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A Veteran Disciple: Retirement of Dr. J. H. Garrison.

ONE of the best known of our American brethren is J. H. Garrison, whose retirement from editorial work in connection with "The Christian Evangelist" took place at the end of December last.

Dr. Garrison, who has reached the age of eighty-seven years, had a sixty-years' connection with the "Evangelist." He has served the brotherhood well, and his labors been abundant. In his old age he is yet active in service; and even now he hopes still to use his pen for the help and entertainment of his brethren. Sir William Robertson Nicoll in "The Round of the Clock" says that "the chief blessing of old age is rest." As our veteran Bro. J. H. Garrison lays aside still more of the active duties of life, his many friends will trust that he may enjoy both rest and blessing. We are indebted to articles in "The Christian Evangelist" for most of the information in this article.

Sixty years' editorial work.

"Dr. Garrison," says the editor, "began his editorial career in 1868 at Macomb, Illinois, on 'The Gospel Echo.' That paper later consolidated with 'The Christian' of Kansas City, and he moved to Quincy, Illinois, where both journals were published under the name 'The Christian.' He moved to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1873, where a consolidation of 'The Christian' and 'The Evangelist,' then published in Iowa, was effected in 1882. These two editors became associates on the new paper. Mr. Johnson died in 1894, leaving Mr. Garrison to carry on the important work.

"The press of the Disciples always had been intensely personal. 'The Christian Baptist' and 'The Millennium Harbinger,' published by Alexander Campbell, were held strictly to his personal views. . . . But the hour for transition had come with the St. Louis adventure. The brotherhood had grown too large for the domination of a single personality, and 'The Christian-

Evangelist' had to find the way out, and become a newspaper as well as a religious review and forum.

"We do not know of any other man in America who was editor continuously for sixty years. Alexander Campbell's editorial career covered a space of forty-three years. Benjamin Franklin was editor of 'The Reformer' and 'The American Christian Review' for thirty-five years, and Isaac Ferret of the 'Christian Standard' for twenty-two years. We have not been able to find that any other man in the world has occupied the editor's chair as long as Dr. Garrison. There may be such cases, for time has not been permitted us to make a far-flung exhaustive search, but we feel convinced after rather extensive effort to find out, Dr. Garrison bears the palm in this respect."

Dr. Garrison, says the "Evangelist" editor again, "always wrote in a vein calculated to reach the hearts of the young as well as of the old. The dew of morning was upon his sentences and the clarity of light shone from them. He wrote not a little verse, and it had the lilt and color one so much enjoys in the recognised singers. He put

his newspaper creed into verse, and the flag of the paper carried it for years."

Dr. Garrison's books.

As an author J. H. Garrison has enriched the literature of the brotherhood. He has thirteen volumes to his credit. Many have been helped by his devotional books: "Alone with God," "The Heavenward Way," "Half-Hour Studies at the Cross," and "The Holy Spirit." He has three theological works: "A Modern Plea for Ancient Truths," "Helps to Faith," and "Christ the Way." Of "Helps to Faith" the present editor of "The Christian Evangelist" says: "In our opinion it is the author's best book. We have recommended it to a number who were in the crisis between faith and doubt, and we know of striking cases where people were led into the full light by it."

Dr. Garrison naturally wrote much on the position occupied by Churches of Christ. The books he edited dealing with this subject are: "Christian Union," "Our First Congress," "The Old Faith Restated," and "The Reformation of the Nineteenth Century," have been widely read. He also wrote "The Story of a Century," a sketch of the history of the Restoration movement to the Centennial of 1900, and "Memories and Experiences," an autobiography written at the request of his friends.

Organising work.

"In addition to editing 'The Christian Evangelist' and writing books, Dr. Garrison took large and active part in organising work of the church. He was always seen at conventions, and spoke frequently from floor and platform. He helped to tide the church through its most dangerous period—the most dangerous period for any movement—that of organisation. Heresy begins in the study and schism, which is even more destructive, in organisation. Dr. Garrison was instrumental in putting Children's Day into our church calendar, and it became influential far beyond the missionary idea which it was originally intended to promote.

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It changed the whole attitude of the Disciples toward the child life of their churches. Another of his practical accomplishments, of which the end is not yet, was to induce our general convention to vote to join the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. As he points out in his last 'Easy Chair,' this was done at great cost in various ways, but time has proved the wisdom of the move, for it brought the Disciples into active connection with the greatest co-operative association of the Protestant churches."

Attitude to the plea.

Dr. Garrison was a little more liberal and progressive than many of his brethren. If we say that there were some things in his writing which we could not endorse, it will not be deemed a harsh criticism. My brother did not write to please all his fellows. He himself in a closing "Easy Chair" article wrote: "Only one thing I can claim, that is, I have always written what *seemed* to me at the time to be right. But in all the sixty volumes of the paper I have helped to make and in the more than a dozen books I have written, there have, no doubt, been sentiments expressed which I could not now approve. And for these mistakes I can only ask the forgiveness of God and my brethren."

Again, Dr. Garrison loved Christ and his church, and also what we call "the plea." He thought that there was a danger of our settling down at ease in the belief that we had attained the ideal. He puts his attitude as follows:—

"That the Disciples have had a great and much-needed message to the religious world I have never doubted since the day in my young manhood when it won my heart and demanded my allegiance. Not that the fathers of the movement were infallible and made no mistakes in its presentation. All reformers have made such mistakes. But a reform that is Christ-inspired and Christ-guided must grow in its vision of the world's needs and in its adaptation to the changing condition of the religious world and of human life. The religious movement that fails to grow in its wider knowledge of the truth in spiritual depths, in catholicity of spirit and in its whole-hearted consecration to Christ and his cause, cannot continue to be God's reform. One of the perils that threatens all religious bodies is their ceasing to advance with the advancing knowledge of God as he continues to reveal himself in human history and in the world in which he is immanent. One of the worst things that would befall the Disciples would be the idea that they have attained, and have nothing more to learn concerning Christian union and the conditions on which it is to be realised. I do not think many of us hold that view now. Not to go forward is to go backward. To be a 'progressive' has sometimes been regarded as a term of reproach; but not to be a *progressive* is to be a *degressive* or *retrogressive*. Our concern should be, however, to progress along the

right way, even by following more closely him who is 'the Way, the Truth, and the Life.'"

We would join in the prayer of the Editor of "The Christian Evangelist": "May his

days in the land be many more, and may they all be filled with the happiness, the fellowship and the sense of the presence and goodness of God he has always tried to bring to others."

What Makes a Church Great?

I. A Great Character.

II. G. Harward.

Viewed from the standpoint of its origin, character, mission, and destiny, there is nothing comparable to the church of the living God. If the church of to-day measured up to the divine ideal, it would be irresistible in influence, overwhelming in power. But the Delilah of division has shorn the church of its strength, and worldliness is robbing it of influence. There are many signs that the church, represented by denominationalism, is scarcely holding its own, and moving but slowly toward the victory pledged to it by its divine Founder. This undesirable condition may be attributed to many causes. A possible one is in the fact that so often the church—whether represented by individual congregations, or by religious bodies—has failed to possess the qualities of real greatness.

Big things are not necessarily great things. Yet sometimes we are concerned with bigness rather than greatness. Size impresses us. Numbers inspire us. And if there be but stately edifices and thronging audiences, men are satisfied. These are not to be despised or lightly esteemed, though they are not the real test of greatness in the church. Many religious movements have drawn the crowds for a time, and have then passed into oblivion. They were not great.

The church of Paul's day was known to the chief Jews in Rome as "that sect everywhere spoken against." How insignificant it was—possessing neither numbers, wealth, or influence. And how great it was in the divine estimation!

What are some of the elements of greatness in the church?

First, it must possess a great character.

This is the quality measure of things, the test of genuineness, the hall mark of superiority. Greatness in any organisation is determined, in part, by the kind of people constituting its membership. This is pre-eminently true of the church. Congregations will be known in their community by the life lived more than by the doctrine preached. "Is it a great church?" asked one man of another, concerning a body of worshippers. "Yes," was the reply. "How many members?" "76." "Wealthy?" "No, poor." "How, then, is it great?" "Because its members are united, loving, unselfish, liberal, spiritual, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

The church should be constituted of those who have "turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God,"

"Men and women who have turned . . . to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven." The name church—called out assembly—is in itself a challenge to character. The Laodicean church was under condemnation because it could not pass a character test. It had estimated its own worth. "Rich, increased in goods, and in need of nothing." The Great Auditor looks over the accounts and writes: "Wretched, miserable, poor, and blind and naked." Where there is the changed heart, and consecrated life, wealth may be an asset toward greatness in the church; and social position, rightly used may be a means of grace to others. But they are not necessary evidences that a congregation, or a religious body in possession of them, has the element of greatness.

The greatest problem among churches of Christ is that of character building. We have a matchless mission and a peerless plea. But throughout the Commonwealth our membership is comparatively insignificant, and progress disappointing. Why? Is it because of failure to reproduce the life which corresponds to the New Testament message?

"Death to sin" is a pre-requisite to scriptural baptism. Is that being sufficiently emphasised? To walk in "newness of life" required of those who have been united with Christ in the likeness of his death and resurrection. How many of us can meet the test? It is difficult to convince others to love the Lord, of the beauty of and the necessity for, the New Testament position unless there is the superior life of godliness which is the best of all credentials.

They said of the Great Teacher, "No man spake like this man." Is it not a greater testimony to be able to say, "No man lived like this man"? We need him today because his life speaks to us as well as his word. Will not communities listen more responsively to our message if our lives betray it?

Our problem is to meet this first test of greatness—that of character. A membership sanctified, unselfish, loving, Spirit-filled, and bringing forth the "fruit of the Spirit." That would meet every need of the work. Failure here is responsible for all our problems, material and spiritual. A converted and a consecrated membership will enforce the truth, and make the New Testament plea irresistible. It will justify our separate existence as a religious movement.

"For the Sake of the Name."

Missionary Heroism in Alaska.

Some years ago at the call of God, a physician gave up a fine practice to go to Point Barrow, within the Arctic Circle, the most northern mission station in the world, where he was to open a hospital. On the way he was asked to stop at a station farther down the coast, where mission work had been carried on for several years, but had been abandoned.

With his wife and child, he sought shelter in the remains of the old missionary residence, which proved to be so uninhabitable that the natives disdained it. "If we have plenty of coal for the winter we can get along," the wife said. But the last steamer came, and without the needed coal. When the wires carried news to New York City of their extremity they were urged to return to the lower Pacific coast for the winter. "Shall we go?" the missionary asked his wife. "No, let us stay!" she said. And he agreed. Then they prayed. God could make their winter service possible, they were sure.

