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"Annoyance" or "Privilege"—Which Label Do We Use?

HOW shall we look upon the recurring calls which come to us? During this past year every church, in addition to the regular offerings for its own work and to the special collections for debt reduction or building fund, has received an unusual number of appeals for help. The brotherhood enterprises—Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Benevolence, Education, Church Extension—have their regular offering days. Temperance reform, hospitals, flood relief, assistance to churches in special need, Bible Society, have each touched our sympathy and our pockets. The great amount of unemployment has resulted in numerous calls—and, quite naturally, Christian people have been the first to be appealed to and the first to respond. The sum total of these appeals has been very great, and many congregations have felt the strain of the almost unprecedented number of calls.

How do we react?

It would be interesting to know how the calls affect individual Christians. We are familiar with three types of reactors. There are the ignorers, the objectors, and the supporters. On December 1, for instance, the local congregation will classify itself as anti-missionary, omissionary, or home missionary.

We know how appeals affect some people. They are irritated by the repeated announcements and appeals. They would rather that nothing was ever said from the platform about money. If only the mean souls, whose stinginess was rebuked by every public call, were amongst these objectors, we should not be disturbed. As it was in the beginning, it is now, and doubtless for ever will be, that illiberal souls will resent appeals to generous, to say nothing of hilariously giving. But even generous brethren we ought to devise a better way, and to systematise our giving that all the benefits and none of the defects of the present order may be retained. We could wish

that abundant success might attend the quest for such a scheme.

The proper view.

In the meantime we suggest a question: How should we regard the very numerous appeals? As hardships to be endured, or as opportunities for service? As things to be grudgingly attended to, or as cherished privileges to be enjoyed? As a lamented parting with a dole, or as a Christian grace? There is no doubt at all as to the Christian attitude. Nothing we can do for our Lord is too great to be an appropriate means of expressing our gratitude for what he has done for us. The most liberal gift we can make is but a little response to that he made for us. When Christians appreciate aright the great example of the Lord Jesus who "for our sakes became poor that they through his poverty might become rich," they will abound in what Paul calls the "grace" of giving. There should be no repining, no feeling of irritation, when a new avenue of service is opened up, or when a new opportunity of expressing our love for the Master is presented. Let the loving deed be considered as done for him, let the gift

be counted as made to him, and there will be joy and gladness in its making. Where there is the willing heart, then "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Without the willing heart, there can be no joy in gifts of labor, time, or money. We may not carry the consent of all our readers when we suggest that, when that willingness is absent, the gift is not only not one of blessing to the grudging giver but may not even be so fruitful in its results. Perhaps God is able to bless and use more fully that which his children out of a heart of love yield up to his service and glory.

Realisation of stewardship essential.

There can be no wholly satisfactory solution of our financial problems till the thought of stewardship is firmly implanted in the minds of all Christians. And when it is so implanted, then our money problems will vanish. There is no disciple who does not profess to have been redeemed by Christ. In words we all declare that we are not our own; we have been bought with a price. In words we acknowledge that all we have is held in trust for him, and that one day we shall be called to give account for our stewardship. But this general acknowledgment has not so far resulted in practical recognition of the stewardship of either time or money on the part of at least half of the membership. This is the tragedy of church life. This is the real cause of our failure to progress as we ought. If our conservation of time, talent and money were as real as our lip profession suggests, what great advances might be made. Until there is this reconciliation between lip and act, until the matter of stewardship is rightly considered by the great mass of members, no humanly devised system of church finance can be quite satisfactory. We make one very simple suggestion to every reader of this who has not yet tried it. Begin now and try for at least a year the plan of putting by one-tenth of your income for

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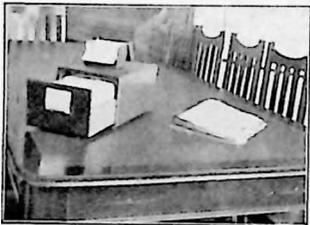
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Campaigning for Christ in Victoria.

AN INSIDE VIEW OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

By an "I" Witness.

Scene: Home Mission Office. Time: Ordinary monthly meeting. Enters (1st) The popular oratorising secretary, with his genial smile and a



The Home Mission Office: Ready for Committee Meeting.

portfolio under his arm; (2nd) The enthusiastic president and members.

"To order, brethren," cries the president. Members cease conversation, sit and huddle, and seat themselves around the table to face the "agenda paper." Bro. ——— will lead us in prayer." After formal business this select company of eminent business men and earnest preachers settles down to discuss the business.

Monthly Reports.

"These cards lie on the table. 'I notice, Bro. President, that no baptisms are reported this month. That's not very encouraging.' 'Come, brother, what about the fine Bible School report from ———? I isn't that encouraging?' 'Look here, brother, did you notice how the church at ——— has 'come up' in its weekly offerings? I think that's something to rejoice about.' So comments, wite and otherwise, are made.

Knock at the Door.

The president explains that it has been arranged for a deputation from the church to interview the committee. It is moved that business be suspended and the members of the delegation be heard. Enter two good brethren tremblingly. They are quickly reassured and made easy by the kindly welcome of the chairman. Case stated; Membership under 190; few foundation members left; newcomers carrying load; huge debt; heavy interest; difficult to keep up regular offerings, but they are improving. Strong plea for continuance of subsidy and retention of preacher. Deputation retires. "If we grant that request," says one, "it means an addition to our budget and will throw out our estimates." Moved: "We defer action till a later stage of the meeting." Thus passes Item No. 1, pro tem.

Correspondence.

Amongst many letters, here is one from a country church to this effect: "We regret we cannot any longer keep up our remittances; interest is in arrears; no present prospect of payment." Item No. 2 passes also for further attention.

Fire Destroys Property.

"Bro. Chairman, how is the fund for the re-erection of the church at ——— progressing? What is being done?" Item No. 3 passes on.

Evangelists Seeking New Fields.

The problem of supply and demand and proper administration all rests upon the money available.

Treasurer's Statement.

Answers to all the items on the "agenda" rest upon this report. Our good and faithful treasurer reads the statement. This shows a further increase of expenditure above receipts, and a growing overdraft at the bank.

The Discussion.

The committee is composed, however, of men of strong faith and confidence. They have had years of experience to guide them. They know that the weakness, loss, or even defeat of a company, or a battalion is not the defeat of the whole army. It does add heavier burdens and greater responsibility on the main body. They make a spirited effort to assist the president, secretary and staff in their difficult task. Yet, it has not been a particularly inspiring meeting.

One Thing is Evident.

The brotherhood must be made to realise the situation. The churches must be taught that more self-reliance is essential. The committee always gives fair and impartial consideration to all requests, especially those which come from H.M. fields where there are heavy building debts. More help must be given all round. One and all must supplement their regular offerings by a truly generous and heroic response on Home



Mission day to the annual appeal. The churches on the committee must be more sympathetic and unselfish and be less inclined to beg for favors which cannot possibly be granted.

The challenge of the hour is clearly more self-reliance and more cash. This is the only way to maintain a progressively evangelistic policy; plus faith in God, and loyalty to Jesus Christ, and individual consecration to the cause we love.

ANSWER THE CALL ON DECEMBER 1.

There comes an urgent call from Victoria's splendid country towns, fine provincial centres and growing suburbs for Home Mission support until these causes can become self-supporting. Ararat and many others call aloud to you to help them by a liberal Home Mission offering on December 1.

SIX FULL-TIME PREACHERS.

The Home Missionary Committee has been able to make possible the stationing of six full-time preachers in the following important centres during the current year: ———

Ararat Mr. Clarence L. Lang.
 Drumcondra Mr. Russell Hanks.
 Ormond Mr. S. R. Baker.

Bed Cliffs Mr. Alex. Cameron.
 St. Arnaud Mr. Cecil Judd.
 Wangarilla Mr. Roy L. Arnold.

Several other fields where students preach have also been subsidised. We are happy to state that in all these fields the cause is in a better condition than at the beginning of the Conference year—schools are growing and audiences are increasing.

COUNTRY CHURCH MAKES CHALLENGING APPEAL.

A weak church in a large country centre states that it is unable to continue under existing conditions. A resident preacher is required. There is very little debt on the chapel. A large part of the salary will have to be found by the local Missionary Committee. This is a big order in view of the present heavy Home Mission overdraft. The fear is that if a resident preacher not appointed, the brethren might be compelled to disband. Here again is a big matter depending upon the result of the appeal on December 1.

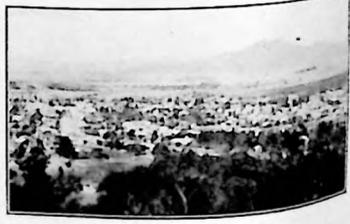
LAST OFFERING SMALLEST FOR NINE YEARS.

The 1928 Home Mission annual offering amounted to £1,106/11/-, which was the smallest amount received since 1920. Other avenues of income showed increases, especially the offering in cash and promises at Conference. The result was that the year closed with a large balance of £565. This was a fine achievement. Unfortunately the present year did not commence with such a fine result to the Conference appeal. Hence the committee is looking very anxiously to the annual offering on December 1 to make up the earlier deficiency.

HOME MISSION HYMN.

Of old, Christ to his servants said,
 I send you, two and two,
 The message of my love to spread
 Your Syrian homeland through.
 Go forth, and ever at your side
 I'll be with strength and grace,
 My power within you shall abide,
 My love bless every place.
 And everywhere his word they taught,
 And Christ as King they named,
 His praise to every home was brought,
 His kingdom was proclaimed.
 And lo! in tones as strong and clear
 "Christ speaks again to-night;
 'Go forth,' he says, 'why wait you here?
 Your harvest fields are white.'
 Australia's homes to me are dear
 As those of Galilee;
 Take them my message, far and near,
 The infant to the Seer.
 You know my love; but round you, lo!
 Ten thousand who are mine;
 But know me not; how should they know?
 Go forth; that work is thine.

—W. N. Frost.



View of Ararat, Vic.

Home Missions in New South Wales.

Annual Offering, December 1, 1929.

THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS.

I. A. Paternoster.

"Christ has for sin atonement made,
What a wonderful Saviour!"

Let these lines, please, centre your attention for a moment upon the great task of Home Missions. Many of you who read them will remember the time you found Jesus as Saviour. You remember the glow of zeal and enthusiasm filling your heart as you arose from the waters of baptism, conscious of the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you pause to think back over the past you will rejoice to remember the many times you have been kept by that same wonderful Saviour. It is a glorious thing to know one is saved—saved by the blood of the Lamb. I feel to-day, as I write these lines, I could cease for a moment and shout "Hallelulah!"

How many of you came to the spiritual condition you now enjoy because a Home Mission Committee established a church where you could attend, supported an evangelist—the one who led you to Christ, conducted the tent mission—the very one in which you decided to enter the sanctified life of service for Christ? Probably 75 per cent. of our membership would raise their hands to indicate it was under such conditions they came to know Jesus. It is because of these facts we come to you, not to convince you of the need of Home Missions, but to call you to a season of prayer for the great task before us in Australia to-day. Our mission is not complete in this State of N.S.W. we have a greater challenge than ever before. Thousands are passing on to Christless graves. What Jesus has done for you and me he is able to do for others. Why be indifferent about it? The challenge to-day is to give until it really hurts. Our slogan is, "Half as much again." That is a good slogan providing we have in mind, "As the Lord has prospered you." If we have done the latter, we shall know the joy of full salvation. If we try then to add to it the former.

