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## Thoughts of Spring and Anniversaries.

SPRING is near, and what O. Henry would call "The Harbinger" is with us. There are many signs. In suburban gardens we have already some beautiful displays of flowering peach. Pussy-willow trees give promise of great loads of branches to serve the double purpose of adorning drawing-rooms and annoying unappreciative males whose progress they impede. Further afield is the glory of the wattle, alluring charabanes of vandals and trainloads of despoilers—the wattle destined to bring much pleasure to numbers of shut-ins as well as to occasion gnashing of teeth on the part of the unfortunate landowner whose rights are invaded and whose trees are ruthlessly despoiled.

But there is another sure sign of spring. It is in springtime, as the poet says, that the people's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of—anniversaries, and particularly Sunday School anniversaries. Already the voice of the conductor is heard in the land, and with harp and organ and voice the more or less musical preparations go on.

We do not have anniversaries in winter, or in summer, or at holiday times. Probably not many schools are started then, but also those that were have learnt wisdom. The powers that be are not tied down by convention (beyond the convention of having an "anniversary") or the meaning of a word. So the great day of the feast is a movable one, and is changed to what is regarded as the most suitable time.

At anniversary times certain things happen. There is practising—much practising—of course. Songs, recitations, dialogues, tableaux, have to be searched for. "Casablanca" and "Alou Ben Adhem" are once again with us. Orchestras and strange musical instruments appear. Prizes are purchased and presented. Platforms are erected, and elegant decorations appear as by magic. We also usually sit comfortably near the front row, turned out and apologetically seek a back seat. But nearly everyone seems happy.

It must be admitted that many—even most—people like anniversaries. The children nearly always do. It is wonderful how attendances increase immediately before anniversaries and picnics, the only parallel thereto being the rapidity of the decline immediately after. The zest of preparation, the joy of anticipation, and the ecstasy of achievement, undoubtedly mean much to the junior school. Indeed, we may allow that it would be very difficult for a school without special occasions such as anniversaries provide to be run successfully where other schools in the neighborhood conformed to the conventions. This, with the interest and pleasure of the scholars, furnishes the justification for our practice. But it is not the children alone who enjoy anniversaries. We never have bigger crowds than on Bible School anniversary day. We reach the otherwise untouched parents through the children. There is an opportunity not to be despised; if it could rightly be seized, it would mean much. If the parents could be properly welcomed, and an address given of the kind to seize the imagination or touch the heart of people

who have come primarily to admire their Daisy's pretty dress or Mary's lovely singing, or Tommy's beautiful recitation, the day would be a great one for the church. Other people like anniversaries. Witness the number of persons who—to the local preacher's sorrow—are afflicted with the spring complaint anniversaritis, and week after week seek happiness in distant suburbs. Some may have constitutions of iron; they can stand a dozen anniversaries in a season. We dare not complain. After all, it is not our business to say exactly in what a person may find his pleasure or dissatisfaction. Even here, in Pollyanna fashion, we may discover some occasion of thanksgiving. This going round from place to place betokens an interest in one another's affairs and a spirit of fellowship which is good. Anything which prevents a parochial spirit and strengthens the ties of Christian friendship must be allowed to have in it elements of good.

We have no quarrel with anniversaries as such; and, even if we had, it would matter little. We have little desire to emulate the foolishness of either King Canute or Dame Partington. The sea will still advance. The dark and deep blue ocean will roll on, with or without the poet's permission.

But we have some serious objections to certain common, and increasingly common, anniversary habits. One is to the spreading of anniversary services over too great a stretch of time. There is too much interference with ordinary services. It is becoming a regular thing for two Lord's days to be monopolised. If the meetings were more profitable than those they displace, there would be good reason, but as a rule this is far from being the case.

A worse feature of many school anniversaries is the serious interruption to useful Bible School work. In some cases there is a curtailment of the teaching period for many weeks ahead and complete disorganisation for two or three Sundays. So far from this appearing to us a sensible thing,

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## Safed and the Indispensable Man.

There came unto me one of the prophets of the Lord, and he was a golly man, and one who I held in honor. And he told unto me the tale of woe. And he said, I have labored for seven years in the Synagogue of Green Pastures, for I came unto that place after a most successful ministry in still waters. And he said, when I came, the people here were divided and discouraged. And in those seven years they have grown strong, and prosperous, and I am happy here, and my children are in school, and I like not to leave. But there is a small and restless minority who are insistent that I shall leave. And I know, personally that I do, it will bring disaster on the work that I have done. What is my duty?

And I said, Leave.

And he said, But think of the disaster that will come.

And I said, It were better that disaster should come from this withdrawal than from this refusal to go.

And he said, What dost thou know about it save what I have told thee?

I said, Not very much. But I know that when a small and restless minority have produced the effect upon the mind of the prophet of the Lord that these folk have produced upon thine, it is time to leave. He not haste about it, and leave sweetly and graciously; and see in it that thou restrain thy friends from making an issue of thy departure.

And he said, There are other places I could go, but this place I love, and I am needed here.

And I said, I know thy works, and thou hast done well. Complete the good that thou hast done in the noble manner of thy departure. And think not that thou art indispensable.

And he said, Art thou sure about that?

And I answered, If I am not sure of that I will tell thee something of which I am sure. In the land which Christopher Columbus accidentally lumped into a vast business enterprise whose prosperity was due to the foresight and organizing genius and business sagacity of one man.

And that man being aged, died a year or two ago, and instead of the corporation going into insolvency, the stock started up on the day after the funeral, and is still going up. And now it appears that while every body held that man in honor, as was his due, there were and are reforms and improvements that have been making on the side-track for fifteen years, till there could be a change of policies and an adaptation of methods to new conditions.

And the prophet of the Lord said unto me, Thou art not giving me much comfort.

And I said, I know it and I am sorry. But no one of us is quite indispensable, and every one of us must at some time learn that humbling fact concerning himself and his own work. Nevertheless, for all that he hath done shall the true workman have glory, for the work abideth though the workman fall by the way.—"Public Opinion."

### FAITH.

Men buy and sell by faith; the forges burn. The drays are laden, countless mill-wheels turn. Great ships are chartered, trains run to and fro; Though faith directs them all, they scarcely know This spirit of the life of every day. Will she desert them when they seek to pray?

A day—a single day—if faith were dead. No field were sown, no oven fired for bread. Faith is the handmaid in a toiler's guise. Of all the world of workers. To tired eyes With solace she appears at close of day. To lift their burdens when they seek to pray.

—Laura Bell Everett.

## St. Arnaud Church Destroyed by Fire.

The accompanying picture reveals the ruin wrought by the fire which brought disaster to the church at St. Arnaud, Victoria, on Sunday morning, August 1. The rods twisted like pieces of twine, and sheets of iron doubled up in concert, in this fashion, are all that remain of the building.

### Just After Mission.

The church had just passed through a time of revival. The mission conducted by Bro. W. Jaekel and A. B. Withers gave the cause a distinct uplift, and larger meetings were being enjoyed than for many years past. Mr. Ceell Jaekel had been in the field, as full-time preacher, but a few months.

### A Serious Set-Back.

The blow could not have fallen at a more inopportune moment. That very morning a little function was to take place, celebrating the complete renovation of the structure. Entiring energy had been displayed by the entire membership throughout several weeks in setting the building in order. Gas was replaced by electric light; the application of paint, varnish and color had completely changed the appearance of the structure; willing hands had scathed the floors from vestry to front porch in anticipation of the coming Lord's Day.

### A Disaster Loss.

The fire-bell which awakened St. Arnaud just after 6 a.m. also brought the fire brigade to the scene. When it arrived, only the vestry was alight. There being no pressure of water in the mains, the brigade was as helpless as the spectators to arrest the progress of the flames. First one side fell in and then the other, and forty-five minutes later the burning porch collapsed.

### £30 Worth of Sewing Bunt.

The sisters had been sewing for months, preparing for their sale of work, for which the Town Hall had been booked late in October. All this was destroyed, together with organ, seats, bibles, hymn books and sewing machine.

### Visit of Conference President and Secretary.

At the request of the Home Missionary Committee Mr. A. G. Saunders, accompanied by the Secretary, visited St. Arnaud on the Tuesday following the fire. Although advised of this by telegraph after mid-day, almost every member

attended the meeting at night, in the home of Bro. and Sister W. McDermott. Addresses were given by the visitors. In responding, the local speakers clearly showed how much the timely visit was appreciated, and how deeply touched the brethren were at the news that help was forthcoming.

### Help from C.M.A. Men.

Immediately after the Secretary's statement on Monday night, at the C.M.A. meeting, Mr. J. E. Thomas suggested that the President and Secretary should take to the St. Arnaud brethren the news that their sympathy was of a practical kind. He then made an appeal, which resulted in £60 in cash and promises being made.

### Brotherhood Help Urgent.

It is imperative that our entire brotherhood stand in behind these worthy folk. The building, seats, organ and complete equipment carried £500 insurance. Even though the whole of the insurance be granted, there will be only about £200 available with which to start rebuilding and furnishing. The burden of interest, if the amount necessary had to be borrowed, would cripple the little cause entirely. It would certainly mean doing without the services of a preacher.

### Home Mission Committee Appeals.

The Victorian Home Missionary Committee appeals to the brotherhood for funds to build and equip a new chapel—will you lend a hand? The need is urgent. Liberty on a big scale is wanted. This is a work in which the sisters, the clubs, the Bible Schools, the Endeavourers can lend a hand. In addition to straight-out donations, perhaps the sisters of the churches could organise some special help.

A. G. SAUNDERS, President.  
WILLIAM GALE, Secretary.  
(Send to W. Gale, Vic. H. M. Office, new T. & G. Building, 145 Collins-st., Melbourne, C.1.)

### THE CHRISTIAN CREED.

To minister to all in need,  
From every selfish thought be freed,  
With faith in God, faithful in deed,  
This is the perfect Christian creed.

—M. Tulloch.



Ruins of the Chapel at St. Arnaud, Victoria.

# Pentecost.

## First Baptisms Into the Name of Jesus.

Ethelbert Davis.

"Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2: 38.

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptised; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Acts 2: 41.

Baptism had been practised before the day of Pentecost. John had come preaching the baptism of repentance, and multitudes were baptised of him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. At thirty years of age Jesus came from Galilee to Jordan, and was baptised by John. When Jesus commenced his ministry, he came preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and according to the fourth chapter of John's Gospel "Jesus made and baptised more disciples than John."

At the close of his earthly mission, when Jesus had received all authority in heaven and in earth, and had become the new lawgiver and the mediator of the better covenant, he took that ordinance to which he himself had submitted, charged it with a new import, and incorporated it in the gospel to which men were to be obedient.