And God did, in a most unexpected manner. A belated coasting schooner was driven to seek shelter perhaps one hundred miles south of the cold missionaries. At the dock the captain saw a pile of coal. "What is that?" he asked. "Oh, that is the missionaries' coal," he was told. "The ship which was to take it to them had to leave it here." "What!" roared the schooner's owner. "The missionaries are without fuel? Then I must take it to them, even if the winter is upon us." And he loaded a dozen tons on the deck and beat his way back to the freezing missionaries, who were determined to stay by their work, because the Eskimo needed them.

Time passed. The physician and his wife went to desolate Point Barrow, where the thermometer often tells of sixty degrees below zero. A part of the doctor's work was the making of long sledge journeys for scores and even hundreds of miles, to the igloos of the natives who had sent for him. On one such trip the ice on which the sledge was travelling broke up, and the little party found itself marooned under the lee of an iceberg to which clung a bit of fairly smooth ice. The shore was far away, and rescue seemed impossible.

"Take your shirt and place it as a signal of distress upon that ice peak!" the doctor said to a companion. "Why, that would be useless!" he was told. "There is no one within one hundred miles!" "But put up the signal," he was urged. "Then let us pray to him whose servants we are."

The flag of distress was flown in the face of a desolate coast. Early in the morning it was seen by two boys, reindeer herders, who had left the sheltered tundra, far inland, contrary to the orders of those in charge of their government herds; they wanted fresh fish, so disobeyed the com-

mand. They looked through a spy-glass—a cheap affair sent out by an American mail-order house—and recognised the peculiar fur coat of the doctor at Point Barrow. Leaving the herd, they hastened toward Point Barrow, sixty or seventy miles distant. When more than half way to their destination they were confronted by a raging torrent which they had forgotten; this was the spring flood fed by melting snow from the interior. They could not cross.

Sadly they agreed that the doctor and his party were doomed. But as they walked along the bank they surprised a company of migrating Eskimo, in their boats, who had camped by the side of the stream. The

WHAT WE STAND FOR.

For the Christ of Galilee,
For the truth which makes men free,
For the bond of unity
Which makes God's children one.

For the love which shines in deeds,
For the life which this world needs,
For the church whose triumph speeds
The prayer: "Thy will be done."

For the right against the wrong,
For the weak against the strong,
For the poor who've waited long
For the brighter age to be.

For the faith against tradition,
For the truth 'gainst superstition,
For the hope whose glad fruition
Our waiting eyes shall see.

For the city God is rearing,
For the New Earth now appearing,
For the heaven above us clearing,
And the song of victory.

— J. H. Garrison.

boats were manned, the journey was made safely, and the missionaries were saved from the ice floe. "Didn't I tell you God would take care of us?" the doctor asked.

That time the house at Point Barrow was there when he approached it. But there came a day when, on his return from another sledge trip, nothing but ruins greeted him. The house had burned during the night, and the brave missionary wife had been compelled to seek shelter, passing bare-foot and in her night clothes, through deep drifts of snow.

Simply the missionary told of these things. Then, longingly, he said: "And how hungry I am to get back to my people, among whom I hope to die!"

One who heard the consecrated man's words thought of a missionary and his wife of whom the late Dr. Charles L. Thompson used to tell. They went to one of the Aleutian islands for service; they had sought a hard field, and it was given to them. There

bravely they met not only privation, but the awful loneliness that came when their babe died. A little later, on the visit of the one steamer a year that came to their little outpost, Dr. Thompson sought to comfort them in the brief hour of his stay. As he left he said, "Is there anything I can do for you? Ask freely just what is in your mind." "Of course they will ask to be sent back to their friends at home," he thought. And he was prepared to grant their request. His amazement, then, may be imagined, when the bereft mother said, "Oh, Dr. Thompson, let us stay here among our people!"—Dr. John T. Paris in "Missionary Review of the World."

Salvation Army Crisis.

The High Council of the Salvation Army, having decided that General Bramwell Booth is by reason of ill-health unfit to continue to direct the Army affairs, has appointed a new General. A very great deal of publicity has been given to the crisis, for General Booth strenuously withstood the wishes of the Council, and even after his deposition declared that he would appeal to the law.

On the whole the secular as well as the religious press has been kind and sympathetic. The Salvation Army has by its wonderful social work commended itself to the people and grown into public favor. General Booth was looked upon as a capable leader, and over and over again his colleagues have expressed their love and esteem for him. Some, including his sister, have strongly denounced him for appealing to the courts. It is well known that trouble was brewing for a long time, and public action was postponed as long as possible. That change was inevitable will be generally allowed. The European political situation may suggest that this is the day of dictators and autocrats; but such are out of place in a religious organisation. The Army to date has savored of an hereditary religious autocracy. No wonder that the High Council has rebelled at the thought of the perpetual right and power of the General to appoint his successor. Altogether, apart from any other desired or desirable changes, the abolition of this principle, when so much property was concerned, was bound to come and is a most welcome change.

Friends of the Army wish it well in its splendid social service. In this and in its simple faith in Christ as Saviour has been its source of strength. In some regards, such as its neglect of the ordinances of our Lord's appointment, it has come short. We could wish further changes, but are glad to note the advance made.

It is a matter of deep regret that the health of the retired General is said to be less satisfactory. We could have wished that he might by a graceful acquiescence in the views of his trusted colleagues, have saved himself much needless worry.

Christian Work in India.

The enlarged meeting of the National Christian Council of India, Burma, and Ceylon, Madras, 1928-29.

II. R. Coventry.

It was a great privilege and honor to have been sent to the biennial meeting of the N.C.C. by the Bombay Representative Christian Council as one of the special delegates for the consideration of the Jerusalem Conference Findings. I would like to share with my brethren a few of the rich experiences of those delightful days.

The Women's Christian College, Madras, had vacated its beautiful set of buildings for the use of the Council. On Saturday, Dec. 29, the delegates began to arrive. From the four quarters of the great Indian Empire and Ceylon they came, sturdy Punjabis and Sikh, hardy Marathas, thus, enthusiastic Americans, quiet Burmese in quiet attire, Tamils, Telugus, Bengalis and Hindi speaking Christians, gentle Scandinavians, Singalese and Australians, speaking many tongues, but serving the Lord. There were evangelists, teachers, lecturers, administrators, social reformers and others of all shades of belief. Bishops in cassock, bishops in mufti, experienced leaders and enthusiastic beginners, men and women all seeking to know God's will for India. Over 120 servants of Christ drawn together for a few days to try to discover what God would have them do in His service.

Dr. Mott, of America, and Mr. W. Paton, of England, were present, and gave valuable contributions to the deliberations of the Council. China, Japan and Africa were also represented by their own nationals, who made considerable additions to the fine addresses in the Council.

On Saturday evening all gathered after dinner in the wonderful chapel of the College and, seated upon little mats on the marble floor, we all listened to a characteristic message from Dr. Mott. He said that after travelling around the world for the past forty years, he felt that the present was a great rising tide of opportunity. Wide open doors to self-sacrificing Christians who will advance upon their knees. The beckoning hand of Christ is a pierced hand, and beckons us to sacrifice. A rising tide is a dangerous tide, and calls for wise pilots, prepared leaders.

On Sunday, at noon, under the chairmanship of the Metropolitan, Dr. Larsen, of Bangalore, gave an address on the "Message." He said that there was only one gospel, but many forms of Christianity. Our work—message—is just the gospel, to sow the Divine seed. The result will be the seed growing up in this Indian soil and producing probably a new kind of Christianity. We should not be afraid of it, it is God's method. This gospel has power only as men receive it and God has given men power to receive it. This gospel is to be proclaimed in a way that all may understand it, in simple language and real lives. The final impression it should make on men's minds is that it is beautiful and it is real.

A little French lady student secretary, Mme. De Dietrich, then brought us face to face with the two great laws of the incarnation and the cross. The unseen is seen and becomes real. As we share the sufferings of the cross it becomes real to us. There was in other message for India.

One session was devoted to a study of religious education. Several speakers referred to the lack of home training for the young, and that schools, colleges and the church had to fill up the lack. The result of the young has to be met by wise counsel and leadership. The greatest enemy of the Christian worker today is the secular civilization. Sound teacher training was required to prepare a leadership which could combat the present tendency and recapture for youth a spiritual outlook. It is recommended that religious instruction should be given in all schools whether Christian or not, as some religion is bet-

ter than merely secular civilization, the enemy of all religions alike.

The relations between the older and younger churches was given special attention by the Council. After hearing a fine address by Mr. T. C. Shen, of China, on recent developments in China, the Council divided itself into four groups for detailed study of this subject. The findings were many and far reaching, and will probably be published later.

Among other things it was found that there does exist a church consciousness in certain parts of India, and it should be the goal of all our endeavor to foster this, and if need be to reconstitute our organization in order to give scope for the self-expression of the Indian church. Partnership between the older and younger churches is the only way to face the great unfinished task. Missionaries are still needed for the vast unevangelized areas, and to assist in all other work, who should identify themselves as fully as possible with the church.

The need of financial help is still great, and there is almost unlimited opportunity for help from the older churches. Progress in self-support has been made, but this should not be the final aim. The study and service of the church and giving for the needs of others, should be taught from the beginning. To attain to a more rapid advance we must look first of all to a deepening of the spiritual life as the only real basis for that great self-sacrifice which will make normal and inevitable the desire both to give and to receive.

The training of an adequate leadership is one of the paramount duties of the Christian church.

Browning's Testimony to Christ.

The Poet Cited as a Witness in a Theological Work.

The late Dr. D. M. Ross was a great Pauline scholar, and his many admirers will be glad that his book, "The Cross of Christ," on his special theme of the Pauline Epistles in the light of the Gospels, is one of the notable events of the book season. Dealing with the personality of Christ, Dr. Ross says:—

"Browning may be cited as a witness. It is evident that before the publication of 'Christmas Eve and Easter Day' in 1850, he had been giving prolonged and serious attention to Strauss's interpretation of the Jesus of history. His description in 'Christmas Eve' of the experience of the sabbatologist of the poem in the lecture room of Göttingen professor reveals how unsatisfying he found 'the myth of Christ,' how untruthful to the historical facts. The longer Browning brooded over these facts, the stronger became his conviction of the greatness of the personality of Jesus, and of the utmost significance of the personality of Jesus for the interpretation of the problems of human life. In 'Saul' we have this prophecy by David of what the future has in store:—

"O Saul, it shall be
A face like my face that receives thee, a man
like to me.
Thou shalt love and be loved by for ever: a hand
like this hand
Shall throw open the gates of new life to thee.
See the Christ stand.

"In 'The Epistle of Paul to the Hebrews' we have this author with reference to the life of the Nazarene:

This should be along lines most suited to India's needs and in keeping with her religious heritage. All this might be summed up by saying that the Council felt that missions should in India be more and more centric, and above all, Christ-centric. The effect upon the Indian church was the first consideration in every proposal put forward. Indians and non-Indians alike are seeking to know this.

The place of women in the life of the church was not overlooked, for we were reminded that "half the people in the world are women." Much work was also brought to our notice and Dr. Oliver pleaded that it should be regarded as "an expression of the compassion of the heart of God" and not a means to an end.

