Wednesday were much appreciated. Messages in song were effectively rendered by Bro. Arthur Williams, Muriella male quartette party, and Borderdown choir. The special items of scholars of Bible Schools were greatly enjoyed. The subject introduced by Bro. Shipway, "The Problems of the Bible School, and Suggestions," and discussed at the Wednesday afternoon sessions, is expected to be fruitful of much good. Bro. Cornelius, of Borderdown; Bro. Benn, of Naracourte; and Bro. Shipway delivered appreciated messages at the closing meeting. It was one of the best-attended Conferences yet held. The tables and meals were prepared by the sisters in excellent manner. Bro. E. Milne was elected president, Bro. W. A. Brown vice-president, Bro. C. M. Wheaton secretary. A vote of thanks was conveyed to the large brethren who kindly released Bro. Shipway for the Conference as special speaker.

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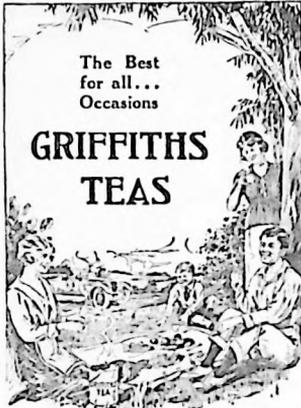
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News of the Churches.

Western Australia.

Subiaco.—Meetings continue well attended. On morning of March 21 Bro. W. Wakefield addressed the church. At night Bro. Carter preached an impressive sermon on "The Agony of Christianity." Many interested visitors attend the services.

Northam.—The Sunday School campaign is progressing satisfactorily, 187 being present on March 24. A pleasing feature is the continued one hundred per cent attendance of officers and teachers. Bro. Buckingham delivered both addresses to large congregations. Bro. Edwards rendered an inspiring evening solo.

Kalgoorlie.—On March 21 there were splendid gatherings at all services. Bro. Pollard gave a very fine talk to the church. In the evening Bro. Banks delivered a powerful address. Sister Mavis McFarland's solo was much appreciated. A sister previously baptised was received into fellowship. On Mar. 20 the annual church business meeting was held, much important matter being dealt with.

Harvey.—The deepening of spiritual life campaign conducted by Bro. Frost during the last twelve days of his ministry as evangelist of Collier-Harvey circuit resulted in six souls being won for Christ. Harvest thanksgiving services on March 10 were conducted by Bro. P. World, of Maylands. At the annual business meeting the church strongly expressed the desire to have a resident evangelist. At present the church is dependent on local speakers.

Bassendean.—The P.B.P. club held the annual raffle at Cotteloe Beach from March 1 to 15, a happy time being spent. Sisters raised £7 through talent money. The ladies' guild held two collage paper meetings recently at the homes of Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Tuttle. On March 17 Bro. Nightingale spoke at both services. In the evening some Bible School scholars rendered "Praise Him with Melody," and Sister Stuart, from N. Perth, sang two solos. The singing was appreciated.

Queensland.

Brisbane (Annals).—On morning of March 21 an address was given by Bro. F. T. Saunders on the College of the Bible. At the close of the gospel service a sister who made the good confession the previous Sunday was baptised. The deaconesses visited the home of aged Bro. and Sister Robins on March 21 and held a much-appreciated service of prayer.

Albion.—Reports from all sources are encouraging. The Sunday School has had a new enrolment every Sunday this year. Since last report three senior scholars have given themselves to Jesus. The Sunday School anniversary on Sunday, March 17, and Tuesday, 19th, was very well attended. The manner in which scholars carried out their parts brought many congratulations.

Reckhampton.—There were good meetings on March 21. Nearly 200 broke bread for the day; this included a forty-fold of twenty from Moogan Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jones had a wonderful escape from serious injury this week. Their lorry was damaged, but our two friends were unhurt. It is hoped to commence services at Moogan next week. It was impossible to seat the people in the chapel on evening of 21th.

