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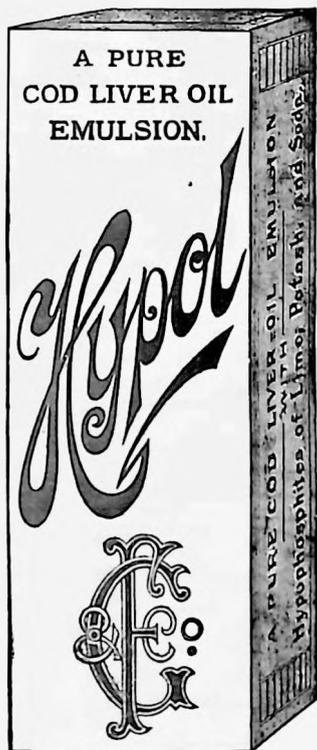
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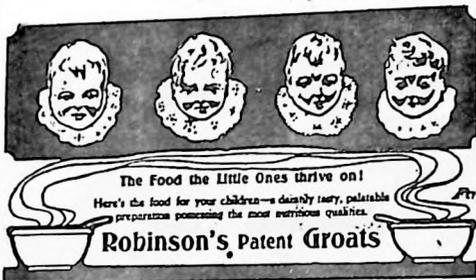
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May 21, 1907

That G. P. Pittman be appointed manager of the Austral Publ. Co. and sub-editor of the "Austral Christian"

"That F. G. Dunn be appointed to the position of Editor of the Australian Christian"

After much suffering, the weary worker found rest and peace. Even the best of us must some day give up the work we love, and leave it in the hands of others. The workers cease, but the work goes on. And so with the Austral. The mantle of A. B. Mason fell upon G. P. Pittman, and the directors made no mistake in calling upon this brother to carry on the work as manager of the Austral. For something like eighteen months he conducted the af-

F. G. Dunn, Editor and Manager.

Continued prosperity.

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ing the premises presented itself to the directors, who, believing that it was in the interests of the Company to have ownership in order to ensure certainty of tenure, closed with the offer that was made, and as the premises were obtained at a cost of a little over £2000, they are to be congratulated on their foresight. Since coming into ownership about £1000 has been paid off the indebtedness. And just here, it is appropriate to say something about the directors of

prosperity. In more than 15 years of printing, a balance sheet, in spite of the profits in connection with the business, has been fairly made. In-creases in the value of the Austral, of machinery, and so on, and have been the result of the business. Besides the machinery of these things into

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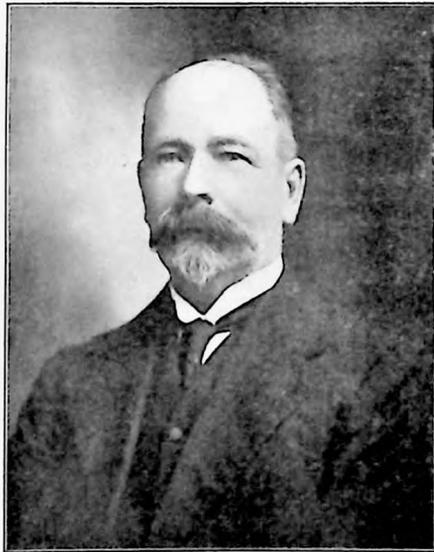
TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PUBLISHING HOUSE.

The Austral Publishing Company having reached the twenty-first year of its existence, the occasion seems to call for something more than a brief notice. We have, therefore, honored the occasion by making the present issue of the "Christian" a special number, in which an attempt is made to set forth the work done by our publishing house. Right at the very start of such an attempt it is fitting that honor should be done to the memory of A. B. Mason, the originator, and for something like sixteen years the manager of the Company. It is doubtful if anyone but our brother could have, at the time, commanded the sympathy and confidence of the brotherhood sufficiently to have started such an enterprise. It may be said that the Austral was born out of adversity and suffering. While it continues to exist it will remain a memorial of his splendid enterprise and devotion. The difficulties at the start were very great, and are expressed by him in the following words: "The history of the Austral may some time be written; the difficulties which presented themselves during the first five years of our existence will never fully be known." It is the pioneers who smooth the way for those who come after.

The work goes on.

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airs of the Austral with conspicuous skill, and only relinquished the work in obedience to the call of the Foreign Mission field. Among the appreciations expressed elsewhere, we value none more highly than that which, unsought, he has sent us.



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It has been a time of continued prosperity. His most sanguine hopes have been more than realized. From the financial side it is enough to say that three and a half years ago the accumulated profits, covering a period of seventeen and a half years, were about \$900, while the last balance sheet shows the accumulated profits to be \$29,044; and this, too, in spite of the fact that there has been a very considerable increase in the cost of production. All the profits thus made have been used in consolidating and extending the business. At the present time the Austral, as a printing office, is fairly up-to-date. In printing you can never get *actually* up-to-date. Invention in labor-saving appliances moves too quickly. The Austral, of course, is only, comparatively speaking, a small concern, but it is compact, and runs out good work, costing something like \$200, and without which it would have been impossible to increase the size of the "Christian" by four pages. Besides this, other improvements in machinery have been effected, but of these it is not necessary to enter into detail.

A good purchase.

Perhaps the most notable event in the history of the Austral in recent years was the purchase of the premises now occupied by the Company. The opportunity of purchasing the premises presented itself to the directors, who, believing that it was in the interests of the Company to have ownership in order to ensure certainty of tenure, closed with the offer that was made, and as the premises were obtained at a cost of a little over \$2,000, they are to be congratulated on their foresight. Some coming into ownership about \$2,000 has been paid off the indebtedness. And just here, it is appropriate to say something about the directors of

the company. Of the original directors three still remain, viz. W. C. Craigie (chairman), R. Lyall, and B. J. Kemp. For twenty-one years these brethren have served the Austral and been its financial backbone whenever such backbone was needed, and it was needed very considerably at various stages of the Austral's history. W. C. Thurgood also deserves honorable mention for long service, having very recently retired from the directorship. The present directors are W. C. Craigie, R. Lyall, B. J. Kemp, C. W. Mitchell and A. Mills. These brethren deserve our best thanks for the time and labor they have gratuitously given in promoting the interests of the Austral Publishing Company.

The "Christian."

As the "Australian Christian" is inseparably connected with the history of the Austral, something must be said about it here. Elsewhere, D. A. Ewers gives a brief historical sketch of our religious papers which have appeared from time to time, so we need not refer to them, save to say that by a process of amalgamation they became absorbed in the "Christian." The Austral came to the relief of the debt-burdened *Standard* and *Pioneer*, and the two editors were taken on the staff of the newly-born "Christian"—D. A. Ewers as editorial contributor, and F. G. Dunn as leader writer, with A. B. Maston as managing editor. The relief from newspaper rivalry and financial straits was immense. If the Austral had done nothing else but this, it deserves well of the brotherhood. After the death of A. B. Maston, the present writer became editor, and for a while had G. P. Pittman as assistant editor. D. A. Ewers continued as editorial contributor, and we still have his valuable services. A. R. Main also has been a regular contributor, his Bible School page being appreciated by the readers of the "Christian." More recently, T. B. Fischer has given prominence to Foreign Mission matters from week to week, thus helping to enlarge our vision.

Increased circulation.