Our responsibility for rural uplift of that great unarticulate mass, 80 per cent. of India's people, was brought to our notice. Many felt that we had in the past concentrated on the wrong man. The cultivator needs our message of life. The new secretary of the Council is to be Mr. Hodge, who has spent his life in rural work; this will help to rectify matters, it is hoped.

Racial relationships was the subject of a masterly address by Mr. Max Gergan, of South Africa. He spoke with great feeling, but restrained and kindly. His appeal was for us to strive to understand Christ's purpose and will in racial matters.

Dr. Mott's address on International Co-operation was the final set address. The keynote of which was "sharing." All are sending countries, all are receiving countries. The divisive influences across the world can only be stayed by the church. The presentation of Christ was becoming more difficult as we understood Him better because it meant the cross. In this day of God's visitation we should be eager to go forward. He quoted an old saying, "What the ecclesiastics have neglected to do must round the day of setting sun," and applied it to today.

We go forward stronger for the fellowship of Madras, 1928-29, and for the revelation of God's will for India. Pray that India may prove a great diadem in the crown of the King of kings, who called us together.

"The very God! think, Altho; dost thou think? So, the All-great were the All-loving too— So, through the thunder comes a human voice, saying, 'I heart I made, a heart hath said: Face, my hands, forehead, see it in Myself. Thou hast no power nor man's conceit of Mine: but love I gave thee, with Myself to love, And thou must love Me, who have died for thee!'"

"The Epilogue to 'Dramatis Personae' is a direct criticism of Renan's interpretation of the life of Jesus, which suggested that 'the divine Face known to early Christian days as love, has withdrawn from earth for ever.' This is the gist of Browning's criticism of Renan:—

"That one Face, far from vanish, rather grows Or decomposes, but to recompose.
"Another expression of Browning's conviction of the unique light which is flashed upon the mystery of human life from the personality of Jesus, the revealer of God, as well as of man, may be quoted. In 'A Death in the Desert' these words are put into the mouth of the dying Apostle John:—

"I saw the acknowledgment of God in Christ Accepted by thy reason, solves for thee All questions in the earth and out of it.
"Browning was roused by Strauss and Renan to a fresh consideration of the life of Jesus, which led him to fear sharply against their estimate of the significance of his personality. And here he is representative of a large and increasing number of Christian thinkers in the last sixty years."

Prayer Meeting Topic.

March 6.

A STRONGER THAN BEEZELZUB.
(Matt. 12: 22-32; Mark 3: 28-30.)

W. Watersman.

The most solemn words Jesus ever uttered—what called them forth, and what were they?

The Incident.

"Then was there brought unto him one possessed of a devil, blind and dumb; and he healed him, inasmuch that the dumb man spake and saw." Seeing therein Isaiah's marks of the Messiah, "all the multitudes were amazed, and said, Is this not the son of David?" But when the Pharisees said to their teachers for their assent, "said, Is this not he that sayeth, and Beelzebub, the prince of devils?" The Pharisees had to admit the power of Christ; but in order to discredit him, attributed it to a league with Beelzebub, or (as the Greek shows the Jews most contemptuously) the evil spirit the Canaanitish "God of Elibai, the Beelzebub, 'God of Dung'." That is, they ascribed all in Christ that differed from themselves to the Spirit of filth.

Christ's Four-Fold Repliation.

Christ rebuts this terrific charge with four arguments. First: Since "every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation," can it be that that old serpent the devil "is divided against himself?" Second: "And if," in the nature of the case, "I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons," or pupils in exorcism, "cast them out?" Therefore shall they be your judges? Third: "Or how can one enter into the house of the strong man, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man?" Only then will he spoil his house." And fourthly: Do not your own proverbs confirm me? You say daily, "He that is not with me is against me," and "He that gathereth not with me scattereth." Therefore I am not working for Satan.

Christ's Solemn Warning.

"Therefore (in solemn warning) I say unto you, Whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, nor in that to come." What is this unpardonable sin?

To begin with, it is the imputing of motives to goodness. "The Pharisees were now attempting to account for his motives; they were invading that inner sanctuary of the reason why he did what he was doing. . . . invaded the realm of motive where his case the Holy Spirit was supreme. . . . and suggested that the motive of his activity was that of a league with unutterable filthness." "The ultimate sin which any man commits against his brother is that of wilful misinterpretation of his motive." We have no right to judge as to our brother's motive—only God knows that. Hands off!

Again, it is to tempt on one's spiritual instincts as to put oneself out of all sympathy with goodness and mercy. It "is a state of sin, knowledge, rejects the warnings of conscience and the grace of the Holy Spirit." These Pharisees Jesus warned, "because they said, He hath an unclean spirit," because they would, rather than acknowledge the Spirit in Christ, brand his gifts of reason, peace and purity, as a bait of the God of Filth to lure men to destruction." But finally, it is to be "guilty," or "in the grip," of an eternal sin (Mark 16:7). That is, so to have succumbed to sin as to be unable to cry to God, "Forgive"—literally, "loose me of"—and, and eventually regarded conscience grows insensible, the voice of the Spirit stifled, sin cannot be forgiven, "eternal sin." Remember, Christ spoke this warning not to worldlings, but to religious folk!

TOPIC FOR MARCH 13.—SEEKING A SIGN.—Matt. 23: 25.

THE TEACHER—AN EVANGELIST.

The words of Paul to Timothy, "Do the work of an evangelist," are applicable to every Bible School teacher. If one were to say to every teacher in our Australian Bible Schools, "You are an evangelist," would he stand awestruck? The Bible School teacher is a real evangelist, for he deals with boys and girls when their hearts are in the plastic stage. The hearts of boys and girls and men and women are just the same kind of hearts as existed in Jesus' day. There is the "stony ground," "the thin soil," "the briars and thistles" soil and the "good soil." The teachers according to the age of their scholars will deal with all four kinds of heart soil. The teacher "sows the seed," which is the Word of God. The seed grows best when the teacher is one whose life illustrates in a bright and attractive way the truths which he teaches. The seed will grow faster and the fruit will mature more quickly when the soil is saturated with tears and sorrow in a spirit of prayer. "He that goeth forth with weeping shall come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

A great many workers seek to reach, then teach, then to win to Christ those whom they teach. Their joy in Christ shall take away from them, for "the joy of the teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

There are others, however, who teach from Lord's day to Lord's day with no concern "for the souls of their scholars." They belong to the "stony and thistle" soil and not to the "good soil." They seek to fill in time rather than to fill the hearts of the boys and girls with the Word of life. If a boy or girl can grow up in the Bible School and get to the Senior Department, and yet be unreached for Christ and the church, somebody has failed somewhere. It is quite natural for boys and girls who rightly taught, but who are not reached, not to accept Christ as their Saviour; it would be quite unusual for them to do otherwise.

As long as it is true that a large percentage of those who spend years in our Bible Schools are lost to the kingdom of God, so long will it be necessary for the church to depend upon special missionary and revival efforts. No Bible School teacher or leader should ever think of condemning special missionary efforts; such efforts will always have their place, and rightly so, in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, as workers among young people we cannot rest satisfied so long as so many leave our Bible Schools without being saved. Jesus Christ is the one who has made us our teachers from the Junior Department upward, begin to say, "My whole class for Christ his Easter Sunday, 1929. Preparation, prayer, and personal effort will make it possible."

MAKING A NAME.

In every land and among the different nations there are men who are anxious to be great and famous. One man works day and night and craves at every penny, because he wants to be known as a very rich man. Another craves to be prominent in the world, or to cross the Atlantic in a small boat. Others long to gain an honored name as great painters or musicians.

Nero was one who was determined to make himself a name. He did it. From an unknown boy of Corsican birth he made himself Emperor of Rome. But he did it without concerning himself for the side of the largest army. To gratify his own pride and ambition he plunged all the great countries of Europe into war. Thousands and thousands of soldiers were killed, and lands were laid desolate where his armies passed.

Nothing could stand before him, so he thought. He was like the people of Babel, who thought they could build a tower that would reach to heaven. But God saw the empire they built, and that it was built with pride and selfish ambition, and without any regard for the good of God's other people in the world. And so, at the height of his fame, God stopped his building, and the proud emperor died a prisoner in the lonely island of St. Helena.

Is ambition wrong, then? Is it wrong to wish to do something great and to be remembered by it? There are different kinds of ambition. Without some kind of ambition a boy or a girl or a man or woman would be very poor creatures. All the best men have had high and noble ambitions, but not merely an ambition for fame.

When Abraham Lincoln was a big, shabby lad of fourteen or fifteen, people used to ask him what he meant to be. He always replied with a chuckle, "I am going to be President of the United States." Every one thought it was a good joke. What could the shabby, awkward lad having in the backwoods know about the ruling of a great nation? Well, not forty years later, the people of the United States were mourning the loss of the greatest president they had had since the days of Washington.

There is a noble kind of ambition, and ambition to work with God, and build along with him; not only to get fame and pleasure for ourselves, but to make the world a better place for others, to bring knowledge and happiness to them, to lessen their pain, and to bring nearer the time when God's kingdom will come, and everybody will know and love him. That is the best ambition we can have.

We are all making a name of some kind. It is very unlikely that any of our names will be remembered in history, or that books will be written about us. Yet we are making a name and building a monument for ourselves. That building is just all that we have done—the good and the bad. Our thoughts and our actions are the bricks in our building, and when the monument is finished it will be seen what we have made, and whether it is good or bad. If we build with good and pure thoughts and beautiful deeds we will, with God's help, erect a structure that will remain after all the buildings of the earth have vanished away.

AMONG THE SCHOOLS.

West Preston.

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 3, the new Bible School was held at West Preston. The attendance for the first day was good, there being nearly fifty children present. Mr. O. Walker, who for years had charge of the Bible School at Preston, has consented to act as superintendent. A good staff of teachers has been secured, and a bright future is assured the work in this place. The church and school meet in a new hall that has been erected in the district, and it was largely due to the foresight and energy of the Preston preacher, Mr. A. J. Fisher, that the building was secured and the work commenced.

Ringwood.

The Ringwood Bible School has completed another year of service, and celebrated its anniversary services. Helpful seasons marked the anniversary gatherings, and the singing of the scholars under the direction of Mr. Waters was greatly enjoyed. During the past year the school conducted an increase campaign, with the result that quite a number of new scholars were added to the enrolment on the first Sunday in February, 1929, being ten more than last year. The finances of the school also improved, and the year closed with a credit balance of more than £2. Mr. Lindsay Smith is the superintendent, and Mr. Grenness the secretary of this school.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN.

A HOME HYMN.

Tune, "Louvain"; L.M.

Thy gracious Pow'r whose mercy lends
The light of home, the smile of friends,
Our father's flock thine arms enfold
As in the peaceful days of old.