### Baptism of the Olivet Commission.

Without presuming to be wise above that which is written, we conclude that Jesus included baptism in his final commission, as the ordinance best fitted to enable man to do in symbol what Jesus had done in fact. Baptism then identified Christ with man; it now identifies man with Christ. It then signifies man's entry into the service of man; it now consecrates man to the service of Christ. It then made Christ a participator in man's experience; it now makes man a participator in Christ's experience. It then symbolised Christ's death, burial, and resurrection for sin; it now symbolises man's death to sin, burial of it, and resurrection from sin.

It is necessary to remember that there is a vital difference between the baptism of John and Christ's ministry, and the baptism of the Olivet commission. In action and content they are the same, but in the essential content, subject, and design there is no similarity. The baptism of the commission invalidated the former ordinance to all who were to come in under the new regime. The Book of Acts records an incident which confirms this. In the upper courts of Ephesus Paul met twelve disciples. He asked them, "Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed?" They said unto him: "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Spirit." He said to them, "Unto what were ye baptised?" They said, "Unto John's baptism." Then said Paul, "John verily baptised with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe in him which should come, that is on Christ." "When they heard this they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus."

### First Christian Baptism.

We are now prepared to witness intelligently the baptism of the first converts to Christianity. These converts had asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter answered, "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Pricked in their hearts, and believing that this Jesus, who had been crucified, was the very Christ, they were prepared to follow him.

Standing around some of the pools, of which there were many in Jerusalem, in which there was an abundance of water, the thousand souls waited to be obedient to the command given by Peter. Behold ye angels of light, be-

hold ye demons in hell. Behold ye inhabitants of earth. All eyes are to witness a new thing in the experience of mankind. Men and women are, for the first time in human history, to be baptised "in the name of Jesus Christ." "Down into the water" stepped these untrained disciples; under the water they were placed "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"; "up out of the water" they came to "walk in newness of life."

Their baptism "in the name of Jesus Christ" implied their entrance into a definite and fixed relationship with Christ. Their repentance had definitely altered the focus of their intelligence, and their glad obedience gave a permanent movement of the will Christward. The acts of the spirit are not complete until they have been clothed in outward form; their inward faith and repentance took outward form as they "put on Christ" in an ordinance appointed by our Lord for that very purpose. That which they had not before was invested with a fresh dignity, and a fresh significance to them as they were baptised "into the name of Jesus Christ."

It was by no accident that Peter commanded them to be baptised in the name of Jesus. The baptismal formula as used by Jesus in Matt. 28: 19, "In (or into) the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Subsequently, in Acts 8: 16, concerning the Samaritans, we read: "They had been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus." In Acts 10: 48, of Peter and the household of Cornelius, we read: "And he commanded them to be baptised in the name of the Lord." Not all the theological volumes ever written can so clearly explain what baptism "into the name of Jesus" means, as Paul's simple statement in Galatians 3: 27: "For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ, have put on Christ," "baptised into Christ"; into his body; into blood-relationship with him; new creatures in Christ Jesus. One has only to say, "The Lord required disciples to be baptised into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Name de-

notes relationship. Entrance into a name necessarily changes the relations of those who submit to that name. The bride marries into the name of the bridegroom. He is appointed ceremonial comes the name of her husband, and with it the relation of wife. Precisely so in baptism—the baptism into the name comes change of relationship to him into whose name the baptism was inducted. Hence we read: "For as many of you as were baptised into Christ did put on Christ."

On the day of Pentecost, for the first time in the history of mankind, believers were baptised in the name of Jesus "for the remission of sins." To those Pentecost converts that meant the cancellation of all the sacrifices and ceremonial observances, through which had been made the promise of "the remission of sins," and absolute dependence for "the remission of sins," in the name of Jesus Christ." And if the original language in which Acts 2: 38 was written, and the English in which that verse is now read, are capable of expressing what is meant, then baptism "in the name of Jesus Christ" is "for (or into) the remission of sins," and not "because of" "the remission of sins."

For the first time in human history men and women were baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. In order to the reception of the Holy Spirit, "The remission of sins" power was demonstrated on that memorable day, to dwell in the heart of every believer. Whatever part and place the Holy Spirit may have had in their conversion, there was a definite point in time when he was to take up his abode in their hearts; and that time was when they had been raised from the dead, to live in Christ.

While in the New Testament there is a doctrine of baptism and a doctrine of the Holy Spirit, they are not developed here. When Peter said, "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," he was stating a truth, not depending on the interpretation of a truth. No question can arise when we take the words of that text as the statement of an indubitable fact. Peter was repeating a command given by Jesus. And the commandments of Jesus are not subject to human interpretation, but are plain rules, to which nothing but earnest submission is required. What was God's way for those true-hearted believers is God's way for us.

# In Southern California.

A. C. Hankline.

It was my privilege to be present at the monthly meeting of the Southern California Preachers' Fraternal of Churches of Christ. Some of the preachers come many miles to attend this meeting, and they were all clearly explaining what baptism "into the name of Jesus" means, as Paul's simple statement in Galatians 3: 27: "For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ, have put on Christ," "baptised into Christ"; into his body; into blood-relationship with him; new creatures in Christ Jesus. One has only to say, "The Lord required disciples to be baptised into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Name de-

ting wrong somewhere. In many cases, and in many places, there is great need for sound, definite, New Testament teaching to be given to arouse so many of these dying churches to their spiritual duties and privileges.

Another remark made in the discussion was very significant. It was to the effect that many of the young preachers graduating from the colleges were seeking larger fields, and cared not to begin with smaller churches. This is a sad state of affairs. It would indeed be the old pioneer spirit is dying out. Another remarkable statement made was that the average length of pastorates in Southern California was one year and the eighth month. This was attributed to the spirit of restlessness which characterised many preachers, but some churches were severely censured for the restless spirit which made that have possessed them, and their desire for constant change. Worthily attempts are made to remedy these evils which exist.

In this great city of Los Angeles one can get any brand of religion he desires. The denomination of the national work is a strange mix-up. One of the leading Presbyterian preachers here was "an earnest, serious on 'Infant Baptism' and 'Was Jesus Sprinkled or Baptised?'" One of our church preachers told me he went to hear those ser-

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mons and he said he felt sorry for the preacher. In his sermon he made the assertion that "Baptists were coming away from immorality and were now practicing the doctrine of infants." Churches of Christ need still to witness for the New Testament order of baptism.

The Northern Baptist churches recently held their annual convention at Beaver. They had in their programme a leading Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church who was to deliver the main address. Some Baptist preachers sent in a protest against this Bishop because of his modernist views. The protest was upheld. But the Bishop, it is stated, attended the convention and gave a talk on Christian union. One of his published utterances was to the effect that he was going to remain a Methodist, as there was no suitable basis for Christian union.

At a town a few miles out of Los Angeles the Theosophists held a convention, which was attended by delegates from several countries. The attraction was Krishnamurti, Aurore Bennett's find, an Indian youth. He gave some addresses there. They believe him to be a Messiah. Driving his motor car he smashed into another car and the owner sued him for \$2000 dollars damage.

One of the leading professors of this city was asked his opinion of the claims of Krishnamurti. He said, "There has been but one world teacher. There will never be another. There is no need for another. If there were, does this young Hindu possess the necessary qualifications? He has offered no new teaching. We can find in Jesus Christ all we need." And we add our hearty "Amen" to that.

A number of our churches in this country have had in the last few years ago into erecting large church buildings. I have visited some of these magnificent buildings. In some cases the members are left to groan under a heavy debt. Circumstances change. Some financial members are no longer with them, and with great difficulty can the work be carried on. It would be well for our Australian churches to think seriously before erecting costly structures, unless they can see their way to meet their increased financial obligations.

It was our pleasure last Lord's day to be the guests of Bro. and Sister W. H. Allen and family at the home of the latter. We were met by a dress at the morning service to an appreciative audience. Bro. and Sister Allen send kindly greetings to all in Australia.

Sinclair Lewis and Prof. Harry Elder Barnes) know more—oh, vastly more—than God.

We look upon the things that our brains have conceived and our hands have wrought, and we are immensely pleased. The universe is man's and the future is his. Who but he has measured his stellar vastness, chained its lightning, poured its elements into test-tubes and dissected—down to the last atomic molecule—the riddle of its living things? Is it any wonder that humbly is old-fashioned, reverence out of date and a new crop of possibly appears in the land to cry out that the heavens declare the glory of man and the firmament showeth his handiwork?

But this new order of prophecy somehow leaves us sceptical. If pride still goes before a fall, we can't help but dread the crash that we seem to be preparing for.

It isn't significant, in the long run, to know that Americans have made themselves the richest nation on earth. It is eternally significant, however, to know to what ends those riches are to be devoted.

Jesus, interestingly enough, knew some folks, 2,000 years ago, who were afflicted like we are. He told a parable that fits their case—and ours—precisely.

"The ground of a certain rich man," he said, "brought forth plentifully. . . . And he thought within himself, 'What shall I do?'" And he said, "I will pull down my barns and build greater. . . . And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.' But God said unto him, 'Thou fool! this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?'" New York—"Christian Herald."

#### KNOCKING AT THE GATES OF LIFE.

Dr. Stanley Jones, on the eve of his departure from London for India, opened his address in Central Hall, Westminster, with this declaration:

"I think we are trembling on the eve of a spiritual awakening throughout the world. Somehow I sense it among classes that you would not think had any spiritual longings or yearnings. I was recently at Columbia University in a student's meeting, and the subject assigned to me was this: 'My Personal Religious Experience.' Now of all the places in the world where I would hesitate to strip my soul bare, that place would be mechanistic Columbia, but before I had gone very far I discovered that we were just folks, that mechanistic philosophy or psychology had not gone so deep that it uprooted those things that are elemental, for, before we are psychologists, we are people, and somehow we survive the psychology and remain people.

I had lunch with the millinaires of Wall Street, and of all the hard-boiled people in the world who would be immune to religious influences, they seemed to be the ones; but in a little while we forgot about being millionaires and missionary, and we were just feeling wanting something. They were children knocking at the gates of life and wanting something to ask life. "The students are prepared to be hit, and hard-shelled. I found if you could get to it that there was a deep, underlying hunger in the student world. They were impatient of banal, cant, of hypocrisy, and they loathed religion, but I found these students looked you straight in the eye, and said, 'Is there anything real in it?' If so, on heaven's name, tell us."

I feel we are on the verge of one of the greatest spiritual awakenings, if we can meet it, that the world has seen in many a century. There is an upsurge of spiritual craving throughout the world.—"Christian Advocate."

#### NOHLER VII.

And neither yet shall days grow,  
And more shall worship be,  
When thou art found in all our life,  
And all our life in thee. —D. Hanson.