It is satisfactory to note that there has been a steady increase in the circulation of the "Christian." It has been more than steady in the last three years, as during that period it has gone up one thousand. It is not for the present writer to speak of the merits of the "Christian"; that must be left to others. This much we may say, however, that its special numbers are without rivals in those particular departments in the world of Australasian journalism, and perhaps elsewhere. This verdict will not be questioned by our religious neighbors, who have frequently expressed their admiration of our efforts in this direction.

"Pure Words."

We must not omit to mention the effort of the Austral to supply our Sunday Schools with a suitable periodical. In *Pure Words*, edited by T. B. Fischer, this want has been met. It is a periodical that deserves better

support than it receives. It is bright and attractive, and gives prominence to Foreign Missions, thus educating the young mind and leading it insensibly to the larger vision of the world's need.

The result of unity.

As a final word, we may say that the fact of the Churches of Christ having a publishing house they can call their own is an achievement they may well be proud of. The brethren who took up shares in this Company and made the achievement possible have reason to be satisfied with their investment. They never spent money to better advantage in their lives. True, the return is not in money, but in something infinitely better. The simple gospel of Jesus Christ is being preached by the printed word. The principles for which the Churches of Christ stand are being made widely known. The churches are being built up and strengthened in the faith of the gospel, and victories are being won for Christ. And all this activity of the Austral Publishing Company, the influence and power of the "Australian Christian," have been made possible, under the blessing of God, because of the unity of the brotherhood in Australasia. Without this unity, the things whereof we have been speaking would not have been possible.

Editorial Notes

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF OUR RELIGIOUS JOURNALS.



D. A. Ewers.

itor doubtless did good service along the lines of the advocacy of primitive Christianity, and especially as an uncompromising opponent of the pretensions of Romanism. However, after a brief existence of a few years, the *Medley* passed away and left

The Melbourne Medley.

The pioneer of our religious journalism in Australia was *The Melbourne Medley*, a small weekly paper edited by Robert Service as far back, if we mistake not, as 1855. It claimed to be a "Political, Moral, Religious and Anti-State Aid Advocate." It would seem to have been a medley indeed, and was rather a general newspaper than a religious journal; but its energetic editor

The A.C. Pioneer and Watchman.

The advent of aggressive and eloquent American evangelists in 1864 gave the Restoration movement a decided stimulus, and within a few years some thousands were added to the churches, especially in Melbourne and Adelaide. In 1867 T. J. Gore and H. S. Earl commenced the *Australian Christian Pioneer*, a monthly journal published in Adelaide. Bro. Earl after a while returned from Australia, but the paper was continued by Bro. Gore, assisted by G. L. Surber, O. A. Carr, T. Magarey, and others. Soon after the arrival of J. J. Haley in Melbourne he took an active part in its work, and in August, 1880, the *Pioneer* of Adelaide gave place to the *Christian Watchman* of Melbourne, under Bro. Haley's vigorous editorship. The *Watchman* exercised a considerable influence, and did much to advance the interests of the kingdom of God for a period of five years. At the end of 1884 Bro. Haley returned to America, where for some years he filled the position of office editor of the *Christian-Evangelist* with conspicuous ability, and he is still a contributor to that widely circulated and influential paper. F. G. Dunn occupied the editorial chair until July, when the *Watchman*, under that name, ceased to exist.

The A.C. Advocate and A.C. Witness.

In 1871 the *Australian Christian Advocate* was launched as a monthly in Melbourne, under the management of J. T. T. Harding and H. W. Sinclair, and later was changed into the *Australian Christian Witness*, edited by F. Illingworth. This paper ran upon somewhat more conservative lines than the *Pioneer* and *Watchman*, and had a number of ardent supporters. In its early days J. A. Hamill was a frequent contributor. Bro. Illingworth devoted much time and ability to the paper, and his efforts were appreciated by a large section of the brotherhood. But it was felt by many that for financial and other reasons it was not wise to have two journals published in Melbourne, and shortly after the departure of Bro. Haley negotiations were set on foot to bring about a union. These finally eventuated in the amalgamation of the two papers in August, 1885. Another journalistic effort in another State deserves a passing notice—About 1880, H. D. Smith and R. Woolcock entered the editorial arena with a monthly, the *Faithful Witness*, published in Adelaide, but it did not meet with the support requisite to success, and after a brief existence was discontinued.

The A.C. Standard.

The union of the *Watchman* and *A.C. Witness* brought into existence the *Australian Christian Standard*, whose name would seem to indicate a higher type of journalism than that of its predecessors. The editors were F. G. Dunn and F. Illingworth, and it at once received the hearty endorsement of the great bulk of the brotherhood, and maintained a vigorous existence until the end of 1897, when there was yet another development. After a few years, the

editorship of the *Standard* fell entirely into the hands of Bro. Dunn, who was generally regarded as a safe man to take the helm, while his talents as a thinker and writer made the paper a popular representative of the churches. During its lifetime the *Standard* did much to conserve the best interests of the cause it advocated, and during its later years received much assistance from the late A. B. Maston, especially after the establishment of the Austral Publishing Co.

The Christian Pioneer.

Stephen Check, while yet connected with the "Brethren," ran a small monthly, *Truth in Love*. Soon after he identified himself with the churches fully pleading for a return to the New Testament order of things he went to Queensland as a pioneer of the cause there, and changed his paper to the *Christian Pioneer*, the first issue of which was in January, 1881. The gifted editor died in February, and when D. A. Ewers was sent to Queensland the paper was, by the wish of many, revived by him in the following August. In 1888 the editor removed to Victoria, and in September of that year the *Pioneer* was first published as a weekly in Melbourne, and continued until the close of 1897. Originally intended as a pioneer of evangelistic effort in a new State, it became the pioneer of our weekly literature, and it would be difficult now to imagine a return to the old monthly order. Our read-

ers now expect their weekly paper as they expect their weekly day of worship. For several years Geo. T. Walden was associated with Bro. Ewers in the editorship of the *Pioneer*.

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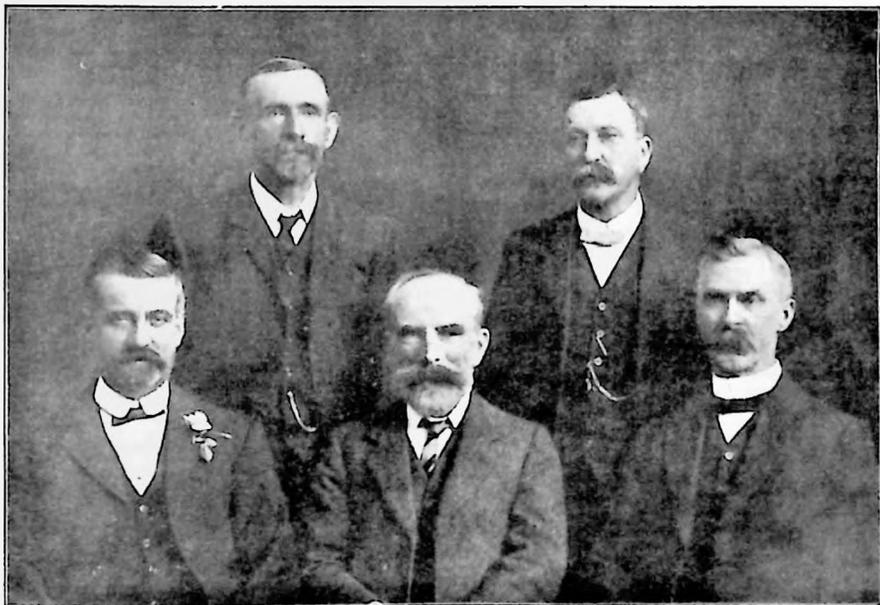
But the financial burdens of the *Standard* and *Pioneer* were felt to be too heavy, and it was only by the aid of subsidies from generous brethren that they were able to continue so long. Largely through the influence of A. B. Maston, arrangements were made for the Austral Publishing Co. to take over both papers, with Bro. Maston at the head and Bro. Dunn and Ewers as contributing editors. On the death of the lamented manager of the Austral Co., Bro. Dunn was appointed editor in chief, Bro. Ewers still remaining an editorial contributor. The "Christian" has now run its course for over fifteen years, and during the whole of that time has been recognised as the one journalistic representative of the Churches of Christ in Australasia. It is the friend and supporter of every good work inaugurated by the brethren. Home and Foreign Missions, our College of the Bible, and indeed all our co-operative work is fostered and extended by its aid. It is difficult to over-estimate the influence of a good religious journal. The papers whose careers have been briefly sketched all had their power for good, and primitive Christianity