"I am redeemed, the price is paid,
What a wonderful Saviour."

"You know it was not by perishable silver or gold that you were ransomed from the futile traditions of your past, but by the precious blood of Christ, a lamb unblemished and unstained."

Happy are we if we know this. But can we remain happy when others are dying without knowing it? We are in the great work of saving souls. Money cannot do it. Organisation cannot do it. But money lacking, concerted organisation will, under the power of the Holy Spirit, do it. We need your prayers, your money, your co-operation to see this great work through. It is a battle, but it is one to victory, for "the gates of Hades" shall not prevail against his church.

THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

H. M. Arrowsmith.

The generality of treasurers' statements these days is one of deficits—deficits which grow, deficits which hinder, deficits which haunt. If one saw only the figure of the deficit there would be ample cause for serious depression, but there are other elements to consider in association.

First, there is the comforting knowledge of an expanding work. Our present condition is one of almost unprecedented activity.

Secondly, there is that vast brotherhood to whom the appeal is launched.

A programme has been conducted on the authority of, and on behalf of, the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood will respond!

And how great is the response necessary!

Commencing conference year with an unequalled overhead, the ambitious programme has meant an increased drain on our financial resources, and the result is that we are now faced with a serious position.

There is only one way out, and that is for the individual member to give prayerfully "as unto the Lord"; We know it is his work; it is done in his name; all that we have is his; therefore we give to him for his Kingdom.

Our giving cannot be dissociated from Jesus. In this association is our greatest hope.

Therefore, in his name, pray, then pray!

THE CALL OF THE UNTOUCHED AREAS.

V. C. Stafford.

"There's no sense in going farther—it's the end of cultivation!"

So they said, and I believed it—broke my land and sowed my crops—

Built my barns and strung my fences in the little border station

Tucked away below the foothills where the trails run out and stop;

'Till a voice, as had as Conscience, rang interminable changes

On one everlasting whisper day and night repeated, so—

Something hidden. Go and find it. Go and look behind the ranges—

Something lost behind the ranges. Lost and waiting for you. Go.

Thus Rudyard Kipling.

In 1788, Governor Phillip unfurled the British flag on Australian soil. Fifty-eight years later was unfurled the banner of the Restoration movement. Shiploads of hardy English pioneers were then invading the land of promise. Villages swelled into towns, towns into cities. The growth of Churches of Christ was not rapid. Numerically, the movement was not strong. But the rolling years bore witness to faithful, zealous preaching, and during their corporate existence the churches have gained a great foothold.

All honor to those humble souls who, blessed by the power of God, preached not themselves but Christ Jesus the Lord, by manifestation of the truth commending themselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Australia is still growing. The sails of commerce are full-bellied to the wind. The tide of progress has lifted until yesterday's high water is to-day's ebb. Our pioneering grandfathers tacked themselves in the plain below the foothills. We have found it necessary to go beyond Greater Australia is here.

Could one of the sleeping saints in the cen-

tery on the hill where once the dingo roamed unthinkedly rise to view his surroundings, his startled vision would rest on scenes of endless activity. Probably he would say, "What progress hath outstripped the brotherhood, and the long legs of industry hath taken four steps to their one?" And saying which, would in blank dismay, fall back into his earthy bed.

Great and far-reaching are the areas yet untouched with the plea of Churches of Christ. Dare we sit complacent, content with things as they are?

New Testament Christianity is virile enough to live in every town and city of this Commonwealth. Hear the call of the untouched areas!

Out where the pony trails are breaking into well-made roads, out where straddling townships are leaping to prominence, out where provincial cities are rising hives of industry, out where the simple message of the New Testament is unknown: there should Churches of Christ be.

Shall we yield to the constraint of love and loyalty, and move at the divine imperative of the Master? We must preach the good tidings of the Kingdom of God to the other cities also.

How can we touch the untouched? With men and money. More evangelists are required in the field. Great is the harvest; few are the laborers. Money was never so urgently needed. Moving along with heavy overdrains is like attempting a grade with the brakes hard on.

The annual offering is every member's answer to the call of the untouched areas.

Let this year's giving be with much prayer and much sacrifice.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE CROWDED DISTRICTS.

H. G. Harward.

A crowd is both a problem and a possibility. It reveals needs and expresses need. It may awaken interest and arouse sympathy. It can challenge our effort or condemn our indifference. We may see it as an opportunity or view it as a burden. We may cry, "Send the multitude away," or harken to the commanding voice which says, "Give ye them to eat."

In the beginning the gospel was proclaimed chiefly in the cities. The preachers went after the crowd. They sought the biggest audience. As great companies were moved by the power of the divine message, individuals were made partakers of the divine nature. It was a wise policy to bring the largest number under the power of the risen Lord. That did not make less real the value of the unity.

The crowded districts are ever a challenge. The social reformer, the industrial leader, the town planner recognize this. And the religious community is not altogether deaf to its appeal. Churches of Christ have probably been among the least responsive to the call of the populous districts. Sydney has a population well over



The Mission Tabernacle specially built for the Vawter Mission Campaign in N.S.W.

the million in number. We have about 30 churches, and a membership of 3,000. What are these among so many? In most of the crowded areas we are not represented in any form of worship or service. The people are ignorant of our existence or our plea. The City Mission and other organizations are ministering to these people on un denominational or interdenominational lines. Their work is commendable, but is there not need of our own? We can give all that these other devoted folk give, but we can give more. If there is real value in the simple truth and practice of the New Testament, then we should give it to the folks in these crowded parts. If the ideal of the New Testament church is worth the best, then it is so for these folks, too. There is nothing more adapted to supply their need than that which we are striving to preach to others.

In these districts there is the challenge of the non-church-goer. The majority of the people are not attending present services. There is room for us, as well as need of our distinctive message. We will not be crowding others out, if we respond to the challenge. There is need in the country towns. But the effort to reach these usually means competition with other bodies, and a surplus of preachers in the place where they are most needed. In the populous centres this is not so evident.

The response to the challenge will be chiefly a question of method. At the present time it would be impossible to erect buildings. But is that necessary? During the warmer months of the year, open-air evangelistic bands could do real service in many of our crowded districts. Not just giving out the message that most other open-air preachers give, but the emphasis on the distinctive teaching of the New Testament, with its call to the unity of Christ's followers, and the full obedience of the sinner to the conditions of the covenant.

A motor van for gospel purposes could be used for the same purpose by consecrated brethren, both full-time preachers, and those who could help after working hours, and on special occasions. There is need to increase the number of churches of New Testament faith and order in our suburban districts, and there is also a call for work of a distinctively missionary type in our crowded districts. This is our challenge. Who will help our Home Mission Committee to respond?

PARAGRAPHS TO PONDER.

1. Almost every church in N.S.W. has at some time been helped by the Home Missionary Fund of that State.
2. It costs more to do Home Missionary work to-day than it did 15 or 20 years ago, and so our gifts should be larger.
3. N.S.W. Home Missions have helped many weak churches to strength.
4. New fields have been entered recently and are doing well, notably Grafton and Albany.
5. There has been a splendid gathering of funds this past year in fields that have been helped by the Home Missionary Fund.
6. The great city of Newcastle, with its 100,000 people, has been taken in hand; Bro. W. L. Ewers has been located there, and already his ministry is bearing fruit.
7. There are "offer towns" about which we should care, and the Home Missionary Committee will do so as the brethren find the necessary means.
8. There is a debit balance in the H.M. Fund which has been accumulating for several years past. This ought to be wiped right out.
9. Let every N.S.W. member give something on December 1 for this great work. All who have last year should see that this year's gift is, at least, half as much again. And all the new members should help this year.
10. Isolated members are asked to send direct to the office, addressing the letter to Thos. Hagger, Sixth Floor, 242 Pitt-st. Sydney.

Queensland's Great Year

And an Appeal for the Future.

FACING THE FACTS.

W. A. C. Wendurf, Conference President.

The progress of our cause depends largely on the amount of persistent effort and means we are prepared to expend on a continued policy of presenting vital Scriptural truths. The messages we are presenting through our special missions are stirring the crowds. When you get crowds to hear the gospel, the Holy Spirit has an opportunity to convict. This has been abundantly and gloriously proved by the results of our missions during the last twelve months, during which some nine hundred souls were led to acknowledge Christ as Saviour. This is very encouraging to the brotherhood, to whom we now appeal for a record offering on H.M. Sunday. Our aim for 1930 is surely not too high from an increased membership. And if all disciples of Christ will earnestly consult their conscience as to their personal relation to Christ, and to what extent Christ expects them to co-operate with him, then our aim should easily be reached.

The H.M. Committee was instructed by Conference to aim at opening up six new fields in our great State as our Pentecostal aim. The Committee are doing their part and going right on with that programme. But we are entirely dependent on the brotherhood to provide us with the necessary funds, for apart from "in-between mission" expenses, we cannot expect to bring "lady churches" into existence without incurring the responsibility of helping them. No other body of Christians would think of establishing branches in new areas and then leave them to care for themselves, without the help and oversight of those responsible for their establishment. Some of our older fields have become feeble and need help also. All this is surely a great work for which we are justified in asking every member to contribute to their utmost.

On your liberal offering it will depend as to how long we may take advantage of retaining the services of the missionaries under whose divinely blessed labors our State has made such rapid progress. We appeal to you for such an offering as will make it possible for us to take full advantage of our present opportunity to retain the mission team. Our eyes are on Warwick, that splendid city in the Downs, where that Godly pioneer, Bro. Check, was laid to rest, and where we have long hoped to establish a church. Brethren, help to make it possible.

LET US ALL CO-OPERATE.

A. L. Wendurf, Pres. Qld. Women's Conference.

The committee charged with the responsibility of sowing the gospel into the unworked parts of the State, or of backing the churches in those parts where the brethren are few and feeble, is essentially the committee of appeal. On that committee tremendous responsibilities are devolved. They must ever keep the ear open for the Word, and as ability admits, never fail to encourage those who look to them for help. They are the true "rope-holders," the men at the cheering-up line, the encouraging back, sustaining "life-saver" battling the waves beyond. Brethren make your committee a committee of help. Lift up your eyes, and what is the vision? It is of perishing souls; of brethren who have struggled for years in carry on worship in isolated bodies; of churches without preachers; of scattered others, for whom nothing is being done, and it is your responsibility.

Brethren, remember our H.M. offering and give as if it pleased him. As President of the Women's Conference I also appeal to the sisters of our churches to consider what a great

number of souls have been won through the missions in our State. You helped to make the Rockhampton mission possible. Surely there is not one who would not have the fullest share to keep this splendid work going. Help to make the H.M. offering the best yet.

A WORD FROM THE TREASURER.

J. J. McConnell.

It is apparent to most Christians that there are lost souls in our midst for whom no one is caring; that it is the duty of those who are saved to convey the glad tidings of mercy to the un-redeemed. Christ's commission ran: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." It is not given to the majority of Christians to do evangelistic work in the field; but are there not other channels through which we can further our Lord's cause? Assuredly, yes. I would particularly stress the injunction to give of our substance according as the Lord has prospered us.

