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Help the Needy: A Call from Tasmania.

THE heart of the Commonwealth has been deeply moved by the tragedy of Tasmania. All our readers are familiar with the chief facts of the case. Loss of life, ruin of many homes, and destitution to great numbers of people who in normal circumstances would be well able to provide for themselves—these are the consequences of the greatest floods experienced since the island State was colonised. The loss of bridges, interruption of communications, interference with trade and with the tourist traffic on which the prosperity of Tasmania to a great extent depends, are extremely serious matters. But the present need of thousands of sufferers is food and clothing and making of homes habitable.

We received last week, too late for insertion in our issue of April 11, the following telegram from Bro. F. Collins, President of our Tasmanian Conference and preacher of the church in Margaret-st., Launceston:

"Press appeal for 'Christian' for funds to rehabilitate Invermay and other sufferers through floods. Position acute. Funds sent me as Conference President dispersed through general relief committee. F. Collins, 18 Church-st., Launceston."

Our Victorian Conference Secretary, Bro. Wm. Gale, sent out before last Sunday to all of our churches in the State the above appeal with the following statement:—"The telegram arrived too late for inclusion in the current issue of the 'Australian Christian.'" To avoid delay, I am communicating in this way with every Victorian church. Invermay, where we have a cause, is low-lying, and almost entirely covered several feet deep with flood waters. It is reported that in Invermay were compelled to leave their homes and seek refuge on higher ground. There exists, undoubtedly, very great need. Help is very urgently needed. Prompt assistance will prove doubly helpful. We suggest collection at

night, but we leave to you the ways and means of dealing with this in your own congregation on Sunday next. Moneys sent to this office will be wired direct to Mr. F. Collins, the Tasmanian Conference, President. Return envelope is enclosed."

Some churches, we know, took up an offering last Sunday evening and intend to have another next Lord's day. Doubtless the churches in other States will be gladly assisting. We feel sure that if secretaries and preachers put the matter adequately before the congregations there will be a generous response. Money given for such a purpose need not affect any other offerings. Will all please see that no merely perfunctory announcement is made? A casual notice results in the giving of spare coins; a proper statement of the need and our Christian privilege will result in a worthy offering for his sake who gave himself for us.

One of the good results of a calamity which arrests the world's attention is the way in which it elicits sympathy and a spirit of kinship and helpfulness. Heroism makes its appearance in unsuspected places; self-sacrifice is revealed to be a much more common thing than we had dared hope; and a feeling of concern and brotherliness

manifests itself in every district and almost in every home.

It is right that the Commonwealth should make a liberal response to the call for help from the smallest of its States. The strong ever ought to help the weak. We are glad to see the excellent response to the appeals made in the public press. We feel sure that there will be a beneficent result extending far beyond the relief of physical distress. There will be a knitting together of hearts, the strengthening of the ties of kinship, nationality and humanity. Australia ought to help, because the rains which have wrought such damage in Tasmania have been of incalculable value to some of the States. It has been more than raining sovereigns. Gratitude for blessings received should make us responsive to the appeal for those who are afflicted.

Christian people have an added motive for making a prompt and generous contribution to the relief funds. Other Christians are sufferers, and have a special claim upon us. We are never more sure of following direct and approved apostolic example than when we are organising a collection on behalf of disciples in need. It was for such an offering that the apostle Paul penned the greatest appeal for liberality which Christendom has ever received. He who rightly considers the eighth and ninth chapters of 2 Corinthians will not lack motives for his present giving.

Our very standing as Christians is judged by our willingness to help in such a cause as this. "Whoso hath the world's goods, and hebbeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him?" So "let us do good to all men, especially unto them who are of the household of the faith." Our blessed Master acknowledges our beneficent acts as if directed to him: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, ye did it unto me." The poet expresses the Christ as saying:

"Who gives himself with his arms round three—
Humbly, his hungering neighbor, and me?"

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Victoria Changes Plans.

OUR NEW ORGANISER.

After a period of four years as Organiser for the Victorian Bible School and Young People's Department, Bro. L. C. McCallum accepted an invitation to work as preacher with the church at Balaklava, S.A. For the past year, owing to financial considerations, the Department had been able to use Bro. McCallum's valuable services for part time only. This was regrettable, as our work among young people is of sufficient importance to warrant a full-time Organiser, and as soon as finances permit the Department will engage a man to give his whole time to it.

In the meantime it is necessary to carry on with a part-time appointment. Members of the Committee are exceedingly pleased that Bro. W. Gale is able to act as Organiser for the Department. It may be a matter for wonder that a Home Mission Organiser should be able to carry this additional work, but there are several things which make the appointment a peculiarly happy one. As Home Missionary Organiser Bro. Gale goes to our country churches, and can combine Bible School representation with Home Mission work. The same is true of city and suburban visits. Moreover, Bro. Gale has the authority of the Department to employ what clerical and other help is necessary, and the Home Mission office can be used as headquarters. This arrangement has been made, of course, with the approval of the Home Missionary Committee.

It should be added that Bro. Gale has had much experience in Bible School organisation, and has had great success in this important department of Christian service.—Holland T. Pittman.

THE NEW ORGANISATION.

The Committee

controlling this department comprises six brethren appointed at each Victorian Conference, and four members of the Home Missionary Committee. All of these are deeply interested in Bible School and Young People's work, and are prepared to give of their time and close attention to the big programme of the department.

The Organising Secretary.

Not being able, financially, to engage a full-time organiser, as in the past, the Committee has approached the Home Mission Committee, requesting that the Home Mission Secretary, W. Gale, be permitted to act in the dual capacity of Home Mission and Bible School Organiser. The department has undertaken to find its proportion of expenses involved, which will be considerable, seeing that it will necessitate additional staff in the Home Mission office, and travelling expenses. The extra staff is required to relieve the Home Mission secretary himself, so that he shall have time for Bible School work.

The Programme.

The Department exists to:

- (a) Study and assist the schools and churches to solve the youth problem.
- (b) Co-ordinate and co-operate with all of our young people's auxiliaries.
- (c) Discover better plans and methods in all branches of work amongst young people.
- (d) Conduct the Annual Scripture Examination in the schools.
- (e) Hold Teachers' Conferences wherever possible in country and suburban centres.
- (f) Conduct the Annual Christmas Leaders' and Workers' Camp Conference.
- (g) Encourage the conduct of periodical "Schools of Methods."

- (h) Keep in touch with our schools in all parts of the State by systematic visitation by staff and members of Committee.

This is an ambitious programme for a Department with but a part-time Organiser, and that one the Home Mission Organiser, who is also Conference Secretary and Secretary of the new Executive. It can only be attempted by providing

Additional Office Staff.

Not much advantage would be gained by the appointment of a junior. It is hoped to secure the assistance of a young woman with business or office experience, already in school work, who could assist in the visitation of the schools, in co-operation with the Home Mission staff, and members of the Bible School Committee. Thus a whole team will be at the service of the schools.

The Finances.

This will cost more than was required when Bro. McCallum was part-time organiser, but it will be less than the amount required for a full-time organiser. The Annual Offering for financing this, the work of the Bible School and Young People's Department, will be taken on May 5.

Is It Worth-While?

Is a question you must answer. If you do not think so, then you will not contribute on May 5, but we submit to you that it is one of the most worthy efforts that has ever asked for your support. We cannot conceive of a single disciple saying such work is not worth while. Then let us all work and pray for a

Record Offering

for the Bible School and Young People's Department on May 5. Our Bible School work is on the up-grade, showing a net gain of 543 scholars and 187 scholars added to the churches for the conference year just closed. Your best on May 5, whether it be little or much, will be greatly appreciated.—W. Gale.

VACATION TRAINING CAMP.

There won't be any need to discount this article because it is written by an enthusiast. After one address on the camp, a lady who heard it went to some of the students to ask if it were all true! Students and teachers are of one mind that this annual training camp is one of the most important features of committee work during recent years. The Victorian churches will always be indebted to the organiser, Bro. Leslie McCallum.

The aim of the camp was a happy holiday free from any objectionable features, combined with a unique opportunity of training for service, and without exception students took full advantage of both sides of camp life. Seven subjects were listed on the curriculum, but there were only

five class periods, and the biggest difficulty most students experienced during the whole of the camp was in deciding which two subjects to leave out.

Students worked with each other and with the teachers so splendidly that progress was such that he that had anything like a worthy record in camp, by the words of one of the students, "The time we spent in camp made us feel we each had a special work to do in our own local church. It helped us to realize how much we owe to the Master." That student hopes, in the near future, to enter the college of the Bible, and in the meantime is doing all in his membership, but other nearby churches also. Another camper from the same church went into College this year. From other camps in different parts of the State come letters asking for advice as to how they may help and win for Christ friends of theirs who are not Christians. With very few exceptions those who attended the summer camp conference are now engaged in active service with the local church. That is what the camp was for.

Yes! It was a combined camp, and every teacher and every student would agree that that fact largely contributed to its success. Mixed holiday camps without proper supervision have sometimes led to much that is undesirable. All this was carefully considered before the camp was inaugurated and proper arrangements made with very satisfactory results to all concerned. The comradeship was very enjoyable and helped to promote healthy friendships and understanding, which can endure in lasting good. There was never an embarrassing moment for anyone; never an expression out of place. Mutual confidence and self-respect took the place of discipline, and everyone had a care-free happy time. It was the ideal way of evangelizing boys and students and teachers will never forget some of those sacred seasons, when, in the brief spaces between organized activities, young men and women sought out their leaders for private conference. Teachers were impressed and often deeply moved with the earnestness of these youths and maidens, and the naturalness and frankness born of perfect confidence with which they came to discuss their future plans.