beneath the Southern Cross owes more to the press than is realised by the bulk of our readers. In the evolution of the "Christian," we have the history of our work as a people, and the consolidation of our newspaper efforts into one solid and successful journal is but the evidence of the growth of the spirit of unity. But the time has now come for a great forward movement in the extension of the circulation of our paper. We have ungrudgingly supported every organised effort for the extension of the work, and now appeal with confidence to every church, to every co-operative movement, and to every individual reader to assist us in return, to so extend our influence as to be able to more fully and worthily represent and advocate the grandest plea ever presented for the consideration of the world—the plea for a restoration of the spirit and practice of original Christianity.

Not for a soul like thine the cabin
Of selfish ease and joys of sin,
But they, more than crown or palmy,
Its own exceeding recompense.

Go up and on! thy day well done,
Its morning promise well fulfilled,
Arise to triumph yet unwon,
Tocher tasks that God has willed.

—Whitney.



C. W. Medell B. J. Kemp W. C. Crang (Chairman) A. Mills R. Lyall
Directors of the Austral Publishing Company.



The Creed of the Church of Christ.

By J. F. Thomas.

West Australian Conference Sermon. Preached in Perth Town Hall, March 23.

Continued.

V. The acceptance of his supremacy will lead us to obediently accept his commands and ordinances.

1. As to our faith in him. We accept as essential to our salvation a belief in the Lordship of Christ and an acknowledgment of him as our Saviour. There can be no salvation without a divine saving Christ, and we must believe in him.

2. We are willing, too, that his way shall become our way, and repenting of and turning from our sins, we seek to follow him who is the only living way. It is a common ground, therefore, to say that repentance is essential.

3. We believe, too, that we must confess him as our Saviour. Confession is as old a requirement as faith. Jesus always taught us that if we confess him before men, he will confess us before his Father and the holy angels.

4. We believe, too, that we ought to willingly follow our Divine Head in the ordinance of baptism. This unfortunately has become the parting of the ways with many Christian bodies. We are united as far as confession of Christ is concerned, but so many fail to see that there is a further privilege given to us of obeying him in the solemn ordinance of baptism. We unfortunately lose the true viewpoint sometimes because we change the seat of authority. If Jesus is the supreme Son of God and Lord of us all, his word should be sufficient and final. We ought not to make him supreme in all else and then allow any church Fathers or Councils to change this command, which he never altered or withdrew. It would be a joy to me to waive the practice of this holy and beautiful ordinance, but I stand daily face to face with the Christ who was baptised himself for my example, and who sent his apostles to preach that all nations might believe and be baptised. The first command from heaven through Peter in the first gospel sermon was, Repent and be baptised every one of you, and there has been no amendment on the part of our Saviour of his clearly stated requirement. To seek to alter it on the authority of any tradition or custom is to lose the beauty and blessing found in the observance of a significantly spiritual and suggestive ordinance. It is the simple and sacred means by which we, being hurried with Christ, put on Christ as the one who is for ever to be our Saviour and King. As Dr. H. P. Henson, the em-

inent American preacher, says, "Back to Christ is the ringing watchword of our time. Denominationalism is the abomination of desolation standing where it ought not. What a pity we should stand apart instead of standing together on the one Lord, one faith, one baptism." If we could get back beyond every human creed and all human councils to the word of our Sovereign Lord and say as Paul did, "What wouldst thou have me to do?" we would willingly obey him when he says, through his servant, "Arise and be baptised and wash away thy sin, calling on the name of the Lord." If this much-debated ordinance could be settled in the presence of Christ and in the light of the practice of the New Testament church, instead of in the conflict of human tradition and often in the strife of sectarian bitterness, it would be the greatest step toward Christian union that could be taken in these days in which the union of God's people is so necessary and desired. We are certain that there were not three modes of baptism taught and practised by Jesus and his apostles. We believe that immersion was the universal practice and for three centuries had no human substitute, and it should be our joy still to follow the King in his way.

VI. And this acknowledgment and acceptance of Christ will lead us in the faithful continuance of a life of consecration. We shall know of the personal power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and continue faithful in the abstract. Faith or repentance or signs, baptism is an empty figure, and of changed life. All must lead us into Christ, and abiding in him we must continue in lives. Our lives will be the measure of the sincerity of our belief in this Divine Christ. "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." His creed had become conqueror. He had subjected all else to the loving, personal, Divine Saviour Christ in whom he wholeheartedly believed. We do not need more need the same old creed, that is as old as more lives to be laid hold upon by him. Even in an age of doubt, and when we face our problems of suffering or disappointment, death, we shall say still to him who asks us

"Whom say ye that I am?" "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

VII. We would say further that even the practice of the Lord's supper is to remind us of our simple creed. The Jews had many feasts which reminded them of the Passover, the wilderness wanderings, the harvest, and the manifold goodness of God; but we have this one simple feast in memory of him. As we come to the sacred board to which he invites us, we are reminded of the love of him through whom we have received the atonement and rejoice that we have been made nigh by the blood of this Christ, the only Son of God.

VIII. Finally, we can rejoice that the certainty and assurance of this consciousness of the living Christ is to us the foundation of our glorious hope, and the pledge of our eternal destiny. He has triumphed over all himself, and has promised to lead us unto victory and to heaven at last. We can face the future with joyous optimism and glorious expectancy. The foundation of our faith in the ultimate fulfilment of the eternal purposes of God and the triumph of the redeemed is not in any human creed or reasoning of human philosophy, but because we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that though all else should fail and even the earth pass away, his word will always remain true. The foundation of his church, the supreme King in the church, the centre of every ordinance; the motive for our greatest service, the Companion of every struggle and sorrow, the One who will give us victory over death, and who will be for ever the adored of heaven, is this living, personal Christ of God. Amidst all the debris of human dogmas and all the doubts and even despair of men, in the midst of the conflict of human creeds we must bring men back again to Christ.

If we will but do this we shall be able to know Luther and Wesley and Calvin and every great reformer, and love them just the same, but wear the name above them all and that they all rejoiced in—the name of Christ. We will be able to know the Nicene Creed, the Athanasian Creed, the Westminster and Augsburg Confessions of Faith, and the Thirty-nine Articles, and get all the help we can from each, and leave them on our shelves as treasured volumes, and be content still to be guided alone by the word of this Christ, the Son of God, who was before all other creeds. If human tradition and superstitions, unessential as they are to our faith, conflict with his way for men, we can afford to leave them for his sake, and in view of the enemy and the great task before the church, we shall all unite.