In Queensland at present the Hinrichsen-Morris mission team is doing a wonderful work for the Master; hundreds of precious souls are hearing and accepting the New Testament plan of salvation through the missionary's efforts. To God be the glory. As Bro. Hinrichsen and Morris are desirous of laboring in Queensland for at least another five months, the field being large and the possibilities great, what a wonderful vision unfolds before us for extending our Lord's kingdom!

Let us grasp this unique opportunity by giving wholeheartedly to the Home Mission annual appeal on Sunday, December 1.

AFTER TWELVE MONTHS.

E. C. Hinrichsen.

After twelve months of work we can state that Queensland, which has been regarded as a "hard field," is as responsive to the appeal to decisions for Christ and in liberality in giving as any other State.



E. C. Hinrichsen

There have been over 900 confessions. Those who know the work best will admit that nearly all who make the confession are immersed and take up membership. Not a reality some drift, but very often the number of new people who are friends of the converts, brought in by the local evangelist after the mission, makes up for the loss. The liberality of the brethren has been heart-touching. Allowing a margin, more than £2,000 have been given in the various thank-offerings. More than 1,500 orders and above missions expenses have been received. This amount is used by the various churches towards paying off the debt of the various new fields.

Our great need at present is, first, for consecrated men. When one thinks of the magnificent work accomplished by Bro. and Sister Mendenhall in Rockhampton, one cannot help wondering, by God, and praying for more such workers. The success of the work at Rockhampton proves that not only can a successful mission be conducted, but the right man can be used of God to carry the church on to greater victories. Names of men who may also be cited. Six years ago there was no church or meeting of any kind in our people in the city. After a six weeks' mission there was a self-supporting church, and

It has been self-supporting ever since. "Last Sunday," said the present preacher, "the offering was £16." Everyone knows that the church in Jundahlg has one of the best sites and chapels, and is by far the strongest Protestant church in the city.

Brethren, it is not enough to conduct a mission in a town. The work must be carried on. Now always, as in the above two cases, can a church be made self-supporting from the start. Right here is where Home Mission money is needed. The committee needs money so that a man may be placed in the field during the mission, and the church subsidised when the man is permanently placed. In order to place men in the field, money must come from all who are interested in this magnificent work. If every member in Queensland would make a worthy offering, the next twelve months could easily prove to be the greatest in the history of our Queensland work.

Already the missionaries have received requests for missions in this State which will keep them going for more than twelve months. Prospects could not be brighter. The enthusiasm of the brethren is most encouraging. You must have a part on December 1.

Do not read this and say, "They are always wanting money." You give, and the want will be supplied. Many great sacrifices were made last year. You are asked to help by your sacrificial gift on December 1.

HAS THE MISSION EFFORT BEEN WORTH WHILE?

The real results can never be gauged immediately after a mission. On the one hand appearances that promised much prove evanescent, and must be excluded from permanent results; but on the other hand true records may definite gains that were not visible at the conclusion of the mission. After six months, we can say without hesitation that the Hinrichsen-Arnold mission at Toowoomba was well worth while. The church obtained a thoroughly new outlook. The mission brought the church out of a building in which it had met for many years, and which was a drawback against progress, and placed it in possession of one of the best church properties in the city, centrally situated. By the spirit created by the mission, over £1000 has been raised in gifts toward the paying off of the property. The church now has a standing in the community it never previously possessed. The effect of the mission in individual lives is also very marked. Persons, who previously gave Christ no consideration in their affairs, are now actively engaged in the service of the Master. It has brought to the church out of the world, as made sad by the presence of enslaving habits. Members also who had got out of touch with the work are now enthusiastically working for the Lord.—Lionel Johnston, Toowoomba.

Unquestionably the mission has been worth while, and well worth while.

Primarily, hundreds of people have been led to make a definite decision for Christ, and to consecrate themselves more fully to Him. Secondly, hundreds of people who never publicly acknowledged Christ in the tent heard the primitive truth correctly and very plainly preached at the mission services, and as the bread cast on the waters must return, even if after many days, many of these people also must have been vastly impressed or forcibly caused to think. In addition, the subsequent talk and conversation of those attending the mission services, together with the added zeal of former members, and the enthusiastic assistance of newly won members, are positive factors, and greatly influencing every centre visited.—E. Arnold, Maryborough.

A year ago we had no established church at Rockhampton, and it took us a fortnight to find the first old member of the church.

We have now a membership of 215, of whom

27 are isolated, and our average partaking of the Lord's Supper, including Moongan members who are on the one roll, is about 150. The average offering is £2 per week. Besides this the members have raised over £60 in six months for special repayments. The chapel has been enlarged after nine months of erection. £126 has been sent from the brethren and churches and Sunday Schools throughout Australasia toward the extension, which cost £225. J.C.E. averages 35; Y.P.S.C.E. 10; prayer meeting 20; Saturday night prayer meeting 25; morning service 100; evening service 220.

This new church is self-supporting, paying a full-time evangelist, happily facing a financial obligation of £1,288, and making repayments as well as paying interest on most of the money. The Sunday School has helped start small schools in homes in five other centres. At first annual business meeting just held the church elected 12 deacons from 11 good eligible brethren nominated.

After twelve months these figures speak more eloquently than words. I would willingly undertake another similar venture under similar conditions, but not yet.—B. W. Manning.

Yes! It is worth while that men and women should be saved from the power and curse of sin. Every mission has its stories of those who, by the power of the gospel, have been enabled to break the chains of evil habit, and because there were many such in our mission we say that it was well worth while.

Again we answer "Yes" for we consider that it is worth while that the community should know the magnificent plea for which we stand. Because a six-weeks' mission brings the New Testament teaching before the whole communi-

ty in a manner that the regular services of the church can never hope to do, we say that the mission was well worth while.

Once more "Yes"; it is worth while that the church should have a six-weeks' course of intensive study in the "faith once delivered to the saints." We found that as the disciples got to know the truth better, they grew to love it more, and loving it more they have become more and more enthusiastic for the cause of Christ.

Above all it is worthwhile to see 170 decisions for Christ, to receive most of these into the church, and to bring about 140 children within the influence of the Bible School, who in all likelihood we would never have reached. Yes, we think that the mission was so much worthwhile that if we could we would have it again next year.—S. Vanhan, Gympie.

The organisation of a new church, with Bible School and young people's auxiliaries, comfortably housed in an attractive chapel, and with a full-time preacher, answers the question.

Albion church, which in the establishing of the new cause at Kedron has realised the objective of years, says "Yes."

The general public, judging by comments made, and viewing it merely as an enterprise, apart from its religious significance, answers in the affirmative.

The testimony of those who have been won to Christ, and of those who are engaged in the various activities of the church, is direct and positive.

Kedron is the second new church obtained in pursuit of the Pentecostal objective of six new churches (Rockhampton being the first)—this is another worthwhile reason.

Yes! missions are worth while.—H. G. Payne.

Western Australian Centenary Year.

Aim for Home Missionary Offering—£600.

THE BUDGET SYSTEM.

R. W. Ewers, Conference President.

The special appeal during November for Conference funds is a very important one. More so this year than ever before.

The budget system begins on January 1, 1930, and its success depends very largely upon a good start being made. To provide the best beginning the accumulated deficiency of about £800 should be paid off before the end of the year. Brethren, let us all do our best so that our Conference committee may not be unduly hampered in their 1930 programme.

A MONTH OF SACRIFICE.

A departure from the usual practice of receiving the annual Home Mission offering on one day—that is the first Sunday in December—is being made by the W.A. Brethren this year.

In order to reach the State aim of £600, the month of November is being regarded as a "month of sacrifice." The membership is being urged to make sacrificial gifts as the result of acts of special merit. The savings of each week is to be placed in the ordinary weekly contribution envelope and passed in each Lord's day service on November as well as on December 1. The only special envelopes being issued are for the special envelopes members who do not use the ordinary envelopes now in use. These special envelopes have been issued in packets of five each. Each week each church reports its progress, and a report of the progressive total is returned to a report of the various churches. keen interest is being manifested. Isolated members may send their gifts direct to the secretary of Conference, C. H. Hunt, 110 Barrack-st., Perth.

OUR SUPREME BUSINESS.

D. M. Wilson, Chairman W.A. Home Mission Com.

If the presentation of Christ to the world is the supreme business of the church, then the life of every individual Christian should be adjusted to that end.

Whatever our calling or station in life, the very fact of membership with the Holy of Christ implies that we are called to some form of service to co-operate in the common task.

When our hearts learn to beat in sympathy with the love manifested on Calvary we shall willingly yield our full share of help to the great end, and such yielding will be to us the honor and joy of carthy existence.

MORE POWER.

W. H. Nightingale, Sec'y. H.M. Committee.

"More power?" requests the man at the petrol pump. "Yes," replies the car owner, "the machine has a long and difficult road to negotiate."

"More power?" requests the W.A. churches. "Sure," replies the Home Mission Committee as they pull in with the great centenary brotherhood appeal, "we have a big debt to wipe out; a big State to evangelise and a big responsibility to dependent churches."

The H.M. Committee confidently appeals to every member of the church to pray more, work harder, and give their best to the Lord. These things with God's blessing will constitute power in the hands of the Committee to accomplish the difficult task successfully.

Foreign Missions.

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

Re-entry of China: A Venture of Faith.

After much prayer and consideration the Foreign Mission Board recommended to the States' F.M. Committees that we send forward our missionaries to re-occupy our field at Huellichow, West China. Reports have now been received that all of the State F.M. Committees have endorsed this recommendation. Our missionaries will therefore be leaving Australia some time in 1939 for their field. Bro. and Sister Anderson and family expect to leave some time in February or March. After settling Mrs. Anderson and family at Yunnanfu, Bro. Anderson will go forward to Huellichow, and as far as may be needed, re-organise the work there. He will return after the rainy season, towards the end of the year, and Dr. Killmer expects to join him at Yunnanfu, and the whole party go forward to Huellichow, a city of 66,000 people with its surrounding population of 200,000, who are dependent upon us for the gospel. Who can estimate the joy of the little band at Huellichow when they see their beloved missionaries returning to them!

We are sure that this will give great joy to our Australian brotherhood, who are deeply interested in our work in China. I will endeavour to evacuate the field, our work was very promising. A church of 120 members, and 100 members was formed as the result of about two years' work. Flourishing schools of boys and girls had been organised. Dr. Killmer's medical work proved a great blessing to the city and surrounding country. The doctor performed over one hundred major and minor operations. Our missionaries enjoyed the esteem of the whole community. The military and civil governors were particularly gracious. The wife of one of the leading officials had been successfully operated upon by Dr. Killmer for a long-standing trouble. When some Red Riggers entered the town and laid placards denouncing foreigners and urging the citizens to cast them out of their city, the authorities had the placards removed and the Red Riggers brought before them, and these men were threatened that severe punishment would follow any repetition of such action. The Governor stated that he knew these missionaries had come to do the people good. The Governor then had a feast prepared, where our missionaries were made the guests of honor, as an expression of the confidence and, we might even say, the affection of the leaders of Huellichow.

We are sure that our Australian brotherhood realise the obligation of the Churches of Christ in assisting in the evangelisation of China. The Chinese nation is the most important country in the Pacific group, with its over four hundred millions of population, its wonderful history, its wealth of material resources. The character of the people makes it the most important neighbour that we have in this part of the world. The future peace and prosperity of Australia is associated with the Christianisation of China.