"We cannot live on ancient history. The past belongs to the old; the future belongs to the young. We must use them or lose them." Young people these days are too honest to hood a thing if it is safe to say that every camper who can will be there again next year, with as many more as they can bring. What was it that gripped these young people and thrilled them in ways they could hardly describe? Well, perhaps it wasn't any one thing, but everything together. The camp was a great success because the organisers did not do the young people the injustice of assuming that the only thing in which they are interested is fun. There was fun, plenty of it, but the emphasis was on training for service, and the young people appreciated the compliment and responded nobly. Let us have more faith in our young people, put more time and money into their training, keep the bright ones ahead before them, and we shall soon make faster progress. D. Wakeley.



Congratulations to West Preston.

New school at West Preston, Va. opened on Feb. 3, 1929. They have not far to go to reach their first century.

South Australia's Increase Campaign.

FOUR VIEWPOINTS.

Among the days that bring brotherhood recognitions as worthy of special honor annually is "Bible Schools Day." The date this year is May 3. May the churches of this State pray, plan and prepare for a "great day" this year. There comes to us a fourfold appeal on behalf of this work.

The Christ.

Jesus placed tremendous emphasis upon "the children." He blessed them. He taught through them some of His greatest lessons. He used them in His service. He listened to their praise. He loved them. He teaches us their importance and value.

The Child.

The child makes a great appeal to us. There are two main attempts made in the winning of souls. (a) Amongst those who have spent years in sin and are termed adults. (b) Amongst those tender in years before hardened by deep sinfulness. Child conversion is most desirable because it is easier to win a child, and when won it is more likely to stick. There is not so much to unlearn, and more years of service may be given to Christ.

The Church.

The church, too, must have a deep interest in the young people if she wishes to have regard to its future existence and strength. The church should give her influence. "Every member and as many more in the Bible School" is a good slogan. The church should be ready to give financial aid to this department of her work. Much prayer should be offered for the Bible School work. The church should be ready and willing to provide the best equipment possible. We should see that the very best of teaching is being given in the school. She should ever be ready to give all the encouragement the work and the workers deserve.

The Committee.

The Bible School and Young People's Committee is ever on the lookout to be of greatest possible service to all schools, whether in the country or the metropolitan area. During the past year new schools at Crystal Brook and American Hill were helped with equipment, and the desire of the Committee is to assist in the opening of another new school during the year. The programme of the department is a very comprehensive one. Several conferences are held to encourage and train the workers. An increase campaign is planned for May, June and July. We would like to enrol a thousand new scholars. A big programme of competitions is planned for May 29 to 33, etc. We look to the churches to make a liberal offering on May 3 so as to make a big forward movement possible.—Will Beiler, President S.A. Bible Schools and Young People's Department.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL.

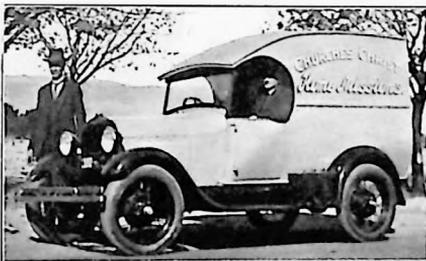
It is impossible to overestimate the work of the Bible School. Surely "its value no mortal can measure." A few of the things evidencing its value may be mentioned.

1. Its value is seen in the wonderful field for evangelism which the Bible School provides. 85 per cent. of the church members, it is said, come from the Bible School. And we ought to long for more of them. And we can never be guilty of overlooking them. I will let C. H. Spurgeon say what is the conviction of so many of us: "I have more confidence in the spiritual life of children I have taken into my church than I have in the spiritual condition of the adults received. I will go further and say, I have usually found a clearer knowledge of the gospel and a warmer love for Christ in the child convert than in the man

convert." "We would all know more if we had learned less." Let us endeavor to win the child before he learns too much. So many church members have so much to unlearn, hence the value of child conversion.

2. Its value is seen in the sphere of its activities. It works chiefly with the young. It is starting at the right end. Satan's strongest blows to-day are hurled at the young people, and it is for them we must toil and pray. The liquor dealers, dancing promoters, cigarette makers and all the rest of them are after the young. And the modern Bible School can save most of these young people if the proper methods are pursued.

3. I think of the calibre of the men and women working in the Bible School, great and self-sacrificing souls are they. No question about it: when we recall the names of those so de-



Bro. F. Hollans has been appointed to represent Churches of Christ as evangelist in the back blocks of South Australia. The accompanying photograph shows the new motor-van provided for his use.

vised to it. Are you, reader, in the Bible School? Maybe you can't attend, but you can and surely do manifest some interest.

It is to stimulate interest, to do all possible to assist in making Bible School teaching and organizing more efficient, and where possible, help the weak schools financially, and organize new schools, that the Bible Schools Department exists. We are appealing for the interest and support of all church members. Will you demonstrate your interest in a thing so well worth while? Roy Raymond, Vice-President, S.A. Bible Schools and Young People's Department.

OUR DEBT TO THE BIBLE SCHOOL.

Time has a wonderful power in dimming a man's mind to the blessings of the past, and to cause him to overlook an enormous debt. Let me ask the question, "How must owest thou to the Bible School?"

1. Let the church answer. And the reply is that, like that of a man to his mother, the debt to the Bible School is one that cannot be expressed in words or paid in coin. The value of the Bible School to the church is measured by its contribution of spiritual power. The Bible School is the religious organisation "par excellence" where direction is given. Therefore the Bible School is the organisation of superlative value to the church. To the Sunday School the church owes a completer and more correct vision of her mission and method of work. It was the Bible School which applied to church work the principle of "prevention rather than cure."

2. Let the church officers answer. The list of our deacons, deaconesses, secretaries and elders are graduates of the Bible School. In many cases they owe their spiritual life to the arms that were placed about them by the school. Church officers should of all men kind sympathetic and practical support to the Sunday School. Most of them might well say, "By

the grace of God," felt first in the Bible School, "I am what I am."

3. Let the minister answer. What does the preacher owe? Well, in nearly every instance, he became a Christian through the school. His teacher, and not his pastor, is his spiritual preceptor. His first lessons of Bible truth came from the heart of a hard-pressed teacher in a class of unruly boys. The taste of good things led to hunger for more, and the Bible School teacher led to the college professor; and when he pleads for the acceptance of Christ into the life, he owes his encouragement and success more to work being done in the Sunday School than to his own earnestness or eloquence. In general terms it is true that the additions come by way of the school.

4. But what can one say in a few words in justice to a debt which we all share, and which none of us can ever pay? I am thinking as I write (may you start thinking as you read) of what we might have been hit for the Sunday School. God knows we owe immeasurably to this friend and counsellor of our youth. What we needed while young, others are needing and will need. We can only do our duty by making

every effort to pass the blessing on. Now will you help on May 3?—Reg. H. Lamphire, Organizing Secretary, S.A. Bible Schools and Young People's Department.

GOLDEN EGGS.

The Bible School Nest.

The Bible School is the nest which holds the golden eggs for the church. Some of these may be mentioned:—

1.—Many Converts.—Most of the converts come from the Sunday Schools.

2.—The Missionaries.—The Home Mission and Foreign Mission workers come from the ranks of the scholars.

3.—Church Officers.—85 per cent. of the church officers were trained in the Bible Schools.

4.—Teachers and Y.P. Workers.—Nearly all of these come from the Sunday School nest.

5.—Social Service Helpers.—Those who show the Christ spirit in seeking the physical uplift and social care for the needy were trained for service in the Bible School.

6.—A Devoted Sisterhood.—The words of Paul: "Those women who labored with me in the gospel" (Phil. 4: 3), apply today to a host of the sisters whose minds were moulded aright in Sunday Schools.

7.—The Preachers. Whence came the consecrated army of preachers? The Sunday School was the centre in which their spiritual aspirations were developed.

Therefore: Support the Bible School, and all other departments of the church will be supported.

ON SUNDAY, MAY 3.

make a liberal offering for the work of the Bible School and Young People's Department.

Helping the Young in New South Wales.

THE CHURCH AND THE CHILD.

The organisation of our Bible Schools to-day makes possible a thorough system of teaching, and the results being obtained are doubtless due to this organisation. But organisation requires conversation on the part of the church. Some day this teaching department of the church will receive the consideration it deserves. Not that we think more of the young people than the old, but because we want to save the child from going into sin and shame. Jesus waits the boy and girl, and he wants us to help him save them. No work is so pleasant; none more fruitful. The church must do it in the name of the Master. "Feed my lambs," Jesus is saying in his church. Bible School Day, May 5, supplies the opportunity.—A. Paterson, N.S.W. Conference President.

WINNING YOUTH BY YOUTH.

When I consider the thousands of young lives growing up around us, the complex conditions in which they grow, and the materialistic influences that surround their lives, I am convinced that faith in God and in Christ is a far greater protection to them than "Christian civilization." To the multitudes of young people who are outside the church, and to those in the church, we must bring persuasively the gospel of God revealed in Christ Jesus. "Begin today," that great word which church can do today is to train her young people as evangelists to present enthusiastically and convincingly to other young people the worth of Christ. A crusade of youth in the conquest of youth, for the cause of truth, would be surer of success than anything yet attempted.—Elmer Davis, President N.S.W. Churches of Christ C.E. Assn.

"LET US SAVE THE KIDDIES."

It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the most vital question of the hour is, "How shall we bring the boys and girls to Christ and train them for his service?"

The church of Jesus Christ must ever remember the words of the Master who said, "Feed my lambs."

When the "Lusitania" was torpedoed Vanderbilt was a passenger, and when he recognised the danger, and knew exactly what was coming for many on that ill-fated floating palace, he said, "Come and let us save the kiddies." It was a noble man who uttered these words, and for all times they will thrill Christian workers.

Right down the centuries the cry has been, "Come and let us save the kiddies." That is the appeal of our Bible School and Young People's Department in its desire to extend the kingdom. There is no other work so important as that which presents itself here; no other work is so sacred as the winning of the child.

The carpenter may work in wood, the mason in stone, the smith in iron, the artist on canvas, and that work may be marred; but what does it really matter?

Let the tender film of childhood be marred by sin, and for years the effects will be seen.