Will thou not hear us while we raise,
In sweet accord of solemn praise,
The voices that have mingled long
In joyous flow of mirth and song?

For all the blessings life has brought,
For all its sorrowing hours have taught,
For all we mourn, for all we keep,
The hands we clasp, the loved that sleep.

The noontide sunshine of the past,
These brief, bright moments, falling fast,
The stars that glid our darkening years,
The twilight ray from holier spheres:

We thank thee, Father, let thy grace
Our loving circle still embrace,
Thy mercy shed its heavenly store,
Thy peace be with us evermore.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

BRIDGES ALL THE WAY.

A tiny girl was taking a long journey, and in the course of the day her train was obliged to cross a number of rivers. The water seen in advance always awakened doubts and fears in the child. She did not understand how it could safely be crossed. As they drew near the river, however, a bridge appeared, and furnished a way over. Several times the same thing happened, and finally the child leaned back with a long breath of relief and confidence: "Somebody has put bridges for us all the way!" she said, in trusting content. "That is how we find it in life. God has built bridges for us all the way."

Easter is the way across the dark river of death. Because Jesus lives we shall live also.

WHERE LOST TEMPER GOES.

When people lose their temper

It doesn't always stay
In just the place they lost it,
But travels miles away,
And when they find and find it,
It may be it has done
A mischief never to be healed
Until the farthest sun.

When people lose their temper

It runs and rages far,
It strikes at friends as well as foes,
Not caring who they are;
And when its cruel force is spent,
Its words and deeds go on
Down many ways, through many days,
Unreckoned and unknown.

When people lose their temper

It still may come again,
After the past is forgotten,
Bringing a load of pain
That never can be lifted,
That breaks the heart with woe—
O for the road and in the path
Where pride and anger go!

THE WOODEN LEG.

Dr. T. Grenfell, after amputating the leg of a Roman Catholic, wrote an appeal for a wooden leg to enable the man to move about. This (says "The Christian Advocate") was published in "The Congregationalist," and read by a Baptist

woman, whose husband, a Methodist, had worn a wooden leg, but had just died. Instead of burying the leg with the rest of the corpse, she shipped it to Dr. Grenfell. So the Methodist leg given by a Baptist woman in answer to a Congregational appeal on behalf of a Roman Catholic is now being used as a perfectly satisfactory inter-denominational understanding.

A ROBBERY INDEED.

Robb the world of the Bible and you have robbed it of its chart, robbed it of its compass, robbed it of its Magna Charta—the bulwark of its liberties—robbed it of that which has produced the noblest manhood and the purest womanhood; robbed it of that which has worked out its highest civilisation, robbed it of that which has made the Christian nations the most enlightened, the most progressive, the most humane, the wealthiest, and the most powerful peoples on the face of the earth.—Henry B. Williams.

THE REVEALER REJECTED.

Macaulay has a story in one of his essays of a Hindu who revered as sacred every drop of water in the River Ganges. One day a European showed him a powerful microscope, under the lens of which a drop of sacred Ganges water had been placed. The Hindu looked, and, lo, the sacred water swarmed with pollution. Straightway he broke the microscope! Jesus has been showing men their sin, but instead of breaking with the sin, they drove away Him who revealed it.

PERSEVERE.

It is said of William Dean Howells, a master in English, that he once sent some verses to every magazine of any standing in America, and they were rejected. Instead of being discouraged and quitting, he sent them to England, and they were accepted.

Some one has said that "a winner never quits, and a quitter never wins." The young man or woman who wishes to win victories, whether mental, social or moral, must be persistent.

THANKSGIVING.

For beauty of the generous earth;
For small successes, joys and mirth;
For large content in little wealth;
For books, for music, and for health;
For every good Thy mercy sends;
And best of all—for friends.

—Selected.

GET UP!

Get up! Get up! for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross,
A lay Sunday morning
Means certain barn and loss;
If Christians on a week day
Begin their work at seven,
They surely could on Sunday
Start worship at eleven.

(Time: "Stand up! Stand up! for Jesus." No copyright.)

"Pat": "I see that Boy Charlton has broken another record."

Mick: "Begorra, if he keeps on breaking them there'll be none left."

Minister (reading marriage service): "Let him now speak or else hereafter hold his peace."
Flustered Groom: "I will."

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

Monday.

Wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the Lord hath given them?—Numbers 32: 1.

There are more than enough discouragements to the children of God from the world, without their coming from their brethren. We should be "fellow helpers to the truth."

"True yoke-fellows, by love compelled

To labor in the gospel field."

Reading—Numbers 32: 1-27.

Tuesday.

Every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance.—Numbers 36: 9.

Thus the law of Moses provided that every man's inheritance should by no means pass from him. So the Christian's everlasting inheritance is made secure to him in Christ Jesus. Heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ.

Reading—Numbers 36.

Wednesday.

Behold, the Lord thy God hath set the land before thee, go up and possess it . . . fear it neither be discouraged.—Deuteronomy 1: 21.

Our land of promise is before us. We see it not with the natural eye but by faith. God says to us, too, "Go up and possess it . . . fear it neither be discouraged."

Reading—Deut. 1: 1-19.

Thursday.

Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and look to the east, westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.—Deut. 3: 27.

Through one act of disobedience Moses was forbidden to enter the promised land. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." "Let us fear, therefore, lest haply, a promise being left of entering into his rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it."

Reading—Deut. 3: 8-29.

Friday.

Know, therefore, that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, who keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him, and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.—Deut. 7: 9.

God gives the utmost encouragement to us to trust him, with a "faith which worketh by love."

Reading—Deut. 7: 1-15.

Saturday.

Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, and all that is therein.—Deut. 10: 14.

And of these vast possessions God delights to supply the needs of his people, and of the "widow" and of the "stranger." Therefore, he says to his people, "love the stranger" and "wait for the widow."

Reading—Deut. 10.

Sunday.

And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down and when thou risest up.—Deut. 10: 19.

Just as we provide food for our children, so the most nourishing and pleasant kind, so should we dispense the Word of God for their spiritual health. It is possible to do both in their childhood and delight.

Reading—Deut. 11: 1-21.

Opening of New Church Building at Nailsworth, S.A.

On February 10 the new chapel was opened by Bro. A. L. Howell. The building, which is of the Gothic type and has an imposing appearance, was erected and furnished at a cost of approximately £500. The main hall measures 50 ft. by 26 ft., with a platform 20 by 12, and a sloping floor from the entrance to the platform. A porch measuring 12 by 7 ft. at the main entrance has Gothic doors on each side, which lead to the chapel through swing doors glazed with leaded lights. The baptistery is elevated and permits an unobstructed view of the celebration of baptism.

All the money for the building has been raised in the local membership. The church now has property to the value of about £3,000.

The building was designed and built by Mr. G. A. New. Mr. G. D. Wright was honorary supervisor of works. Mr. J. H. M. Hawkes laid the foundation stone on Oct. 20, 1928.

A finance committee consisting of Bro. H. B. Henderson, R. L. Packer, and A. L. Howell, did splendid service. Bro. W. Bristow, W. C. Perriam, and H. Haymond carried out the duties of the building committee. The board of officers responsible for organising and completing the task of erecting the building consisted of Elders B. Haymond (Evangelist), A. L. Howell, and T. T. Pittmore; Deacons H. B. Henderson (Secretary), R. L. Packer (Treasurer), W. H. Bristow, R. H. Howell, L. V. Mathews, G. A. New, W. Perriam, F. J. Shill, and H. Whalland; Auditors, D. McQueen and A. L. Howell.

The church has grown out of a work that was started in Walkerville Hall. In July, 1911, the Bible Class of the Norwood church, led by the teacher (Bro. J. H. M. Hawkes) and assisted for a short time by the Greater Men's Class, first held services in Walkerville. Early in 1912 a large room on Walkerville Terrace was secured at a small rental, in which services were also held on the Lord's day morning for the observance of the Lord's Supper.

For many years, with little to encourage, the few faithful brethren carried on the work. Bro. J. H. M. Hawkes is the only one with us to-day who had part in the first meetings. Bro. A. L.

Howell has also been associated with the cause for many years. Bro. W. Rogers, the late Bro. Dabb, and many others are also worthy of mention for faithful service. Bro. G. Wilson and J. Smith both did splendid service as honorary evangelists. It was largely due to the latter's enthusiasm and service that the work was started in Nailsworth.

In 1923 the first building was erected. Since then the progress has been consistent. Bro. A. C. Garnett, M.A., and H. L. Davie both served the church for short terms as pastors while studying at the University. In 1925 Bro. B. Haymond was engaged to serve with the church in a full-time ministry. He is still pastor of the church. The membership of the church was recently reported to be over 180, and the school has an enrolment of over 200.

N.S.W. Annual Offering.

Bible School and Young People's Department.

The Pentecost aims for N.S.W. included the following seven from the Y.P. Department:—

1. 5,000 Scholars or More Enrolled.

When this aim was accepted by the Y.P. Department, the enrolment of the schools was given as 3,605. It now stands in the vicinity of 4,250.

2. 1,000 Teachers and Workers.

In 1927 the enrolment of teachers and workers was 503. Reports show over 100 workers enlisted since.

3. Training Classes in Suitable Centres.

Training classes are of vital importance. In order to secure more teachers and better schools, classes are essential. Twelve training classes have been organised.

4. 75 Schools and Home Department Centres.

In 1927 there were 56 Bible Schools reported. There are now 60 schools and H.D. centres. 12 new schools—one for every month of this year—are reported. 12 Home Department centres also have been established this year.

5. 50 G.E. Societies Working.

New G.E. Societies are announced. Thirty societies are now on our lists. New ones are being formed. To promote greater G.E. activity, a Churches of Christ Association for N.S.W. has been organised.

6. 50 K.S.P. and Other Clubs.

25 Clubs—K.S.P., P.H.P., Mutual Improvement, Sunshine Classes, etc., are now reported. The aim set will be reached.

7. All Churches Contributing to Y.P. Dept.

The important duty of educating churches to the absolute necessity of contributing to the funds of the Bible School and Y.P. Department is bearing good fruit.

An every-member-offering is urgently needed. Those unable to send offerings on Sunday, March 3rd, are asked to send contributions as soon after that date as possible, either through local church or direct to P. J. Bond, Churches of Christ Bible School and Y.P. Department, 212 Pitt-st., Sydney.

Vawter Party Welcomed in Sydney.

It was a great success. No other expression could so correctly describe the welcome accorded to the Vawter Mission Party in Sydney on Thursday, Feb. 21. They had arrived earlier in the day on the "Sonoma," and were soon in the hospitable homes of Bro. and Sister F. S. Steer and Bro. and Sister H. E. Jeffrey at Vaucluse.

In the evening 550 sat down in the Enmore schoolroom to a dinner prepared by the Sisters' Conference Catering Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. W. H. Hall. A second sitting had to be provided for. While those in the second sitting were busy Bro. Will. Atkinson gave an organ recital upstairs, after which a brief song service was conducted.