## Religious Notes and News.

#### "THE BANKRUPTCY OF MARRIAGE."

Under the title of "How it Strikes a Contemporary," Mr. Harold Begbie contributes to "The British Weekly" some very readable paragraphs. He deals with the subject of marriage, as follows:

An American has written a foolish book called "The Bankruptcy of Marriage." Because one out of six American marriages ends in the divorce court he would do away with marriage altogether. "Nonsense," comments our admirable Sylvia Lloyd, "taken in as sensible as to advocate the abolition of stairs because people sometimes fall down them." Excellent also is her remark that the "new morality" of this writer is indistinguishable from the old immorality.

#### MAN AND MECHANISM.

Sir Oliver Lodge (says Mr. Harold Begbie) has the enviable gift of expressing a profound and illuminating truth in language of a very simple and direct character. I am indebted to "Public Opinion" for the following admirable example of his gift: " . . . when in his higher stages life blossoms into consciousness we have first-hand knowledge that it is not the memory of the past, but anticipation of the future, also, and that it can determine to act accordingly. No mechanism can do that, so we are more than mechanism." Nothing could be simpler, and nothing could be so destructive of the mechanism position.

#### ITALY AND THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES.

A great burden of anxiety has been lifted from the Protestant community in Italy by the promulgation of the new laws, giving effect to the agreement between the church and the State. It was feared that under the new order religious communities would be subjected to oppressive conditions as it was known that strong pressure was being to bear upon the Government by the Vatican to curtail the liberties enjoyed by Protestant churches. But the political genius of Mussolini, in the face of a difficult and delicate situation, has given to Italy its Magna Charta of religious liberty. The new laws recognise Roman Catholicism as the religion of the State, and that church is given larger privileges than it had before, especially in relation to the education of youth, and the celebration of marriages. Article 1 of the new code declares that "religious cults," other than Roman Catholic, be "admitted" into the State. Article 2 recog-

nises these societies as "moral entities" which are to be subject to the civil laws of the State, as to the acquisition and sale of property. Article 3 reserves to the ministers of religion exercising their functions, that is, functions which have "civil effects," shall be approved by the Minister for Justice, otherwise these functions will be invalid in the eyes of the State. Article 4, gives full civil and political rights to non-Baptist religious societies. Article 5 declares that "Discussion of religious matters" shall be entirely free. Article 6, provides a conscience clause whereby parents may secure exemption for their children from attendance at religious instruction in the public schools. Article 7, reads as follows: "Matrimony celebrated by any of the ministers of religion indicated in Article 2, produces the same effect as matrimony celebrated before an officer of the Civil State when the dispositions of the following articles shall have been observed." Then follows a series of regulations to be observed by non-Roman Catholic ministers in the celebration of matrimony, which places them in the same position in this matter as the Roman Catholic priest, and, for that matter, in the same position as authorised persons in England. When compared with other Roman Catholic countries this constitution is freedom itself. Ever since 1870 Protestants in Italy were merely " tolerated," now they are admitted to "moral entities" as the State policy. Thus the status of the Protestant churches has been raised by the new law. It is true the appointments of ministers of religion have to be approved by the Government, but this also applies to Roman Catholic priests, and to bishops, and even archbishops. It would appear that the Vatican is not very satisfied with the provisions for education. Already high officials are in controversy with the Duce. Rome with her usual arrogance, claims the supreme control of education in the State, but Mussolini will have none of it, and declares that in this matter the church must be subject to the State. The Concordat is a matter struck of statecraft. Mussolini has paid millions sterling to the Vatican, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has swung the Roman church behind the Fascist Government.—"A.C. World."

#### THIS COCK-SURE ERA.

This is a cock-sure age. Humility has ceased, long since, to be a virtue. Some children know more than adults. And some adults (without

## The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN.

### ARE YOU WAITING?

Are you waiting for some vision  
Of the Master's work to do?  
"Lo—the field is white to harvest!"  
"Go ye."—This was meant for you.  
Many stand beside you waiting  
For a kindly word or smile;  
Some are hungry, some are needy,  
Some are sick, and some are vile.  
Don't stand idly looking upward  
As some good men did of old;  
Look around you, and about you—  
All your heart and hands can hold!  
They are thronging daily by you  
Burdened, toil-worn, sad, and sad;  
All your prayers can't make them happy,  
All your tears can't make them glad.  
Do you dare to be like Jesus?

Feed the hungry, lead the blind,  
Clothe the needy, cheer the faint ones,  
Heal the sick, and then—the kind,  
Kind and thoughtful, loving, serving,  
Every day and every hour;  
Trusting God to give the increase;  
Trusting God for faith and power.

—Selected.

### THEOLOGY VERSUS RELIGION.

Preaching at Spurgeon's Tabernacle, London, Dr. Thomas Phillips, Principal of Cardiff Baptist College, drew a contrast between theology and religion. He said: "Religion is life—the life of God in the soul of man. Theology is only man's explanation of that life. Religion is like the living flowers in all their beauty and fragrance; theology is as an album of pressed specimens adorned with long Latin names. There once came to Mr. Spurgeon (he said) a young girl desiring membership. He put question after question to her, but could get no satisfactory answer. Finally he said: "Why don't you think we can accept you?" The girl said, "Oh, sir, I can't answer your questions, but I know that I love Jesus Christ with all my heart!" To which Mr. Spurgeon's rejoinder was: "My dear girl, you shall join up at once." Dr. Phillips concluded, "Don't let theology stand in the way of faith in Christ."

### TESTIMONY OF A YOUNG INDIAN CONVERT.

I had gone through the Koran once unfraternal brotherhood and attended many services of worship in the large and small mosques. I had lived among good Mohammedans for many years, but had subsequently the privilege of mingling with the finest type of Christian people. One of the primary factors, therefore, in my conversion was the example set by Christians; their everyday life, their general behavior, their willingness to serve their fellow-men regardless of race, nationality, or color. Another factor was the systematic, habitual and careful reading of the Bible. More than 20 years ago the wife of a great missionary had a little school of a dozen boys and girls from good non-Christian families. During one hour a week she read with them the Bible first from the Old Testament and then from the New. The children learned some of the Psalms by heart, and some of the sayings of Christ in the Gospels. I bear witness here that this planting brought forth abundant fruit. I had great joy, peace, and inspiration in the Bible. I find rest and encouragement. I have never known the time when I have read the Bible without finding something new in it. I have yet to go to my Bible in hours of defeat and despair and discouragement, and not find help in it. The more I read my Bible

the easier it is for me to believe that Christ cares for me, and the more do I enjoy the assurance of everlasting and abundant life in Him.

I have believed His promises and I have realized them. The more I have trusted in Him in everything the more He has been able to do for me. I did not embrace Christianity without long meditation. And I can say without reserve that all I have and all I am, all that I do and all I can do, is Christ's. He is all in all to me. He has helped me as a teacher in engineering, as a Sunday School teacher, and as a man. I doubt not that He will help me to cast off everything that still keeps His Spirit from me—"Indian Witness."

### TREASURES FROM A BROKEN IDOL.

The priests of an idol temple in India offered Mahmood the Image Breaker a princely sum if he would spare their idol. He was deaf to their entreaties, seized a hammer, and struck the idol one blow. To his amazement, from the shattered image there rained down at his feet a shower of pearls and other precious stones—treasures of fabulous value, which had been hidden within it! If he had spared the idol, he would have lost all this wealth. So let us not spare our idols. If we shatter them, there will rain about our hearts the very treasures of heaven, the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit.—Selected.

### AN AID TO MEMORY.

A clergyman had caused a wave of indignance, amusement and irritation by preaching the same sermon in the same church on three consecutive Sundays. So long afterwards the Bishop happened to be preaching there, and at the end of the service the two churchwardens seized the opportunity of making their complaint to him concerning the thrice-preached sermon. "What was the text of the sermon?" asked the Bishop. Neither of the churchwardens could remember on the spur of the moment. Whereupon the Bishop turned to the clergyman. "I think you might preach that sermon again, Mr. ——" he remarked in all seriousness. "Perhaps these gentlemen will at least remember the text if you try it once more."—Selected.

### THE HANDICAP.

Whatever foe may meet me,  
Whatever game I play,  
I'd rather win'd defeat me  
Than win a walkaway.  
I do not want an inning  
With never a misstep.  
No game is worth the winning  
Without a handicap.  
So in the mighty contest  
That runs across the years,  
I'd rather wage my contest  
In toil and sweat and tears,  
Than have success's measure  
Tossed lightly in my cup,  
And win life's golden treasure  
Without a handicap.

—Clarence E. Flynn.

She: "Before we were married you used to say that I was the sunshine of your life."  
He: "Well, I admit that you still do your best to make things bad for me."

A woman was once engaging a new maid when she asked, "Can you cook for company?"  
"Cook!" she replied. "I can cook both ways, mum."

"Both ways?"  
"Yes—to they'll come again, or so they'll stop  
2025."

## The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

Monday.

I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; yea, I will praise Him among the multitude.—Psalm 109: 30.

God is pleased when His people praise Him. This is wonderful, considering His greatness and man's insignificance. We praise Him because all the good we receive is from Him. The Psalmist praised God among the multitude—even the wicked. He was not ashamed.

Reading—Psalm 109.

Tuesday.

They that make them are like unto them; it is every one that loveth him in them.—Psalm 115: 8

It is a law in all religions that worshippers become like the god they worship, and the more sincere they are, the more strikingly true this is. How important then it is that we should worship the only true God and study His revealed character that we may be "conformed to His image."

Reading—Psalms 114, 115.

Wednesday.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118: 24

The great gospel day is here meant, in which Christ, the rejected stone of the Jewish nation, became the Headstone of the corner, and the joy of His redeemed people.

Reading—Psalm 118: 24.

Thursday.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken them not in this way.—Psalm 119: 37

Conversion to God, as revealed in the New Testament, might be summed up in these words: the soul turning from the love and pursuit of sin, to the "ways" of life as revealed in His word. The soul is quickened by God through His word.

Reading—Psalm 119: 25-56.

Friday.

I have more understanding than all my teachers; for Thy testimonies are my meditation.—Psalm 119: 99

A study of the Scriptures, in the spirit of true humility, makes a man wise unto salvation. This is vastly higher knowledge than all the schools of learning can give. Human knowledge is good, but the knowledge of the divine is infinitely better. The one is temporal; but the other is eternal.

Reading—Psalm 119: 81-112.

Saturday.

I rejoice in thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.—Psalm 119: 162

The word of God is a rich mine of spiritual wealth. But its treasures do not lie on the surface. We have to dig deep for them, and the deeper we dig the richer it becomes. Only we must search humbly, with the eyes of our hearts always open to perceive the gold from the commonest earth.

Reading—Psalm 119: 143-156.