Every day I see men and women, mere drifting wreckage, who have slipped down the slippery slide of life, and while I know that Christ can lift men from the "uttermost to the uttermost," there does come to all right-thinking men and women the thought that if we can win the child, what tragedies will be averted. With that object in view we must have more and better Bible Schools, more fully qualified teachers, and bands of consecrated disciples who will respond to the call of the child life of the State.

Brothers, let us help save the kiddies by standing shoulder to shoulder with our Bible School Committee in its great work. W. J. Crossman, N.S.W. Social Service Dept.

BIBLE SCHOOL TRAINING LASTS.

The woman goes to the draper, makes her purchase of calico, gingham or chintz; bears it home in triumph to gladden the eyes of her family as it adorns house or person. The man visits his tailor or mercer, obtains his new suit, the or hat, and in the first flush of newness is observed to be a well-dressed man. But alas! gingham fades, serges soil, ties tarnish and chintzes change; the virtue of durability is a will-o'-the-wisp. The youth and the maiden delight as with the apparent promise of fruitful futures; such stores of energy, earnestness, enthusiasm, emphasis and enterprise; surely we have here the evangelists, the missionaries, the teachers, the zealous workers of tomorrow? And then the glory fades; somehow they drift away; the talents which we had coveted for the work of the Lord are turned into other channels, the boundless store of energy is frittered away in the seeking of the pleasures of the world. Whose is the blame? Largely the parents. At the time when most of all they should be insisting upon the retention of church association, the adolescent is allowed the privilege of pleasing him or herself, and in the formative years of character they elect to leave religion out. But the blame is not wholly the parents'. The church has a responsibility too. The catering for the young is more than an investment; it is a divine charge. So far as the investment aspect is concerned, the results must be left to the Father, but so far as the commission is concerned, it is ours to accept and execute, and there will be no exalting the accounting of our stewardship.—P. C. Bennett, N.S.W. F.M. Committee.

"IT CAN BE DONE."

Last year the New South Wales Y.P. Department asked church workers to knock the "I" out of can't. It was recorded of Nehemiah's workmen, "The people had a mind to work." The same can be recorded of the workers to-day.

"It is being Done."

Church of Christ workers in N.S.W. have been busy during the twelve months ending Decem-

ber 31, 1928. As a result twelve new Bible Schools, one for every month, are reported. The new schools are located in the following centres:—Balladoran, Tempe, Mordale, Bilingy, Burrandana, Canberra, Kogele, Mulgoa, Kellyville, Five Dock, Blackheath and Mulwala. The school at Burrandana, while conducted by Churches of Christ workers, is held as a union school. The school at Mulwala is conducted by Victorian members.

Isolated Home Classes.—Besides the Bible Schools mentioned, scholars are also taught lessons supplied by the Y.P. Department in homes at Bay, Tareyton, G.L. Wesson, Whimroo Flat, Church Station, Edgeroi, District, Gosford, Bonalton, Bangalow, Dinedon, Gombony and Kendall.

Thirty C.E. Societies now link up the young people in the brotherhood. During the year these have been organised as a "Churches of Christ C.E. Association." As a result much good is being done among the young people.

Training Classes.—To provide new teachers and afford opportunities for those wishing to train as speakers, classes are being opened whenever possible. There are twelve training classes now operating as against three the previous year.

K.S.P. and P.B.P.—Fourteen clubs are now listed, showing encouraging progress. As many other Y.P. Societies are also reported. Increased efforts are being made to provide for the young people, and so organise their energies for service.

New Scholars.—610 new scholars and 80 additional teachers have been gained in Bible over 18 months.

Pentecost, 1930.—5,000 scholars by Pentecost, 1930, is the aim set. This aim is low, in view of the fact that more than 500,000 children of Protestant parentage in N.S.W. attend no Sunday School.

How to Win the Parents.—The most effective way to win the parents of the next generation is by winning the children of this generation.—P. J. Pond, B.A., N.S.W. Bible School Organizer.

CHURCH MUST PUT YOUTH FIRST.

If the church is to expand, the young people's work must be fostered and furthered. Church members must not only provide Bible instruction for the children; the missionary or extension aspect of Bible School work must be considered. With more than 500,000 boys and girls in N.S.W. attending no Sunday School, the church of the future is in danger. This danger looms up largely because in past years the churches did not put the winning of the child in the place of first importance.

Remember Colin Card Day in N.S.W. Bible Schools, May 5.



The Love that Holds—All, Always and in All Ways.

There is no greater missionary enterprise for the church than that of placing the hands of the children into the hands of Jesus.

Queensland.

Annual Offering, May 5.

£100 Needed.

CHILD CONSERVATION.

A review of the past year's work of the B.S. and Y.P. Union reveals very satisfactory progress. There has been a decided increase in the school enrolment and in that of young people's societies, and three new schools have been formed.

Again the time comes when the committee appeals to the churches for financial help. We justify our appeal on the results secured, and on the opportunities which abound, and which could be exploited with the aid of an adequate income. On Sunday, May 5, the offering will be taken, and we are asking for £100. "With child conservation the problem of adult reclamation will cease."—H. G. Payne, President.

THE TEN TALENTS INTENSIFIED.

No. 1.—"Lord, here are the ten children which you gave me to train. I found ten others, and I trained them also." "Well done!"

No. 2.—"Lord, here are the five children, together with five others I have guided into the narrow way." "Well done!"

No. 3.—"Lord, the two children which you gave into my charge have wandered astray. I thought I could not train them to your satisfaction, so I never bothered."

Is there need to add more?—C. Wolf, Vice-President.

OUR PLEDGE.

A promise made to a child should be honored at all cost, as they have a memory which is irremissible. In being a follower of Christ there is a pledge to be honored—to feed his lambs. To dishonor this means disloyalty to Christ and his lambs.—J. K. Martin, Treasurer.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL—A TRAINING GROUND.

The Bible School is a training ground for the young. Remember, true knowledge is an ally of Christianity. Every consecrated teacher abroad or at home is a missionary, inasmuch as an atmosphere is created by their teaching and influences which helps in the building up of Christian character.

While we multiply our Christian schools and colleges at home and abroad, we must never forget that the Sunday School affords us a sphere of magnificent missionary enterprise that will pay a thousandfold.

Remember, in seeking to instruct and win the boys and girls for Jesus Christ through the Sunday Schools you are as much a missionary as if you went out to win the head-hunters of the Solomon Islands, or the devotees of the shuns.—D. Clapham, Secretary.

POSSIBILITIES.

A German schoolmaster four hundred years ago used always to lift his hat and bow to his scholars when he entered the schoolroom. He saluted their possibilities. Greater possibilities present themselves in the Bible School, possible preachers, Christian workers, etc. Let us therefore give that these possibilities may come to fruition.—O. G. Potter.

CO-OPERATING AND CONTRIBUTING.

The future welfare of the young people depends largely on what we make it. Success can only be achieved by our co-operation in cultivating and producing the best that can be acquired. Therefore, if you are in favor of this objective you will willingly contribute to this great cause.—A. G. Hick.

HOLDING THE YOUNG.

The training of the young folk of to-day is a problem not to be lightly met. The world has so many attractions to offer them that, unless the church makes itself attractive enough, the world will gain many of them.

The days of narrow views and ideas are past. Not that I for one moment mean we should bring too much pleasure into the church, but that is where we must use our tact and foresight; each character who comes under our training is different, and we must endeavor to help each of them until they reach that time when they know just what is right and wrong. They must be taught to be in the world but not of the world.—J. Blignell.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

As we think of the words of the Master when he said unto Peter, "Feed my lambs," we remember our responsibility to the children of to-day; and as we think of those words of the Master, "Suffer little children to come unto me," and as we love him who gave his all for us, may we be willing to give our best for him and for the sake of the boys and girls.—T. B. Martin.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

April 21.

THE CRADLE OF THE DEEP.

(Mark 4: 35-41.)

W. Waterman.

"And when it was even, he said unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side, etc. And they took him even as he was in the ship. And behold, there was a great tempest in the sea, inasmuch that the ship was covered with the waves; but he was asleep."

Jesus Asleep in the Storm.

All day long Jesus had been teaching the multitude by his first parables, and he was tired. Therefore "the disciples take him . . . even as he was, without preparation or delay, the object being simply to get away as quickly as possible, so great was his fatigue and longing for quiet." Stretching his body on the bottom of the boat, and resting his head on the steerman's leather seat, the Lord fell into a sleep so sound that not even the storm could awaken him. So restless was his sleep that the disciples later expostulated with him, saying, "Have you no concern? Rest is not in the quietness of outward things, but in our being where God wills. Remember, too, that Jesus had commanded this trip. Yet here comes a storm! This shows that we can meet storms even while we discharge plain and divinely-commanded duty.

The Lord Awakened.

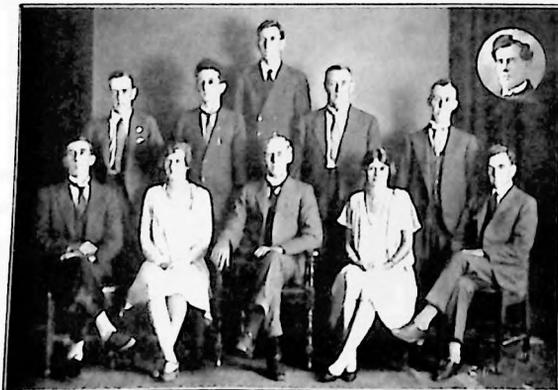
When the storm became (literally) "an earthquake" in the sea, and even seasoned hands were hopeless—then the disciples awakened him. It was frankly to rouse the Lord. "Suffice also that it takes more than a storm—the clutch of trembling men's hands and their cries of distress, to awaken the Master. "We have seen something of this glory in a mother, whom all the noise of traffic will not awaken, but who will be roused by the sigh of a babe." Not as the Lord, Jesus (literally) "menaced the wind," and said to the sea, "Be huzzled!" so that immediately the wind "grew tired," and there was a great calm! Seeing, as Jesus meant they should, that from that sleeping Man there had emerged the Master of the Universe, the disciples "trembled with a great fear," and said (more strikingly), "What unearthly personage is this!"