The problem of Christian union will never be solved by the harmonising of human creeds, but by leaving them all, and harmonising the individual with Jesus Christ. When General Harrison's body was lying in state, and the beloved widow was left for her last watch alone with the dead, an old soldier nearly blind stole into the room. The widow watched him approach the casket and view the body and then step back. He, noticing the widow, said, "I fought with him in the



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war, and always loved him"; and then stepping slowly toward the door, he raised his hand and with trembling, earnest voice, said, "General, I salute you." The church will become united again as it was at the beginning when we all as individuals gather around our crucified but risen Lord, and say we love him and loyally salute him. There is no other solution. Division weakens us to-day. The Allies could never defeat Turkey alone, but united they are victorious. A world of darkness and sin challenges us, a task too great for any one church confronts us, and in his name and upon his word and for his sake we should be united upon this living creed and honor this Christ the Son of God and Saviour of the world.

The greatest problem to-day for the church is within its borders. A divided church can bring no world conquest. We can never trifle with the problem of Christian union or simply make it a secondary matter for diplomatic conferences, and make

the onward march we must make if we are to win the world for Christ in this generation. Robert E. Speer wisely said, "Men talk about fraternal relations, but our Lord did not pray that they may be one as John and James are one, or as brothers are one, but as Thou and I are one, You cannot express one God in a split church." Surely for the sake of the possibility of bringing a sin-tricken world to know and accept this wonderful Saviour we have learned to love, and for his dear sake who longs that we might be one that all may believe—we as a people should seek earnestly and lovingly to add some contribution in our day to the ever increasing efforts of so many to-day who are faithfully seeking to bring God's people together as one great army. This unity will be consummated when the church leaves all that separates and comes alone to exalt Christ as the Son of the living God and the one Sovereign Lord of all.

Manhood!

By C. M. Gordon.

The Austral Publishing Company has reached its majority. It stands before us to-day in all the energy and independence of real manhood. Well would it be if our whole Australasian brotherhood could assemble in this city to honor the occasion with appropriate celebrations. Think of it! A phenomenal union of a splendid people has attained its majority! Not a page of his part but what will give delight and pride in the reading. Infancy, childhood, youth—all stamless, courageous in effort, and vigorous in usefulness. A noble manhood nobly achieved.

It is tempting, then, to spread the banquet and honor the toast. Here's to the Austral Publishing Company! Long, long life of increasing influence. May its constituency enlarge and its patronage ever grow in loyalty and enthusiasm; and may every day of its future be crowned by the blessing of God. Congratulations, felicitations, greetings sincere, prayers and thanksgivings fervent, are all in order. All are merited.

To measure the influence for good exerted by this Company since the day of its inception, is a task impossible. Nobly has it fought and wrought for God and humanity, for religion and morals, for social righteousness and individual regeneration. Since the day it began to cater for the intellectual and spiritual needs of our churches, it has regaled us with a continuous feast of choice and appetizing viands, and has made intellectual or spiritual leanness on the part of any member of its constituency altogether inexcusable.

The stream of literature which twenty-one years ago began to issue from the machinery of this institution, like the river that went forth out of Eden to water man's primal paradise, has distributed itself into four main heads—*Tracts, Pamphlets, Books, and Periodicals*. We judge it to be

impossible to number the tracts sent forth on their mission of mercy by this Company. It sounds hyperbolic to speak of millions, yet it is literally true that millions and millions of these tracts have been sold and circulated. A supply of four hundred thousand is constantly kept in the Austral office. Written by our representative men, dealing with elementary Scriptural truth, printed tastefully, many of them illustrated, and sold at a nominal cost, these silent yet eloquent preachers of the gospel are ever ready to go forth among the people.

Associated with these tracts should be mentioned the Sunday School leaflets. Five thousand of these are supplied weekly to our Bible Schools. More than a quarter of a million annually. Each leaflet is a compendium of information about the lesson. Text, parallel readings, analysis, exposition and questions, all on this little two-page leaflet. A son are they to scholar and teacher alike.

Many valuable pamphlets and booklets have been issued by the Company. Alexander Campbell's able essays on "Life and Death"; "Our Position," by Isaac Errett; "Baptism," by F. E. Blanchard; "Let us Jam;" W. C. Morris's careful study of "God's Spirit and the Spirit's Work"; "Why We Believe the Bible," a popular and excellent little apologetic by Amos R. Wells; "Gospel Light," consisting of a number of popular tracts presented in pamphlet form. Charles Watt's trenchant and convincing reply to the question, "Is the Jewish Sabbath Binding Upon Christians?" These, and a number of others worthy of mention, are printed and supplied by the Austral. Many of them have had a steady circulation for years, and are still in demand.

The list of books published by the Austral is not long. The publication of books on a large scale belongs to the future history of the Company. Meantime a start in

this direction has been made. On the table before me are a number of Austral publications which promise well for the future. Here are Bro. Harward's "Evangelistic Sermons," presented in a neat volume of nearly two hundred pages. The preaching of these Scriptural sermons has won hundreds of people to Christ, and doubtless the reading of them will also win many. Here, too, are Isaac Errett's "Letters to a Young Christian." They are bound in an attractive little volume which can be purchased for sixpence. It would be difficult to find a more suitable book to give to a young Christian. Our churches should present a copy of it to every young disciple. Furthermore, here is the well-known "On the Rock," with its "story of souls whose pathway began in darkness, but brightened to the perfect day." This little book represents one of the most remarkable achievements of the Austral. The book is sold in America for one dollar; here its price is threepence. It is one of the marvels of cheap printing resulting from Austral initiative. Thirty thousand copies of this book have been sold by the Austral Publishing Company. Again: here is our Centennial memorial, "That They All May be One." It is historical, doctrinal, and pictorial. It contains two hundred and twenty-one pages, is bound in paper, and in red cloth. About five thousand copies of this book have been sold. Still further: here is a thrilling biography, "The Life of Elder John Smith," one of the most interesting, original and self-sacrificing of our pioneers in America. This biography is sold in America at one dollar and a half; here it can be had for a third of that price. Once more: here is the latest word on Baptism in the shape of A. R. Maim's recent book on the subject. It is a thorough and unanswerable exposure of pre-baptistic fallacies, and is especially valuable because it makes available the most recent authorities on the question. There should be a continuous demand for this book. The most pretentious work yet published by the Austral is the "Jubilee History of the Churches of Christ in Australasia." The publication of this magnificent work was owing to the enterprise of our late esteemed Bro. A. B. Mason, the memory and value of whose life are embalmed not only in this great book, but also in the existence of the Austral Publishing Company itself.