Sunday.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the land of their masters, so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that He have mercy upon us.—Psalm 123: 2

A faithful servant waits upon and watches every opportunity of serving and pleasing his master, and thus securing his favor. So the faithful servant of God will act toward His Lord the Father as His master.

Reading—Psalm 123, 125.

## Prayer Meeting Topic.

August 21.

### ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM.

(Luke 9: 51-62).

W. Waterman.

Jesus here began (verse 51) his final movement towards Jerusalem. His progress was slow, and his route deviated; Christ was, indeed, during this interval twice within Jerusalem; but these advances and retreats comprised his great "analysis."

#### The Christ of the Road.

"And it came to pass, that he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem." "The time was come," Luke says, "that he should be received unto his Father, on that road, was not able to dismiss his cross." The picture is that (a) of his clear knowledge of what awaited him, (b) of his steadfast resolve to accomplish God's loving purpose, and yet (c) of such a shirking in some part of his nature that he had to set his face to go to Jerusalem. "Each step of that road was a sacrifice, a separate act of will, a triumph over the reluctance of his flesh and blood." What a spirit!

Christ's spirit is illustrated by some of his dealings with

#### Men on the Road.

He had dealings, even within our reading, with men of all temperaments. "The choleric (51-56), the sanguine (57, 58), the melancholic (59, 60), and the phlegmatic (61, 62)." For each of these Christ interpreted the spirit of the road.

James and John were of irascible temperaments. When the Samaritans refused to receive their Master, "they said, Lord, wilt thou that we cannot fire to some distance, and consume them?" But Jesus said, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of—ye mistake your own feelings for the zeal of the spirit! 'For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.'" Thus the road taught them that the Kingdom can be advanced only by love and by life.

"And a certain man"—markedly ardent and confident—"said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest." He had not counted the cost. "And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to rest his head." "To follow Christ had come to mean literally to leave all, and make up one's mind for the worst." The lesson of the road was—It is costly, as I know; count well the cost!

"And he said to another, Follow me." Here was given to another much of difficulty, "It was his brother's death at a critical moment." "Lord, said he, suffer me first to go and bury my father." The Lord, however, would not pass that way again. Strong words were needed. "Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: as for thou and preach the kingdom of God." As if to say, "To save your body, you would have others to bury your father; it is necessary for you now to do as much to save your soul." Said the road, Let others serve man; you—do you listen on God.

Came next the half-hearted man: "And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee: but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house?" "It will Philadelphia be of the world. Therefore," said Jesus to him, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Written large upon the road was this—"Essential to Service: An heroic impulse without afterthought."

"And Jesus went on his way, journeying on unto Jerusalem. And he said unto them, Strive to enter in by the narrow door; for many, I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, but shall not be able."

TOPIC FOR AUGUST 24.—ONE SAMARITAN TO NINE JIWS.—Luke 17: 11-19.

## Our Young People.

Conducted by H.M. GALE.

### "FINDING" OF THE RECENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION HELD IN MELBOURNE.

The "Findings" of the several conferences held in connection with the recent Australian Sunday School Convention, held in Melbourne, have been published. Amongst them are the following:—

#### Kindergarten:

We recommend that classes be arranged and settled in that department as in other departments of the school, and that each teacher have her own class until the children are promoted to a higher group.

That it be recommended that young teachers of the Kindergarten spend some time in teacher-training in that department, but be prepared to pass on to other grades, so that an all-round knowledge and experience be gained.

#### Junior:

That in order to retain the interest and conserve the results secured in the Primary Department, the decentralisation of the Junior Department is regarded as urgent, and even where decentralisation is impossible, the organisation of the department is essential.

#### Intermediates:

Important adjuncts to the work of this department are to be found in clubs, worship, the child's self-activities and the personality of the teacher.

The "Yarn" series of missionary books are suitable for use in this grade. It is suggested that a united Sunday School missionary rally be held annually to be addressed by "real live" missionaries, with lantern slides, when the children might be inspired by missionary motives.

### A BIBLE CLASS VADE-MECUM.

Some of our religious neighbors have achieved great success in the conduct of Bible Classes, enrolling thousands. Not infrequently, preachers and leaders have need of books to bring before them workable ideas, plans that have worked, motives, and other useful information. A book that fills the bill.

Just the book that is wanted, written by a great young people's leader, is to hand. It is full of plans; practical ideas, all of which have been tried out.

#### Twenty-six Chapters for One Shilling.

Sixty-nine pages, in twenty-six chapters of excellent material, for one shilling is an achievement. No one cannot afford it, and no one can afford to be without it. Buy one and present it to your Bible Class secretary and president. They will take on new life.

#### Tells How to "Committee" Your Class.

There is a chapter on class organisation; a number of pages are devoted to the work of devotional, social and music committees. Class songs, class papers, activities, motives and even "facts" are dealt with.

#### Can be had at the Austral.

The valuable little work, "How to Build Up an Adult Bible Class," by Herbert Moninger, price 1/- (postage 1/-), can be obtained at the Austral Publishing Co., 528 Elizabeth St., Melbourne, C.A.

### THE RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO THE BIBLE SCHOOL.

There is no longer any need to argue that the Bible School is of great value to the church. It is necessary, however, to urge the desirability of closer co-operation, and to show how that can be secured.

1. Let the preacher and superintendent confer frequently. Such conferences may be of great

benefit both to the church and to the school. Perhaps the preacher in his visitation may come upon a family new to the district, and, to supplement his own efforts to secure the children for the Bible School, he can ask the superintendent to arrange for a child on behalf of the school. Or it may be a child in the Bible School is sick, and the preacher would be glad to have the information. There could be consultation also about the educational programme and the best methods to be employed. Certainly the preacher can be a very important link between church and school. It may be that by teaching different classes in the school occasionally he could secure personal contact with boys and girls better than in any other way.

2. Let there be closer co-operation between church officers and Bible School workers. Consider the advisability of an educational board, consisting of preacher, a church officer, superintendent, and leaders of various organisations. This board could hold regular meetings at which reports could be considered, and conference held to make sure that no section or individual of the church was being overlooked. It would unify our work, and prevent any tendency to rivalry.

3. Let youthful talent be used. It is essential that the principle of self-activity be observed. Many drift away from church and school because they cannot remain passive. Seek out avenues of service, and if desirable, appoint assistants to those holding office in school and young people's organisations. Let every opportunity be given for self-expression.

4. Let Bible School scholars be encouraged to attend church services. There is great value in early impressions of the right kind. Dr. Huxton, speaking at a youth meeting in a great conference in Scotland, said that he was taken to church when he was three years of age. He could recall the first words he heard in the Lord's house: "Let us worship God." "Immediately," said he, "all heads were bowed." My father's head and my mother's head. Looking round about me, I saw every head bowed, and decided in my own childish way, 'Who am I, to be the only exception?'"—B. T. Pittman.

### CASH PRIZE ESSAY IN RECENT CONTEST.

Win it up somewhere in plain sight until you have made it part of yourself.

1. I will be honest in word and in act. I will not lie, sneak or pretend, nor will I keep the truth from those who have a right to know it.

2. I will not do wrong in the hope of not being found out. I cannot hide the truth from myself and can not hide it from others.

3. I will not take, without permission, what does not belong to me.

—A. C. Hoffman.

### VICTORIAN BIBLE SCHOOL CRICKET.

Bible School cricket teams are promised a good year, if the ideals behind the re-organisation of the Association are realised. Will all teams who contemplate entering this year's competition kindly notify Mr. Froell, N. Lee, 475 St. George's rd., Thornbury, or the Home Mission Office, not later than August 27. A meeting of delegates will be called early in September, at which it is expected the secretary of the Young People's Department will preside. Form a team in your school right now.—W.G.

"Your friends may help you secure positions, but you alone can hold them."

## Foreign Missions.

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

### NEWS FROM SHANGHAI, CHINA.

Bro. W. M. Cameron and wife were farewelled in Shanghai on June 28 and July 5. They have both rendered great service to our work in Shanghai, China. Bro. Cameron has written of the farewell meetings as follows:—

I must write a few lines about the farewell church meeting held Friday, June 28, 1929, at 3 o'clock. Unfortunately rain interfered with the attendance, but notwithstanding this drawback there were gathered together quite a few staunch members, and we had a good meeting. Mrs. Cameron and I were made to sit on the platform and listen to a statement about our share in the work. I made a reply for both of us. A fine silver shield was then presented to us, suitably inscribed, and while arrangements were under way for the inevitable photo, the weather by this time was fine and the sun out so we had tea upstairs. Then came the photo, in front of the buildings, with quite a big crowd of on-lookers. It takes a long time to arrange these things in this country, as the Chinese must have everything balanced so. At last it was over, and we left amid smiling farewells and expressions of desire for our return. The two hours spent there in the hot afternoon were trying to white folk, but the spirit rejoiced in the evidence there seen of a work of grace. I am sending under a separate cover a copy of the photograph.

Then on July 5, with heavy rain falling all day, the whole school assembled to wish us good-bye. It was a great gathering, the place being packed. Speeches were made which caused us to blush! They certainly know how to spread the honey. They are eloquent on such occasions, and allow their imagination to run off with their sense of activities. Any way, resulting about 50 per cent. for eloquence, they dwell on the work done by Mr. Ware, Miss Tonkin and by ourselves.

Five presents were made—one by the boys, one by the girls, one by the teachers, one by the Old Boys' Association, and one from the headmaster, Mr. Hu Siu Wu. Two baskets of most choice flowers were presented, a silver bowl, some scrolls, and three silver shields. We warned them against such action, but it seems the Chinese would not be happy without it.

Miss McNeely, my successor as mission secretary, went with us and was introduced. She made her bow from the platform to the assembled company. Mrs. Cameron, who has had something to do with the classes, feels sorry to go; the boys to see the children, and yesterday made me say for her that she thought from the best behaved children in the whole world! When the new term opens she shall be standing aside for a bit.

Mr. Hu Siu Wu, the headmaster, is having rather serious trouble with his eyes.

The old elder and evangelist, Mr. Hu Sing-kwei, was there and quite lively despite his 70 years. There were a few other workers present, who owe much to former missions here.

Here is the chorus of the special English song the girls sang:

"Let heart and voice unite in song,  
To them we say farewell;  
Let no one midst us shed his tears,  
For they'll come back again!"

### NEWS FROM HUELICHOW, CHINA.

In a letter received by Bro. Anderson from Huelichow news comes that the preaching and meetings are being carried on, and some of the brethren are faithful and attend. The letter was from Pearl's younger brother, and this accounts for the absence of detailed news.