The Lord's Reproof.

"This miracle was intended to explain and correct an attitude in their own lives." Thus Jesus says, "Why are ye so fearful, how is it that ye have no faith?" Learn from this rebuke, first, that the only storm believers need to fear is the storm of unbelief. These disciples were endangered not by the wind and water, but by their own faithlessness. "I may lose health, money, friends, power; but if I have not lost my faith, I have not nothing vital." Really, panic in any Christian is a terrible sin. The faithful (this is not to awaken him, but simply to wait over him.

Learn, secondly, that if he is with us we need have no panic for his cause. In their fear the disciples said, "Have you no concern for the kingdom—you and we, and therefore, so much as a 'perish'?" It was not a prayer, however, protest. He rebuked their words, showing meaning that "he was justified in sleeping; they had no right to awaken him, and they ought to have known that they had no right to awaken him." "Yes, they learned of God; that no storm can wreck the program of God; that though all hell be let loose, and though it stir the power over elements and the passions of the world, to stir them into storm, and wreck the apparently frail bark where Christ lies asleep, it is all useless. If he be there all is well."

TOPIC FOR MAY 1.—THE STOLEN CURE.
Mark 5: 25-34.



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Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN.

TO A RAINBOW.

Triumphal arch that fills the sky
When storms prepare to part!
I ask no proud philosophy
To teach me what thou art.

Still seem, as to my childhood's sight,
A midway station given
For happy spirits to alight
Betwixt the earth and heaven.

Can all that opales, teach, unfold
Thy form to please me so,
As when I dreamt of gems and gold
Hid in thy radiant bow?

How glorious is thy girle, cast
O'er mountain, tower, and town;
Or mirrored in the ocean vast,
A thousand fathoms down!

As fresh in yon horizon dark,
As young thy beauties seem,
As when the eagle from the Ark
First sported in thy beam.

For, faithful to its sacred page,
Heaven still rebuilds thy span,
Nor lets the type grow pale with age
That first spoke peace to man.
—Thomas Campbell.

HER MOTHER'S PARTNER.

A sturdy little figure she was, trudging bravely with a pail of water. So many times she had passed our gate that morning that curiosity prompted us to remark: "You're a busy little girl to-day." "Yes'm." The round face under the broad hat turned toward us. It was freckled and perspiring, but cheerful withal. "Yes'm; it takes a heap of water to do a washing." "And do you bring it all from the brook down there?" "Oh, we have a cistern mostly, only it's been such a dry time lately." "And is there nobody else to carry the water?" "Nobody but mother, an' she is washing." "Well, you are a good girl to help her."

It was a well-intended compliment, but the little water-carrier did not consider it one at all, for there was a look of surprise in her grey eyes and an almost indignant tone in her voice as she answered: "Why, of course I help her. I always help her do things all the time. She hasn't anybody else. Mother 'n I are partners."—Selected.

THE EAGLES' UNDOING.

Ganon Wilberforce used to tell that one day, while walking in the Isle of Skye, he saw a magnificent specimen of the golden eagle soaring upwards. The hawk, and watched its flight. Soon he observed by its movements that something was wrong. Presently it began to fall, and soon lay dead at his feet. eager to know the reason of its death, he hastily examined it, but discovered no trace of a gunshot wound; but he found that it held in its talons a small vessel, which, in its flight, was drawn near its body, and had sucked the life-blood from the eagle's breast. Secret sins sap the life out of the soul, and unless confessed to God and forsaken, will drag the sinner down.

HOW TO BE MISERABLE.

Think about yourself; about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay you, what people think of you, and then to you nothing will be pure. You will spoil everything you touch; you will make sin and misery for yourself out of everything which God sends you; you will be as wretched as you choose on earth, or in heaven either.—Charles Kingsley.

THE SOURCE OF STRENGTH AND SWEETNESS.

Dean Farrar wrote of his mother, for whom he cherished the deepest love and reverence: "My mother's habit was, every day, immediately after breakfast, to withdraw for an hour to her own room, and to spend that hour in reading the Bible, in meditation, and in prayer. From that hour, as from a pure fountain, she drew the strength and sweetness which enabled her to fulfil all her duties, and to remain unruffled by all the worries and pettiness which are so often the intolerable trial of narrow neighborhoods. As I think of her life, and of all it had to bear, I see the absolute triumph of Christian grace in the lovely ideal of a Christian lady."

TRUST.

"Oh! mother, how dark it is!" said a little child to his mother, the other day, as our train rushed into a tunnel, the lamp not being lighted in the carriage; and as the little fellow uttered the words, he nestled up closer to his mother's side, while she put her arm around her child, to assure him of her protection and tender care.

Do not some of God's children say, "Father, how dark it is!" as they travel through passages in their journey of life? Even as an earthly parent, he hears their cry, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you," and with more tenderness than any mother, his strong loving arm is ready to encircle, to shield, to protect, and often, in the darkest times, his presence is specially felt drawing us nearer, and his great heart in touch with ours.—Selected.

LESSON OF THE WATER MILL.

"Oh, the wasted hours of life
That have drifted by!
Oh, the good that might have been—
Lost, without a sigh!

Love that we might once have saved
By a single word,
Thoughts confessed, but never penned,
Perishing unheard!

Take the proverb to thy heart,

Take and hold it fast—
'The mill cannot grind
With the water that is past.'"

HOW A BOY WAS TESTED.

The story is told of a boy who was hired out in a hardware store. The first day he was sent into the attic to sort out and arrange a large box of old nails, nuts, and screws. The attic was hot and gloomy. The lad was tempted to fall asleep, thinking no one could see him; but, instead of yielding, he faced the task determinedly, sorted the articles, and in the end of three days he reported the completion of his task to the head clerk, and, on it being inspected, the clerk said: "All right, lad, you will be given a place at my counter; that box is a test job to prove whether a lad is worthy of something better. Let the young take note, and all of us be willing to endure our testings."

A DUCK.

The farmer met one of his new employees coming towards the house in a dripping condition.

"Say, bill," he said, "what 'ave se been doin'?"
"Oh," was the reply, "I've just been 'avin' a game o' cricket with the old lady by the pond. I won the toss and went in first."

Cricket.—"You are growing fast, Tommy."
Tommy.—"Yes, I think it's 'cos mother waters me too much. I have a barfy every day."

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

Monday.

And the king said to Zaiak, Carry back the ark of God into the city; I shall find favor in the eyes of the Lord, he will bring me again, and show me both it and his habitation.—2 Sam. 15: 25.

David seemed to be conscious that the rebellion of his son Absalom was part of the punishment of God interposed against him in consequence of his sin. He was in doubt as to God's mind towards him. This was a terrible grief to David. It would be well for us if we were always as concerned about the Lord's favor as David was.

Heading—2 Sam. 15: 10-15, 30-37.

Tuesday.

And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom.—2 Sam. 18: 5.

The natural love of David for Absalom seemed to blind him to the dreadful sin of rebellion. God interposed and took the punishment out of David's hands and dealt with Absalom as his sin required.

Heading—1 Sam. 18: 6-17, 21-33.

Wednesday.

But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!—2 Sam. 19: 4.

David forgot the great crime of Absalom in his deep fatherly affection. We may see here a faint picture of God's great love for the sinner as shown by the father in the parable of the prodigal son.

Heading—2 Sam. 19: 1-15.

Thursday.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.—2 Sam. 22: 47.

Thus David is restored to full confidence and joy in God. After being almost overwhelmed in the angry billows of adversity, he at last finds himself firmly fixed on the Rock of his salvation.

Heading—2 Sam. 22: 1-3, 29-31.

Friday.

And he shall be as the light of the morning when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.—2 Sam. 23: 4.

These are beautiful symbols of God's loving kindness to his people in their sorrows. David had passed through a terrible night of storm, but the morning broke full of glory and beauty. David's own words are, "In his favor is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Heading—2 Sam. 23: 1-17.

Saturday.

Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.—1 Kings 2: 12.

The kingdom of Solomon was strong all the while he remained faithful to God. But the time came when he turned to idolatry, and thus brought about the ending of his kingdom in twain. Unless a kingdom is established in righteousness it must come to desolation.

Heading—1 Kings 2: 10-35.

Sunday.

Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad.—1 Kings 3: 9.

We need to pray this prayer as much as Solomon did. It is his way means easy always to judge between good and bad.

"Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,

Lead them me on;

The light that dark, and I am far from home,

Lead them me on."

Heading—1 Kings 3: 5-23.

Foreign Missions.

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

MEDICAL WORK AT DHOND, 1928.

In the middle of December, 1927, we first opened a dispensary in Dhond, using the garage for the purpose. This proved very unsatisfactory, and in a few months' time we built a temporary building with the material that has been brought for many years and was lying on the ground. This consists of three rooms, of such a size that they will be able to provide a room for about fourteen beds. The central room has been used as dispensary for the greater part of the year and has been very convenient. In March we employed an Indian doctor, Dr. D. C. Madiram, as it was found to be a bad practice to leave the dispensary closed when I had to leave for a day or so to visit the other stations, and the work was getting to be too heavy, along with the organising work that had to be done. We also during the year made arrangements for Mr. M. Kadam to come to Dhond as pastor, as it was felt that it was unwise to let slip the opportunities for preaching the gospel in the dispensary. During this year there has been a great deal of work in making arrangements for the erection of the Ashwood Memorial Hospital.

The actual building was commenced in September, and was supposed to be finished on Dec. 31, but there were many delays. However we have decided that the building shall be opened officially on Friday, Feb. 22. See picture taken on day of opening. During the year we have treated 2,788 new cases, and have had 5,901 treatments altogether. The medical fees have amounted to Rs. 1,378 11 0, and the visit fees have amounted to Rs. 721 11 0, making a total of Rs. 2,100 2 0. The total cost of the running of the dispensary above medical and visit fees has been Rs. 199 11 4, which amount I have taken from the equipment fund, so that there has been no cost to the general funds for the medical work at Dhond.