The regular periodicals published by the Company are "The Australian Christian," and *Pure Words*. The latter is a splendid little monthly published in the interests of the young people connected with our Sunday Schools. Four thousand copies are issued every month. Of the "Australian Christian," it is almost superfluous to speak. It speaks for itself every week. Some hot terms of the warmest commutation can be used with reference to it. Our brotherhood has every reason to be proud of it. Take a copy at random, and note its contents. Here is a leader written in the best style of the gifted Editor of the paper. It deals with a question of vital present-day interest, and sets forth a phase of that question with

which I was unfamiliar. Here are three editorials, each one telling me something that I never knew before. Here is a most interesting article on India, by the Organising Secretary of our P.M. Society, who is determined to make India live before our eyes. Here is a valuable contribution on the subject of recent Archaeology, continuing a certain piece of Biblical history, and thus deepening our faith in that Book, the reliability of which is so widely impugned today. Here are columns of information from our churches all over Australasia, telling of souls saved, of victories won in the name of Christ, making the heart to sing and the soul to exult. And last, but not least, here is that popular column, "Here and There," with its choice tit-bits and scintillating gems. And the contents of this number are but typical. The "Australian Christian" undoubtedly is a great outstanding factor making for the education, inspiration and unity of our brotherhood in Australasia. Befitting it is that this valuable paper should reach the high-water mark of its circulation in this, the twenty-first birthday of the Austral Publishing Company. Its circulation is now four thousand five hundred copies weekly. This number is increased by two thousand copies at its an-

nual issues in connection with Home and Foreign Missions. The largest issue in the history of the paper was that in connection with the recent Scoville mission, when seven

thousand five hundred copies were printed in one week. May this soon be the regular issue of this splendid periodical.

"How Long Halt?" By J. Inglis Wright.

Twenty-one years have passed since the establishment of the Austral Company, and is not there a general feeling that this was one of the most momentous actions ever undertaken in connection with the Churches of Christ in Australasia? Let me felicitate those brethren who took an active part in the inauguration of this great enterprise, the existence of which is an abiding monument to that noble-hearted and consecrated soul, now with Christ, Bro. A. B. Maston.

To conceive a big idea that would be for the advancement of the kingdom of God was with him only the prelude to action. As he once said in regard to the inauguration of another important work, "It's no use talking any more about it; begin and do it," with the emphasis on the "do." His advice in this respect was acted on, and another successful movement is indebted to

our brother for the spur of advice which led to immediate action.

The Austral Co. was an institution very dear to him. He lived for it, and laid its foundations solid and strong. He had great ideas for the future. "There's a lot of things I would like to do, brother, but I'm always so half dead and alive that I've just to let them go and do what I can." But God raised others to carry on the work so nobly begun. For many years our esteemed Bro. Dunn had been a collaborator with Bro. Maston in editorial work. It was he who filled the chair at the first meeting held to consider Bro. Maston's proposals for the launching of the Austral Company; and what brother could more fittingly take up the work laid down by his colleague than Bro. Dunn, work which has been carried through with distinguished ability, to the



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glory of God, the advancement of the churches, and his own credit. We may indeed at this period—it is a fitting time—make pause to thank God for Bro. Dunn. It's a poor kind of gratitude—alas! all too common—which holds back its words of appreciation until the ears are stopped and the heart stilled, which should have listened to and been cheerfully encouraged by them.

Yes, the Austral Company has done a grand and splendid work—but have the brotherhood made the most of it? I fear not. Here is the machinery at our hand ready to achieve marvelous things, but we are not utilizing it as we should. When shall we waken up to the power of the press? When discern the tremendous influences which it wield, and which we might be utilizing for the extension of the kingdom of Christ in the home field.

We halt!—halt!—and don't lack company. Looking through some volumes of the *Australian Christian Advocate*, *Australian Christian Witness*, *Australian Christian Pioneer*, and *British Millennial Harbinger* of from 30 to 40 years ago, one is struck by the excellence—the high standard, of the reading matter supplied, and the little done to give it publicity. In all these magazines are articles which if printed in pamphlet form and distributed broadcast would have done revolutionary work.

At the annual meeting held in Newcastle in 1879—over 40 years ago—the power of the press came up for consideration. Regarding this discussion, Bro. Adam wrote in the *Harbinger* of September in that year: "Concerning the power of the press to spread abroad the truth among the people and the apathy of the brethren generally with reference to this." Bro. David King wrote in 1872: "The plea for a return to the faith and polity of the primitive church is unpopular, and though some progress has been realised in this country, that progress is as nothing in comparison with what might have been reasonably expected had we been able and willing to use the press largely and wisely in addition to our other efforts." The matter was "important and imperative"—40 years ago; and while our Home brethren now do a little in this way, it is quite out of proportion to the needs of the field.

Are we much better here in Australasia? Why is the Austral Company not pouring out tons of pamphlets concerning the gospel of Christ as revealed in the New Testament and our plea for primitive Christianity? Are we blind to the forces at work around us? Do we not see the Socialists, Unitarians, the false systems of Christianity of the Christian Science, Seventh Day Adventist and Pastor Russell type, leagues, societies, and organisations of every kind spreading their theories and doctrines on all hands by means of the press, while we still halt! Is there any field in which money will do so much? Take one year's salary of an evangelist, say £175, and imagine the spending of that sum in the free distribution of such pamphlets as are even now issued by the Austral Company in the fields where

Home missionaries are at work! It would enable such districts to be concentrated on and sown "knee deep" in our literature.

How to reach the working classes with the gospel is becoming more and more a problem. Let us reach them in the same way as they are being reached by the propaganda of Socialism and Infidelity—through the agency of the press. Reach them in their homes by attractively gotten up pamphlets, booklets and the like. Influence them in their hours of leisure, by the fire-side in the evening's quiet. Then we shall achieve such results as just now we but dream of. There is no need, however, to withdraw a single Home evangelist for even one year to achieve this. Let us provide the means for a Free Literature Distribution Fund. We can raise £500 a year in Australasia without difficulty, if we have faith in God, in our plea, and possess consecrated enthusiasm. Look at our Home and Foreign Mission work. The sums that are being raised to-day would have been deemed incredible and utterly impossible a few years ago!

Brethren, let us in this 21st year since the establishment of the Austral Company inaugurate a Free Literature Distribution Fund, and under God's blessing in 21 years from now there will be as much cause for joy over the step as there is to-day because of the establishment of the Austral Company. Let us use the resources of the Company more. Pour money into their coffers, and they will pour out booklets by the ton. And, granting that we are willing only to distribute them, the day will not be distant when the plea of primitive Christianity will be known everywhere, widely and freely disseminated, and in very many cases accepted. The world is ripe for Primitive Christianity, in fact it is waiting for the good news. Why halt, then? Let us up and "do"!

The Austral a Factor in Evangelisation.

By T. Hagger.

For 21 years the Austral Publishing Company, under the capable direction of A. B. Maston, Percy Pittman, and F. G. Dunn, has been sending forth the printed page in the form of tracts, pamphlets and books, which have not only been circulated in the Commonwealth of Australia, and the Dominion of New Zealand, but have reached more remote parts of the English-speaking world. Who can estimate the good thus accomplished? 1. Souls have been helped to see and embrace the truth. It is doubtful if there is an evangelist among us who has not experienced the value of Austral publications in either arousing interest in the preaching from the platform, a large number of those who have been won to the unsectarian position of the New Testament in the days that are gone, have been helped more or less by some tract or pamphlet that has come from the Austral press. At least one preacher in our ranks was reached in a

place where there is no church of the faith and practice of the Churches of Christ of apostolic times, who owes his "obedience to the faith" to Austral publications which were placed in his hands. 2. Souls have been confirmed in the truth. How good it has been that we have been able to place in the hands of those confessing Christ some of the cards issued by the Austral, or the tract, "Words to New Converts," the book, "Letters to a Young Christian," or in more recent times, "Counsel to Converts"! And how many of these converts have been helped in their grasp of the truth by the reading of these! And then the larger books which many of the disciples have bought and read, and the "Australian Christian," which still more have read week after week—have these not helped to ground those won in the faith, and to teach "them to observe all things" that Christ has commanded? The Austral is therefore no mean factor in evangelisation. Both in the winning of converts and the retaining of disciples it has played no small part. Eternity alone will reveal the great amount of good that the managers, the shareholders, the printers, and the writers have done through this institution since its establishment. God bless the Austral! And may it still be used much in the extension of the kingdom of heaven on earth!