Ronn.—On March 3 the Bible School anniversary was held. The morning meeting was particularly good, when the greatest number for some time broke bread. Bro. A. S. Cooke gave a splendid exhortation. In the afternoon the children rendered several items, and Bro. L. H. Pittman gave an address on "Service." Bro. E. Reeve in the evening gave an appropriate address, also a talk, specially for the children, on

"Wet Paint." On Monday night a splendid programme was presented by the children and several enjoyable items were rendered by Bro. Hutchinson's orchestra. Prizes were awarded by Bro. L. H. Pittman, every scholar getting a book. Recently the treasurer of the church, Bro. Guy Pittman, received an anonymous letter containing £20, with the request that the amount be used for church work. Bro. and Sister V. Alcock have been received by transfer from Maryborough.

New South Wales.

Wagga.—Meetings have been well attended during the past month. Bro. Methven's evening school on March 21 was "The Significance of the Resurrection." The Sunshine Club held its quarterly social on March 26, an enjoyable evening being spent.

Taree.—The church enjoyed a visit from Bro. E. T. Saunders (organising secretary, College of the Bible), who spoke at both services on March 17. Bro. P. G. Saxby gave a helpful message on morning of March 21, and also spoke in the evening. The preacher, Bro. V. C. Stafford, is at present on a visit to Western Australia.

South Australia.

Lochiel.—An encouraging gospel service was held on March 21, with seventy people in attendance. Three young men were baptised, and following Bro. Bibles' message a young woman confessed Christ. After the service had closed another young woman expressed her desire to be baptised.

Croydon.—Splendid meetings were held in March. Increasing attendance in church and school on 21th. School reached highest for year, 280. Wonderful interest has been shown in the pre-Easter address. On Saturday, March 16, Sister Dorcas Woodhead was married to Bro. E. Frost, of Adelaide, S.W.A. Many farcely and presentations preceded the event, for our sister was one of the most popular and practical young ladies in the church. The second annual meeting of Band of Hope was held on March 25. The report showed a membership of 100. The usual reporter, Bro. Syd Hoskin, is touring the eastern States.

Mile End.—On Sunday, March 17, a young man confessed Christ. He was immersed on Sunday evening, March 21, and received into fellowship on the 31st. Bro. Hugh Gray, from North Adelaide, was the speaker on Sunday evening in place of Bro. W. L. Ewers, who is conducting a mission at Mundulla for two weeks. Splendid meetings were held on Good Friday afternoon and evening for the purpose of considering the second coming of Christ. The speakers in the afternoon were Bro. McKie and Theo. Edwards, in the evening Bro. McKie and Roy Raymond. Mrs. Matthews gave two enjoyable solos, and Bro. Darbyshire also sang. Bro. Wiltshire presided in the afternoon, and Bro. Ewers in the evening.

York.—The work is in very good condition. Church and all auxiliaries are growing. Evening services especially are growing in numbers and interest. Bro. Reg. Hampshire is delivering a series of evening addresses on "The Great Future Events." These addresses, and anthems by the choir, are attracting many. The Bible School is increasing. On March 21, 185 were present. The girls (girls' and boys') are going along nicely. Enthusiasm and interest are industrious and enthusiastic. Last week the church is delivering a series of evening young people social evening. A large number were present, and an enjoyable evening was spent. At the annual meeting of the Dorcas society the report revealed a year of splendid and consistent service rendered to the church. Two received by letter. Two confessed their faith in Christ.

Queenstown.—On March 21, at the Bible School anniversary, beautiful services were enjoyed. In the morning A. H. Harris, Bible School superintendent, presided. Bro. Brooker spoke, and the children sang three beautiful hymns. In the afternoon the chapel was packed, and the platform rendered beautiful pieces. Eight young men sang one hymn and two solos, and a double quartet was also rendered. Bro. W. Heiler spoke enjoyably on "The Talking Butler." At the evening service every available seat was occupied. The school sang, and Bro. Brooker's message on "The Book Without Words" was very interesting and helpful. One man confessed Christ. On Monday, March 18, at the monthly meeting of the Band of Hope, a good programme was given; Mr. S. Matthews was the speaker.