The estimated cost of the administration block of the hospital is about Rs. 11,500. The staff and nurses' quarters will cost about Rs. 6,500. Mrs. Ashwood and the Misses Ashwood have graciously relieved our financial position by sending another £100 for the purpose of completing the staff quarters.



Ashwood Memorial Hospital, Dhond, India.

The first Mission Hospital erected by the Australian Churches of Christ in a foreign country, opened on February 22, 1929. In the door of the building is the Collector (Government). On his left are Mr. Gentry, Mr. Binzer (Chairman), and Miss Foreman. On his right are Dr. Oldfield, Mr. Insoot and Mr. Selma. The next man is Mr. Patel, who spoke at the opening economy meeting and catered for the refreshments without charge. There were many more people present than shown, but they did not get into the picture.

During the year the preacher has regularly used the opportunities in the dispensary for the preaching of the gospel. From the nature of this work it is impossible to say how much good is being done in this way, but I am certain that it is worth while. We are trying to arrange for the following up in their own villages of those who come to us for treatment.

The work at Dhond is full of promise. It is our duty now to see and grasp the opportunities as they are offered to us from time to time. The people locally are very friendly to us, and there is a very friendly spirit between the B.C.H. Mission members and ourselves. At the close of the year 1928, the members of the B.C.H. Mission made a collection for the hospital, and sent about Rs. 75, which was very gratefully accepted.

During the year we have started a Christian Brotherhood in Dhond which consists of a number of men from different missions. There are about twenty members. A number of these are now coming to the church meetings. During the year there were two baptisms, both of men who were previously Christian, but who wished to join the Church of Christ. Our pastor says there are a number of men in the village thinking seriously about Christianity, and we hope that in the coming days we shall have the joy of leading some of these to the Christ himself. G. H. Oldfield.

"His wisdom's law, the perfect code,
I'll have insured;
Of him on whom much is bestowed
Much is required."

In the "great commission," "go" and "do" are complements to each other. . . . Disobedience respecting "go" dulls the realisation of his presence in "do."—C. A. Finch.

The Lord wants reapers; oh, mount up.
Before night comes and says, "Too late."
Stay not for taking scrip or slip;
The Master hangsers while ye wait.
—Lowell.

MALVERN-CULFIELD DEBENTURE DRAW, 1929.

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MARRIAGE.

LEE-BARRHETT.—On March 16, 1929, at South Yarra, by Mr. A. G. Saunders, Elvie May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Barrhett, to Frederick Norman, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lee. Present address, 475 St. Georges-rd., Thornbury.

DEATH.

CARL.—On April 11, at 6 Grosvenor-st., South Yarra, Cecelia (Saint), after two years of suffering, dearly loved friend of Ada Dennis, Kew, aged 22 years. "So he giveth his beloved sleep." "We shall meet to part, no, never
On that resurrection morn."

IN MEMORIAM.

COCCLAUD (nee Lilian McKean, late organist Ringwood church). In fond and loving memory of my darling wife, who was called to her home on April 19, 1928, after a short and sudden illness.

Her cheerful way and smiling face

Are pleasant to recall;

She had a smile for everyone,

And died beloved by all.

More than twenty-five years an active Christian worker.

Inserted by her sad and lonely husband.

HOLLEY.—In loving memory of my dear husband, who passed away on April 21, 1923, at Ballarat, late A.F.

Inserted by his loving wife, E. A. Holley, 13 Scott's-pde., Ballarat East.

Offerings for Foreign Missions

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Here and There.

Australia rejoices greatly at the finding of Kingsford Smith and party safe and sound. Great anxiety, however, is felt at the disappearance of Anderson and Hilsbeck.

Bro. J. C. F. Pittman intimates that he is willing to accept Sunday with some church, either in the metropolitan area or at some distance. His address is Willow-st., Hampton, Vic.

Our Bible Schools have right of way in this issue. A liberal response is looked for in the annual offering to be taken on May 5 in the interests of the State Bible School Departments.

On Tuesday afternoon the following telegram reached us from Brisbane:—(Hirshchen-Arnold mission commenced Kedron Sunday; new field; good meetings; one confession Monday.—Pape).

Recently Bro. Cliff Sharp, of Brighton church, Vic, visited Bro. B. W. Hantsman, who is seriously ill in America. Bro. Hantsman desired him to convey loving greetings to the brethren in Australia.

There was an apparent interruption to mails on Tuesday, as our usual afternoon delivery of church papers was not made. We wish reporters to understand that all matter was used which had come to hand at the time of our going to press.

On Monday last Miss Vera Blake and Mrs. H. Gentry and family arrived in Melbourne from India. A number of friends met the "Narkunda" in the early morning and welcomed our missionaries, who at once proceeded to the homes of relatives.

May 5 is being regarded as Bible School day in most of our schools in different States. The committees in charge of the work seek the support of the churches. A liberal offering is asked for. To help in the great work, we devote most of this issue to the claims of the school.

Mr. Maryborough, Q., reporter states that owing to financial stringency the church has been compelled to release Bro. Norman Hirshchen, who for some time has been preacher for the church. We understand that Bro. Hirshchen is free to consider an engagement with some other church and that his services will be available from the end of May.

A recent number (212) broke bread at Gardiner, Vic., on morning of April 14, when two were received into membership. Bro. G. E. Moore spoke in the morning on "Immortality," and Bro. H. Gabbie at night on "Conversion." An evening offering of £9 was taken up for Tasmanian sufferers. On April 10 a well-attended lawed-B service was tendered to Bro. and Sister E. C. McCallum and family. The previous week the sisters entertained Mrs. McCallum at a social function. Both Mr. and Mrs. McCallum received privates of esteem.

In a private letter Bro. W. Waterman, recently preacher of Invermay church, Tas., gives some particulars which add to the force of the appeal to Churches of Christ to assist the sufferers by the flood. Bro. Waterman writes: "The Invermay flood is a calamity for the church there. Counting up those who were driven from their homes (of our members), most of them by 11 in 15 feet of water, I make the total of members to live in 24 homes. A few of these homes suffered little, but most, almost all, left everything in the flood, except their money, and changes of clothing. Some families are very certain to be in need. Their furniture is ruined, a number of pianos lost, and their cupboard supply nil." Bro. Waterman thinks that one of the best ways of helping Invermay church would be to make a bigger donation to our Federal Evangelistic fund, to enable more assistance being given through that fund to Invermay.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 1, at 2.30, our Victorian Women's Mission Band Committee is tendering a welcome to Miss Vera Blake, our missionary from India, who for a great number of years has been the missionary correspondent of the Bands. All members of mission bands are invited to attend. Secretaries of bands are kindly requested to send notice of members who expect to be present to Mrs. Strongman, 2 Grosvenor-st., East Malvern, S.E.3. The meeting will be held in Gardner chapel, and the members of the Gardner Mission Band will entertain the visitors.

Most of the material relating to Bible Schools which appears in this issue was collected by Bro. L. C. McCallum, who this week leaves for Bahaklava, S.A. We are grateful to Bro. McCallum for his kindly help during the past few years. The Victorian matter in this number was arranged by Bro. Wm. Gale, who will now be in charge of the columns headed "Our Young People." Correspondents sending matter for this department—whether manuscript or photographs—should post: Bro. W. Gale, Room 217, Second Floor, T. & G. Building, Corner Collins and Russell-sts., Melbourne, C.I.

A good response from Victorian churches to the appeal for help for Tasmania is reported by Bro. Gale. Bro. Clay, secretary of our Victorian Social Service Committee, is co-operating with Bro. Gale in this matter. Meanwhile, our Victorian churches are asked to continue their support through Bro. Gale. Bro. Josiah Park, secretary of our Tasmanian Temperance and Social Service Committee, has sent an appeal to all our State Social Service Committees. In it he stresses the urgency of the call for help, and adds the following sentences which should immediately be relayed to exist. Money, good, versatile clothes, specially underwear, may be sent to Bro. F. Collins, 18 Church-st., Lancaester; or to Bro. J. Park, c/o Crown Estate Agency, 17a Collins-st., Hobart.

EYRE'S PENINSULA CONFERENCE, S.A.

The Conference was held in Tully Bay chapel on Thursday and evening of March 29. All our churches were fairly attended, representatives being present from Ungarra, Butler and Tully Bay, and from the Baptist church. The devotional service was led by Bro. Davie, who also presided over the Conference. The report of the secretary and treasurer (Bro. Brook) showed a satisfactory result, the amount owing to treasurer being small. Field reports were very encouraging. Ungarra had built a splendid chapel. Its report was encouraging, showing additions to membership. Butler church is in a healthy state, a fine Sunday School being formed, and good interest taken. This church is mostly composed of young men and women, who are doing a good work. The evangelist's report on a whole was very encouraging. A solo by Mrs. A. Lawrie was sweetly sung.

The following officers were elected: President, Bro. W. Trezzy; vice-president, Bro. Davie; secretary and treasurer, Bro. G. E. Hammond; auditor, Bro. Leslie Brook.

Bro. Holham, with the Bible van, is coming to labor in isolated parts of the peninsula. Bro. H. M. Tuck (President of State Conference) is expected to accompany Bro. Holham as far as Tully Bay. A discussion took place on the subject introduced by Bro. G. E. Hammond, "What Makes a Church Great?" It was carried unanimously that Bro. L. H. Davie be con-

gaged for another twelve months. The ladies provided a splendid tea in the kindergarten room. There was a fine evening gathering. A quartette was nicely rendered by Sisters Davie and Lawrie, Iren, Jones and Davie. The retiring president, Bro. Davie, spoke words of appreciation. The new president, Bro. W. Trezzy, was introduced and responded.—Thus, Burt.

ADDRESSES.