Great Britain is looking towards America, its great sister Christian nation, to make their united peoples the greatest factor in preserving the peace of the world. We in Australia have visions of a Christianised China being linked with Australia in the bonds of a common Christianity to preserve peace among the Pacific nations. The nearest Christian basis to this great nation is found in Australia and New Zealand, and both these British Dominions have realised their responsibility to carry the gospel to China.

The China Inland Mission are now calling for two hundred new missionaries to be sent out within two years. In making their call they say,

"If the gospel is to be carried to distant and lonely regions these missionaries must be prepared to face hardship and danger, and in some instances forego the thought of marriage for several years. They will need strong bodies and sound nerves, and in addition must have sacrificing and courageous hearts, and also possess the grace of patience and perseverance. Only those who truly love the Lord, and who are prepared to sacrifice all for him, can prove equal to the strain. The challenge is an unique and splendid one, and we look with confidence to the Christian church to respond in the yielding of her best." Mr. Host, the G.M. superintendent, writes, "Unless we have your serious persevering co-operation and prayer, based upon an intelligent understanding of the facts, it will not be possible to accomplish our objects."

This re-entry into China is a venture of faith on the part of the Australian brotherhood. Our missionaries volunteer to resume the work with gladness of heart. Bro. and Sister Waterman are pleading earnestly that they, too, may be sent forward at the earliest possible date. But the challenge is not only to our missionaries, but to us all in the homeland, who are interested in God's work in China. We thus plead with our brethren, who are supporting our Foreign Mission enterprise, to give themselves to very real and definite prayer during coming weeks and months that the gospel, in accordance with our Lord's command, may be carried far and wide to reach China's millions.

JOTTINGS.

The Indian Board of Management has appointed Miss Caldwell as matron of the Blind Hospital, and she is now busy and happy in her new work. Miss Caldwell writes enthusiastically about Dr. Oldfield's medical work at Dhamod.

Miss Foreman is now located at Shergonda with Miss Cameron and Miss Elna Yarker for language study from the beginning of October. In order to accommodate Miss Foreman £220.00 has been allotted Miss Cameron, out of general funds, to set up a small room in connection with the ladies' langanaw.

The Board of Management has issued a second edition of Principal Mull's book, "First Principles," printed in Marathi, as the first edition has been exhausted.

Mr. G. P. Pittman reports that they have now under their charge in the Criminal Tribes' Settlement: Settlers 327, licensees at Patana 392, licensees free colony 160, licensees Patana 10, free persons 125, total 921.

We have not received any reports from Children's Day except from Mile End, South Australia, where a mass meeting of the school gave the exercises which was very much appreciated. The kindergarten children gave a special treat.

"Although we can not give large sums of money, we can all pray. We should do every day and for individual missionaries.

"They wondered how their simple words had power;

At home, the Christians, two or three,
Had met to pray an hour."

Prayer does bring results. We can circle the globe with our thought and prayer. We will never know until we meet Jesus face to face daily how much we have helped others through daily prayer."

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.F.

Monday.

That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.—Ezek. 11: 20.

The previous verse shows that these things depend upon "a new heart." When the heart is changed, the life changes also, and power is given to "walk in God's statutes," and the blessing of union with God is ours.

Reading—Ezek. 11: 1-20.

Tuesday.

Though Noah, Daniel and Job were in it, and I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.—Ezek. 14: 20.

No human being can redeem his brother from sin and its curse. There is "none other name than the name of Jesus, given among men, whereby we can be saved." God opened his door when all others were closed.

Reading—Ezek. 14: 12-23.

Wednesday.

For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God; wherefore turn yourselves and live ye.—Ezek. 18: 32.

We see in this that the eternal death of the sinner is his own fault; that God's greatest pleasure is in man turning to him with all his heart, and the fact that God thus expresses it is the strongest incentive to man to obey.

Reading—Ezek. 18: 19-32.

Thursday.

And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled, and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all the evils that ye have committed.—Ezek. 20: 42.

This is repentance. Every true child of God has passed through this experience, though not all in the same degree of intensity. In this state of mind God pours out his grace upon us. The Pagan and the Profligate and a host of other Scripture characters bear witness to this.

Reading—Ezek. 20: 27-44.

Friday.

I will overturn, overturn, overturn it; and it shall be no more, until I come whose right it is; and I will give it him.—Ezek. 21: 27.

May we not see here a prophesy of the coming Messiah whose sole "right it is" to reign on the God's spiritual Israel? Certain it is that the overturning here named took place in all the history of Israel from their captivity onwards. They were finally dispersed.

Reading—Ezek. 21: 8-27.

Saturday.

And I will execute judgment upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the Lord.—Ezek. 25: 11.

The judgment upon Moab was because of their treatment towards Israel. God chastises those who mock, but his wrath is kindled against those who mock and jeer at them.

Reading—Ezekiel 25.

Sunday.

And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, saying, What city is like Tyrus, which was destroyed in the midst of the sea.—Ezek. 27: 42.

Ancient Tyrus was a great city, a mighty stronghold by the sea. But God doomed it to destruction because of its defiance towards Israel. And its destruction came sure and fast. In Christ's day its glory had departed.

Reading—Ezekiel 26.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

November 20.

HISTORY REPEATED.

(Luke 17: 29-37).

W. Waterman.

"On being asked by the Pharisees when the reign of God was coming, Jesus answered them, The reign of God is not coming as you hope to catch sight of it; no one will say, Here it is, or There it is; for the Reign of God is now in your midst." If only you had eyes for such a kingdom as mine you would see that I, its builder, am even now building men into the foundations; and you would have yourselves built in too. For the good of those materialistic men, Christ hid his visible kingdom behind the first and unpretentious Reign of Grace. The Pharisees came, however, Christ extended to his disciples the subject the Pharisees had introduced—the kingdom manifested at his second coming with visible signs.

"To his disciples he said, There will come days when you will long and long in vain to have even one day of the Son of man." In your troubles you will pine for a sight of my victory. But it will be delayed; for much must happen before I put all my enemies under my feet. If, however, you patiently suffer with me, you shall also reign then with me.

"Men will say, See, here he is! See, there he is! but do not go after them." My coming will be such that men will not need to announce it; "for like lightning that flashes from one side of the sky to the other, so will the Son of man be in his day." "The Lord's coming will be universal. Men do not run here and there to see a flash of lightning; it shines simultaneously on all parts of the horizon. So the Lord will appear at the same moment to the view of all living."

But, added Jesus, there is no need to be expecting this now; "events immediately impending are far different." "The Son of man must first endure great suffering and be rejected by the present generation." Therefore, "just as Jesus at mention of their suffering cheered them with mention of future glory, so he now chastens their thought of future glory by that of impending suffering."

Do not think, however, that my sufferings, or yours, so far defer my coming that you can ever afford to forget it. "For just as it was in the days of Noah—they were eating, drinking, marrying and being married—and came the deluge and destroyed them all; just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting and building—and fire and brimstone destroyed them all; so will it be on the day when the Son of man is revealed as Victor." They were acting as if they and their world were going on in perpetuity.

It is urgent therefore that your hearts should not be fixed on external and temporal things. "On that day, a man must not go down from his house into his house for his goods; nor must a man in the field turn back (remember Lot's wife). If you go down, or retrace, it will betray where your heart is, and "he be materially-minded is death." It will be impossible for you to rise to me, if your heart, like that of Lot's wife, is with your temporal things. Now make up your minds to let such a life go by, and you will save yourself.

"On that night, I tell you, if two men in a bed, one will be left, the other leave; of two women at a mill, one I shall take, the other leave." The only tie that will hold you together, in that day, will be a common devotion to me. "Therefore seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER 27.—SPIRITUAL
HEALING.—Luke 18: 1-14.

Our Young People.

Conducted by W.M. GALE.

A CHALLENGE TO YOUTH OF TO-DAY.

To go without dinner on Sunday for years, so that youth might be served by two Bibles Schools, miles apart, is the record of David Brown, who passed away recently at Rockville, New Zealand. He taught a school at Kaituna and Rockville, the one in the morning and the other in the afternoon, passing from one to the other without the mid-day meal. He walked many miles to read the Bible to those who could not read. For 26 years he was identified with the New Testament church. It is sad to relate that there is now no one to carry on the Bible School in the interest of our brotherhood in the Rockville district. Such a noble man left an example to young people of to-day that will cost something big to excel.

MILDURA DISTRICT UNION HOLDS DEMONSTRATION.

The Mildura District Church of Christ Bible School Union held its first demonstration in the Mildura Town Hall on October 26. The four Bible Schools of the district, Red Cliffs, Lake Hawthorn, Mildura and Mervin, took part. The scholars sang very well under the baton of Bro. Henderson, Bro. Alex. Cameron of Red Cliffs, gave an interesting talk to the young folk, and also addressed the large congregation. Bro. A. C. Muddford, as President of the Union, presided over the meeting.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRESIDENT GOING ABROAD.

Mr. James E. Thomas, of the Balwyn church, and President of the Victorian C.E. Union, has been asked by the Victorian C.E. Council to represent Victorian Endeavorers at the British National C.E. Convention at Nottingham in June, 1930, and in addition, to represent Australian Endeavorers at the World's C.E. Convention at Berlin in August of next year. This Mr. Thomas hopes to do whilst en route to the First World's Convention of Churches of Christ, which will be held at Washington, D.C., from Oct. 19 to 23, 1930.

PIMBINIO BIBLE SCHOOL CONCERT.

On Oct. 29 Pimbinio, Vic., Bible School held a concert in the public hall, in connection with the re-forming of the Bible School, which had lapsed for some time. Every seat was taken. Twenty-one items were rendered by members of the local church and Bible School. Several violin solos and duets were rendered by five young men. The only item that was not "local" was the address by Mr. W. Gale, organizer of the Victorian Bible School Department. The evening closed with a "coffee supper" which was more like a banquet than a supper. The school does not number more than twenty-five. Great credit is due to those who trained the scholars and helped to make the evening such an outstanding success. The programme was of a high order, and not marred by a single item of a weak or cheap character. Mr. Cecil Houston replied in a happy speech to the hearty vote of thanks carried by the congregation. Mr. J. Bolwell, Mr. Cecil Houston and Mrs. Baker will conduct the school in the future.

JOTTINGS FROM NEW SOUTH WALES.

Annual Demonstration.
The annual demonstration and distribution of certificates and prizes gained in recent examination was held in City Temple, Sydney. The building was far too small for the crowds thronging it. An attractive and interesting programme

held the attention. The chairman, Bro. F. S. Steer, presented prizes and certificates (622). The presentation of C.E. and B.S.P. and P.B.P. awards was made by Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., State Y.P. organizer.

N.S.W. Christian Endeavor.

During the past year C.E. Societies have been organized or reconstituted at Epping, Mosman, Eskinville, Hurstville, Belmore, Bankstown, Horsham, Tempe, North Auburn, Granville, Tarze, Lilcombe, Narruburn, North Sydney, Bankstown and Wapsworthbax (Chinsee).

New Kappa and Phi Chapters.