Bro. Ira A. Paternoster occupied the chair, and uttered words of welcome. Bro. H. G. Harward led in prayer, and Bro. G. Fretwell read a portion of Scripture. A solo was beautifully rendered by Bro. Reg. Hayward, and Mrs. Corbett, President of the Sisters' Conference, presented Mrs. Vawter with a lovely lamp.

Then the party responded, and at once they established good relations with the audience of about 600 people. Bro. Howard T. House spoke a few words, and then while Mrs. Vawter sang it, he drew a picture to illustrate the song, "Day is Dying in the West." The audience thoroughly appreciated it and wanted more. He then drew a picture to illustrate "Brightly Gleams our Father's Mercy" while that was being sung. Mrs. Vawter reached all hearts as the rose to respond. Bro. Vawter was reminiscent at first. He declared that he knew no better than to preach the old message, and this utterance was most heartily applauded.

The N.S.W. Home Missionary Organiser made a short appeal for promised financial support. He said that, believing God to be our partner, we had made large plans, that the party had come out to labor in N.S.W. from Easter, 1929, to Pentecost, 1930, at the invitation of the N.S.W. Home Missionary Committee, and the campaign was the largest thing ever undertaken by the N.S.W. churches. He called for prayer as well as financial support. Cards were passed round, and in a few minutes £211 was promised as special gifts.

Mrs. Vawter brought the evening to a close with a solo that touched the hearts of all.

The enthusiasm of the meeting is surely an indication that N.S.W. has done right in bringing this party to Australia, and that we may look for a big uplift as a result in the State of N.S.W.—Thos. Hagger.



New Chapel at Nailsworth, S.A.

Foreign Missions.

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

FOREIGN MISSION LORDS DAY, JULY, 1929

Are you planning for a record offering next July? Let all our preparations be saturated in prayer. Let us remember whatever we undertake we can be inspired by the assurance that we can do all things through Christ. Let us be co-workers together with God. Let us begin to lay by us in store as God has prospered us, that there be no disappointment in the amount of the offering that shall be given to the work of the Lord. Many of our churches carry on this preparation throughout the whole year. The amount of money received through duplex envelopes is becoming larger each year. Western Australia is specially prominent in this work. Almost half of the amount we receive for Foreign Missions from Western Australia is received by envelope contributions. There is nothing that helps our work so manifestly as the weekly contributions. Many members will give sixpence a week in this way, or twenty-six shillings a year, whereas if they gave an amount in one sum it would not be as large as the aggregate of the weekly contributions.

ARRIVAL OF MISS FOREMAN IN INDIA.

The following letter will be self-explanatory, and very pleasant news to all of our readers. It gives us a picture of the adequate provision the Fichl Council makes for the meeting of our Missioners, and we are all glad for the pleasant experiences and favourable impressions of Miss Foreman.

"Winterhouse,"

Dhond, India,
3/2/29.

You will see by the above address that I have arrived at my new home.

The boat was in the harbour 5.15 p.m. Friday, and Edna Vawter was there to meet me. We had no bother in getting my baggage cleared, and then we had quite a nice time together.

We left Bombay shortly after midnight and arrived here at 10 a.m. Saturday. I have had many pleasant surprises, but no disappointments since arriving.

Dr. Oldfield took me over the new Hospital Saturday afternoon. It ought to be very nice when finished.

Edna is taking me out to Baramati this afternoon. We will return on Wednesday morning and then go on to Shrigonda.

I am starting with the pandit next week in preparation for the Language School.

The weather has been very kind to me. The temperature has not risen above 81 degrees since I arrived.

I hope Mr. and Mrs. Boldman are as pleasantly impressed with this country as I am. I see by to-day's paper that they are to arrive about the 1st of March.

Now I will close, assuring you that I am quite well and happy.

I am, Yours sincerely,
Lynda M. Foreman.

INDIAN JOTTINGS.

Ian Morris Hughes. Brother Hughes in his last letter says Ian is doing very well. He has gained steadily since arriving at Baramati, putting on eight ounces per week for the last four weeks. He does not sleep much in the day time, but sleeps excellently at night.

We are naturally very glad of the news of an additional gift from Mrs. and Misses Ashwood. This is certainly going the second mile. There is little doubt about raising strong support for the Hospital work in India.

The coming of Brother Reg. Boldman is the solution to our problem re the staffing of Baramati.

Eight months in the country will enable him to take over the Settlement work with sufficient knowledge to carry on, if that is the way the Fichl Council decides about this Station. I don't think you need have any worries about the Baramati work with the help that this new couple can give. All we need now is the grace and strength to carry out our programme.

I have a class of our co-workers at Baramati every morning. We are studying in preparation for the coming examinations. I hope later to make such a class a permanent institution. I feel that one of the greatest needs of our work is definite teaching of our co-workers.

DHOND HOSPITAL.

Last Friday the Ashwood Memorial Hospital was opened in the City of Dhond, India. This is a great event in our missionary enterprise. It is the first hospital that the Australian Churches of Christ have erected in a foreign country. We can imagine the scene when the day dawned, and the crowds who would gather together, so many of them having looked forward to the building of this hospital. Dhond is a railway centre with a great many people in the town and surrounding villages, and the presence of a hospital means so much to them in times of sickness and accident. The Government have shown their interest in sending one of their high officials, the collector of the Poona district, to open the building. Many of the prominent residents of the district in their picturesque dress will be there to grace the occasion. The Board sent a cablegram of congratulations from the Australian brotherhood to be read at the Opening Service. We are sure that on Friday the 22nd, there was much joy in the city of Dhond when the Australian Churches of Christ Hospital were officially opened for the use of the sick and the suffering of all creeds, and in creeds in their times of need. We expect to receive soon an account of the opening, with a photograph of the finished building.

NEWS FROM MISS MARY THOMPSON.

I expect you will have seen in the papers of the cold weather we are having here. We have heard of several deaths on account of it, as people are not prepared for such weather.

We had some interesting gatherings last month in some of the villages around here. Many women are very enthusiastic about the Bible work, but I realise that I am getting old when the bad roads affect me so much more than they used to.

We have some members in a village about ten miles from here. They usually come in and pass Christmas with us at Harda, but this year sickness prevented, so we felt we ought to go and visit them.

We had a nice time in two of the villages on the way there, and met some in three other villages, and others who had never heard the Gospel before.

We reached our destination at 2 p.m. The warm welcome we received made us forget the long road and in the evening we had a meeting with the family.

The next day we went to a near village and met some whom we had visited other years. The third morning we visited another village on our way home.

Some days after we went to a village where we had not been for two years, but were able to go by rail so it was not so tiring. Our open air Bible Schools and Women's Meetings in Harda are interesting, and we are thankful to be able to keep on regularly.

Offerings for Foreign Missions
from Victorian Churches and Members
will be thankfully received by
A. G. SAUNDERS, 122 Melbourne Street,
Nth. Carlton, N.1. Phone, Bk. 11.

DEATH.

CHAPPELL.—On Feb. 20, suddenly, at his residence, Hovell-st., Yarrawonga, Arthur (the dearly loved husband of Deborah), and dear father of Mrs. Copeman (Warrenbayne), Mrs. (Tara, Old.), Mrs. Powell (E. Malvern), Mrs. Shannon (Yarrawonga), Arthur (Telford), Mrs. (Unley, S.A.), Emily (late A.F.F.), Laura, Mrs. Davis (St. James), and the late Elsie, 81 years, 4 months. A colonist of 79 years.

—One less at home;
The charmed circle broken—a dear face
Mixed day by day from an accustomed place,
But, cleansed and saved and perfected by grace,
One more in heaven."

GULLOCK.—On Feb. 16, at Milan-st., Melbourne, the beloved wife of Edwin, loving mother of Mabel (Mrs. E. D. Twiss), Ballarat, Thomas E. Mentone, Laura (Mrs. J. D. Twiss), Ballarat, and Lilian, in her 72nd year.

—Not now, but in the coming years,

It will be in the latter land,

We'll reading the meaning of our tears,

And there, sometime, we'll understand.

IN MEMORIAM.

GALLANDER.—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, who passed peacefully away on March 3, 1911, at 229 Brunswick-st., E. Brunswick.

We will leave you in God's keeping.

The rough road safely o'er.

You are not lost in loving hearts,

But only gone before.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family, Gertrude Gallander.

STANFORD.—In fond memory of my beloved wife, Ethel Clara, who went home to the Lord Jesus on March 1, 1928.

"The form beloved that clothed her soul

And all her wisdomness expressed,

Still by my memory is possessed,

Gods fair! for Christ hath made her whole"

—Inserted by her loving husband.

STANFORD.—In loving and affectionate memory of my dearest friend, Ethel Stanford, who passed away March 1, 1928, at Ensworth Hotel, Melbourne. So loved, so missed.

—Inserted by her affectionate friend, Annie Bland.

WALBORN.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Joseph, who was called home to "Glen Austin," Powell-st., Preston, on Feb. 2, 1919; formerly of Not-st., Port Melbourne. So missed. 1 John 3: 1, 2.

—M.W.W.

COMING EVENTS.

MARCH 10.—Ascot Vale Sunday School Anniversary. All welcome. 11 a.m. Every member present service. Past members specially invited. Speaker, Mr. H. J. Patterson, M.A., who completed 10 years of service with the church. 2 p.m., L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D. 7 p.m., Mr. H. J. Patterson, M.A. Bright singing by the school.

MARCH 17 & 18.—Hartwell Church Anniversary Services. Speakers: Morning, A. H. Marshall, evening, W. H. Clay. Old members specially invited. Tuesday, 10th, tea and public meeting. Special speaker, God programme.

MARCH 18.—(Monday, Eight Hours' Day), Stanton-st. Church of Christ, Collingwood. A whole day conference at 10.20 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7.30 p.m., commencing at the Second Coming of Christ.

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Here and There.

Our New South Wales Bible School Committee is making a liberal response in the Annual Offering to be taken on March 3.

The annual offering for Home Missions in our South Australian churches will be taken next Lord's day, March 3. The sum of £2000 is stated to be the requirement of the Committee.

The annual public demonstration of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Melbourne Auxiliary, will be held in Collins-st. Independent Church on Monday, March 4, at 7.45. For particulars see advertisement in this issue.

A telegram which came from Queensland on Monday reports:—"Hirshelien-Arnold mission, Townsomba, very wet weather. Good meetings Sunday, fine, tent crowded. Three confessions, one re-dedication.—Chapman."

Victorian members are reminded that the offering for Church Extension work will be taken up on Sunday next, March 3. A great work has been done by the Committee, and a generous offering is requested.

After a little more than three years' service with the church at Dulwile, S.A., Bro. A. G. Rankine will close his work there on March 17. Bro. Trevor Turner will succeed him, beginning his work on March 24, not on 3rd as stated in last week's issue.