W. C. A. Luke (secretary Mount Albert church during Bro. Maloney's absence abroad), 14 Highfield-rd., Canterbury, Vic. Et.
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D. Stewart (preacher Footscray church, Vic.), 59 Paisley-st., Footscray, W.VI.

COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 21, 28 & 30.—Brunswick Bible School Anniversary Services, April 21, 7 p.m., Southey, B.A.; Dip.Ed., Miss Koukoularis and Dr. Killinger, April 28, A. G. Saunders, B.A., H. McNelly, and Dr. W. A. Kemp. Bright singing under Mr. Ross Pearl. Tea provided for visitors. Tuesday, April 30, 8 p.m., Children's Demonstration.

APRIL 23 TO MAY 5.—Camberwell Bible School Anniversary. Sun., April 23, 11 a.m., J. I. Mulford; 3 p.m., Jas. E. Thomas; 7 p.m., H. J. Book "Billy Bunny" of 20. Tues., April 30, 8 p.m., Demonstration. Sun., May 5, 3 p.m., Kindergarten display; 7 p.m., J. I. Mulford. Offerings at all services. Special singing led by A. G. Chipperfield. Old and new friends welcomed.—J. Venn, Hon. Sec.

MAY 25.—Maverick-Caulfield, Sale of Work, afternoon and evening. Sister churches invited to attend.

MOUNT ALBERT TEST MONION.

Meetings will be held at the Mount Albert Team Terminus, corner of Union-rd. and Whitehorse-rd., commencing Sunday, April 28. Gospel messages, "Bright Singing." Welcome. Sister churches' contribution will be gratefully appreciated.—W. C. A. Luke, Secretary.

BRIGHTON'S GREATER JUBILEE.

Will brethren throughout the churches who have been in membership at Brighton please accept this announcement as a call to join, wherever you are, to come home in this, our 70th anniversary gathering, commencing Sunday, May 27. The services will be conducted by past members. Morning (including a roll-call of members), speaker, J. C. F. Pittman. Afternoon, services with the young people; address, Bro. B. P. Clark. Tea provided for our subjects. Evening service, led by Bro. A. E. Forbes. Monday, Home-coming Tea at 6.30 p.m., and an evening of happy social intercourse. Bro. Will Clay will speak. (Offering for Social Services.) Tuesday, subject, "Prayer." Bro. A. E. Hibbard, Wednesday, great gathering of songs; subject, "Love." Bro. D. Waleley. Thursday, Songs around the Throne, with greetings from Gardenvale, Hampton and Black Block our next door neighbors. Bro. James E. Thomas will speak on "The Holy Spirit."

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God is continuing to bless abundantly the special missions in Queensland. The Toowoomba mission was certainly a great victory. While it is true there are a few very loyal members in that city, the church has had a disappointing career. For some time the church work has been carried on by local brethren. There has been one evangelist for only twelve months during the past five years.



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Throughout the mission there was much interest and enthusiasm. Even on very wet nights there were many strangers present. It was unfortunate that the mission could not be prolonged. Conference made this impossible.

There were fifty-five decisions for Christ during the last two nights. The night on each occasion was magnificent to behold. On the last Sunday, in addition to those previously received, there were more than sixty who received the right hand of fellowship. It is to be regretted that there was no local evangelist in Toowoomba during the mission. Bro. Johnston, of Hobart, has now taken up the work. It will be a noble and a joyful task to get to know the new members as well as the older members.

The present church is most anxious to carry forward in a worthy manner the work of God. For many years the church has been meeting in an unattractive building. The need of a new building has long been felt. To make it possible was always the problem. There is in Toowoomba a building which was originally erected and used by the Congregationalist body. A few years ago it was sold and used as the Trades Hall. It is a magnificent building—100 yards from the Post Office in one of the main streets. It is certainly the most central chapel in the city of Toowoomba. This building has been secured by the church. The church at Toowoomba is certainly deserving of our heartiest congratulations upon securing such a delightful church home. The price decided upon was £2,500, and there are some who imagine it is

worth nearly twice that amount. Herewith is a photo of the building.

The whole mission was owned of God, and the members were sufficiently thankful to make a thankoffering of £365. Mr. Arnold, as song-leader, Mrs. E. C. Hinrichsen as pianist and Mr. E. C. Hinrichsen as preacher were the recipients of helpful presentations which were appreciated.

Many new towns are suggested for the future missions. No strong church is to be visited by the party for many months to come.

The greatest difficulty ahead is to finance the new buildings. If Keelron succeeds in erecting a new building that will be the third new building in six months. These schemes are taxing the resources of the Queensland brethren. If any reader could loan money at 5 per cent. or less, the help thus rendered would be invaluable at this stage. It is never wise to leave the new members without a church home. The money loaned would be handled as a business transaction and would be safely secured. This money is needed not for the missions but for the new building. The missionaries have been greatly encouraged by the liberality of certain of God's people. Worthy of special mention are Sister Hovey, Sen. of Victoria; Bro. H. C. Edwards, of Melbourne, and Bro. Winter, of Shady Downs, Queensland.

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Obituary.

McKINNON.—On March 9 Bro. John McKinnon, a very fine Christian gentleman, passed to his rest at the ripe age of 76 years. He came from the Presbyterian church, and with his wife united with the church at Balwyn, Vic., about twenty years ago. He had endeared himself to all by his kindly courteous manner and his gentleness of spirit. He was most faithful in his service for the Master, and enjoyed the fellowship of God's people. His body was laid away in the Box Hill cemetery on March 11, many being present to show their esteem of such a worthy Christian. Mr. Frank H. L. Paton, the minister of the Presbyterian church, assisted J. E. Thomas in the services at the home and graveside. Much sympathy is felt for the aged widow who remains alone. We look forward to the glad reunion in that home where we shall never be separated.—J.E.T.

CHAULICK.—On the evening of March 12 our beloved Sister Mrs. William Chaulick suddenly

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passed to be with Christ. She had not been ill, and on the morning of her death she appeared to be in normal health up to the moment of her call. On the Lord's day previous she had worshipped at Grote-st. church. Mrs. Charlick was only about 20 years of age when she was baptized into the name of Jesus by Pastor R. K. Finlayson, at Zion chapel, Adelaide. Two years after the opening of the Unley church she and Mr. Charlick transferred membership to that assembly, where they remained for thirty years. Ten years ago Mr. and Mrs. Charlick took membership with the church at Grote-st., where they worshipped until God took them. Throughout her long life of discipleship Mrs. Charlick maintained a very faithful witness. She evinced a very keen and sympathetic interest in all the activities of the church. She was liberal in heart and hand, but most faithful to the teachings of her Lord. Six sons and two daughters mourn the loss of mother, but sorrow not without hope. Bro. A. C. Bankine and the writer led the service at the private burial, when the mortal remains of our sister were laid away on March 13 in the Mileham cemetery.—J.W.

VERCO.—On April 7 Bro. Richard Vero departed this life, aged 79 years. Since the death of his wife four years ago, he had made his home for the most part with his beloved daughter, Mrs. McMichael, of Kensington Park, Burn with in the city of Adelaide, our late Bro. Vero became a well-known identity. The large number of business men and other friends at the grave-side testified to the high esteem in which he was held. For a number of years Bro. Vero took an active part in the church work at Grote-st. of a cheerful nature, he was a favorite with the children, and nothing pleased him better than to make them happy. He was a good man, and taught to do good. He had a firm faith in God, and implicitly trusted in the finished work of Christ. He leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. Three brothers survive him in the persons of Sir Joseph Vero and Mr. John Vero, of Adelaide, and Mr. T. B. Vero, of Bonnetton. Bro. Wiltshire assisted the writer in the funeral service.—A. C. Bankine.

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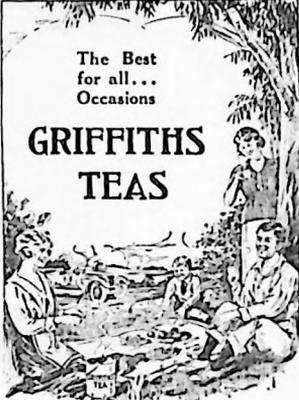
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News of the Churches.

Queensland.

Bundaberg.—Bro. C. S. Trudgill, of Gympie, spoke at both services on April 7.

Gympie.—On April 7, meetings conducted by Bro. S. Vanham were well attended. The evening subject was "The Age-long Wonder."

New Veteran.—Bro. H. Anderson, whilst attending Conference at Brisbane, was obliged to go under an urgent serious operation to his eyes.

Brisbane.—There was a good morning attendance on April 7. We regret to report that our aged Bro. Martin, late of Toowoong, passed away on April 6.

Toowoomba.—Bro. and Sister Johnston arrived on April 5. A welcome social was tendered them by the church on the following evening. Meetings were held in the new church home on April 7, and a great gathering of members partook of the Lord's supper. The large building was filled at gospel meeting. Six new scholars were added to the school, and two young girls confessed Christ.

Ipswich.—The cause has been progressing satisfactorily. Recently Bro. F. E. Sammers, organising secretary of the College of the Bible, addressed a large gathering on "The Pivotal Church." A ladies' guild, which meets fortnightly, and a men's council, have been formed. Many Bible School children journeyed by motor bus to Brisbane Conference children's demonstration, and took a prominent part in the musical programme. The school received the certificate for best examination results in the State in schools with over fifty scholars.

Rockhampton.—The church has been helped by the visit of Bro. G. T. Walden. He spoke to the juniors, addressed the church and Sunday School, and preached to a crowded house at night. The same evening he addressed the gathering thoroughly enjoyed. On April 8, at the lantern lecture, it was impossible to seat the people. Bro. Walden was taken to Yeppoon on Tuesday. In the evening he conducted an enjoyable meeting at Mungana, about four miles from Mt. Morgan, where we have nearly forty members, who break bread weekly in the home of Bro. Jones. The duplex envelope system was introduced last Sunday. Not a single member has objected to this system. Every week members are coming back to the services.

Western Australia.