From a letter from Mr. Wood, we learn that

our school is making fair progress. No other school in the place gets 60 per cent. of the marks that our school does at examination time. Two of our boys, of whom Bro. Fu and the school master write as being promising youths, have graduated, and will likely continue their work at a higher school. Another coming next to marry. In the school they have four grades with four teachers and forty-four students. At the church meetings they have an average of thirty attending the breaking of bread.

Bro. Fu, who is in charge of our work at Huelichow, became a Christian not long after our mission started at Huelichow. Five years have passed since then, and Mr. Anderson says, "Mr. Fu remains a radiant, faithful Christian, filling the part of teacher, preacher and advisor." Our latest mail still tells of his witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

### CHINA BIBLE CIRCULATION.

Bro. W. M. Cameron has sent me the sales and gifts of the Bible and portions in the six months of this year, ending June 30, 1929.

Bibles	4,724
Testaments	25,239
Portions	2,929,909
	2,959,472

This is 679,711 more than last year, and 1,598,628 more than 1927. This is encouraging news to the American Bible Society, and all who are interested in the Chinese spiritual uplift, as these Bibles, Testaments and portions of the Bible are mostly used in mission work in China.

### F.M.D. OFFERING.

The amounts received from the States to date are as follows:—

South Australia	4,157 10 0
Victoria	1,492 5 0
New South Wales	177 18 1
Western Australia	400 0 0
Queensland	289 9 5
Tasmania	50 0 0
	4,157 1 9

The amount received last year, £5,581/11/6.

In our issue of August 29 we hope to publish a full list of all contributions received from our churches towards the Foreign Mission Day offering. Will our church treasurers see that the money is sent on to the State treasurers, as no amounts will be published in this list unless the money has been received by the Federal Treasurer. This will be the only list published of Foreign Mission Day offerings.

### Offerings for Foreign Missions

from Victorian Churches and Members  
will be thankfully received by  
A. G. SAUNDERS, 122 Melbourne Street,  
St. Carlton, N.E. Phone, Bk., 141.

Keep These Dates Fixed!  
GREAT GOSPEL MISSION

at Church of Christ, Coppin-st., Nth. Richmond,  
from  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 1 to SUNDAY, SEPT. 15.

Missioner, Mr. Geo. O. Teave.

Bright Singing.

Song Service, Sundays, 6.15 p.m.; Week  
nights, 7.15 p.m. (exc. pt. Friday).  
Song Leader, C. H. Hall.

Come and Bring a Friend.

### COMING EVENTS.

AUGUST 22.—At North Melbourne Church of Christ, School Hall, Chetwynd-st., on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 8 p.m., a high-class concert and musical culture display will be given. Music supplied by band. Being widely advertised, come early to obtain a seat. Admission, 1/6; children, 6d.

AUGUST 24, 25, SEPT. 1-15.—Great Homecoming and Evangelistic Campaign. Fairfield Church of Christ, Gilles-st., Fairfield, Sat. Aug. 24, 8 p.m.; Sun. Aug. 25, 11 a.m.; Bro. T. A. Scamblor, 3 p.m.; Bro. H. Gibble, 7 p.m.; Bro. E. A. Fitzgerald, 7 p.m.; Bro. Moy Ling, Commencing Sun., Sept. 1, and continuing until Sun., Sept. 15 (Fridays and Saturdays excepted), a great Evangelistic Campaign. Missioner, Bro. J. H. Shipway. Song leader, Bro. J. Northcote. 104 members of Fairfield socially invited home. Sister churches' assistance sought.

AUGUST 25 and 28.—Doncaster church will celebrate its 60th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 25; special service. On Wednesday evening, Aug. 28, at 6 o'clock, a tea and public meeting will be held. A programme will be given. Bro. Moore, of Swanston-st., will be the speaker.

SEPTEMBER 1.—Moreland Home-coming Day. Morning, H. A. G. Saunders; evening, J. E. Webb. Wednesday, Sept. 4, Re-unite Social. Come back to the old home church and spend a happy day with us. Please advise the Secretary if you are coming. H. V. Sampson, 61 Donald-st., Northcote, N. 10.

SEPTEMBER 1, 8 and 10.—Collingwood Bible School Anniversary, 1, 3 p.m., Spakler, Jr. Kemp; 7 p.m., Mr. McNeilly. Sept. 8, 3 p.m., Mr. Patterson, M.A.; 7 p.m., Mr. McNeilly. Sept. 10, 8 p.m., "Pearl, the Fishermen."

SEPTEMBER 16.—Students' Annual Concert will be held in Lysons-st., chapel on Monday, September 16, at 8 o'clock. Friends of the College of the Bible are asked to reserve the date.

### FITZROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### BIG TENT MISSION.

Northcote or Chilton Hill tent passy tent at Smith-st., just below Macleod-hoys-st.

Every Evening excepting Saturday, from August 18 to September 9, 1929.

Missioner, H. H. Hall.

Song leader, V. G. Brethier  
Everybody welcome. — Come.

### MALVERN-CAULFIELD MUSICAL MISSION.

#### AUGUST 25—SEPTEMBER 15.

Harold B. Robbins, Missioner.

Sunday, Aug. 25, Mr. Mackay, 3149, will lead sacred community singing. Aug. 26, Stannington Bible Quartette Party. Aug. 27, Mrs. Iris Forbes.

violin soloist; Mrs. Mitchell, soloist. Aug. 28, Mr. Ben Moy Ling, Chinese tenor. Aug. 29, Mrs. Anstee, Mrs. Hunt, duet.

Most of the above will assist during remainder of mission. No meetings Friday or Saturday.

Brethren from nearby suburbs—attend your local church Sunday, come to us during the week.

### THE BIBLE UNION OF VICTORIA

#### GREAT ANNUAL MEETING

In the Assembly Hall, Collins-st.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, at 8 p.m.

Chairman, Prof. J. Gillies, M.A., B.D., (President of the Union).

Mr. T. Nash will speak on "The Bible as an Up-to-date Book of Science"

Soloist, Mr. C. Dyer.

Other meetings as advertised.

### GREAT SOCIAL SERVICE DEMONSTRATION

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 8 o'clock.

Central Hall, Lt. Collins St. (behind Town Hall).

#### Great Fellowship gathering.

Speakers: Bro. D. G. F. Moore and D. Washby. The original We Four Quartets Party will entertain musical items. Community singing.

Prices, 1/- and 2/-. 2/- seats may be reserved.

## Here and There.

Bro. Thos. Hagger is at present in Melbourne, having been called from Sydney owing to the very serious illness of his mother.

The Victorian Sisters' General Doreas will hold their usual monthly meeting on Wednesday next, Aug. 21, in Swanston-st. Lecture Hall, from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. A good attendance is requested. The need is great.

Bro. A. E. Knight, secretary of the Burwood Boys' Home, would be pleased to hear from four or five ladies willing to render assistance to the Home in the sale of buttons in Melbourne on Wattle Day, August 23.

Readers of the "Christian" will be interested in an item of news in July "World Call," namely: "Another secretary of headquarters to receive the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Drake this year is Jesse M. Hailer."

We are informed that a young man has been going the round of Queensland churches, and by false representations has been seeking to impose on the brethren. Churches are warned against a plausible impostor.

We learn that Bro. C. P. Hughes will shortly be commencing his term of service with the church at Coltonville, S.A. We understand that he will be open to consider engagement with any church desiring the services of a preacher.

We have been asked to announce that complimentary tickets for the annual festival of the Victorian Department of Social Service are available to all unemployed members. Secretaries are invited to obtain same from the department.

The following telegram reached us from Queensland on Monday afternoon:—"Hilrie-Wharris mission had wonderful week, delightful day Sunday; sixteen welcomed; scores unable gain admission at night; sixty-six disciples to date.—Vanham."

The new church building at Ashfield, N.S.W., was opened and dedicated on Saturday, August 10. There were crowded and enthusiastic gatherings on Saturday and all day Sunday, when there were three baptisms. The thanksgiving was 163.

The new church started at West Bentleigh, Vic., a few weeks ago, is having some encouraging meetings. The secretary, Mr. L. A. Sheppard, Burgess-st., Bentleigh, would be glad to hear of members in the locality who are not linked up with any church.

At Canterbury, N.C.T., the local church gave over £10 to the "Canberra Day" appeal. Bro. T. E. Hoyle, chairman of Canberra committee, gave the address at the morning meeting. Bro. Stevens conducted evening service at the Presbyterian church hall. The need of a church building is keenly felt.

The Sydney "Evening News" of Aug. 3 contained photographs of South Kensington chapel and of Bro. S. J. Southgate, the preacher, also two columns of letterpress. The article makes appreciative mention of Bro. Southgate's work and also contains a clear statement from him of the position held by Churches of Christ.

We learn that Bro. Ingham has relinquished his work as State Organizer in Western Australia. He has agreed to remain in the West for a brief series of special efforts at Bickley, Harey and Stirling. He expects to be available for settled church work early in November. Churches could communicate with him c/o 149 Barrack-st., Perth.

Bro. H. J. Patterson, M.A., has accepted an invitation to become a member of the Board of Management of the College of the Bible in succession to Bro. L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D., who resigned on his removal to South Australia. The Board has placed on its reserves a million of appreciation of the services of Bro. McCallum during the past seven years.

We learn that Bro. P. A. Youens will relinquish his work at East Kew, Vic. in about three months' time, when he will be free to give his services to any church in need of a preacher.

The following telegram reached us from Albany, N.S.W., on Tuesday afternoon:—"Raining Sunday; 39 commuted; best crowd of mission Sunday; night; 79 confessions to date.—Howard House."

Newspapers last week reported that in the course of his visitation address at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, Archbishop Kelly said that it caused him considerable regret to have to make public the fact that of 841 marriages celebrated in St. Mary's parish in the last three years no fewer than 500 were mixed marriages. There are occasions, and this is one of them, in which Protestants may share the regret of a Roman Catholic prelate.

There are indications of interest in the October offering for the College of the Bible in enquiries being received by the secretary, who is encouraged at the concern of brethren to make an offering in keeping with the importance of the work. It is not too early to begin plans in the churches for the offering. As this will be the opportunity for realising the aim of the Board in connection with the nineteenth century of the church, we seek to be free from the more or less of the past. It is hoped that brethren generally will begin now to lay by in store for the offering.

Bro. A. J. Ingham, Home Mission Organizer, W.A., writes regarding the special effort at Redcliffe: "We are having a great beginning at Redcliffe. This is a sparsely populated district, 60 miles from Perth, but a great racing centre. However, we have had good attendances for the small population, and the suburban churches are helping some nights. We have not had less than twenty local people so far, and last night (Aug. 6) there was one decision—the first so far. On Tuesday we had a special young people's night, and had over 140 present. A number of these came 18 and 20 miles to be present. It was a wonderful meeting."