Maylands. All meetings have been well attended. The coming of Bro. Allan and family has caused a spiritual revival, which is reflected in church and auxiliaries. Six-week prayer meetings have an attendance of nearly 100, and the inspirational addresses are very helpful. On Sunday evenings Bro. Allan is delivering a series of addresses on "The Cross." Large appreciative audiences are gathering. Bro. Langlois, church treasurer and choir master, was tendered a social on the eve of his departure to England on business. The choir presented Christ a leather correspondence case. Mr. A. B. Penrose is filling the vacancy during his absence as choir leader. The girls' club, K.S.P., and boys' club have re-commenced their work. On March 21, at the evening service, Bro. Clive Glover, of Victoria, and the major portion of the Victorian Y.M.C.A. cricket club, paid a visit.

Victoria.

Pakenham. The work is making splendid progress. On March 31, after a foreful address on "Facing the Facts" by Bro. Wallace Jekel, a man confessed Christ.

Carlton (Lygon-st.). Inspiring addresses were delivered by Bro. A. G. Saunders on March 31. Many country and several interstate visitors were present. Mrs. J. Plummer and Mr. N. A. Hall rendered beautiful solos at the evening service.

Fitzroy. Meetings have been smaller of late. Sister Andrews has been appointed as church organist. Easter sermons were delivered on Sunday by Bro. Boettcher, and at the conclusion of evening service a Sunday School scholar was baptised.

Middle Park.—On March 21 Bro. Bergin spoke in the morning, and Bro. Baker gave a helpful message at gospel service. On 31st Bro. J. B. Waterman was morning speaker, and in the evening the church enjoyed a message from Bro. A. Muddford, of Mildura.

Drummond. Good meetings on March 31. In the absence of Bro. Banks at Conference, Bro. C. Robinson, of Hartwell church, conducted all services, his messages being much appreciated. At the close of the gospel meeting a young lady made the good confession.

Ormond. There was a nice evening meeting on March 21. The ladies' aid and Endeavourers handed over £50 to officers from their efforts at the recent sale of works for interest. On March 31 there were fair meetings. One lady was baptised at night who made her confession at Gardiner.

Warragul.—Good services on Mar. 21. Bro. Les Baker (College of the Bible) was the speaker. Bro. Baker was soloist at gospel service. Bro. Miles being speaker. On 23rd Miss Watson was soloist at the gospel service. There were inspiring messages by Bro. Miles, many visitors being present.

Doncaster. At a baptismal service on Wednesday, March 27, two, a husband and wife, made the good confession at the close of Bro. Hargreaves' address, and were immediately baptised. Good meetings were held on Sundays, March 31. In answer to an appeal by the Social Service Department, a good collection of groceries, jam, dripping, etc., was taken to the Burnley depot.

Coltenham.—Services on March 31 were very fine. In the morning Bro. Alex. Cameron, of Ed. City, gave a good message on "The Golden Rule." At the school "Jesus on the Cross" was spoken about in a helpful way. At night Bro. H. G. Earle preached well on "The Walk to Emmaus." The choir gave a good message in English. A large number of Conference visitors was present.

Prahran.—On March 24 the special service on fasting was well attended. The choir in the "Story of the Cross," and Mr. Middin in a solo, gave a great help. One received, previously baptised. On Easter Sunday there were fair congregations, though many were away. Howard Earle preached in the morning, and A. W. Connor at night. Mrs. Paul, of Ballarat, sang at both services.

South Yarra.—There was a fine meeting last Lord's day, with some country visitors. Mrs. Litchart was received by letter from Swan Hill. In the evening there was one confession and one baptism. We regret that the father of Sister Ben Galyer was not with us, as he had passed away. His remains were laid to rest on March 21 in Brighton cemetery. Deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved.

Collingwood.—There were fair meetings on March 21. Bro. A. C. Mulford, of Mildura, gave an interesting morning address. At gospel meeting one young girl made her stand for Christ. In Second Advent Conference, reported in last issue, was not conducted solely by Collingwood church but was organised by Bro. Fitzgerald and members of Fairfield church in conjunction with Collingwood folk.