The farewell tea which is being arranged by the Victorian Department of Social Service in honor of Bro. C. R. Hordell will take place in the lecture room of the Swanston-st. church on Monday evening, March 11, at 6.30 p.m. Those desirous of being present are invited to advise the secretary not later than March 8.

The Melbourne "Men's Own" to be held in Lygon-st. chapel on Monday, March 4, at 7.45 p.m., is called by the Victorian Conference Executive. Very important matters are to be placed before the men by representative speakers. Mr. W. H. Clay will have charge of the singing. All our men and lads are urged to be present.

Reporters are reminded that our space is limited. Recently there has been a marked tendency with some to increase the length of reports even where there is no increase of news. So that our reports need be crowded out, will all correspondents please write as concisely as possible? Again we express our regret at being unable to insert announcements of coming events in the news columns.

Bro. B. W. Manning and family expect to leave Adelaide on March 8 for Rockhampton, Q. They are due to leave Melbourne on Monday, 11th, and Sydney on Wednesday, 13th, and to reach Brisbane on 14th. This will give a week-end in Melbourne and a night in each capital city. Bro. Manning is willing to tell the story of the Rockhampton Mission if any church would like to have his services.

Mr. Geo. E. Peart, secretary of the Victorian Joint Council for Religious Instruction, writes to say that it has been definitely arranged to commence the classes for those who will give religious instruction in State schools on Wednesday, March 13, at 8 p.m., in the Sunday School Union Rooms, 100 Flinders-st., Melbourne. Mr. J. Hoek-stra, B.A., late Principal of Melbourne High School, will conduct the classes. All intending to join are asked to advise the secretary; address 156 Collins-st., Melbourne.

Mr. A. B. Withers, preacher of Maryborough church, Vic., has qualified for and is being presented with the diploma of the College of the Bible. Scholarships and prizes for work done in 1928 have been presented as follows:—Old Boys: W. W. Saunders, W.A.; Morton Noble; R. J. Manning, A.S.; F. G. Dunn Memorial; E. L. Williams, Vic.; F. M. Ludbrook Memorial; T. W. Sisterson,

N.Z.; Eliza P. Winter; C. J. Robinson, W.A.; Emma C. Hovey; Miss E. Leeson, W.A.; William Grindrod Memorial; W. T. Atkin, S.S.W.A.; Glen Iris Girls' Bible; Miss V. M. Gillman. The Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hofe Scholarships for University students will shortly be awarded.

At Glenferrie, Vic., a large gathering assembled on Sunday morning to welcome the Vawter evangelistic party. Bro. Seambler presided, and Bro. C. R. L. Vawter spoke on the commemoration of the Lord's Supper. Great interest marked the opening of the mission on Sunday night, at the Glenferrie Town Hall, when about 600 people were present. Mrs. Vawter was a wonderful song leader and soloist, with the unique feature of lightning crayon illustration by Mr. Howard House, the skilled artist and pianist. It was announced that the crayon pictures would be presented each night of the mission to the largest delegation present. Bro. C. R. L. Vawter delivered a powerful and convincing address on "Faith," at the close of which there were seven confessions.

At Gardiner, Vic., on Sunday evening last, three persons confessed Christ after Bro. L. C. McCallum's address. Bro. McCallum has rendered much appreciative service during the past weeks. Bro. Gebble is expected to resume work next Sunday, as he, with Mrs. and Miss Gebble, is now on his way home from Auckland. Bro. Ernest Vickers of Auckland, in a personal letter, writes as follows:—"We are all regretting that Bro. Gebble is nearing the end of his holiday. It has been a delightful fellowship to have him. His speaking in the various churches of Auckland has been an inspiration. He is greatly beloved in and around the Queen City of New Zealand, and we are looking forward to the time when we can secure him again. We trust that he will return safely reinvigorated and do a great work."

The "Laxfold Times" of Feb. 19 contains a long report of the laying of the new foundation stone of the new brick chapel at Kaniva, Vic. Bro. Richard Williams presided over a happy gathering of members and townspeople. Mrs. Goldsworthy, who was presented with a handsome tablet, declared the stone well and truly laid. Bro. J. W. Goldsworthy gave a historical review of the cause in Kaniva, and numerous speakers presented greetings and good wishes on behalf of the shire and the churches. The new chapel will be a substantial brick structure, and it is said that when completed it will add greatly to the architecture of the town. Bro. Will Brown, sec. of the church, reports that "just over £2000 has been promised towards the cost by members of Kaniva church, which has only a small membership." Great interest is being taken in the new venture.

There are 17 students, 11 men and 6 women, enrolled at the College of the Bible this year. Work commenced on Wednesday, Feb. 20. The States representation is as follows:—Victoria, 15; South Wales, 5; Queensland, 5; New Zealand, 2; Tasmania, 1; New Zealand, 5. Six men and five women have signified their desire to serve the Master as missionaries in foreign lands.

The public inaugural meeting of the College of the Bible, held in Lygon St. chapel on Monday last, was a great success. Prior to the public gathering the officers of the church and bodies of the various societies entertained the members of the Board of Management, faculty and students, and some other friends, at dinner. It was a pleasure to have Mr. and Mrs. C. R. L. Vawter and Mr. Howard House at the function. A number of brief after-dinner speeches were made. The Chairman of the College Board (Mr. B. Lyall) presided over a grand gathering at the after-meeting. Choruses were

rendered by the students, a solo by Mr. B. L. Williams, and a recitation by Mr. E. A. Trazine. Mr. A. B. Main gave an address, and Mr. W. C. Craigie presented cheques to students who had won scholarships or prizes. An offering of £86.75 was taken up for the piano fund. At 9.20 the members of the Vawter Mission arrived from Glenferrie. These received a cordial welcome from the Chairman. Mrs. Vawter sang two beautiful solos, one of which was illustrated by Mr. House. Mr. Vawter gave a bright address on the Bible. The kindness of these visitors in coming after a mission voyage to help in the programme was greatly appreciated.

The 1928 Year Book containing reports of organisations reporting to the International Convention of Disciples of Christ has been issued. Some of the outstanding facts recorded in it are as follows:—1. The total church membership throughout the world is 1,629,823, a gain over last year of 56,560; and in the United States and Canada, 1,538,692, a gain of 57,316. 2. Our Bible school enrolment for the year is 1,302, and is 1,192. The gain in the Bible school enrolment in the United States and Canada is 15,142. 3. The number of our churches reported throughout the world now totals 9,157, a loss of 226. There are 8,105 churches in the United States and Canada. 4. In the United States and Canada the total number of ministers shown is 7,110 against 7,043 last year, a loss of 155. 5. During the twelve month period July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928, the total given in the United States and Canada to the national boards reporting to the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, including the amounts given to the various state and provincial boards, was \$5,572,743. The gain in the amounts shown in the new column for miscellaneous missionary, benevolent and emergency relief purposes, was \$3,767,612.11, against \$1,887,792.55, a loss of \$19,980.11, as compared with the previous year.

N.S.W. SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

A pleasant function was held at Delmonico Cafe, Sydney, on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 19, when a number of ladies accepted the invitation of the Social Questions Committee to afternoon tea. Representatives were present from practically all the metropolitan churches. The gathering was held to consider ways and means of forming a Ladies' Social Service Auxiliaries to assist the Committee in its work. Brief addresses were given by the chairman (Bro. K. A. Mackenzie) and the organiser (Bro. W. J. Crossman), both of whom presided before the ladies what was understood to be the outcome of that strong Ladies' Auxiliaries has been formed with Mrs. L. Sorrell as president and Mrs. Edwards as hon. secretary. Meetings will be held monthly.

Benevolent and Welfare.—Several families have been helped during the month, with food and clothing.

Employment.—Many applications for employment have been received, several men having been placed in temporary positions. The committee would greatly appreciate practical co-operation on the part of employers of labour in these trying days.

Free Breakfast.—The usual breakfast will be held on March 3, when 50 men will be catered for. This is a fine opportunity for service, and an exhibition of practical Christianity. Contributions for this particular work will be gratefully acknowledged.

Children's Home.—The Matron reports that all the children in the home are very happy. The regular weekly visit of Mr. Verco is greatly appreciated.—W. J. Crossman.

BIRTH.

MORRISON.—Alice D. Brown on Jan. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morrison, of 417, Drummond-st., south, Ballarat, a daughter (Alice Brown).

Religious Notes and News.

VATICAN NEWSPAPER ON THE AGREEMENT.

The Vatican organ, "Osservatore Romano," asserts that the small gain of papal territory signifies little because the Pope has obtained enough to satisfy his liberty and independence as head of a universal church, and enough to be recognised as a real visible sovereign. The absence of a great territorial extension is compensated for by the Government's recognition of the Pontiff's sovereign rights. His civil and religious sovereignty become one. The violation of the former now amounts to a sacrilegious challenge to public opinion. The whole world will now hold the Father with paternal feelings. The outcome should be a revival of faith, bringing present and future generations of Italians closer to God.

MOHMONISM.

The Utah Gospel Mission to the Mormons in its quarterly, "Light on Mormonism," gives what it regards as ten outstanding great facts about Mormonism:—

1. There are now about 600,000 Mormons, of the two main kinds—both dangerous.
2. About 112,000 square miles of territory are dominated by Utah Mormonism, besides many smaller centres elsewhere, into which they spread.
3. Utah Mormonism has over 2000 emissaries out proselyting, organised with officers in eleven districts of America, and several abroad.
4. These emissaries teach untrue doctrines, contrary to the Bible and reason, and dangerous in their effects.
5. They get approximately 10,000 proselytes from nominal church members yearly.
6. Mormonism has doubled in 25 years; largely because we have not taken care of our own people.
7. The real cure lies teaching the Mormon people the true Gospel as a Bible in place of their system of errors, and warning everybody intelligently about Mormonism.
8. Mormons are trained against attending Christian Church services, and cannot be evangelised by ordinary methods, as has been proven by sixty years of such effort.
9. Hence the necessity of a travelling work, like the Utah Gospel Mission, taking the message to the homes by voice and print, with every detail specially adapted to the peculiar need.
10. In spite of quality and other great hindrances, the results of this work have come, to January 1, 1928: 100,000 at meetings, over 100,000 house-to-house calls, 34,000,000 pages of Gospel print used, 32,000 Bibles sold and given, etc. Probably nine-tenths of the work done was in homes otherwise unreachable and unreachable by other methods.

BAND OF HOPE PROGRESS.

The "Happy Hour" seaside and playground meetings of the Victorian Band of Hope Union have met with great success this season. Since Christmas day over 600 children have signed the Temperance pledge at meetings held on all the main beaches and playgrounds. Each is presented with a pledge card, enrolled on the union's birthday roll, and encouraged to associate with the Band of Hope or other temperance society nearest their home. The union's birthday roll now consists of some 10,000 young people, many of whom would never have been reached by indoor meetings. On Christmas day a family of seven—father, mother and five children—were untraced. Mr. W. H. Rose, the State Organizer of the Union, is in charge of this department of the Union's work.