K.S.P. Chapters have been established during the past year at Erskineville, Hurstville, Epping, Auburn and North Sydney. P.B.P. chapters have been inaugurated at Auburn, Epping, Erskineville, Lilcombe, Hurstville and North Sydney. Bro. Bennell and Davis are chaplains; Bro. P. J. Pond, the State Secrer.

Isolated Home Classes.

The Y.P. organizer, Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., reports a year of encouraging progress in correspondence schools. At more than twenty isolated centres in the State these home study classes are held. The Y.P. department supplies the good mothers with Austral Graded Lesson books, and keeps in touch by correspondence. Prizes are presented each quarter for best worked scholars' books returned. The Y.P. department is cheered by appreciation expressed, and by reports of souls won for the Master.

Well-Deserved Prize.

Victor Henderson, nine years of age, is blind. Although totally denied the light of day, he is a keen student of the light in God's word. He missed fourth place in recent annual examination by one mark, and was recommended for a special prize. Asked about a prize he expressed a longing for a Bible which was "not a silent one." An effort was made to get him a copy of a Gospel in Braille. Good friends subscribed enough to give him the whole of the New Testament in Braille.

Among many touched by the sight of the blind boy led to the platform to receive his beloved Braille were children of the Chinese Bible School. These are now saving their pennies to buy Victor a Braille copy of Psalm.

Chinese Bible School, Wentworth Avenue.

The scholars of the Chinese Bible School in Sydney made an interesting picture at the annual demonstration in the City Temple. They sang in Chinese, and many were dressed in Chinese costumes. Miss H. K. Wilson is superintendent. Others of the staff are Sisters Gloy Wray, M. Evans, Wilson and Fulmore, and Miss W. H. Forrest and S. Wilson. More than 30 new Chinese scholars have been enrolled during the past year. P. J. Pond, B.A.



The Kindergarten at West Preston, Vic.

Here and There.

There is a plethora of church reports this week. Last week we went to press early; hence the accumulation.

After a tour of Great Britain and the Continent, Bro. and Sister J. T. Mahoney and family are returning to Melbourne by the "Oronsay" on Monday next.

The Victorian General Durcas will hold the usual monthly meeting at Swanston-st. lecture hall on Wednesday next, Nov. 20, from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

Does charity begin at home? If so, Home Missions will make a very special appeal to us, Brethren in the States concerned are requested to prepare for the annual offering on December 1.

The following telegram concerning the Hinrichsen-Morris mission at Annerley, Qld., reached us on Tuesday afternoon:—"Greatest audience to date Sunday night; powerful sermon; thirty-four decisions in favor of Young."

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Drysdale, of Waddellburn church, Vic., celebrated their golden wedding. Among the numerous presents received by the happy couple was a special gift from members of the church.

The Victorian Bible School and Young People's Department announces that, in order to avoid disappointment, application should be made at once for the young people's summer camp conference at Geelong. Campers will be accepted according to the date of registration. The list will soon be complete.

Some church treasurers have not yet acted on the request for early remittance of the offering for the College of the Bible. As the interest on £100 is 12% per month the delay is proving costly to the board. It is urged urgently all the money available. The minimum exchange on Inter-State cheques is 1/4 and treasurers outside Victoria are reminded that sums of less than £1 can be sent far more cheaply by postal notes.

Bro. Will H. Clay writes:—The Victorian Social Service Department invites members of the church to send Christmas cheer—cash to Elizabeth-st., Melbourne, and goods (food and toys) to Churches of Christ Mission, Burnley-st., Burnley, advising the secretary, in each case, when doing so. It is requested that all such donations be marked "Christmas Cheer" and that they be sent before December 16. All "cheer" will be distributed direct to the homes of the poor, many of whom will be entirely dependent upon us.

This number of the "Christian" brings before us our Home Mission responsibilities and opportunities. Some of the States, whose annual offering is to be taken up on the first Lord's day in December, have asked for space to bring the work before our readers and forwarded the articles which appear in this issue. As the paper works for the purpose of helping on the Lord's work, and as we wish to serve the brotherhood and further every good work in which Churches of Christ engage, we were glad to comply with the request. And more, we cordially commend the work to the sympathetic and generous support of our people.

The College of the Bible has some good friends who have loaned the Board money on fixed deposits. These loans both fell due recently and were promptly renewed, in each case the interest accrued being donated to the College funds. The Board will be glad to hear from other brethren willing to help its work with loans, and will be glad to pay interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum. There may be some able and willing to advance money without interest; while others may be willing to pay the interest on £50, or £100, or even more, of the heavy overdraft. F. T. Saunders, secretary, will be pleased to hear from those who can help in this way.

We are requested to bring before the notice of our Victorian readers who give religious instruction in schools the following invitation:—It has been decided by the Victorian Joint Council for Religious Instruction in Day Schools to supply the Book of Lesson Notes for 1930 only. Those instructors who make application for them; and the Council will be pleased to post them free of cost to all who apply to 136 Collins-st., Melbourne, C.1.

On October 23 Bro. Gale visited St. Arnaud, Vic., and delivered his very fine lantern lecture. The annual sale of gifts was held in the Town Hall on Nov. 2, and £80 was taken. The St. Arnaud brethren are very grateful to members of sister churches who so kindly sent parcels of clothing, etc. Meetings on Nov. 3 were held in the Mechanics' Institute, and Bro. C. Jackel preached two inspiring sermons on "The First Christian Martyr" and "The Fact of the Cross."

The Victorian Women's Mission Band committee wishes to express its appreciation to the numerous mission bands of many loves sent for the Foreign Missions fields. Such gifts are a practical demonstration of missionary interest. The attention of members is drawn to this month's topic, "Beginning at Jerusalem," in preparation for the Home Mission offering, "Our Goal Sustained" (Is the slogan for this year, and the secretary reports that contributions are coming in well. Please send all mission band money to Miss Ellis, 207 Union-st., Surrey Hills, E.10.

Students of the College of the Bible are busy with the final examinations for the year. A large attendance is hoped for at the annual demonstration to be held in Lygon-st., chapel on Friday evening, November 21, when a good programme will be presented. It would be very fitting and encouraging if brethren attended in large numbers to show their sympathy with those who go out to devote their lives to the furtherance of the Gospel. The closing session for the year will be held at the College at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 22. Any interested friends able to attend would receive a hearty welcome.

On Tuesday afternoon we received the following telegram from Granville, N.S.W.:—"Mission influence to all Churches of Christ in district; all but one have received members; raised half all day Sunday; packed Tabernacle; 12 confessions; 15 last night; 107 to date; full building; 10 Wednesday night; reported 267 read Acts, world's record for single night; had a good week; went to Lidecombe Saturday night; had 10 confessions, six adults; party has full confidence of members, and entire community have never heard a Church of Christ man stick so close to the Book or make things clearer than Mr. Vawter."—Corlett."

We are glad to learn of good progress being made at Ashton, Qd. On some occasions the chapel has been filled to overflowing, and Bro. Toshack's addresses have been greatly appreciated. Decisions have been made for Christ. One of the youngest sons. It will be remembered by our readers that the church was recently established after a very successful six weeks' mission conducted by Bro. Hinrichsen and erected under the supervision of Bro. Emmanuel of Albion, who was ably assisted by members of Kedron and Albion churches. The following brethren were elected to fill the various offices: Secretary, C. Game; Treasurer, V. Hall; Kollmar, E. Taylor, W. Sells, I. Kirk, S. Chadwick, C. R. Cook. Bro. T. Clark was appointed musical director. Bro. Birk is the Bible School superintendent. The school and other auxiliaries are working well.

The mission at Grote-st., Adelaide, was brought to a close on Oct. 27. It was a most happy series of services, and throughout the attendance and interest were all that could be desired. There were three people confessed Christ, an enormous percentage being added to the church; thanksgiving taken on the last day defrayed the expense incurred. On Nov. 3 services were resumed in the chapel, and at night three young men were immersed, and a young woman confessed Christ before quite a large audience. Although depression and poverty abound, the prospects of the work here do not seem brighter for many years. At morning service on Nov. 3 Bro. Whitehair made sympathetic reference to the home-call of Bro. John Gard, son of our brother and aged Sister Mrs. W. J. Gard, and her mother of Mrs. A. J. Gard, the devoted chlostermaid. Bro. John Gard, who had been ill for some months, was called to rest on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

ARMISTICE DAY.

The two-minute silence was generally observed on Armistice Day. This manner of celebrating the close of the World War has in a wonderful way appealed to the heart of humanity. It is simple, reverent and effective. Monday's celebration had the feature of adding another dedication to the familiar list. At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the eleventh anniversary, industry stopped and stood with bowed heads in silent tribute to the memory of those who sacrificed their lives; and in grateful acknowledgement of the blessing of peace.

The day brings memories both happy and painful. We cannot but think of the boys and girls who died in the morning for the few of loved ones, and longings for "the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still." We remember too the men who were shattered by the war, who returned heart-dragged out the weary days in suffering and distress. Armistice Day should remind the country of its duty to the living ones who need and still suffer on account of the war.

Above all, the day should lead us to the thought of peace and to the determination to abstain from war. It is a matter of thankfulness that since 1918 the world's opinion has to a considerable extent been changed. Even since last Armistice Day the policy for the outlawing of war has been taken upon a new phase. And the pomp and glory of war, like the blessing of peace, should be the motif of Armistice Day. It is encouraging to see how the thought of fostering the spirit of peace has been emphasized on this occasion.

VICTORIAN FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT
WELCOME TO BRO. & SISTER H. R. COVENTRY
and MISS V. BLAKE

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News of the Churches.

Victoria.

Benalla.—Regular meetings are conducted. On Nov. 9 an enjoyable Sunday School picnic was held at Enno Bridge. The church has started on its fourth year of service.

Hampton.—Bro. Jones presided over a combined S.S. temperance rally in the local picture theatre on Sunday afternoon. At night, after B. Pittman's address, two were baptised.

Pyramid Hill.—On Nov. 3 the monthly gospel meeting was conducted by Bro. Chas. McDonald, of Swan Hill, who also exhorted in the morning. The sympathy of the church is extended to Bro. A. Broad and family in their recent bereavement.

Bentleigh.—There was a good meeting on Nov. 3, when Bro. Andrews gave a fine address. Bro. Morse, Jr., baptised the previous Sunday, was received into fellowship. This makes four who have confessed Christ since our last opening.

Warragul.—On Nov. 3 the Bible School anniversary was held. Bro. Miles exhorted. Bro. Anderson addressed the children in the afternoon and preached at night. The Sunday School scholars sang special pieces under the leadership of Bro. Miles.

Blackburn.—The sale of gifts held last week realised £15 net. A young married woman was baptised on Sunday evening. An extra large congregation was present, and at the close of Bro. Hendry's address another married lady made the good confession.

South Yarra.—Meetings on Nov. 10 fell off, except the Bible School, where an superintendent Bro. Ludbrook is setting a high standard. His introduction of the afternoon's lesson is very helpful. One sister, immersed last week, was received into fellowship.

North Melbourne.—On Nov. 10 the platform was occupied by Bro. Hunt. In the evening a young man made the good confession. On Nov. 5 the Sunday School picnic was held at Elwood. Sisters Bleckford, Greenwood and McGregor rendered valuable assistance.