Appreciations.

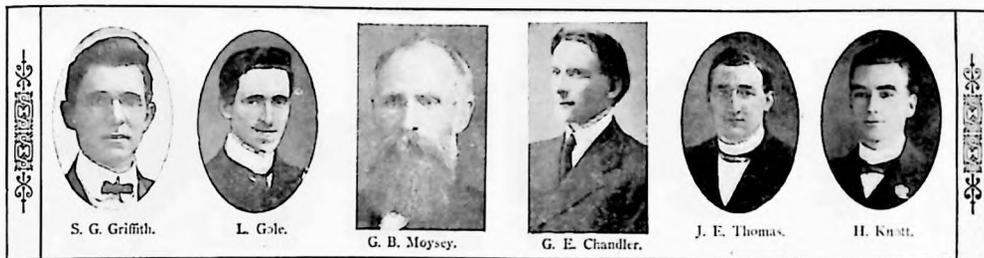
From India.

I notice in the copy of the "Christian" just to hand that you are celebrating the 21st birthday of the good old Austral Co. I am afraid I shall be much too late, but feel I must scribble a line to catch the mail. You have our heartiest congratulations and best wishes. Bro. Stephen Ingham happens to be with us just now on a holiday, and he, too, sends kind regards and congratulations. We are all glad to hear of the expansion and success of the business. We wish there were such institutions as the Austral Publishing Co. here in India to cater for the growing Christian community. Our opinion is that the "Christian" and *Five Words* were never so good as at present, and from all accounts your tract and book department are better than ever. If you have done so well in your minority, what may we not expect from the strength of your majority?—G. P. Pittman, Dabanganj, Palaman, India.

Accomplished Much Good.

I take great pleasure in sending on a contribution to the special number of the "Christian." I think we are fortunate in having a company such as the Austral Publishing Company. As this is its 21st anniversary, it gives me great pleasure to send along my congratulations and best wishes. It has accomplished much good among us, and the possibilities for good are without limit. I would like to say a word about our paper, the "Austral"

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lian Christian." I am fond of the "Christian," and miss it when by some chance its arrival is late. I think Bro. Dunn has done exceedingly well as its editor and manager. At this time I desire to send him my best thanks for past favors and best wishes for future work and success.—T. J. Gore, Henley Beach, S.A.

Every Page Helpful.

I wish to add a word of appreciation of the splendid service this Company has rendered to the cause of Christ. I think no one could ever estimate its full value. We have realised to an extent its worth. The host of tracts and good literature that have gone forth from its office are doing their silent and effective work. The "Australian Christian" is one of its main products. It is the church member who chiefly values this weekly messenger, with its fund of information of an instructive character. A Methodist lady, who is a subscriber, said of it: "I consider the Expositor's page alone is worth more than the cost of the paper." We find every page exceedingly helpful. By its contents we are kept in touch with the work in all the States. We are encouraged by the success of others and stimulated to greater effort. No family should be without it. It is one of the most powerful aids to effective church life that we know of. We need just such a paper coming into the home every week.—F. Badley, Sydney, N.S.W.

Full of Good Matter.

I have been a reader of the "Christian" for a great many years. It came to my father's home when I was a boy, and I often used poems in it for Band of Hope purposes. Now I look for it every Friday in my own home. I like it because it is full of good matter, and because it stands for "the faith once for all delivered to the saints." It has led some to know the way better, and has encouraged others to keep on. It is a help to read the reports from the churches, as we know what is being done. Its pages are ever open to help forward the work of the kingdom. God bless you, Bro. Dunn. May you be spared to help prepare the Jubilee number.—I. A. Paternoster, Prospect, S.A.

Splendid Achievements.

It is perhaps impossible to rightly estimate the value of the Austral Publishing Company and the "Australian Christian" to the Restoration Move-

ment in Australasia. But it is certain that both have helped very materially in producing the splendid achievements of the last 21 years. Books and tracts, advocating the principles so essential to the growth and development of the Church of Christ, have been published by the Austral at prices within the reach of all, and its transactions in general have made it clear that the Company exists not to make profits for the shareholders, but to further the cause of the Redeemer in Australasia, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. Through the columns of the "Christian" not only have the members been informed of the progress of the Churches of Christ, and the doings of the religious world in general, but a splendid advocacy of the faith has ever been maintained. The "Christian" is the safest and most helpful religious paper to put into the hands of a young convert, and its circulation might be immediately doubled with advantage to the church and world. I offer my hearty congratulations on the achievements of the past, and best wishes for even greater successes in the future.—H. J. Banks, Subiaco, W.A.

A Splendid Paper.

I have been a reader of the "Australian Christian" ever since its inception, and for a long time have regarded it as a splendid paper, in fact the best of all the religious papers published in Australasia. Its leading article is always excellent, varied and timely. Its various contributions are interesting. Its notes on the Bible School lessons, and its information concerning our Foreign Mission fields, are valuable, whilst its many pages of news from the home fields are such as to cause the majority of its regular readers to turn first to its pages, and devour their contents with the interest and pleasure usually given to a letter from a tried and valued friend. In short, the "Australian Christian" is such as to make it worthy of being assigned a prominent place in every home in our brotherhood.—A. P. Turner, N.Z.

Honor to Whom Honor.

Honor to whom honor is due. Hearty congratulations to the Austral Company on the 21st birthday. It is fitting at this time that we should voice our appreciation of the Company that has for twenty-one years of toil and struggle stood for the consolidation and extension of the cause of Christ in our fair land. The "Australian Christian" is a worthy product of the Austral—it is Scriptural, constructive, evangelistic, and full

of inspiration. I do not know of any power, apart from the good old Book, that is so vital to the life and growth of primitive Christianity in Australasia as the "Christian." You can count on me to push it in Queensland.—W. H. Nightingale, Brisbane, Qld.

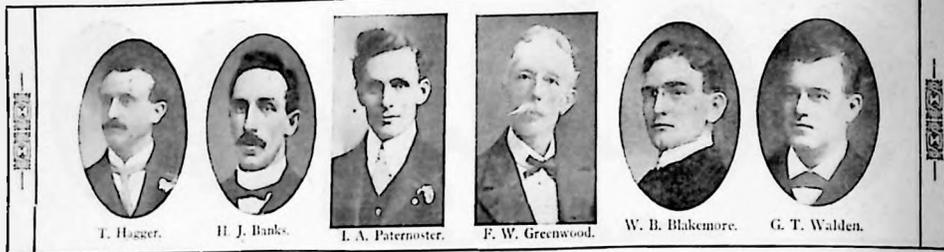
Justified Its Existence.