The Australian Band of Hope Union has invited Lady Astor, the well-known temperance and social reform member of the House of Commons,

to visit Australia and attend the ninth annual conference of the union in Sydney. This gathering will be held next September.

It has long been recognised that the Band of Hope and other temperance societies suffered somewhat on account of the superior attractions of other young people's societies. A plan for more effective and attractive working has been prepared by Miss Andrews, the State Secretary of the Victorian Band of Hope Union, who will gladly give particulars to those who care to write to her at the office of the Union, T. & G. Buildings, Russell-st., Melbourne.

VICTORIA'S DRINK BILL.

The Prohibition League has been reminding the public what the public house costs. We spend ten millions a year on drink that does harm. On the other hand, it is a matter for congratulation that the L.C.B. has reached its high "water" mark in membership—23,309 adults. Opperman, the champion cyclist, spoke at the Prohibition picnic, and Nicola the conjurer has been writing in favor of Prohibition, and Jack Ryder, Australia's cricket captain, is a life-long abstainer. Even bowls are being played without the "flowing bowl" now. Yet despite all these facts and many more hopeful ones, Victoria's annual drink bill reaches the total of ten million pounds—"A.C. World."

DR. CAMPBELL MORGAN.

For many years there have been efforts to get Dr. Campbell Morgan to Australia, says the "Australian Christian World." A previous effort broke down on the question of expense. But Mr. Gordon Sprigg, the ex-Y.M.C.A. man, who is secretary of Collins-st. Baptist Church, never gave up heart. Mr. Sprigg is one of those men whom age does not make stale. He wants Dr. Morgan here to create interest in the Bible and do his work of inter-church evangelism. Dr. Morgan has resigned from Los Angeles Bible Church, and is free to come here, and it is practically certain he will come for six months.

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Expenses: Annerley subsidy in Feb. 5, £12; duplicating, 6s; petty cash, 4s; transferred to special mission a/c, £50; exchange, 2 1/2 total, £51 1/4. Credit balance, £71 3/8.—Geo. Chas. Treasurer.

(The amount debited to Bro. Payne's extension previous list should have been £1 6/8; not 1 1/4.)

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S.A. SISTERS' AUXILIARY.

On Feb. 7 the sisters met at Grote-st. for their monthly executive meeting. Miss Grant conducted devotional exercises, and spoke on "Witnessing for Christ." The president, Mrs. Routes, led the business session, 62 sisters being present, of whom 31 were delegates.

A letter was received from Mrs. Collins, also greetings from Tasmanian sisters.

Twenty additions were reported from schools. Home Mission amounts received for the month:

Mile End, £1/5/-; Balaklava, 1d. per wk., £2/10/-; Pt. Pirie, 3/-; Grote-st, 17/-; Queenstown, 12/-; Hindmarsh, 4/2; Dulwich, 10/6; Magill, 12/-; Unley, 17/-; Xmas mite boxes, £1/18/10; total, 19/5/3.

The prayer convener reported a meeting had been held at the house of our invalid sister, Miss Webb, of Glenelg.

Hospital Committee have paid 333 visits to the sick; 10/- was received from the Croxford sisters, 1 doz. garments for the Children's Hospital were made by the Dulwich Doreas Sisters. 91 books were distributed. Offering for afternoon, £1/2/8.

Mrs. J. Manning, of Mile End, Mrs. Young, of Newwood, and Mrs. Snook, of Hindmarsh, had received the home call. Mrs. Pascoe, of Henley Beach is very seriously ill, and prayers were offered for her recovery.

F.M. amounts: Balaklava sisters, £5/17/6; Point Sturt, 17/-; Grote-st., 3/-; Dulwich, 10/6; total, £7/8/-; A very successful temperance meeting was held at Nailsworth, when between 70 and 80 were present.

Treasurer's report.—Collected by Committee for H.M., £6/0/8; donation from catering fund, £1 in hand, £4/5/2; total, £15/5/8; donation from Committee for F.M., £1/13/8; donation from catering fund, £5; in hand, £4/14/7; total, £11 8/3; general fund collection, £1/10/-; in hand, 32/4/73; total, £3/14/101; expenditure: Hospital Committee, £3; balance, 13/101.

Conference Catering Fund.—Expenses: Donation to Invermay, Tas., £5; to Billie Van, H.M., £10; F.M. Com., £5; H.M. Com., £5; Hospital Com., £2; Conference adjustment, £5; balance in catering fund, £5/11. Temperance fund, paid W.C.T.U. for books, 12/-; balance in fund, £3/15/11.

The March meeting will be a Home Mission rally, when all sisters are urged to attend.

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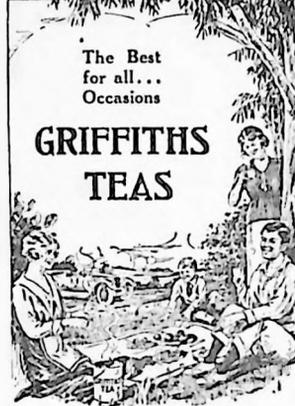
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News of the Churches.

Queensland.

Maryborough.—This year's gospel meetings show a big improvement. Bro. A. N. Hirthrichsen delivers scholarly addresses. In a private home at Erraway 28 attended a mid-week service. Owing to delays in the tent mission plans it may not be possible for the mission to be held at Maryborough.

Townsville.—The tent mission commenced on Sunday. Although rain threatened, the tent was filled. Bro. Hirthrichsen's message was on "The Second Coming of Christ." The Sunday School prize distribution took place on Feb. 10. Bro. and Sister Browning were tendered a farewell social when the church presented them with a gift in appreciation of their services.

Tasmania.

Capeville.—Sister Margaret Eidler has removed from the district. She has been a very regular attendant at both church and Bible School. A number of friends had her farewell on Feb. 1. A pleasant evening was spent. On behalf of church and school the church secretary, Bro. C. H. Byard, expressed good wishes, and presented her with a nice hand-bag as a memento from the members.

Launceston.—All meetings are on the upgrade, especially the morning and evening services. Several visitors from the mainland and other parts have been welcomed. In the absence of Bro. Collins on the North-West Coast, Bro. W. Waterman and H. V. Stevens delivered fine messages on Jan. 27. Since last report three baptised believers have been received into fellowship. Bro. and Sister Duff have returned after their lengthy holiday much improved in health. The Bible School held a very successful picnic at Bichicola on Jan. 28. The G.E. Society also had a happy gathering at Perth picnic grounds on Feb. 13. The sincere sympathy of the church is extended to Bro. and Sister Collins and family in the death of the brother of Bro. Collins in Melbourne. The church also expresses sympathy to Sister P. Pritchard in the loss of her father. On Feb. 10 fine addresses were given by Bro. P. Duff and B. Edmunds.

Western Australia.

North Perth.—Bro. Ewers spoke on morning of Feb. 17, and at the gospel service Bro. Robinson preached on "Heaven and Hell." A young sister confessed Christ.

Saltwater.—On Feb. 17 Bro. Carter addressed both meetings. In the evening he spoke on "Each in his own tongue" to a very large congregation. All auxiliaries are in a flourishing condition.

Kalgoorlie.—The church is entering the fourth month without a pastor, but all departments are working as ever in the good work. Bro. Banks delivered the gospel message during February. Bro. Garland gave some very fine talks at morning meetings. On Feb. 17 Bro. Banks exhorted in the morning, and Bro. Pollard preached the gospel at night. Fine meetings all days. 114 broke bread.

Inglewood.—Sister Doris Hotchkiss was the recipient of a fine collection of kitchen articles for good service rendered in school and other departments of church work. She is to be married, and will reside at Manilup. The same evening Bro. Holton was presented with a fine clock on the eve of his marriage with Miss Witton. Bro. Rob. Ewers and Les. Pearce conducted gospel services during Bro. Banks' absence. Bro. T. Peggott has conducted the Bible Class.

Fremantle.—During January and February the church meetings have been well maintained. Bro. Whelan and Saunders on vacation from the College have given several much appreciated addresses. Farewell meetings in their honor

were held at Palmyra on Feb. 7, and Fremantle on Feb. 13. On Feb. 6 Bro. Hoskin and his wife from North Perth gave to a large audience a magnificent rendering of the sacred cantata "The End of the Row" mission tent, which the evangelist of the church, Bro. D. H. Stirling, is using for a month in a mission at York. A Bible School campaign to add 75 more scholars commenced on Feb. 17.

South Australia.

Grote-st. (Adelaide).—On Feb. 21 Bro. J. Wiltshire addressed both morning and evening meetings, his gospel theme being "The Supremacy of Jesus." The choir sang "Te Deum Laudamus." Miss E. Monck was soloist.

Queenstown.—On morning of Feb. 21, Bro. A. G. Gidley exhorted the church. At night Mr. S. E. Matthews preached on "God's Way of Salvation." Mr. W. C. Brooker is on holiday, and some local members are carrying on the services.

Mounta.—On Feb. 17 harvest thanksgiving services were held, with good congregations at both services. Some fine addresses were given by the pastor. On Feb. 18 a musical programme was arranged, together with a sale of goods, etc. which proved very successful, the results for the two days amounting to about £31.

Hindmarsh.—Services were fairly well attended on Feb. 21. In the morning Bro. Allan Brooke spoke on "A Missionary Church." In the evening he talked to the Young Worshipers on "A Precious Watch." and gave a gospel message on "A Roadside Conversion." A girl from the Bible School made the good confession.

Henley Beach.—Meetings are keeping up well. A live interest is manifested in Pentecost aims. There is a good deal of sickness amongst members. Mid-week meeting goes on nicely. Bible school is beginning on a special campaign for the year, commencing on a more regular attendance. The young people's Society meeting is now organised as an Intermediate Endeavor Society.

Semaphore.—The Ladies' Guild commenced this year's work by holding a business meeting on Feb. 20. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. Bell; vice-president, Mrs. Nichol; secretary, Mrs. Dawson; assistant secretary, Mrs. Bodger; treasurer, Mrs. Lamont. There were nice meetings on Feb. 21. Bro. Heiler exhorted on "The Heilthude of Mercy." Nurse Caldwell gave an excellent talk to the school on "India." After Bro. Heiler's evening address on "The Sinfulness of Christ's" two young men confessed Christ. The choir sang heartfully.

Fullarton.—Continued activity is apparent in the work. At the half-yearly meeting reports of a satisfactory nature were given. The church is glad to have the undivided service of Bro. W. G. Graham and enjoys his fine addresses. The Bible School has again started a red and blue contest. There were five new scholars the first day. Bro. Ford, who is now assistant secretary and treasurer of the school, Bro. Don Parker being secretary. A teachers' conference was held on Feb. 12. Bro. A. L. Read speaking on "Marking the Roll." Several ladies prepared a beautiful tea for the teachers. Morning and evening meetings continue to be well attended.