Morland.—The Bible School picnic held on Nov. 6 at Heidelberg Park was well attended. On Nov. 6 Bro. Gale delivered his lantern lecture on Home Mission work in Victoria. On Nov. 10 Bro. Webb exhorted, and at night preached on "The Conversion of the Pouchet."

Oakleigh.—On Nov. 3 Bro. Mudge addressed good meetings morning and evening. Mrs. Burgess was received into fellowship from the Baptist church. The scholars of the Sunday School held their concert in the Town Hall on Nov. 3, which proved a great success.

Carnegie.—Services on Nov. 10 were well attended. Bro. Reg. Ennis, of Prohibition League, spoke in the morning. At night Bro. Shipway preached on "Sinner After Death." Two confessed Christ, and five who during the recent campaign owned Christ were baptised.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Last Lord's day a visit was enjoyed from Bro. A. G. Saunders, of Lygon-st., who delivered an excellent address. His sisters from Horsham were also present. At the evening service there was a good attendance, and all were interested in Dr. Moore's sermon on "International Peace."

South Richmond.—Meetings have been good, and two have been added by baptism. A successful Sunday School anniversary was conducted on Nov. 10, the building being decorated both afternoon and evening. The singing of the children, under the conductorship of Bro. Musgrave, of Collingwood, was very good. Over 20 members and scholars stayed to tea. Dr. Kilmer's address to the children upon "China and Some of Her Customs" was greatly appreciated. On Nov. 10 the young people had a successful picnic at Mt. Eliza, and on 7th the young ladies' symposium club finished a successful season with a social.

Prabran.—At a very fine evening service on Nov. 10 there were three baptisms. In the morning Bro. Connor spoke on "The Sacredness and Significance of the Lord's Supper," and in the evening of "The Witness of Baptism to the Saving Power of the Cross." There were several new scholars, and quite a few 100 per cent. classes.

Pitara.—On Nov. 10 Bro. Buttcher gave a helpful morning address. The service at night was conducted by the young people's club, a fine sermon being given by Mr. William Mill-rain, on "Faith Without Works." There was a good congregation. A collection was taken up in aid of the building fund. The young people take an active interest in all church matters.

South Melbourne.—On Nov. 3 ordinary services were conducted. Bro. Waterman delivered a special address for young Christians concerning the breaking of bread. He spoke on one of the Psalms at night. At the conclusion of last Sunday's gospel service a young girl confessed Christ. Bible School and kindergarten are enjoying splendid sessions. Teachers' study class under Bro. Waterman reports helpful work.

Wangaratta.—Good meetings are reported. The anniversary services of the Bible School were conducted on Oct. 27 and 29. Bro. Reg. Clarke took the Lord's day meetings and gave splendid talks. On Nov. 5 a concert was given by the scholars, and prizes were distributed. The chapel was packed with an appreciative audience. Bro. B. L. Arnold's conducting of the singing was a feature of the service.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—On Nov. 3, at an "every-member-present" rally, 72 broke bread. Bro. Mathieson gave an inspiring sermon message from Rom. 12: 1, a young couple's service was held at night. Bro. Mathieson giving a powerful address on "Playing the Game." The ladies' guild raised £11 recently for the building fund. November being rally month, a special effort is being made in all departments.

North Essendon.—On Nov. 3 Bro. A. B. Main gave a helpful morning address. Bro. A. B. Lloyd is giving uplifting addresses. At the Bible School 90 were present. The school is indebted to Miss Taylor, from Ivanhoe, and Miss Wigg, from Essendon, for assistance in Bible School and kindergarten. The picnic was held on Nov. 5 at Alton. The boys' P.S.P. club is growing. A girls' club is shortly to be started.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Bro. G. E. Moore spoke well at morning meeting on Nov. 10. One was received into fellowship. Reference was made to the passing of Mrs. J. Haddon. Bible School attendance was good. Bro. A. G. Saunders gave a splendid address on "100 Years' Protestantism" in the evening. Miss A. Tippett and Mr. G. Haines were the soloists, the choir being led by Mr. H. Haines. A successful school picnic was held on Nov. 5.

Malvern-Caulfield.—Bro. Anderson's intimation of returning to China in the near future was received with much regret. Meetings continue to be splendidly attended. On Nov. 10 five were welcomed into fellowship—one by letter and four by confession and ordinance. The recently-organised young people's club is doing fine work. A newly-formed Bible Class increased its attendance to twenty. An outing was given to the young worshippers' league.

Dunolly.—For past month good meetings are reported. Sister Strader, of Bendigo, gave two violin solos on Nov. 10. Bro. Clay spoke in the evening. The church extends deepest sympathy to Mrs. M. Beary, in the loss of her mother. A memorial service was conducted to our late Sister Wilcox, who was called home on Oct. 23. Sister Wilcox, who was loved by all, linked up with the church in 1923, and was a devoted worker. Bro. McQuinn conducted the service, assisted by Bro. Feaster.

Castlemaine.—The church was pleased to welcome the Swallow family from Pyramid Hill into membership. The ladies' help assembly held a very successful fruit salad social in aid of the tennis club, 12 1/2 being raised. Bro. Earle conducted a series of sermons on "Gospel Questions and Their Answers" on Nov. 10. Bro. Sid. Boghart was present after his recent recovery. On Nov. 10 Bro. D. Stewart announced his mission with the church.

Bro. Hill.—There were splendid meetings on Nov. 3. Bro. Scottin presided at both services. His morning subject was "Christ's Estimate of Character." At an Annetville service in the evening the chapel was crowded. In the afternoon a teachers' tea was held to welcome Bro. and Sister Scambler and family. The school picnic on Nov. 5 was a great success. On Nov. 7 a welcome social to Bro. and Sister Scambler was held, many representative speakers being present.

Drummond.—On Nov. 3 the Bible School anniversary was held with good attendances. In the morning an appreciated address was given by Bro. W. D. Beckwith. The evening service which engaged the public hall for the anniversary and by 7:30 p.m. the hall was comfortably full. 45 young people were seated on the platform. Each chorus was appreciated. Scripture lessons were read by scholars. Bro. Hendry gave an interesting and instructive gospel address. Mrs. Geo. Andrews gave valuable assistance at the piano.

Cheltenham.—On Nov. 3 very fine audiences all day listened to splendid messages from Bro. A. J. Fisher and W. H. Clay. The united children's demonstration in the Soldiers' Hall in the afternoon for temperance Sunday passed off well. Meetings on Nov. 10 were led by an inspiring speaker. Splendid messages were given by J. P. Wells in the morning, and Allan Scarle at night. The latter also rendered an enjoyable solo. The Children's Day exercise by the whole school in the afternoon was well given, a good offering for Foreign Missions resulting.

St. Kilda.—Meetings on Nov. 3 were well attended. Bro. A. W. Grundy addressed both meetings. His evening address on "Scenes in the Night" was of special interest. On Nov. 5 a sale of gifts conducted by the church was fairly successful. The new levy in aid of the building fund. Meetings on Nov. 10 were well attended. Miss Larson, from the College of the Bible, spoke in the morning. At night Miss O. Scer was soloist, and Bro. A. W. Grundy preached the gospel. A brother has presented two platform chairs to the church.

Middle Park.—Bible School anniversary services were commenced on Nov. 3 with very good attendances. Bro. Baker spoke in the morning. In the afternoon Bro. Pratt gave an interesting talk to the children, which was fairly well attended. An address by Dr. Kemp at evening service was much appreciated. Kindergarten prizes were distributed on afternoon of Nov. 10, when a talk by Bro. Forbes was greatly enjoyed. Bro. T. Smith gave a fine address in the evening. Bro. Childers was soloist, and the leadership of Bro. Harvey. All services were very well attended.

Balwyn.—During the absence of Jas. E. Thomas, who has been conducting a mission at Carnegie, J. E. Shipway has been with the church at Balwyn for Bro. Lee's days. His helpful and caring addresses have been greatly appreciated by the good congregations that have listened to him. E. T. Saunders spoke on the work of the College on Oct. 27, and the College offering was taken on Nov. 3. E. T. Saunders, the Chief Professor of Children's Courts, and writer of many well-known hymns, conducted a hymn service on the evening of Nov. 3. Mrs. J. G. Hare, Mrs. Liddell and J. E. Austin rendered solos, and Misses Phyllis Pope and Ruth Thomas were the duet. It was a beautiful service. The Chief Professor of Children's Courts at Elwood, Bro. H. Haddon, passed away somewhat suddenly on Oct. 20 at the age of 63 years. Bro. A. Morrison also suffered the loss of his sister and mother within a week. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved ones.

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Where travellers always like to rest
In silence for a while.
And then cross over Pouting Bridge,
Where Don't Care Brook flows down;
And just a little way beyond
You come to Grumbletown.
The children there are badly spooled,
And sure to fret and tease,
And all the grownup people, too,
Seem cross and hard to please.
The books are stupid as can be;
The games are dull and old;
There's nothing new and nothing nice
In Grumbletown, I'm told.
And so I've taken pains, my dear,
The easiest road to show,
That you may all be very sure
You'll never, never go

—Selected.

TABBY TIPS OVER THE CREAM.

Tabby had been put out of the kitchen one morning after the cook had found the mouse Tabby should have caught, in a trap, and the pitcher broken that held the cream and most of the cream gone, and what was left on the shelf and floor.

Tabby was left in the kitchen the night before, as usual, and the pantry door was left open so she could catch the mouse that had been nibbling things. But when the house was still, instead of thinking about mice, Tabby began to think of the cream the cook had poured into a pitcher instead of in her saucer, as she had hoped she would.

"Gave me a little bit of milk," thought Tabby, "and there was all that cream, and not one spoonful did she give to me. I wonder if she put it in the pantry. I'll bet she ate it herself!" Instead of hunting for the mouse, Tabby went into the pantry and quickly spied the pitcher of cream on the shelf in front of the window, and with the thought of a feast in her mind, Tabby jumped up on a box, and then leaped to the shelf, and sniffed at the pitcher of cream.

"It is cream," thought Tabby, "but I don't believe she put all of it away for to-morrow. I just know that selfish cook drank some of it. I really should have more to eat. It isn't fair to expect me to hunt for mice on such a bit of supper as cook gave me to-night."

Just then a mouse scampered along the shelf, and Tabby jumped to catch it. Pussycat nature could not resist a live mouse even with a pitcher of cream under her nose.

But alas and alack for Tabby. The mouse jumped, and Tabby hit the pitcher, and off the shelf it went on to the floor, and broke in pieces.

She didn't get the mouse, either, for it ran behind the box where a trap was waiting, and into it it ran, and was caught fast.

"I may as well lap up this cream," said Tabby, when she saw the mouse was caught. "It will save cook the trouble of cleaning the floor. But I expect she will never think of that. No doubt she will lay my ears and blame the whole thing on me."

The next morning when cook found the broken

pitcher and the cream gone and the mouse in the trap she opened the door of the kitchen and drove Tabby out.

"Go out to the barn and hunt for your breakfast," she said. "If the trap can catch the mice why should I feed a lazy puss that steals cream and breaks my pitchers?"

And that was why Tabby was sitting in the barn feeling so unhappy on a certain sunny morning, and blaming cook when she knew she had only herself to thank for what had happened to her.—Selected.