I send heartiest congratulations to the Austral Publishing Company on the attainment of its majority. I consider that the Company has not only justified its existence, but has been of incalculable value to the brotherhood. I believe the Austral Company will play a great part in the future development and extension of the Churches of Christ throughout Australasia. The past work has been but a foundation on which will be built a beautiful temple that will redound to the glory of God and the salvation of men. The "Australian Christian" is a paper of which we are all proud. Its articles are Scriptural, logical and practical. The paper has the true ring, and is fearless in the denunciation of sin. There is no quaver in its affirmations, and no mist about its declarations. Long may the "Christian" continue to herald the gospel in its pristine purity, and to plead for a complete restoration of primitive Christianity in its doctrines, its ordinances, and its fruits.—F. W. Greenwood, Auckland, N.Z.

Silent Forces.

Seeing our Austral Publishing Company has just attained to its 21st birthday, as President of the Churches of Christ in this State I would like to take this opportunity of tendering my hearty congratulations, and at the same time pay my tribute of appreciation for the splendid service it has rendered to the brotherhood with which it is identified. The facilities with which it has enriched our work; the avenues it has opened up for us for the promulgation of those truths we hold dear, enlarging our powers of expression, bringing within the influence of our message those who were beyond the range of our voice, makes it worthy of our highest appreciation. Indeed, it has proved to be a centre of religious activity from which has been radiating an influence which has conspicuously conduced to that growth and prosperity that has distinguished the Church of Christ in Australia. Moreover, if there is one work in particular, in the discharge of which the Austral Publishing Company have placed the brotherhood under a great debt of gratitude, surely it is furnished in the production of our excellent

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church paper, the "Christian." To my mind this silent messenger has proved to be one of the most effective means in placing the position and plea of the Church of Christ before the people of this country. Like the forces of nature, with an unflinching regularity, silently, and unobtrusively, it has gone forth on its weekly errand as the herald of a divine economy, persistently pleading for a restoration of apostolic faith and practice. Its intellectual and instructive articles, dealing with subjects pertinent to our plea, coupled with its interesting reports recording the triumphs of the work in the various fields of labor, makes it an ever welcome guest into the homes of the brotherhood. Both for our publishing house and paper I would pray for an ever widening sphere of usefulness, that they will receive from our churches that support of which they are worthy, and thus enable them to make their presence and power felt to a far greater extent in our land, in the interest of a reign of righteousness.—W. Morrow, N.A.

More Expansion.

Hallelujah! The Austral Publishing Company has been able to render service to the brotherhood for 21 years. May it continue so to do. The great value of its facilities for printing and publishing has been proved by its productions. By the "Christian" all the Colonial brethren are brought into touch together, the editorial reviews, earnest and able, the able articles and selections collated, the reports of successful effort, encourage, the Sword of the Spirit is used skillfully in attacking error and in repelling attack. An experience of more than 50 years' reading of our English and American magazines, including also the *Australian Pioneer* and *Australian Christian Witness*, justifies this eulogy. Yet there should be expansion and greater efforts to increase the circulation and it is known and read by all. At our Eastern Conference I advocated this, and also a greater use of our literature, citing the Plymouth Brethren's books and book-rooms as an example.—Edwin Carr, N.Z.

Home and Foreign Missions.

Hearty congratulations to the Austral and its colleague, the "Christian," on their coming of age. The Austral has done magnificent work in its publications—tracts, books of sermons, biography, our Centennial volume, the Jubilee History, have all made us proud of our own publishing house. The "Christian" has been the highest

type of sane and helpful journalism. Its spirit has been splendid, and its manifest ambition was to advance the kingdom of Christ. No effort was too great, no expenditure too heavy, if the cause of Christ thereby succeeded. Our Home and Foreign Missions and Bible College prosperity has been in no small measure due to the splendid advocacy of the "Christian." No religious paper in all the world has excelled the illustrated special issues of the "Christian." The names of A. B. Mason and F. G. Dunn, its talented and consecrated editors, are cherished in the hearts of the Australian brotherhood. Long may the Austral and "Christian" live and flourish, for on the branches of their prosperity will hang the fruit of progress and triumph of the cause of primitive Christianity in Australia!—Geo. T. Walden, Cattery, S.A.

An Incentive.

It is a privilege for me to join in congratulating the Austral Publishing Company on the attainment of its majority. Our publishing house has demonstrated to us that it is an essential part of the work of a great progressive brotherhood. We must have the printed as well as the spoken message, and the Austral Publishing Company has faithfully and consistently co-operated in every way to send out the message of salvation into every part of our Commonwealth, as well as to the regions beyond the seas. What has been done so well should be only an incentive to us to continue publishing and propagating the tracts and books that speak the glad tidings of love. We have scarcely realized even yet the power of the printed page. It should be a fitting time to enlarge the circulation and extend the influence of our Australian paper, the "Christian." We would do well to be as energetic as the Mormons, Seventh Day Adventists and Russellites in sending out our distinctive literature. We write in congratulations to Bro. Dunn and his board and staff, and wish them all many happy years still faithfully striving to Jesus Christ and to the brotherhood.—Jas. E. Thomas, Adelaide, S.A.

An Important Factor.

I congratulate the Austral on the attainment of its 21st anniversary. To rightly appreciate the value of the Austral one has but to imagine, if he can, the brotherhood without it. It certainly has been an important factor in all our aggressive work. It has enabled us to issue that splendid paper, the "Christian," which is eagerly read in

all parts of Australasia. I wish the Austral much success in the coming days, and trust that the profits of recent years will be much increased, and used in the building up of an institution that will meet every demand of a growing brotherhood.—D. M. Wilson, Perth, W.A.

Printed Proaching.

It is a great pleasure to greet the Austral Publishing Company on the occasion of its 21st birthday. The value of the printed proaching that has come from the presses of the Austral Publishing Company during these years is incalculable. Having been privileged to use some of it in conjunction with my own work, I can bear testimony to more than one who have been led to see the will of the Lord more plainly through its influence. Though these will be unknown by name to the founders and shareholders, their stars will add lustre to crowns by and-by. Young men unable to go to College to prepare for the work of an evangelist have been helped on their way by this ministry; and many more are rendering a more efficient service in their local congregations because they have been able to sit at the feet of the teachers who have spoken through this press. It has always been a pleasure to commend the "Christian," and Austral publications, to people, because they stand four square to the Book, and do not need to cut out any portion in order to present a full gospel and a real Christ. May each year bring fuller and greater service.—Fred T. Saunders, N.S.W.

A Big Subject.

The Austral Publishing Company! That's a big subject, Bro. Editor. It is very difficult to confine one's self to a "post-card" appreciation of such an important factor in the strengthening of our Zion and in the progress of the Lord's kingdom. One wonders what we would have been without this—I almost wrote—*essential* institution. May we never be without it! For 21 years it has been the servant of God and of the brotherhood. Scattered illustrations of rich fruition from seed sown by the Austral may be given at this time, but, if we possess ourselves in patience till God's records are made known, we shall doubtless be surprised and thrilled to learn how very much has really been accomplished through our important publishing house. The "Christian" has a great mission, and is faithfully fulfilling it. Keep on, Bro. Editor, bearing witness to the truth, and attacking the strongholds of error. In your great

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H. Grinstead.



H. G. Harward.



T. J. Gore.



J. I. Wright.



H. Kingsbury.



T. Bagley.

wariare "the pen is mightier than the sword," and God is for you. May the Austral continue to be a mighty power for good and for God till Jesus comes.—H. Kingsbury, Vic.

A Distinct Boon.