Victoria.

Burburster.—The church has enjoyed splendid fellowship and addresses from Bro. Hillford, Payne, and Woodhouse. Each came a distance of 20 miles. On Feb. 21, Bro. Wigney gave two fine addresses, which were much enjoyed.

Elzeville.—On Feb. 13 a society of thirteen was tendered to Sister Jessie Thompson, who was married on 10th inst. to Bro. E. Oliver. Bro. Wigney referred to our sister's good work as assistant organist and teacher in the Bible School. There were good meetings on Feb. 17. One young man made the good confession.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—During the absence of Bro. A. G. Saunders on holidays, Bro. J. Pittman and J. Plummer spoke on Feb. 21.

Wangaratta.—Good meetings last Lord's day despite oppressive weather. Bro. Arnold fully preached the gospel. His messages were titled "The Effect of Truth."

Drumcondra.—The Bible School held a most enjoyable picnic recently at Eastern Gardens. Two special trams conveyed the scholars there. Drumcondra to the gardens.

Maryborough.—Harvest Thanksgiving services were celebrated on Feb. 21, with good attendance. Messages were appropriate for the occasion. The sister was received by letter, and ten men were baptised at the close of Gospel service. S. Kilda.—Bro. Goodison, of Gardenvale, was on morning of Feb. 17. At night Bro. Arnold concluded his thirteen weeks of addresses. Mrs. Sear, of South Yarra, was soloist. All arrangements have been made for the tent mission to be conducted by Bro. J. E. Webb, from March 21 to 24. Moreland.—Bro. Webb's festival services were held on Feb. 21. Bro. Beaumont, of Coleraine, was the morning speaker, when he gave a fine talk on "The Bread of Life." Two were received in a night. Bro. Webb spoke on "Ingratitude" to a full audience. One adult made the good confession. Sister Taylor, of Brisbane, was a visitor.

Doncaster.—Harvest Thanksgiving service was held on Feb. 21. The goods display were sent to the Austin and Children's Hospitals and Mercy Mission. Three young men, who were baptised by Bro. Hargreaves on Feb. 20, were received into fellowship. Three more made the good confession at the close of Bro. Hargreaves' evening address.

Montrose.—Bro. Paternoster has been returned to Sydney to continue his work. During his absence Bro. Red. Spence delivered some excellent addresses both morning and evening. On Feb. 21 Bro. E. T. Saunders spoke in the interests of the College, his address to the church being much appreciated. Sunday School anniversary practices have commenced.

Bimbura rd.—The Phi Beta Pi and K.S.P. clubs was resumed work. The recent concert of Feb. 15 was a success. Bro. Spence delivered some excellent addresses. "The Great Pyramid." Members regret the impending departure of Bro. and Sister Burnak and family to Sydney. Since last report a young lady decided for Christ. An enjoyable evening was spent at Bro. and Sister Davie's residence, where they kindly allowed the Bethany Study Class to use of their home.

Milp. B.—Helpful addresses have been delivered by Bro. G. J. Andrews, whose faithful services are appreciated. Attendances have been smaller lately, owing to sickness and members being away on holidays. A gloom was cast over the church in the passing away of Mrs. T. Phillips on Feb. 11. The sympathy of the brethren in London is being shown. Bro. Phillips' health had been failing. The health of our sister Mrs. H. J. Newell is causing her friends anxiety.

Mulvena-Gaulfield.—Open-air song services at 6.20 pm. were commenced on Feb. 21. Many strangers, attracted by the song service outside of the chapel, attended the gospel meeting. Bro. Harrold, Bro. Anderson's address on "The Harvest Field" was a lady made the good confession. A concert was held on Feb. 13 for the church building fund. Singing lines is extended to Bro. and Sister Conning in their recent bereavement, and to the aged Bro. Judd, who is ill.

Pyramid Hill.—The church was much encouraged by a visit from Bro. Squires and Goodwin of Swan Hill, the latter taking the platform both morning and evening. Several hours were devoted, resulting in a large attendance at the gospel meeting. The action of the Swan Hill brethren in releasing Bro. Coekroft for the occasion is highly appreciated; and any other special workers will receive a cordial welcome.

Gickheg.—On Feb. 21 there were splendid meetings morning and evening. In being harvest festival, special singing was tendered at the evening service. The choir sang two anthems. Miss Sweetman also sang a solo very nicely. Bro. Mudge gave a stirring address on "Secdtime and

Harvest.—During the afternoon school teachers Bible Class had tea together. A presentation of a handbag and mirror was made to Mrs. Francis, who is retiring from the position of kindergarten superintendent, after more than twenty years' faithful service.

Cheltenham.—Last Monday evening an interesting social meeting was held to say farewell to Bro. Les. Baker who has entered the College of the Bible. The chairman, Bro. D. Wakeley, made to him a fine presentation of books. Several addresses and other items were given. On Feb. 21 meetings were good.

Fitzroy.—Bro. Boettcher, preaching, has resumed work with the church after his vacation. The church is grateful to those who helped by speaking during his absence. On Feb. 21, Bro. Macneughton exhorted. Payment of interest on church debt and also a small payment of principal has been made. A library has been started by the Sunday School.

Yarrunga.—There was a very large attendance at the morning worship service on Feb. 24. The evangelist's message was "The Quest for God." Fine interest in other departments of the work. During the week Bro. Arthur Chappell passed away, after 81 years of life and a wonderful Christian experience. A funeral service was conducted in the chapel, and then at the local cemetery by Bro. Pratt. The church unites in Christian sympathy to the loved ones.

Carriage.—Harvest thanksgiving services on Feb. 24 were well attended. Bro. Forbes, of Brighton, gave a morning address on "Fruitage." Reference was made to the passing of Bro. George Griffin, who has been a faithful follower of Christ for many years. In the evening Bro. Fisher presented Mrs. Eileen Burnley with a book of hymns and solos on behalf of the church at Pyramid Hill in recognition of her services there. Bro. and Sister Thompson, of Swanston-st., rendered impressive solos. Two young people confessed Christ. Bro. Crosby, of Prospect, S.A., was present.

Pradsale.—The church mourns the loss of Sister Mrs. Gullock, who was laid to rest on Feb. 18. On Feb. 20 the Boy Comrades Club held a social, when opportunity was taken to say farewell to Howard Stewart, who has left the district for Footscray. The Sunshine Club was invited, and Bro. Brunker and Kelly arranged a successful programme. Owing to the heat, the mid-week prayer meeting was dispensed with, members adjuring to the beach, where Bro. Stephenson gave a suitable message. Meetings on Feb. 21 were good. Visitors from the churches at Batavia and Wagga, N.S.W., were present. In the evening a lad from the Bible School made the good confession.

Prora.—Meetings continue to be well attended. On morning of Feb. 15, Bro. B. Robbins addressed the meeting. On morning of Feb. 21 Bro. Bird, of Collingwood, gave an excellent address. Bro. Fisher's addresses have been of a high order, and his work is greatly appreciated. He has been re-energized for an indefinite period. He was received in by faith and obedience. On Sunday evening, Feb. 17, Bro. Fisher made special mention of the Industrial Peace Conference, and on Feb. 21 Mr. Lawson of the North Preston Baptist Church, preached, exchanging with Bro. Fisher. On Feb. 14 a lecture was given under the auspices of the B. & F. Bible Society. All auxiliaries are now in working order. The Bible School is well attended, and new scholars are being added to the roll.

New South Wales.

Athurs.—A man and wife confessed Christ, and a baptised believer was welcomed into fellowship on Feb. 21. Brethren everywhere are requested to pray for the work in this field, and for the coming Yearker mission.

Chatswood.—On Feb. 21 good meetings were held. Bro. Chappell helpfully addressed the church. At night Bro. Whelan spoke on "The Heart of the Church." His message appealed to all. Mid-week meetings have been somewhat disappointing in attendance of late. Mrs. Widdan's health still remains unsatisfactory.

Hornaby.—Nine new scholars were added to Bible School on Feb. 21. A beautiful evulsion for pulpit and Bible marks were presented by a sister. Two tennis tables were also given to Mutual Improvement and Social Club. Bro. Silt spoke on "What Think ye of Christ? Whose Son is he?" Miss V. Hook, of Wagga, sang a gospel solo.

Canley Vale.—On Feb. 11 church and clubs gave a great send-off and presentation to Bro. Les. Burgin, who has entered the College of the Bible. Paramatta District Sisters' Conference met at Canley Vale on Feb. 11, 21 attended. On 17th Bro. J. Eddie was received into fellowship. Bro. Clydesdale exhorted on "Being a Christian Every Day." At night Bro. Christopherson preached on "The Prodigal Son."

Burnville.—On morning of Feb. 21 Bro. Crisp, from Marriekville, ably exhorted on "I am the Way." In the evening three were baptised after which Bro. Flood preached to a crowded congregation on "The Good Shepherd," and three made the good confession. On Feb. 20, the annual church business meeting took place. All departments show progress and enthusiasm. Additions to the church total 48. Great credit is due to Bro. Flood for his able ministry.

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Obituary.

BLACKWELL.—The church at Milang has suffered a loss in the home call of Sister Mrs. Bert Blackwell, formerly Miss McEain. She was one of our most faithful members, and most regular in attendance. She was a member here since 1880. She passed away in Strathalbyn Hospital on Feb. 9, and was buried at Milang on Sunday, 10th. While our sister lived at Lake Plains teaching a day school, she commenced a Sunday School, and never missed a Sunday for 11 years. That Sunday School has been a help to many young people in the district, so her works do follow her. We commend her sorrowing loved ones to our heavenly Father's care until we meet again.—S.H.G.

OVERALL.—The church at Milang has suffered a loss in the home call of Bro. Walter Overall. Our brother was a most faithful member, and was an officer of the church, also treasurer. He has been a member at Milang for 20 years, and prior to that at Langhorne's Creek, where meetings were then held. His loss is felt very much in his home and in the church, and the influence of his life will never be forgotten. His loved ones and all who love the Lord look forward to the time when we will meet again in the presence of the Lord. He has left a wife, five sons and three daughters.—S.H.G.

PATON.—On Feb. 5, in Melbourne, there passed away one of the earliest members of the church at Port Fairy, in the person of Sister Isabella Paton. She, with three others, was baptised by Bro. Brown, preacher at Warrnambool, on Oct. 16, 1853. For a great many years she had been isolated, but always keenly enjoyed fellowship when able to meet round the Lord's table.—E.S.

WYNTER.—On Feb. 3, Bro. Albert Manning Wynter passed from this life following a serious operation. He was 74 years of age, and a resident of the Manning River District. On April 19, 1859, our brother was baptised, and entered into faithful service for his Lord. His wide reading, intensive study and rich devotional life were plainly evident in private conversation and public speaking. During the forty years' sojourn with the church below, Bro. Wynter rendered valuable service as speaker. He left a widow and grown-

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