The Men's Council of Subiaco church, W.A., has celebrated its second anniversary. Much good work has been done. We recently referred at length to the Gospel Team which was organised on April 11, 1925, with 23 members. Since then many have been added. At its inauguration the team has conducted 29 services—Redcliffe, 10; Arncliffe, 4; West Subiaco, 3; and Inglewood, Palmyra and Subiaco, 1 each. The number of members who attended the meetings was 180, and 30 motor car trips were made to transport members to the respective places. The actual mileage covered was 1,211 miles. Thanks are accorded to the car owners for their splendid response.

The Melbourne "Sun News Pictorial" of Aug. 12 contained the following interesting paragraph:—"More than 70 players, officials and supporters of Hawthorn Football Club went to Bonmahon last night to attend the service at the Church of Christ, conducted by Mr. E. L. Williams, who plays on the wing for the club. The small church could hardly accommodate them all. Extra chairs and a form had to be requisitioned. In a special sermon Mr. Williams said that the game of life involved all the rules known in other games. There was a decision at the beginning to take the right from the wrong path. Then there was the goal, which was to be found only in Christ. "We must show determination from the start until the end of the contest." In a game of life it is merely putting a ball between two goal posts that gives us joy. We find joy when we put the ball there in the face of opposition. In the game of life it is victory over opposition that makes the game worth while."

### ADDRESSES.

A. P. Husvick, secretary Kildia church, S.A.).  
—Lipson-st., Willaroon Mines.  
D. Stewart (preacher Footsray church, Vic.)—56 Raleigh-st., Footsray, W.H.

### VICTORIAN DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

The "Greasy Day" resulted in groceries to the value of approximately 180 being contributed. The following churches forwarded parcels:—  
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### TENT MISSION AT MARYBOROUGH, Q.L.D.

The Hinrichsen-Morris mission party having just completed six weeks' successful campaign in Maryborough, the brethren here desire to place on record their appreciation of the valuable help received. It has resulted in lifting the church into a position of expectancy, while it has augmented the church roll by nearly fifty souls. The whole mission came as a surprise. Previous information seemed to point to a later period, but a sudden telephone call demanded immediate attention, and suggested the starting of the mission in eight days' time. Although the officers expressed a preference for a mission in September next, on the principle that a mission in hand is worth two in the dim distance the offer was accepted and plans formulated.

The weather was unpropitious. Results were slow in coming, but results came at last. Another week would probably have secured many more for the Kingdom of God. There were special circumstances that militated against progress. In spite of all difficulties the winning personality and eloquence of the missioner, combined with the fine singing assistance of Bro. Morris, have won many hearts to the Lord, for which the church is glad. The thank-offering, including the church contribution, amounted to about \$250 in cash and promises, which will more than meet liabilities; but there remains as a credit balance the presence and help of a number of new members to act as a stimulus to the church as a whole. There still remains the immeasurable asset to the cause of Christ, the salvation of so many souls.

Some of the new members are already showing talent. One has become president of the young people's society, and a sister has helped as a soloist on no occasions. Apart from the actual accession of members, the mission has been of great service in introducing our plea into many circles where it has not hitherto penetrated.

Mention must be made of the splendid organizing services of Bro. E. Arnold. The third number of the banner of the church is placed upon Bro. Arnold to remain as temporary preacher, and his ready sympathy, tact and consecrated ability are winning more souls for the Master. —Alan Price.

### VICTORIAN WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE.

The monthly meeting was held on August 2. Mrs. G. W. Mitchell, President, presiding. Mrs. McDowell conducted the devotions. Mrs. Gill spoke on the work being done by the Social Service Department. Apologies received from Sisters Hayward, Clark, Ward, A. B. Lyall and Miss Baker. Letters of sympathy were sent to Mrs. Hunsiman and Mrs. Barton. We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Hagger, senior. Home Missions Committee visited the sisters' meeting at Egon-st., several taking part. A very profitable time was spent in the interest of Home Missions.

Prayer Committee paid a visit to Parkdale. There was a splendid gathering of sisters. Mrs. Tremblay and Mrs. Watson gave interesting items. General Home Missions Committee are having a busy time, working for the needy and making garments for the hospitals. Parcels received and gratefully acknowledged from Sisters Johnson, Byall, Zellus, and a donation from Bro. Gust toward a machine.

Isolated Sisters—27 letters sent out, 3 replies received.

Women's Mission Band Committee, during the month, visited six suburban churches. A new band has been formed at Chelsea. Various members of the committee have taken part at these meetings. A very successful group meeting was held at Malvern-Ladbroke. A very profitable time was spent in the work.

Benevolent Home received a visit from members of the church at Prahran. A large quantity of good things was distributed among the inmates. The old folk enjoyed the beautiful talk by Mr. Connor. We thank our friends for

their visit. Brighton church will visit this month.

Social Service Department during July has rendered great assistance to many poor families. Received from Mrs. Zellus £1, Bro. Hill Phil Letas £1 2/6, for special case.

Hospital Visitation Committee has paid 65 visits to the various institutions. A wonderful lot of comforts and cheer has been distributed among the inmates. Our grateful thanks to Swanston-st., Dorcas, Brighton, Carr, Gardiner, General Dorcas, Gairdner, and Mrs. Lentus. Next meeting of Executive, September 6. Mrs. Forley leads devotional. Speaker, Miss Bradshaw, of British and Foreign Bible Society—Miss Bonetich, Sec'y., 13 Florence-av., Kew.

### S.A. SISTERS' AUXILIARY.

The sisters met at Grote-st. for their monthly meeting on Thursday, Aug. 1. Mrs. Edwards led the devotional, and her topic was "Service." Mrs. Keane read John 15.

The business session was presided over by Mrs. Bowles, 70 sisters being present, of whom 16 were delegates. 19 additions were reported from the Sunday Schools.

Amounts received for June to July for Home Missions: Donation, Croydon, 1/-; penny-per-week, Grote-st., 1/-; North Adelaide, 2/2; Maylands, 6/-; Mile End, £14/0; Dulwich, £15/5/-; York, 8/6; Queenstown, 10/-; July to August: Balaklava, £2 7/6; Enley, £14/0/6; Mile End, 9/10; Maylands, 2/6; Grote-st., 2/-; Donation, Long Plains, £2; Miss Thompson, £1/-; penny-per-week, Gortonville, 15/1; Total, £12 11/11. June to July amounts for Foreign Missions: Mrs. Castles, Norwood, 10/-; Mrs. Johnson, £1; Mrs. Roberts, £1; Dulwich Sisters, 9/6; Henley Beach, Mile Bow, £1 11/-; Gortonville, 1/7; Miss West, Norwood, 10/-; July to August: Saint Morris, 14/3; Henley Beach, 8/9; York, 11/-; Balaklava Sisters, £27/6; Croydon, 5/-; Point Sturt, £14/0/-; Strathallyn, £11/9; Miss Clarke, Norwood, 10/-; Dulwich Sisters, £15/5/-; Enley, penny-per-week, 10/-; Grote-st., 1/6. Total, £14 6/3.

Treasurer's report, June 6, received H.M., £2 7/6; July 4, £1 1/6; in hand, £12 11/6. Total, £10 6/3. F.M., June 6, received, £1 2/-; July 4, £1 1/1; Special collection, £12/12; in hand, £27 2/11. Total, £10 18/5. General Fund, June 1, Collection, £14 6/3; in hand, £2 16/8. Total, £17 2/3. Paid secretary for postage, £1. Balance in hand, £11 2/3. Offering for afternoon, £1 5/7.

Hospital Committee reported 348 visits paid, 97 magazines, 12 jackets from Adelaide and Striving churches, 3 gowns, 49 gloves/hats from Croydon.

Literature report—5 parcels numbering 300 books, for hospitals and Homes.

Temperance report.—Temperance lessons being given in State schools. Meeting held at North-lantern Club, meeting held at North-lantern lecture.

Dorcas Committee visited Glenelg and D.L. Welch.

Prayer Committee visited Saint Morris, Suburb, and many sick people. Obituary: Mrs. Ladyman, of Grote-st. church, and Mrs. Haselwood, of North Adelaide, received the home-call during the month—St. Michael's, Asst. Secretary.

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**Obituary.**

**MARTIN.**—Sister Mrs. Martin, who was in her eightieth year, fell asleep in Jesus on July 11. She was one of the oldest members of the church in Geelong, Vic., having been associated with it for over 40 years. Our sister had been a member of the church for about 65 years, having been baptised in the Mt. Clear chapel in her childhood days, and after a short time was transferred to Buninyong, and later came with her husband to reside in Geelong. She was an earnest Christian woman, and took a keen interest in the work of the Lord. Her remains were laid to rest in Geelong Cemetery in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. To her son and daughter loving sympathy is extended.—H.M.C.

**TOSNACH.**—On Thursday, July 4, Sister Mrs. W. L. Tosnach passed away at Toowoomba, Qld., after an illness of a little more than a day. Together with her husband, she followed her Lord in baptism during the recent Harbison-Arnold mission, and united with the church. Having been blessed with a career in operating, she was planned for her, but at the age of 19 years, during a mission conducted by Mr. Tosnach, at Geveston, Tasmania, she accepted Christ as her Saviour, and abandoned her former plans, rejecting a lucrative offer for an operative engagement, and eventually became the help-mate to the preacher in the Congregational ministry. Just as readily, when the full New Testament truths were proclaimed to her, she yielded in obedience. During the latter part of the tent mission, she, with her husband, gave effective assistance in the duets they sang together. We were disappointed that she would for years to come be a great help to the Churches of Christ by the use of her talents. A largely-attended funeral was conducted by the writer, and a memorial service in the chapel on the following Sunday evening. Much sympathy is felt with Mrs. Tosnach, who is fulfilling an engagement with the new cause at Bedford. Five sons share with our brother this sad loss.—L. Johnston.

**MCGILL.**—Lygon-st. church has again been called on to lose one of its most faithful members in the person of Bro. Alex. E. McGill, who peacefully fell asleep on Monday, July 29. Although he had been in failing health for some time, the end came very unexpectedly. He was just past 67 years of age, having been born at Carlton, July 6, 1862. All his days were spent in this district. As a child he was taken by his honored parents to Lygon-st. church, and there, while still a boy, he gave himself to the Lord Jesus.

Few men have been more faithful. For long he was an officer. Less than a year ago he resigned as Treasurer, so that, if anything happened to him, that duty might be attended to without interruption. This was typical of the man. He was quiet and generous, free from show, a Christian gentleman indeed. February 4, 1886, he married Miss Mary Greenwood, who survives him. They had eight children, including two daughters. Two sons were taken from them after reaching manhood. A very large representative gathering was present in the Mel-

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## News of the Churches.