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A little girl was sent by her mother to buy some chloride of lime, but on arrival at the shop had forgotten its name. She sweetly asked, "Please, I want a pennyworth of glory dlyine." "Glory what?" asked the astonished shopkeeper. "Glory dlyine, please." "What does mother want it for?" "To make bad places smell sweet," was the little one's answer. Now, that is just what glory does! Everyone knows that the glory of the sunshine kills disease germs. No one knows how great a curative power there is in the rays of the sun. And no one can estimate the healing powers of "glory dlyine."

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Meditations on the New Testament Church.

No. 1.

A. J. Ingham.

The man who becomes interested in gardening and makes a hobby of it, soon discovers that atmosphere is a bigger factor in his success than he at first imagined. He learns that some plants have to be raised in one situation, and others in a different aspect. Some need a cool shady place, with moist atmosphere; others a sunny dry place. He learns that unless a plant is grown in a position as like its native environment as possible, it soon languishes and dies. Out of his experience he learns wisdom, and studies very carefully the atmosphere and environment required by each plant that he desires to cultivate to perfection.

The strange thing is that what a man learns and soon gets down to observe in his garden, he often fails to apply to more serious matters. This same man will spend much time grieving about the languishing condition of the church, and in fruitless speculations as to the cause. He will go right round the world (in thought) in search of the solution to the problem, and fail to find a satisfactory one. Had he looked in his garden he might have found the solution right away. Probably it is a matter of environment and atmosphere. It is no more reasonable to expect the church to flourish in an environment and atmosphere which are not native to it than to expect a delicate plant in the garden to do so.

A thoughtful survey of the New Testament record will reveal a very definite atmosphere as the native one of the young church then springing into vigorous life. The church was planted and grew with remarkable vigor in an atmosphere of earnest prayer. It seems would surely teach us that in no other atmosphere can a church flourish in our day. The opening chapter of Acts draws the curtain aside and shows us a little group meeting continually in prayer day by day for ten days. In this atmosphere the church was planted at Pentecost. On that day they were still with one accord in one place. On that day the divine conditions of entrance into the church were proclaimed, and three thousand found their way into it.

Very shortly after this, Peter and John were put in prison because they continued preaching the doctrine which was offensive to the Jewish leaders. After being threatened they were let go. The matter was immediately taken to the Lord in prayer. Later in the history of the church, Peter found himself in prison, in danger of his life. Without ceasing the church continued in prayer for him, and he was released by divine intervention. There was nothing spasmodic or perfunctory about these prayers. Therein, surely, lay the reason for the complete answer which came.

In this atmosphere of continual prayer the church grew mightily and prevailed. Strange that when we know of the wonderful growth of the church in such an atmosphere in those days, we should so often attempt to reproduce the New Testament church in an atmosphere deficient in the spirit of prayer. We have been careful, for the most part, about the seed we sow in our preaching, but have been careless about the atmosphere in which it has been sown. It is impossible to produce a truly New Testament church in any other atmosphere than the New Testament one. If we would but learn the lesson of the plant in the garden it would be well for us and for the future well-being of the church of our Lord.

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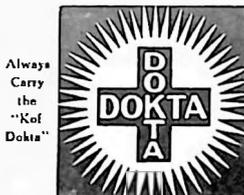
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News of the Churches.

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Ormond.—On evening of Oct. 20 the Orange Lodge attended in good numbers, and Mr. Bennett, from St. Rita's Catholic church, gave a stirring address. Fairly good meetings were held on Nov. 2, with 123 at Bible School. On Nov. 1 and 2 the ladies' aid held a successful sale of work, which was opened by Mrs. Mitchell. A successful Bible School picnic was held on Nov. 5 at Edithvale. On Nov. 10 Bro. Fitzgerald, from Fairfield, gave a fine morning message, and Bro. Baker spoke well to a good audience at night; 117 at Bible School.

Warraackneal.—At the Sunday School picnic on Oct. 26 a very enjoyable day was spent. Anniversary services were held on Nov. 3. Bro. R. McPherson, of Brim, spoke in the morning. In the afternoon he gave the scholars an address on "Helping Jesus." Bro. Andrews addressed a large meeting in the evening on "Friendly Enemies." Mr. Barnett and Mr. James assisted with cornet and violin, and Miss A. McQueen as pianist. The scholars sang with great harmony. On Nov. 5, at the scholars' entertainment, prizes were distributed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Collingwood.—The work is progressing and meetings have been well attended. On Nov. 3 services were fair, but the mid-week meeting was splendid. A successful social evening was held on Oct. 31, proceeds being for the J.C.E. stall for the sale of work. Bro. Perry gave a very fine morning address on Nov. 3, when the young people were received into the church. Bro. A. D. McNelly also gave a fine address entitled, "When the Books are Open," and one man took his stand for Christ. On Nov. 3, Bro. Burns spoke on Psalm 23. At night Bro. McNelly spoke on the "Fruitful Tree." A young girl made her stand for Christ, and two were baptized. Mrs. Barnes has recovered from her operation. A successful Bible School picnic was held at Litham Park on Nov. 5.

Brunswick.—Seventeen dozen eggs were collected for egg Sunday (October 27), under the auspices of the J.C.E. Union for hospitals. Bro. Pittman addressed the midweek improvement society on Nov. 2. At worship on Nov. 3 Bro. Pittman's address on Psalm 23 was appreciated. At night he preached on Johnnan Hunt's picture, "The Light of the World." The sisters are preparing for a sale of gifts. On Nov. 5 a successful Bible School picnic was held in Bro. Ross Pearl's grounds at Glen Waverley. On Nov. 7 the sisters held a grocery afternoon in connection with the forthcoming sale of gifts. On Nov. 10 Bro. Pittman spoke at both services. An intermediate C.E. society has been formed, meeting on Sunday mornings. Miss Linton, from Lamberston, was a visitor.

Queensland.

Albion.—The combined R.S.P. and square club concert were very successful, main building, porch and verandah of local being full. Recital meetings are Mr. Col. Hall to Miss Jean Brown, and Mr. A. C. Jensen to Miss Millie Alderman. The preacher has received a fine gift of linoleum for his study. At Children's Day service on Nov. 3, 19:5:8 was received (this is incomplete), and there were two confessions.

Rockhampton.—At the first baptismal service at Moonax on Nov. 2, five persons were present, the candidate being a young man. Strick Gill, Monnera and Mr. Morgan are all within a radius of five miles of Moonax, when breaking of bread is observed each Sunday in the home of Bro. Jones. Bro. Manning expected to hold special services in the School of Arts at Yeppoon, and begin a weekly service for breaking of bread, for which Bro. H. Schirmer will be responsible. Bro. Shaw has been transferred to Mackay, and Sister Struthers has moved to Charleville. Bro. Shaw was deacon and Sister Struthers was vice-president of the Boreas. Bro. Peers, who has left for Melbourne for a time, kindly lent a piano which was very much needed for our work amongst the young people.

Gympie.—Meetings on Nov. 3 were up to standard. Two men were immersed at morning service.

New Veteran.—Two new scholars were added to Bible School on Nov. 3. Bro. E. Trudgian preached at night.

Western Australia.

Perth.—On Oct. 30 the Phi Beta Pi club held a concert and mystery supper. The evening was one of the best yet held. Between 19 and 110 was raised for the Faithful Aborigines' Mission. The first of the "Month of Sacrifice" brotherhood appeal was very successful, over £16 having already been contributed.

Northam.—All meetings in October were splendidly attended, and there were eight adult decisions. The weekly average for the past quarter has been £22/1/- per morning offering. At the Bible School picnic on Oct. 23 over 200 attended. A strong effort is being made by the church to retain Bro. F. E. Buckingham as evangelist.

Ingleswood.—58 were present at J.C.E. meeting on Nov. 3, when Bro. Norman Jamie gave a most interesting talk on "Trails." The kindergarten concert on Nov. 2 was a great success, a fine programme being arranged. Bro. Evers gave a good address in the morning on "The Body of Christ." At night Bro. L. Peacock installed the officers of Kappa and the Phi Beta clubs. Bro. Hutson preached to a good audience.

Stablaeo.—The work maintains its excellent standard, morning and evening services being well attended. On Oct. 20 the musical department conducted an evening choral service, the chapel being crowded. On Oct. 27 the Sunday School anniversary was held afternoon and evening, the chapel being filled on both occasions. During October six were added to the church, three by faith and baptism and three by letter. The first department worked splendidly in preparation for the invitation day on Nov. 10 and to continue till Dec. 15. On Oct. 25 Stablaeo members went to Redcliffe, where the gospel team have been engaged. A happy social evening was spent. The work of the gospel team continues to flourish, much good being done in the smaller churches.

New South Wales.

Auburn.—For October morning and night attendances were well maintained, one confession being made. Three were received into fellowship during the month. Two members were united in matrimony.

Petersham.—There were good meetings on Nov. 3. The school was well attended, and one new scholar enrolled. Children's Day boxes were returned with 15:9 to date. Bro. Arnold preached on "Shall We Honor Christ or Man?" A married lady made the good confession.

Harville.—Encouragers are preparing for anniversary. W.S.C.E. conducts midweek meeting. All auxiliaries are working well. On Nov. 10 Bro. Acland, of Dunbladen, spoke at worship service. At night, after Bro. Flood's address on "Our Wonderful Message," a married woman confessed Christ.

City Temple.—The church is in splendid heart, all meetings being well attended of late. At a recent Wednesday night service a young man was baptised, having made the confession of his sins Sunday, when Bro. Davis spoke on the presence of the Cross." The Sunday School is preparing for anniversary under leadership of Bro. Huddling is an ornamental awning in front of the building is an improvement.

Hallwaytown.—On Oct. 26 a splendid new tennis court was opened free of debt by Bro. W. Peckham. On Oct. 27 Bro. A. Clark and Lex. Warren had good services. Mrs. Garland is now home after her serious operation. Mrs. Violett Martin and her helpers are doing a good work among the young people. Some brethren vice on Saturday afternoons with improvements to the church property. On Nov. 3 Bro. Gremer Bro. E. G. Warren preached. In the evening

Enmore.—During the absence of Bro. and Sister Paternoster on holiday, services were conducted by Bro. Haver, Grossman, Pugh and Arrowsmith. On Nov. 3 Bro. Paternoster preached in the morning. Bro. Miller was received by letter from Adelaide. At night a number of questions were answered.

Chatswood.—On Nov. 10 the man who was baptised on Nov. 3 was received into the church with two young boys. Bro. Howard, from North Sydney, gave an excellent talk on "The New Jerusalem of Jesus." There were two confessions after Bro. Whelan's address on "The Seven Trumpets of the Book of the Revelation." Miss Nance Marley was soloist.

Wagga.—Bible School anniversary services were held on Nov. 3 and 4, a social evening and distribution of prizes being held on the 3rd day. The singing under the tuition of Bro. Hopley, superintendent, was very praiseworthy. Bro. Brown spoke in the morning. Bro. Nathan occupied the platform afternoon and evening, and gave splendid addresses. Attendance all day was very good. On Nov. 10 one young boy was received into the church after having had Bible School picnic at Moorong on Oct. 16 was very successful.