Subiaco.—On April 7 Bro. Carter spoke at morning and evening meetings, which were well attended. A husband and wife and a man made their stand. Many visitors are to be seen in every meeting.

North Perth.—Bro. Robinson addressed both meetings on April 7. Attendances of late, particularly at gospel meetings, have improved. A sister reconsecrated her life to Christ at the gospel meeting on 7th Inst.

Northam.—On April 7, morning and evening meetings, addressed by Bro. Buckingham, were splendidly attended. His broke bread for the first time. Miss Dobbie rendered an inspiring evening solo. A sister was baptised.

Bassendean.—On March 21 Bro. James exhorted on "Grass." Bro. Nightingale spoke at night, when Sister L. was saved. At Conference, at the Bible School demonstration, an item was given by the Bible School. During the Bible School contest six new scholars and three teachers have been added. On March 11 Bro. Dean gave a message and Bro. Nightingale delivered a powerful evening address on "The Divinity of Christ."

Attitude.—The first wedding in the new chapel was conducted on April 4, the contracting parties being Bro. Vivian Stafford, evangelist of Torca, and Sister Muriel Jeffery. Both folk have been connected with the church here for many years, and the love in which they are held was

demonstrated by the gifts bestowed. Bro. W. J. Thomson officiated, assisted by C. H. Hunt. Previously the church extended a social evening to them, when a cheque was presented to assist in the furnishing of their kitchen. On March 31 Bro. Stafford spoke at both services, his address being greatly appreciated.

Perth.—Latterly, Easter services were well attended, and members appreciated the opportunity of entertaining many country visitors to Conference. The evening service was broadcast. The choir was led by Bro. H. Wright, and the gospel address given by Bro. Les. Peacock. On Sunday, April 7, Bro. Mackie spoke to the men's class, and again at the evening service to an interested congregation. Bro. Schwab is now at home and progressing favorably. Much pleasure is felt by all that there is every likelihood of a speedy recovery to health and strength.

Hubbury.—Meetings have been well attended despite much sickness. The girls' Sunday Circle went into camp at Gomo under the supervision of Mrs. Thomson, and attended the Conference meetings throughout. The boys' club appreciated visits from Bro. Maston Bell and Bro. Hughes, of Northam, who gave great help. Several new scholars have been added to the school. Special efforts of the church and ladies' guild have given help to the local government hospital and the Prohibition League respectively. Sister Mitchell, organist, Bro. Hicks, violinist, and Bro. Arthur Chessell, cornetist, have given great help to the gospel services by their concerted playing.

Victoria.

Cheltenham.—Meetings on Sunday were large and well attended. £12.23 was collected for Tasmanian flood relief.

Geelong.—Seven new members were welcomed on Sunday morning. There was a large attendance. Bro. Scambler gave a helpful address on "The Christian Race."

Wangaratta.—Splendid meetings on Sunday, 6th Inst. Bro. Arnold preached a fine gospel message to a large audience. On April 6 the brethren cut and catted enough wood to last Bro. Arnold for twelve months.

Sunshine.—Bro. Gordon Newell commenced his labors with the church on April 7. There were splendid meetings all day. On March 21 Miss Vealby gave a very fine lantern lecture on mission work in Africa and Amazonia.

Middle Park.—Meetings are well attended. On April 11 the Phi Beta Pi held an enjoyable social evening in aid of a platform carpet. The church sympathises with Sister Baker in the loss of her father (Mr. Phillips, of Moreland).

Oakleigh.—On April 11 there were good meetings all day. Bro. Shipway exhorted the church, and the members of Bro. Abadie preached on "The Militancy of Christ." Bro. Russell rendered a solo. An offering of 46 was taken up for the sufferers in Tasmania.

Prabran.—Five meeting for worship on Sunday, Bro. Geyer speaking. At night Bro. Connor preached the first of a series of five on "The Great Commission." Bro. Abadie preached on "The Imperial Claim." Moderate meeting. Good response to appeal for Tasmanian relief.

Dundroog.—On March 31 four young ladies who were baptised the previous Sunday were received into fellowship. On April 7 both meetings were well attended. Mr. E. A. Freize being the speaker. Bro. Inghelst was being shown in pictures for forthcoming anniversary.

Yanhee.—Good meetings at worship on Sunday, when the church was pleased to have fellowship with Bro. and Sister V. C. Stafford, who were passing through to Latoc. Bro. Stafford gave an appreciated message to the church. At the evening meeting Bro. Chivell delivered a stirring gospel address.

St. Kilda.—A social to acquaint old and new members with one another was held on April 16. Bro. Webb was present, and during the evening presentations were made to Sisters Sear and Davison, who acted as pianist and organist respectively during the mission. All meetings continue to be well attended.

Pyramid Hill.—On April 14 attendances were somewhat better than usual. Visitors included Bro. D. Stocks, of Rosert, who preached morning and evening. A duct was nicely rendered at the gospel meeting by Bro. Stocks and Sister Mrs. Harry Lacy, of Boort. For Tasmanian flood relief £11.19 has been given.

Braeside.—On April 6 Bro. McNeilly spoke morning and evening by good attendances, and two made the good confession. On April 13 Bro. Black exhorted, and Bro. Andrews gave the gospel address. Meetings were well attended. A collection was taken for Tasmanian relief. Bro. and Sister C. Waldron reached their golden wedding on April 9.

Box Hill.—Splendid meetings and good attendances on April 14. Bro. English, of Moreland, gave a good address in the morning on "Christ, the Centre of Attraction." Bro. Goudyain gave a fine gospel address on "The Court of Arbitration." The church was delighted to have present Bro. H. H. Sene, who has recovered from a serious illness.

Thorbury.—Bro. A. E. Hingworth exhorted on Sunday morning. His address was greatly appreciated. A good school assembled in the afternoon. Practice for anniversary is in full swing. At the evening meeting, conducted by Bro. Swan, 46.10. was received for Tasmanian flood relief. All societies and clubs are healthy. One confession received since last report.

Hampton.—There were helpful meetings on Sunday, with good addresses from K. Jones and R. T. Pittman. S.S. attendance was better than for some time. At night an offering of 15.45 was rendered for Tasmanian flood relief. Mr. and Mrs. V. Stafford, on their way from W.V. to N.S.W. were present, and Bro. Stafford took part in the service. Three have recently been added to the church by transfer.

Fitzroy.—On morning of April 7 Bro. Jenner, dressed in black, preached a fine gospel message. There were good meetings on April 14. Bro. Boettcher spoke at both services. In the morning Sister Sharp, from Kalgoorlie, W.A. was present. In the afternoon several members paid a visit to Sister Chalk, who has been ill for a long time, and held communion with her. The J.C.L. held a social gathering on Tuesday, April 9.

Geelong.—Last Sunday morning Bro. Clipstone suggested reasons for the leakage in the membership of the churches. A good congregation listened to his powerful gospel message on "The Devil and How he Works." About 16 was converted to Christ work in Tasmania. The Bible School membership is increasing. Reports from Bible Class, Band of Hope, R.S.P. and tennis club show an increase. Repairs to the kinder room will make it more comfortable for winter months.

East Wk.—On April 11 Bro. Hitch, of C.I.M. gave a fine lantern lecture on the work of God in a large gathering. At the close six ladies were baptised. The meeting on Sunday morning was large. Four sisters and two brothers were welcomed into fellowship. Bro. Youns was exhorted. Bible School had received a great message to a full house. An offering was taken for distress in Tasmania. Bro. Elliott sang a solo which was appreciated.

St. Arnaud.—On March 31 the church did farewell to Bro. Lassig, who has left to take up the work at Donolly. On April 7 Bro. G. G. Jackel, who has come as the foreman of the tent who has come as the foreman of the tent, was welcomed. Mission to be held in the next month, was welcomed. Both services were well attended. During the week Bro. Jackel did house-to-house visiting. Hand-bills have been distributed announcing special services for the next three Sundays. Meetings on Sunday were well attended, the evening attendance showing 100 per cent improvement.

Fairfield.—A very successful J.C.E. anniversary was held on April 7. Bro. Plummer, of Melbourne City Mission, spoke in the morning, and Bro. Fitzgerald gave an interesting children's address in the evening. A recent annual business meeting of Bro. Fitzgerald was rearranged for next meeting in twelve months. Splendid interest is being shown in mid-week prayer meetings.

Castlemaine.—Splendid meetings all day on April 14, S.S. anniversary. 107 broke bread. Bro. Gale addressed three services. He inspired all with his message. Bro. Gale, assisted by the able leadership of Bro. F. Jermy, assisted by a good orchestra, rendered delightful music. Many visitors were present, including Mr. Earle, from Queensland, father of the teacher.

North Fitzroy.—At the recent annual business meeting Bro. Halliwell, Saunders and S. Trotter were elected deacons to fill vacancies caused by death and retirement. On April 14 Bro. J. W. Baker addressed the church in the morning, and preached at night. Two young men and a young woman were received in the morning. There was a confession and immersion during the previous week. Offering for distressed brethren at Invermay, Tasmania, at night amounted to £7/10.

Bendigo.—The church held a very successful harvest thanksgiving service on March 24, following by a sale of produce on the Monday evening, bringing a very useful sum to building fund. Splendid meetings on Easter Sunday, many visitors being present. A new indirect lighting system in the chapel is a much appreciated gift from the Mutual Improvement Society. Since his return, Bro. Jay Cook has resumed charge of gospel services at Golden Square, Bendigo brethren still taking morning meetings.

Surrey Hills.—Last Sunday Bro. A. L. Gibson gave a delightful address at the communion service. At the gospel meeting Bro. Cambridge spoke on "Blessed Assurance." An offering was received for Tasmanian flood relief, the ladies' guild co-operating in sending in addition a large parcel of clothing direct to Mrs. Nicholls, of Launceston church, for distribution to sufferers. Monday evening of last week the B.S.P. club and the men formed with an offering to an instructive lecture by Dr. Kemp, of Mont Albert.