### Western Australia.

**Northam.**—All meetings were very well attended on Aug. 4. Bro. Buckingham was the speaker on both occasions, his evening subject being "After Death—What?" Sister Gladis Arnott was soloist.

**York.**—The work is being blessed. After Bro. Hollett's address on July 29, a young woman confessed Christ. On morning of August 4 two young men took the great step. One was previously baptised. They came in from Quairading, 45 miles distant. In the afternoon the young woman and the young man were baptised in the river. Good services all day on August 11. Bro. Arnott spoke in the morning and Bro. Hollett at night. Northam brethren are proving a great help.

**Fremantle.**—On July 15 the senior portion of the Sunday School, together with the staff, and the church officers and their wives, held a successful social in honor of Bro. and Sister Bridick, who, in recognition of their many services to all branches of the church work, were presented respectively with an arm chair and a crystal table and servers. On July 28, six were received into fellowship—three by faith and obedience and three by letters of transfer. One young woman made the good confession in the evening. The Foreign Mission offering reached £51/2/-.

**Balgownie.**—Meetings are very well attended. On July 11 Bro. Banks exhorted. At the gospel meeting a solo by Sister M. Stahl was appreciated. On July 28 Bro. F. D. Pollard spoke in the morning. He conducts the adult Bible class, and his subjects on the Holy Land are extremely interesting. Bro. S. Newton offered a solo in the evening. All rejoice in the acquisition of a manse for the preacher, and he is now settled in his new abode. On Aug. 4 Bro. Waterman spoke morning and evening, when a trio was rendered by Misses J. and M. Stahl and Bro. Garland.

**Castlere.**—Encouraging progress is being made. There have been added by faith and baptism, and also by letter. Average attendance at Lord's table is 73. Attendance at other meetings is steadily increasing. F.M. offering reached 117/3/-. On July 14 "Protestant Sunday" members of the Loyd Orange Institution attended. Bro. Hunt gave a splendid address on "What is Protestantism?" A young man made the good confession. On July 21 Bro. Hunt changed platforms with Bro. Nightingale, of Bassetton. On July 28 Bro. Dean, of Victoria Park, exhorted. After Bro. Hunt's evening address a young lady accepted Christ. Under the budget scheme the church has fixed £25 as its minimum contribution to brotherhood work for 1929.

### Queensland.

**Maryborough.**—Splendid attendances on Aug. 4. E. Arnold exhorted at Urraween. Bro. Arnold addressed a fine gathering at night on "Jesus Saves." The young people's society is very active.

**Brisbane.**—Meetings were well attended on Aug. 4. Bro. Payne, Allbon, spoke in the morning, and Bro. Bassard preached at night. The Bible School has divided into two sides and engaged in a contest, to secure increased membership attendance.

**Anerley.**—To a large attendance on Aug. 4 Bro. Young delivered an earnest exhortation on "The Holy Spirit in Control of our Money." After the gospel address a man made the good confession. A women's guild has been started at Clifton Hill in connection with the Sunday School there. The raising of the money for the new school site has been entrusted to the young people.

**Wyman.**—On July 21 Bro. Wendorf, Conference President, gave a helpful exhortation. Bro. Barker preached at night to a good gathering. On July 28 Bro. J. Swan exhorted. Meetings on the whole are fairly well attended, especially the C.E. Society, which is making good progress, the average attendance being 20 to 25. The Bible School has started on a campaign for the tournament shield.

**Ma Ma Creek.**—Two girls from the Sunday School have been baptised. At the church quarterly business meeting held recently there was a record attendance, and a fine good offering decided to offer Bro. Hamann re-engagement as evangelist for an indefinite period. A memorial service to the late Sister Elsie Iernoth was held in the local hall on Aug. 4. A very impressive address was conducted by Bro. Hamann. There was a large audience. F.M. offering is £10/15/-, a record for Ma Ma Creek.

**Boekhampton.**—The church was pleased to have Bro. W. J. Trudgill back on July 28, also a visit from Bro. Oldfield, of Brisbane. Splendid meetings on Aug. 4. One young lady received the hand of welcome. One young lady and two men made the good confession at night. Both men who came are now united in the Lord with their wives and families. The men who are out of work have been showing a fine spirit in their willingness to improve the chapel properly. The recent extension of the building is proving a great blessing, and the night services have greatly increased. Bro. W. H. Whitehead presided for a few days, recently, and expressed much satisfaction with the progress the church is making.

### Victoria.

**Box Hill.**—Good meetings on Aug. 11. Bro. H. Goodwin spoke at the morning meeting and Bro. Goodwin at night.

**Cheltenham.**—Meetings on Sunday were all good. The evening service was a Scouts' parade night, and there was one confession.

**Carnegie.**—The morning service was addressed by Bro. S. H. Mudge, of Oakleigh, who spoke on "Elijah and Elisha." The gospel service was attended by a number of strangers.

**Gardenvale.**—Good meetings on Aug. 11. Bro. R. Williams spoke in the morning. At night a fine message was given by Bro. Dunlop, of New Zealand; subject, "The Wonderful Name Jesus."

**Glenferrie.**—A successful and much appreciated revival was given by Miss Ila Lawson on Aug. 7 in aid of the new school hall. There was a crowded attendance, and the evening was most enjoyable.

**Middle Park.**—Bro. Baker has commenced a campaign to increase attendance at morning services. On the morning of Aug. 11 Bro. F. T. Sweeney gave a helpful address. In the evening Bro. Baker spoke interestingly from the Song of Solomon.

**Morleh.**—The C.E. anniversary was celebrated on Aug. 4, the society conducting the evening service. Special singing and duets were very well rendered. Bro. G. Chivlett gave an interesting address on "The Foundation of Christianity." Sunday school.

**Kyneton.**—"Every-member-present Sunday," Aug. 4, showed splendid attendances for the day. Sister Connie Ross was received by transfer from Castlemaine. The three weeks' voluntary mission with Bro. A. W. Ludbrook commenced on Aug. 11 with nice meetings. A good fund of money was made.

**Morland.**—The communion service on Aug. 11 was splendidly attended. Bro. J. E. Thomas, of Balwyn, addressed the church. The evening meeting took the form of a praise service, rendered by members of the Christian Endeavor societies. Two confessed Christ at the close of Bro. Webb's address.

**Parkdale.**—Sunday School attendance is growing. A Birthdays League has been started in the school, each scholar or teacher receiving a birthday card the Sunday following birthdays and making a gift to mislows.

**Pakenham.**—Good meetings continue at regular intervals. The church held a successful social and debate with Danmearing church, the result being a draw. Sister Mrs. Melsor rendered a beautiful solo at the social and on the following Sunday evening.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—On Aug. 11 Miss Ivy Callanan, from Bundoora, was received into fellowship. Bro. A. G. Saunders was the special speaker; being made in the evening to great Protestant applause. Solos by Misses I. Haines and B. Forthwell were appreciated.

**Geelong.**—At well attended meetings last Friday, Bro. Clippstone spoke on "The Path of the Righteous" (morning), and "Conversion" (evening). The C.E. held a successful social last Tuesday in aid of the building fund. B.B.S. school motor-race competition is in full swing; the club being very successful.

**Boronia.**—On Sunday, Aug. 4, the evening service was dedicated to the memory of Sister Mrs. Henderson, who fell asleep on July 21. A full gathering was an expression of love and sympathy. The church sympathises with all who mourn. Our sister's life was characterised by unselfishness and a loving heart.

**Brunswick.**—The Mutual Improvement Class, Aug. 3, celebrated its first anniversary by a social evening. On Aug. 4, C. C. Fletcher (an immersionist) and Bro. J. G. F. Pittman (on transfer from Hampton) were welcomed into fellowship. Bro. Alfred Mann exhorted on "Earthly and Biblical Pictures." At night a special service was held.

**Surrey Hills.**—On Aug. 11 Bro. English of Mont Albert, exhorted on "The Pre-natal Christ." At night Bro. Cambridge spoke on "The Secret of Life" and paid a beautiful tribute to the memory of the aged Sister Woodhead. The choir rendered a beautiful anthem. The treble of the ladies' guild on Thursday was devoted to work for the Children's Hospital.

**Melbourne (Swanston-st.).**—Enjoyable meetings last Lord's day and excellent sermons from Dr. Moore. Amongst morning visitors were Bro. and Sister Morrow, from Dulwidge, V.A. Their attendance with attendance at evening services has been a constant source of joy last two months has assisted work of Melbourne City Mission and our Social Service Department.

**Brim.**—Good meetings last Lord's day. Bro. Searle gave an inspiring address on "Eminent Talents." At night his theme was "After Death—What?" A baptismal service was conducted. The church regrets that the secretary, Bro. Hines, is in poor health. Sister Florence, of the hospital, is progressing. The business meeting on Sunday showed the work to be in good heart.

**Brummond.**—All services are well attended, particularly the breaking of bread. Bro. Goodwin's messages are much enjoyed. The fellowship baptised recently was received into fellowship on Aug. 11. Sunday School attendance is steadily increasing, having commenced. Bro. Geo. Anderson kindly visited us last night again. Foreign Mission offering amounted to £17/-. Treasurer's relief offering was £15/5/-.

**Croydon.**—Meetings are well attended. An excellent spirit prevails. Community singing is enjoyed by all. The number of local folk attending the services is increasing. An average of four or five new converts are being added each hour attend each Sunday. Last Sunday evening a young lady was baptised. Thanks are due to all who have helped with speaking, providing, reading and solos.

**Drummond.**—Bro. Goodwin, who recently underwent a serious operation, is able to attend meetings again. On Aug. 11 Bro. Banks exchanged with Mr. Edmunds of Manilla. Bro. Goodwin, of Manilla, was baptised. The Sunday School is showing a result of the competition. The Ladies' Guild establishes a new record. The church offers splendid meetings, and the church appreciates their valuable services.

**Collingwood.**—Meetings on Sunday were well attended. Bro. Pascoe gave an inspiring morning address entitled "On Fire for Christ." The evening meeting was also well attended. A church parade of the "Star of the East" L.C.C. Ladies' Guild and a fine representation of that body attended. Bro. A. D. McNelly spoke on "Fruitful Women of the Bible." A young lady confessed her Lord, and a girl was baptized.

**Yarravong.**—Services on Aug. 11 were of a high standard, with a fine number present at all meetings. A baptismal service was held. On Aug. 11 a good number met for worship and thanksgiving to God for the fruitful rains. The fortnightly gospel service was held at Mulwala in the afternoon, when a Bible School girl made the good confession. Splendid meeting at Yarravong at night. On Friday night thirty went to the Vawter mission in Albury.