Lamore.—Many visiting members were present during October. On 5th the wedding of Sister Ivy Gardner to Mr. John Thurgate took place in the town. Bro. W. G. Nolle officiated. During Bro. and Sister Noble's annual here on Oct. 13 and 20 appreciated services were conducted by Bro. J. Greenhalgh, C. J. Snow, C. H. Furlonger and R. P. Volsmann. Three young men and two young women confessed Christ to October. Good services were held at Ringa and Hyron Bay during Bro. Noble's monthly visit on Oct. 14.

Lidcombe.—On Oct. 27 Bro. P. E. Thomas exhorted. Bro. Westwood conducted the gospel service. There were good attendances. On Nov. 3 Bro. E. Andrews addressed the church and Bro. Grossman conducted gospel service. The last two weeks a large delegation (24 and 43 respectively) attended the Yavner mission at Gungahlin, and received the pleasure of a great deputation each evening. Bro. Westwood is on holidays. On Nov. 9 the Yavner mission party gave a sacred concert and service. In response to the invitation eight confessions were made. On Nov. 10 Bro. E. Davis, of the City Temple, spoke in the interests of Home Mission. Bro. E. Andrews conducted the gospel service. Bro. responded to the invitation.

Broken Hill.—There were good meetings in the morning and evening on Oct. 27. Bro. E. G. Warren preached to a good congregation on "The Joy of the Cross." On Oct. 29 a successful sacred concert was given by the young people of the Bible School under the direction of Bro. E. G. Warren. This was in aid of building the new station, etc. On Nov. 3 Bro. E. G. Warren addressed the church on "My Bible." Bible School and senior class made a useful presentation to the organist, Mr. Lucy Lee, on the occasion of his 50th birthday. Bro. Arthur Hosking, who has done good service. In the evening Bro. Clark delivered an earnest address to a good congregation. Ten new scholars were added into the Bible School the last two weeks.

The school is flourishing. **School examinations.**—The 17 who sat at the annual examinations were given 100 per cent certificates were given on Oct. 28 the delegation to Yavner mission at Gungahlin numbered 62. On Nov. 3 a young woman's league was formed. Bro. A. B. G. was exhorting, and Bro. J. Glyndale preached at night, when there was one confession. Bro. G. 9 Bro. C. E. Hinrichs and Sister H. G. Bunting, only daughter, of Bro. T. B. Bunting, gave an evening service at the City Temple, assisted by Bro. P. J. Pond. On Nov. 3 three were baptised and received into fellowship. Visitors included Bro. and Sister B. Bunting, from Victoria. Sister A. A. Wootter is recovering after four weeks in hospital. Bro. V. Saints exhorted. Bro. J. Glyndale preached on "Saul of Tarsus."

Taree.—At every-member-present service on Nov. 3, 82 broke bread. A special children's service was held in the afternoon. To a good audience at gospel service, Bro. Stafford spoke on "The Church that Christ Built." 29 scholars were added to school rolls. Increase campaign, sympathy is extended by Bro. and Mrs. Wm. Billingham in the loss of their daughter, Ruth, to Sister Mrs. S. Clinch in the death of her father.

South Australia.

Croydon.—Bible School anniversary services were continued on Nov. 3. Bright singing was given by the school, and meetings were all very well attended. Bro. McCallum, from Balaklava, was speaker at all services.

Hindmarsh.—Bro. Allen Brooke being away conducting a mission at Ballina, the services on Nov. 3 were conducted in the morning by Mr. L. Cleator, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and evening by Mr. W. C. Brooker, of Queenstown. A young people's service was conducted in the evening; the young women of the P.B.E. formed the choir, and sang a special choral. Miss Brown sang a solo, and Miss B. Richardson read the Scriptures. Both services were very helpful.

Semaphore.—On Oct. 27, in Bro. Heller's absence, Bro. R. Graham and J. B. Digance were speakers. On Oct. 30 the girls' club gave their annual demonstration in the Masonic Hall before a large audience. On Nov. 2 there were excellent attendances at all services. Bro. Heiler spoke morning and evening. The evening subject was "The Principles of Protestantism," and members of the L.O.L. attended. One was rewarded by faith and obedience. Five new scholars were at the school on Nov. 3, 26 being in the Bible Class.

Queenstown.—On Nov. 3 Bro. Brooker exhorted. Bro. S. Matthews preached the gospel, as Bro. Brooker was speaking at Hindmarsh. The Band of Hope has done well in the Band of Hope competitions, gaining a number of prizes. Deceit has been extended. Sister Mrs. McCallum, who was recently bereaved of her brother. After a "rose service" on Nov. 10 the young people distributed roses to members of the church who were ill. Bro. J. Hall exhorted the church, and Bro. Brooker preached at night on "What Next?"

Gawler.—At the church anniversary on Nov. 3 there was a good attendance. Bro. Oran was the preacher. The Gawler Orphan rendered splendid service, giving all the special items. Sister M. Payne recited the Scripture, and Mrs. E. McGeour was organist. The church secretary, Bro. W. Doody, arranged the service. Sympathy is expressed to our brother in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Bartle, of West Croydon. Bro. Oran finishes his work in Gawler in December, and intends having three months' rest in Stawell and Wimpie district (Vic.).

Wynip Milligan.—There has been much sickness amongst members. On Oct. 19 the Bible School picnic was held in the hills, an enjoyable time being spent. Bro. A. W. Wilson and W. Uren were visiting speakers on Oct. 13 and 22 respectively. Bro. Durdin being at Millang and Point Sturt. After Bro. Uren's gospel message on 27th, the youngest daughter of Bro. Durdin made the good confession. On Oct. 23 Millang C.E. society visited the local society, a very profitable time being spent. The church is looking forward to the mission with Bro. Hugh Gray, due to commence on Nov. 17.

Kadina.—On Nov. 3 there was a splendid opening to the evangelistic festival, with excellent messages from Allen Brooke. Tent was almost full for gospel service. A beautiful solo was given by Miss Norma Fulliston, A.L.C.M. Subsequent meetings for the first week continued to be very good. On the 7th four Bible School scholars attended the Service. On the 10th the tent was crowded at night, and the Bible School had confessed Christ. The sympathy of the church is extended to Sister Mrs. Wilton, son, and Bro. and A. Wilton, and members of the family in the loss of a husband and father, called to higher service on Nov. 2.

Dulwich.—There were good meetings on Oct. 27. Most delightful S.S. anniversary services were held on Nov. 3. Items were rendered by the scholars under the direction of Mr. Kenfish, to whom a silver-mounted lation was presented. The kinders, led by Mrs. Morrow, gave two very pleasing items. The speaker at all services was a fitting choice to a most happy day. A well-attended tea meeting preceded the service on Wednesday evening, when the halling was filled. Mr. Turner spoke on "One of the Best Wives I Know." Prizes and certificates were distributed, and items rendered by school and kindergartens. The collection for (Dhond Hospital) amounted to £20/10/.

Fullerton.—There have been much sickness and some removals. Tennis clubs are doing well; there are two fine courts, improvements of which have been paid for by debentures taken up by members. L.C. under Sister Mrs. Gibson, and Bro. Gordon Young, is making fine headway, 28 being present. Y.P. society has been re-organized. On Oct. 30 the church arranged a surprise for Bro. Will Graham, it being his birthday and also the starting of his fifth year with the church. The meeting showed the love in which our brother is held. Bro. C. H. Warren provided. Mrs. Leslie Mathews, L.A.B. gave two lovely songs. Mrs. Black helped with recitations. Representative spoke on behalf of auxiliaries. Bro. Graham suitably responded. Supper was served by the ladies.

"ANNOYANCE" OR "PRIVILEGE"—WHICH LABEL DO WE USE?

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use in the Lord's service. Count that tenth not your own, but His. Then when calls come, you will have no pang, and feel no wrench. You can distribute gladly, as occasion presents, what you do not call your own. We have no doubt that many Christians give more than one-tenth, and many more than one-tenth to give at a higher rate. Some may find it hard to begin with such a high proportion. There is no compulsion. Our giving, to have value, must have a higher motive than legal enactment or compulsion. But try giving, and feel the joy of it. Let the reader of this and himself, if there are real reasons why I should not thus devote at least one-tenth to the Lord and his service? A conscientious answer will probably lead to the happiest experiment of your life. If the Jew could, in the dispensation of shadows, begin with tithing and after that present his gifts, surely Christians rejoicing in the greater blessings and privileges of the new covenant will not deem the dedication of one-tenth either an impossibility or a hardship.

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HUSSELL.—On Oct. 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Huswell, of Palmer-st., Prospect, S.A.—a son (Leander David).

DEATH.

DEES (McCaune).—On Oct. 28 (suddenly), at Canberra, Obitary, the dearly beloved younger daughter of Mary McCaune (Assot Vale), and the late Robert McCaune, and loving sister of Ada (Mrs. Gibson, Assot Vale), Donald M. (Parkville), Percy J. (Essendon), and the late Will. At home with Jesus.

IN MEMORIAM.

EMMERTON.—In loving memory of my dear husband George, who fell asleep on Nov. 11, 1928, at his late residence, "Carinya," Mount Albert, Surrey Hills. Till morning break and shadows flee away.

He is not dead, his life of love still lingers In sweet remembrance soul and words once they said:

He is not here, but oh, he is not dead.

—Inserted by his loving wife, E. Emmerton.

GILGORY.—A tribute of love and remembrance to our sincere friend and co-worker, "Ethel," who was called to higher service on Nov. 11, 1927. Inserted by the North Richmond Bible School teachers.

POULTON.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandma, Mary Ann Poulton, who passed away on November 15, 1928, at Torrens-rid, Croydon, S.A.

One year ago a message came From God, who thought it best To take our dear mother from this world And give her peace and rest. The silent grief that is in our hearts No human eye can trace, For my dear mother knew her bid Beneath a smiling face. But God is good to give us strength To bear our heavy loss; He is the only one who knows Our loneliness and loss. —Inserted by her loving family and grandchildren.

COMING EVENTS.

NOVEMBER 21.—The Annual Demonstration of the College of the Bible will be held in Lygon-st. chapel on Thursday, November 21, at 8 p.m. Diplomas will be presented, and a students' programme will be rendered. All are invited.

NOVEMBER 22 and 23.—Mabern-Cantillon Annual Sale of Works, Broken Hill, and Sat. 2nd.

NOVEMBER 24.—To be opened Friday afternoon, 3 o'clock, by Mrs. Kemp, wife of Dr. Kemp, vice-president Conference. All are cordially invited.

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BILLINGHAM.—Ruth, the five-year-old daughter of Bro. and Sister A. W. Billingham, Tarce, N.S.W., passed away after terrible suffering on Monday, Oct. 23. She died from the result of burns accidentally received on the Sunday. Following a service at the chapel the remains were laid to rest in Dawson cemetery. There were numerous floral tributes and expressions of sympathy. The bereaved parents are faithful workers in the church. We commend them and the sorrowing relatives to the grace of God and to him who said, "Talitha cumi."

HILL.—The church at North Adelaide, S.A., sincerely regrets the death of Bro. G. Hill which took place at Norwood on Sept. 9. Aged 60 years, he had been a faithful member of North Adelaide for five years. For four years he served acceptably as a deacon. Our brother suffered for several months from a distressing illness, but resigned himself patiently to the trial, sustained by faith in God. We sympathise with his family, who did all love could do to relieve his sufferings. Mr. J. E. Allan conducted the service at the graveside, and Hugh Gray conducted the memorial service.—H. Gray.

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