North Williamstown.—On March 17 two confessed Christ, and on March 31 seven (one-tenth of the congregation) made the good confession. The interior of the chapel has been renovated by voluntary labor, the sisters' sewing class having defrayed cost of material. Mrs. Myers (formerly Miss Doris Moore) has been received into membership from Collingwood. On April 7 a tea was held at the chapel, Bro. and Sister Bro. Emms being present. In the evening Bro. Emms spoke on "Prohibition, and three made the good confession.

South Yarra. A series of meetings for the deepening of spiritual life has been held. Bro. Janetzki has given eloquent and inspiring addresses. This week he is holding a series of gospel addresses. Sister Mrs. Janetzki is rendering valuable service by presenting the gospel song. Sister Miss Gaha Carr passed away last Lord's day morning after a lengthy illness. Her remains were laid to rest in Cheltenham cemetery on April 15. Bro. Ladhrook officiating. Last Lord's day evening an offering was taken for Tasmanian relief.

Maree-Gafield.—On April 14 every member present and family reunion services were celebrated. Good attendance in the morning, and a magnificent meeting at night, when the large church building was crowded. At the close of Bro. Anderson's message two ladies, who had made the good confession the preceding Sunday, were baptized. During the last six weeks seven adults have been added to the membership, some by letter and four by faith and obedience. Bro. Anderson is continuing his series of gospel addresses on "The Hands of Jesus," "The Face of Jesus," and "The Looks of Jesus."

Baharat (Peel-Is).—Attendances are well maintained with inspiring addresses from Bro. Matheson. As a result of a "Prayer and Lent" evening arranged for the young people, funds have been provided for a "wayside pulpit." Much

sickness has prevailed, but there is general improvement. Bro. B. Emms' recent visit reinvigorated zeal for prohibition drive. After many years of valued service Bro. Carpenter has, on account of ill-health, been obliged to relinquish his secretaryship. Bro. Matheson's address, "The Treachery of a Friend," last Lord's day evening, listened to by a large audience, was inspirational.

Warragall.—At the annual business meeting on April 4 the secretary reported a credit balance of £9 10s. Much important business was discussed. Officers elected: Deacons, Bro. Russell, E. J. Waters, Gables, Pedersen and C. F. Waters; secretary, Bro. E. J. Waters; treasurer, Bro. Russell; S.S. superintendent, Bro. E. J. Miles; S.S. secretary and treasurer, Bro. A. Gables; organist, Sister B. Waters; assistant organist, Sister Mrs. C. Pedersen; scrutineer, Sister L. Woodbridge; evangelist secretary, Bro. Lee; press correspondent, Bro. Lee. Good services on April 7. Bro. Miles spoke at both services. On the 14th there was a good morning meeting. Bro. Miles gave helpful and inspiring messages.

Carnegie.—Special meetings during April have resulted in very well attended meetings. Bro. Shipway's topic for the gospel services being "The Missed Chances of Life." Bro. Harvey, of Ivanhoe, is rendering excellent service as song-leader. Bro. Mudge, of Oakleigh, expounded last Sunday morning on "Trusting," and was greatly enjoyed. The children of the Bible School observed "Children's Day" last Sunday, and made their contributions to Foreign Missions. Bro. Shipway's young men's training class evinced great interest in their studies. Recently a kitchen tea was given in honor of Miss Myrtle Hargreaves by the church. Miss Hargreaves had rendered excellent service in many of the auxiliaries.

Wooldenburn.—The best meetings for years were experienced on Easter Sunday. There were many new visitors, mostly former members. The reunion at the Lord's table was an inspiration. The meetings were the outcome of the "Back to Wooldenburn" celebrations. Bro. C. McDonald, of Swan Hill, and Bro. E. J. Pittard, of Bambera, both former secretaries of this church, spoke in the morning and brought greetings from their churches. Bro. Hughes, preaching to a large congregation at night, spoke on the resurrection, the title of his theme being "Come Back." Meetings on April 7 were again good. On April 14 Bro. Hughes preached the general annual year of ministry with the church. The meeting for worship was well attended. Bro. Hughes' exhortation was appropriate. The church was glad to have fellowship with Bro. and Sister West, of Melbourne members at Wooldenburn in former years.

South Australia.

Queenstown.—On April 11 Mr. Phillip Leads exhorted the church. At the evening service Bro. Brooker took for his subject, "A Great Bondage." His interesting message was enjoyed by all.

Adelaide (Grote-Is).—On Sunday, April 14, Bro. A. C. Rankin spoke in the morning on "What Have We Done for Christ?" His message was a stirring one. At the gospel meeting Bro. J. Wilshire spoke on "The Peace of God." One made the good confession. The attendance was good.

Hindmarsh.—Fine services were held on April 11. Attendances were very good. In the morning Bro. Allen Brooker spoke on "Consecrated Living." In the evening his topic was, "Everyman's Test." On April 9 the combined choirs of the church and West Croxford Methodist church, under the leadership of Mr. W. Tompkins, rendered the sacred cantata, "The Triumphant." To a large audience. Proceeds were devoted towards the new organ.

Fallarton.—Meetings are keeping up well. Bro. and Sister Graham have returned from their holiday week refreshed. Attendances at breaking of bread are 80 to 100, and at night 60 to 100. Bible school attendances average about 100. The red and blue contest ended in a win for the reds. Bro. Banks, the conductor, has been called back to Melbourne. At a farewell social he was presented with a gold-mounted

fontain-pen. The Bible School picnic was held at Modbury. Bro. Will Watson has taken up the conducting for S.S. anniversary. The church has been blessed by the gift of a beautiful pipe organ through the generosity of Bro. W. Smoak, of Hindmarsh church. This church club is doing well, between 20 and 30 attending. Bro. Graham gave a fine message on "Lost Opportunities" to a very attentive audience on Sunday.

Cattontown.—On March 31 Bro. Hughes gave an inspiring gospel message to a large congregation. The choir rendered several items. On April 1, a week of prayer was commenced for the needs of the church. A luncheon was held in the kindergarten hall, and a devotional service at the close. During tea interval Bro. J. Adlam, a deacon, was farewell. He left on April 2 for New Zealand. On April 7, to a splendid meeting in the morning, Bro. Hughes spoke on "Revolutions." On 11th, a meeting was held and short addresses given in connection with "Finance." Supper was served for the ladies. On April 14 Bro. G. G. Wall, from the West Coast, gave a splendid exhortation. The Ladies' guild has commenced activities for the year, and has already started charitable work in the district. An offering was recently taken up for this work. The Home Mission offering amounted to £10.

New South Wales.

Petersham.—On April 7 Bro. Tomlin's theme was, morning, "Message to the Church at Ephesus"; evening "Pentecost, 1920 and the First Pentecost." Miss Gerlach was present from Mile End, S.A. A sewing circle meets on Wednesday evening before the prayer meeting, and is doing good work. The Bible School is healthy and growing.

Hornsby.—March 31, three new scholars added to Bible School. On April 5 Bro. Watson gave his illustrated Eastern talk on India. On 7th a local examination on the quarter's lessons was held, with about 75 scholars completed. A prize will be given for best paper in each of four divisions. Bro. Allen spoke to the church. Bro. Sims' evening subject was, "Marks of Identification—a talk to Christians."

Broken Hill and Railwaytown. Mrs. E. G. Warren, wife of the preacher, has been very ill, with pleurisy, and ordered by her doctors three months' complete rest. Since the absence of the preacher for several weeks through the sickness of his wife and himself, the preaching has been done by Bro. J. Cramer, Clark and E. Warren. Bro. Harris gave his first address in the Railwaytown members. Bro. Green, of Sydney, has rendered good service for two Lord's days.

Taree.—During the absence of the preacher (Bro. V. C. Malbrock), local brethren have taken up preaching appointments. The church records the sudden death of Bro. George Lee on April 11. He was a member of long standing, who faithfully served the church, and was highly thought of by members and non-members alike. Bro. Henry Edwards, who was a life-long friend and associated with our late brother in church work for forty years, conducted an impressive service at the grave side. The church commend Sister Lee and family to the care of our heavenly Father.

Grafton.—The work is progressing, and is most encouraging. Ground services have been very good. Bro. and the Bible School 14. Two young men confessed Christ on March 21. They were baptized on April 7, when 69 were present, and a young lady confessed Christ. Prayer meeting is growing, and a teacher and preacher training class is soon to be commenced. A ladies club has been started with twelve members. The Bible School picnic held recently was a decided success, over 100 children, parents and friends attending. All are working for the Vaster mission, which has good prospects here.

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The Good Friday meetings in connection with the churches at Gawler, Williamstown and Kersbrook were held at the last-named place. Visitors journeyed from Gawler, Williamstown, Kadina, Adelaide and Sandy Creek, and were welcomed by Bro. F. Fulston, who also led the morning devotional exercises and presided at that session. All meetings were well attended and enjoyable. The subject for the day was "The Glories of the Cross." The programme of speakers and subscriptions was as follows:—Morning: Bro. J. Warren, "The Object of Our Glory," and Bro. Hugh Gray, "We Glory in His Coming to the Cross"; afternoon: Bro. W. G. Oram, "We Glory in the Purpose of His Coming to the Cross," and Bro. P. H. Baker, "We Glory in His Demourour on the Cross"; evening: Bro. H. Gray, "The Sentiments of our Glory," and Bro. P. H. Baker, "The Penalty of Our Glory." Bro. W. Bain conducted the afternoon session devotional exercises, and Bro. P. Bushbridge presided. In the evening Bro. J. Warren conducted the song service, and Bro. W. G. Oram presided. During the day vocal items were contributed by the following:—Solos, Miss M. Fulston, Mrs. P. H. Baker, Miss N. Fulston, Mr. F. Philip and Mr. N. Hartley; duets, Misses M. and N. Fulston and Mr. and Mrs. Warren; trios (2), the Gawler party and the Kersbrook choir. The meals, dinner, tea and supper were provided by Kersbrook sisters. J.W.

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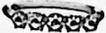
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