**Castlemaine.**—On Aug. 11 Bro. Earle commenced a series of "Studies in the Epistle to the Hebrews" at morning services. He made sympathetic reference to the passing away of the husband of Sister Norris, one of Bro. Kenny, formerly a member of the committee of the Ladies' Guild, Melbourne. At night Bro. Earle preached on "The Tragedy of Pilate." Interest is well maintained in the Bible School "Pilgrimage to Palestine." Bro. Earle presented book prizes to the winners in hidden text competition.

**St. Arnaud.**—In spite of the destruction of the chapel by fire, meetings throughout the week were exceptionally well attended. At the Endeavour meeting there was a record attendance. Meetings on Sunday were held in the Mechanics' Hall, Bro. Jackel spoke at both services. A married lady made the good confession. The church is extremely grateful to the Austral Company for a supply of new hymn-books, and to Bro. Gale and Saunders for their visit with the welcome news of practical support of the brotherhood.

**South Richmond.**—The work progressed under Bro. Anderson. There have been six additions by faith and baptism, the majority being members of the young people's club. Attendance at meetings has been very good, lately showing large improvement. As distress in the district is extremely bad, the young people's club, with the help of friends from sister churches, held a successful concert in aid of the benevolent work, and that fund will benefit considerably. Bro. Bamford, of Burnley, delivered an interesting address last Sunday morning.

#### South Australia.

**Widmarsh.**—On Aug. 11 Mr. J. C. Stanley, of Port Adelaide Seaman's Mission, spoke in the morning. In the evening Bro. Allen Brooke's talk to the Young Worshipers was, "190." His gospel message was on "Conditional Forgiveness." Members of Phi Beta Psi attended in numbers, and installation of officers of P.B.P. took place.

**Dulwich.**—Very fine meetings are being held. In preparation for the mission with Bro. Baker commencing Aug. 18, special week-night prayer meetings have been held in homes of members. Daily meetings are being held at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. The sympathy of the church goes out to Bro. Grant, a pioneer member, in his continued illness.

**Sempstone.**—August 11, the church's 19th anniversary, was a day of inspiration. The church officers paid a visit to the intermediate C.E. The record meeting was held, Bro. Samuel giving the address. Bro. Grant gave a helpful message to the church. At night Bro. Baker preached to a good congregation on "Looking Towards Union." The choir provided two beautiful anthems.

**Castlemaine.**—A month of special services has been planned for August. On Aug. 16, Bro. C. Hughes spoke on Mt. Zion. At 7 p.m. the gospel message was sung in loud, depicting the life of Christ. The singing by the choir was excellent. Aug. 11 was held as Endeavour day. In the evening the Endeavourers took complete charge of the service. The speakers dealt with the topics exclusively. The C.E. joined in the service; about 20 were present.

**Norwood.**—On Aug. 11, during the absence of Bro. Baker, who is assisting the church at Port Pirie, Bro. G. T. Walden took charge of the services. On Aug. 10 a concert, to provide for the building fund, was rendered by Mrs. Mathews, of Norwood church, who had a fine company to assist her.

**Croydon.**—Church anniversary services were held on Aug. 4. There was a large morning attendance. Bro. T. C. Redden exhorted. In the evening a civic service was held, the Mayor (Cr. J. P. Hately) and members of the council being present. A collection was taken up to aid the distressed of the district.

**Henley Beach.**—On July 28 there were the largest attendances, morning and night, for ordinary meetings for a long time. Two lads from the Sunday School defied for Christ. On Aug. 4, when they were immersed, another lad decided, and was baptised the same night. On July 31 a very successful social was given to Mr. King Hurrecombe, who is leaving the district to be married. Week-night meetings are very good. Mr. Manning leaves for Berri this week to help with Bible Institute and mission to be held there.

**Unley.**—Three have been received by transfer from Broadlynn Park, and one from Forestville. On Sunday night Bro. H. B. Taylor spoke on "The Father of the Prodigal." There was one confession. During this month members are concentrating on Luke's gospel; all addresses and lessons being from this portion of Scripture. Representatives of B. & F. Bible Society spoke at a recent Sunday evening service, and gave a lantern lecture on Wednesday. The choir, assisted by friends, gave a concert on Aug. 7. Under the leadership of Bro. Davie, splendid progress, and are rendering good service on Sunday evenings. Sickness amongst members has affected attendances.

**Adelaide (Great-st.).**—On Aug. 11 Bro. White spoke morning and night. A feature of the night service is the work of the evangelists. Bro. G. M. Bren, J. Meyer and B. Caldwell, at the invitation of the Bible School workers, have formed a young men's class which promises a successful future. Preparations for the tent mission proceed. Collage meetings were held during the week. The church choir, for prayer for the same purpose, at 10:30 a.m. on Lord's day. The choir is being augmented and an orchestra formed. The church has been called to part with an aged and dearly beloved member, Mrs. Osborne. Her Christly influence has generously helped the church for nearly 60 years.

**Tambly Bay.**—Meetings are keeping up. At a combined officers' meeting of Tambly Bay, Ungarra and Butler, reports from each centre showed the work to be healthy; and it was decided to start a building fund, named The Ebenezer Peninsula Extension Building Fund, to help churches in the near future on this peninsula. On Aug. 1 church anniversary services were held at Tambly Bay. The choir nicely rendered selected pieces under the leadership of Bro. Davie. The anniversary services were concluded on Aug. 6, when the choir and the L.C.C. Society presented an interesting and varied programme. Reports showed healthy conditions throughout. Four have been received by letters. Refreshments were supplied by the sisters.

**Kadina.**—On Aug. 7, at the annual business meeting of the church, reports of evangelists and various auxiliaries were encouraging. Most offices were filled by returning those who held office during the previous year. On Aug. 11 the 29th church anniversary celebrations began at 11 a.m., when the annual roll-call of members took place. There was a splendid gathering. Bro. H. Jones gave the invocation. At 1 p.m. Bro. G. W. C. Lyle gave a fine message on "The Sheltering Rock." At 6:30 p.m. Bro. G. McKie, of Monks, spoke on "Gentleness, the King." The choir rendered very fine anthems under leadership of Bro. G. E. Laroche, with Miss Woodley as soloist. At 8 p.m. offering at the organ. Bro. N. Barth rendered a fine solo. The work is in good health, and the meetings on the whole well maintained.

**Queenstown.**—On Aug. 11 Bro. Brooker exhorted the church. In the evening his subject was "Destination." Two young men confessed Christ. On Aug. 5 the boys' football club held a concert to help one of their number who was injured while playing.

#### New South Wales.

**Hankow.**—An interesting address was given on Sunday by Bro. Crisp, dealing mostly with the young people. Two were received by letter from the Canley Vale church.—Bro. and Sister Bell.

**Emmore.**—On Aug. 7, at annual business meeting of the church, interesting and encouraging reports were presented from all departments. During the year 193 had been immersed, 73 as a result of the Vawter mission and 20 in regular work. Over 800 garments had been distributed, and groceries to the value of over £100. Over £2,000 had been raised during the year. This was easily a record. Of this amount about £1,350 was for work outside Emmore. This was the best year financially the church had known, and the general tone of the work was good. On Sunday morning Bro. Chapple addressed the church. At night Bro. Paternoster spoke from the words of Thomas, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." Miss Dol Carr played a violin solo.

#### MARRIAGE.

**DOLPHIN.—ORGAN.**—On May 25, at Carmegie, by Mr. J. E. Shipway, William E., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Dolphin, Masool, Sydney, to Alice Inghel, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Organ, of Shepparton-ave., Carmegie.

#### DEATHS.

**MCDOLI.**—On July 29, 1929, at his residence, 121 Arnold-st., Prince's Hill, Alexander Edward, dearly loved second son of the late Alexander and Annie McGill, loving and loved brother of John, Maggie (Mrs. A. Haddock), Annie (Mrs. M. Haddock), James, Katie (Mrs. E. Tippett), Donald, Florence, and Harry, and Haldane. "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Affectionately remembered by brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

**FRATT.**—On July 15, at his residence, "Clifton," Wedderburn, John Ernest Summerton (Jack), beloved son of Annie and the late John Pratt, Wedderburn, loving brother of Maggie, Willie, Norah, Louie (deceased), Nellie, Leonard, Stanley, Hughier (deceased), Daphne. Father and sons united, waiting for their loved ones. Aged 39 years.

We weep, but not despairing.

As thus we see them go.

For the Lord's redeemed ones

Are as white as snow.

—Inserted by his mother, brothers and sisters.

**FRATT.**—At his residence, "Clifton," Wedderburn, on July 15, John Ernest Summerton, loving husband of Nellie, and devoted father of Nellie, Ernie, and Margaret; loving son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. James Buteh, Myra; aged 39 years.

And friends, dear friends, when it shall be  
That this low breath is gone from me,  
And round my hier you come to weep,  
Let me, most loving of you all,  
Say, "I fear must part our him fall"—  
He liveth his beloved sleep.  
—Inserted by his loving wife and children.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

**MCLEOD.**—In loving memory of my dear husband, James McLeod, who fell asleep in Jesus on August 21, 1928.

Sleep on, beloved one, and take thy rest,  
Thy head upon thy Saviour's breast;  
We loved thee well,

But Jesus loved thee best.  
—Harriet Ann, Toowoomba, Qld.

**SMITH.**—In loving memory of William Smith, who fell asleep in Jesus on August 29, 1922, at Brisbane, Queensland. "His servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face." Rev. 22: 3.  
—Inserted by E. A. Smith and family.

**OBITUARY.**

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bourne Cemetery, on Wednesday, July 31, when amid the beauty of a bright winter afternoon the tired body was laid away. The writer officiated, being assisted by Bro. H. A. Dickson and T. S. B. Woodfall, Methodist minister and father-in-law of one of Bro. McGill's sons). A great company of friends and brethren unite in prayerful sympathy for the widow and her sons and daughters.—A.G.S.

**WEIDENBACH.**—In the passing of Bro. G. A. Weidenbach on July 29, the church at Kadina, S.A., has lost one of its most loyal, devoted, and faithful members. He was baptised by Bro. E. G. Warren in 1911, and till laid aside showed a commendable example of faithfulness in the service of the Lord in the church. For 17 years he held office, for the greater part of the time as a deacon, and for more than three years as an elder. Bro. Weidenbach was beloved for his cheery optimism and practical Christianity. For many years he gave valued assistance to the church choir. To the last it was a joy for him to have the brethren meet in his home so that he could join in the singing of the songs of Zion. His liberality in the Lord made possible the advancement of many a good project in the church. He loved the house of God, and the fellowship of Christian minds. In his last long illness he showed wonderful patience and loving trust in God. His remains were laid to rest in the Kadina Cemetery in the presence of a great company of people. His widow, sons and daughters are respected members of the church at Kadina, and with them the whole church sorrow, but in the confident expectation that we shall again meet at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.—L.A.B.

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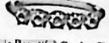


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