South Essendon.—Attendances at all meetings are good. Bro. A. B. Lloyd is preaching faithfully. On March 31 Bro. G. Mathieson spoke in the evening. Visitors included Mrs. Gonnell, from 40 miles Park, S.A. At gospel service Bro. Harvey and Lloyd, sons, from Ivanhoe, sang a delightful duet. Members are pleased to have at many meetings Bro. and Sister Lloyd, parents of the preacher. New scholars are still being added to the Bible School.

Bononia.—On March 24 the church and Sunday School anniversary was held. All meetings were well attended. In the morning Bro. Main spoke to the church. In the afternoon Bro. McCallum gave a splendid address to the children, and in the evening Bro. Williams gave the Gospel message. On March 27 the children gave an excellent concert at which prizes were presented. All meetings were well attended on March 31, many visitors being present. Work in all departments is in a healthy condition.

Preston. The Bible School anniversary was held on March 24. Bro. Fisher gave a splendid address morning and evening. The girls and one woman made the good confession. Bro. Dr. Kemp held the interest of the children at the afternoon session by his address on "Kill-joy Devils." The children, conducted and trained by the superintendent, Bro. F. J. Lang, and assisted by an orchestra sang splendidly. On Tuesday evening, March 19, the demonstration and distribution of prizes was held. A crowded house enjoyed the splendid programme submitted. Bro. O. Walker presented the prizes.

Geebung.—Bible School anniversary services on March 17 and 24 were a great success, with large attendance meetings. Bro. Anderson, of Malvern, Collingwood church, spoke on the 17th at all services, and his messages were enjoyed. Bro. Clipstone spoke on the second Sunday, attendances again being large. The singing of the children under direction of Bro. E. Mitchell was appreciated. The concert on Monday, 25th, was the best for many years, reflecting credit on officers and teachers for the splendid training of the scholars. Bro. Putland, superintendent, distributed sweets to all the children attending.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—A good representation of men attended the quarterly meeting held on Thursday, March 14. 28 were present. The subject for discussion was, "What is the Ideal Method of Conducting the Lord's Day Morning Service?" It was opened by Bro.

Mathieson and W. Feary, and then thrown open for discussion, several taking part. Main points stressed were: Personally, the president should possess such qualities as to be able to lead folk into presence of God; all things should be done decently and in order; congregation should come in the right spirit. Last Lord's day many were away at Conference and on holidays. Bro. W. Feary, senior, addressed the church, and Bro. Hamage preached at night. Bible School attendances are good; 130 were present each Sunday for March.

Hartwell.—During March the church had very fine meetings. On March 17, church anniversary, A. H. Main addressed the church, and W. Clay conducted gospel service, the building being well filled both services. On 19th the members' tea and public meeting was addressed by R. B. Gebbie. Special choir and musical help was enjoyed. On March 24 three adults made the good confession at the close of Mr. Robinson's gospel address. On March 31 Mr. Jameson, of G.M.S., exhorted the church in morning, and Jas. A. Wilkie, of Ballarat, conducted gospel service. Three candidates were baptised at the close. All departments of work are in a healthy condition, and the future looks bright. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Aisbitt, whose father received the home-call last week. The church has almost reached its 10 per cent. increase. Pentecostal aim in every department of work.

ADDRESSES.

- J. E. Allan (preacher Maylands church, S.A.).
- "Avon," cor. Harcourt-st. and Kapunda-terrace, Pasynch.
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- W. H. Vawser (secretary Murray Bridge church, S.A.).
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COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 7, 11 and 16.—Bambra-rd. Bible School Anniversary. Sunday, 7th, 11 a.m., A. Anderson (Malvern-Gaulfield); 3 p.m., Prize Distribution; 7 p.m., G. O. Tease. Sunday, 11th, 11 a.m., A. J. Patterson, M.A. (Ascot Vale); 3 p.m., A. J. Fisher (Preston); 7 p.m., S. R. Baker (Oranoid). Tuesday, 16th, Caulfield Town Hall, Grand Concert, 8 p.m.; 6d. and 1s.

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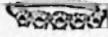
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