I am glad to bear testimony to the "boon" the Austral Company has been to our brotherhood in Australia. It has contributed in a most marked degree to our "forward movement." The publication and distribution of our own distinctive literature has been of incalculable benefit to the cause of New Testament Christianity in our fair land. As the book depot of the churches, it has conferred lasting blessings upon our evangelists and teachers. We have been able to supplement our evangelistic efforts by suitable books, magazines, tracts, and other works of special value. Its close association with our paper, the "Australian Christian," has been beneficial to the paper. We do well to rejoice together over the blessings of the past 21 years. I heartily congratulate the directors of the Company and the editor of the paper upon their present influence, and wish both the Company and paper continued prosperity and ever-increasing power.—A. E. Blinworth, Pt. more, N.S.W.

In Every Home.

Sincerest and heartiest Christian greetings on the 21st birthday of the Austral Publishing Company. I have read many church papers, but have never perused one equal to the "Australian Christian." No home of a member of the Church of Christ should be without it. Bro. Main's articles on the Bible School lessons are worthy of the highest commendation, and are of great value to its teachers. My report on the Austral was one of the many pleasures I had during my visit to Melbourne. I was surprised at the up-to-date-ness of the plant and machinery. Bro. Dunn and his staff work with one object in view, viz., to make the "Christian" the best religious paper, and they have succeeded. May God bless and make the "Christian" a power in Australia in my wish.—T. E. Rife, Wollongong, N.S.W.

A Globe-trotter's Opinion.

"Australian Christian?" Well, I asked to give the synonym for the above I would write—"Australia for Christ." This is the object seen as column after column was perused. Here we find the life of the young Christian built up in the Bible

column. The mature Christian in the biblical discourses. The "man in the street" widely informed of religious and moral matters in the columns. The brotherhood in the church reports. In the Here and There column all get at a glance the pulse of our progress as a people. The great commission rings out clear in the I.M. page. The spirit of the paper is greater than its name.

A United Brotherhood.

The "Australian Christian" as we have read and seen it has invariably taken a broad and liberal view of all the great questions of the day, ever avoiding any petty or biased display of feeling. Its opinions are those of the statesman, not the provincial. It stands for a united brotherhood on the deep, broad principles of the apostles' teaching. It will not allow side issues to obscure the plea for the union of God's people on the Bible alone. It is a mirror of the life of the churches in Australasia, and incidentally of the individual Christian. No disciple can be true to himself and the church and fail to support this great paper.—R. C. Edwards, Vic.

Stands for Truth.

Twenty one years! It seems but yesterday that the Austral was called into existence, but the years have rolled away, and for more than two decades our publishing house has carried on the work the value of which cannot be accurately estimated; of its worth to the kingdom of Jesus Christ and the brotherhood we cannot speak too lightly. It has "made good" in a way that its first most sanguine supporters little dreamed of, and to-day, as it comes of age, we extend our heartiest congratulations on its past success, and best wishes for its future work. In this age, when the power of the printing press is at its zenith, yet when so much literature of a base and lowering nature is being printed and circulated, we are proud of our own printing house, which stands for the production of all that will lift humanity on to a higher plane, that is dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ, and the enlightenment of our growing brotherhood. We appreciate the Austral because of its publications which stand for truth and righteousness; because it has attained a means of a more extensive distribution of our distinctive literature; because of its intensely federal spirit and influence which has radiated to the furthest borders of our Commonwealth and the Dominion of New Zealand. And what shall we say of the "Christian"? Mere words will hardly

express our appreciation of the value of our federal paper to the churches, more particularly to those in distant States and to our isolated brethren. It is a much-loved publication, and has gained a place in our hearts and homes, where it is constantly increasing its power and usefulness. That it may be so throughout the ranks of its thousands of readers is our earnest prayer and desire.—Leonard Cole, Brisbane, QM.

A Printer's View.

To command success a church paper must have three virtues: 1. Good mechanical "get up"; 2. Interesting church news; 3. Literary taste in special articles. These features are strongly marked in the "Australian Christian." As a subscriber to a number of church papers of all sorts, I have no hesitation in saying that our paper can hold its own with the best. Most religious papers fail on the mechanical side. Here the "Australian Christian" shines. Its size, type, "make-up," and quality of paper, as well as printing, leave little to be desired. Its church news and Here and There column are always interesting and bright. Every home associated with a Church of Christ should have one subscriber at least. What the secular press is to the ordinary man, the church paper should be to the church member. The keenness that is manifested concerning the events of daily life should also have a place in the record of the progress of the kingdom of Jesus Christ as set forth in the church paper.—J. W. Baker, North Fremantle, Vic.

Spirited Enterprise.

As one of the first subscribers and constant readers of the "Australian Christian," I am glad of the opportunity of congratulating the Austral Publishing Company on the attainment of its 21st anniversary, and in voicing my appreciation of its valuable services to the brotherhood in Australasia. The Austral Company have shown spirited enterprise and business acumen in the production of a first-class periodical, while the editor of the "Christian" is worthy of high commendation for the splendid editorials and uncompromising advocacy of the plea for the faith once delivered to the saints. The general news, concerning Home and Foreign Missions, are stimulating and interesting, while the articles by Bro. Main, "In the realm of the Bible School," are inestimable as a means of instruction in the word of God. Then in lighter vein the news of the churches keep us in touch with the doings of individual



[Correspondents are requested to condense their reports as much as possible.]

West Australia.

PERTH—At a special business meeting on April 6 we unanimously carried a recommendation by the deacons that Bro. Blakemore be engaged for another five years, commencing May, 1914. We have been enjoying some good addresses and large gatherings during the visit of J. E. Thomas, of Adelaide. He spoke at both services on April 20, and at the close of a powerful address upon "An Unanswered Question" we heard Christ's name confessed before many witnesses. The following night we gave our visitor an enthusiastic send-off, a large gathering from the metropolitan churches being present. The chair was taken by the Conference President, H. J. Banks, who in a few words thanked Bro. Thomas for his visit to us, on behalf of the churches in the State. D. M. Wilson spoke for the Lake-st. church, H. Wright for the Men's Class, and R. W. Ewers had a word of appreciation from the young people of the church. Bro. Thomas replied, showing where some of our methods differed from those used in S.A. H. Wright and Miss Wright contributed musical items.—W.A.

New Zealand.

NELSON—Lord's day, April 20, a very well attended worship meeting. Visitors; Sisters Price and Bird, from Richmond; Bro. Jas. Hay also met with us. Bro. Verco spoke on Rom. 8: a last portion, giving a very good exhortation. A circular letter received from Bro. Ingils Wright, Dunedin, our Foreign Mission Secretary for the Dominion, giving the latest report regarding our missionaries in South Africa, was read to the church.—E.M.J., April 22.

OAMARU—We were indebted to Bro. Cunningham for preaching on April 6. Bro. Gobble, of Christchurch, kindly helped us on April 13. These dates were assigned to Bro. Mathison, who, however, was unavoidably delayed all the week. A public tea and welcome home meeting were tendered Bro. and Sister Mathison last Thursday, at which there were splendid interest and attendance. Bro. Gobble, Christchurch, presided, and welcomed our brother and his wife. Other speeches of welcome were given by P. D. McCullum, Tabernacle, and J. D. Mall, Baptist. Bro. Mathison responded in an interesting address, in which he expressed his joy at being back home. Last Lord's day there were large gatherings morning and evening, and fine falling.—K., April 23.

CHRISTCHURCH—Last Lord's day morning Bro. Gobble gave an inspiring address from Rom. 12: 1, 2, while in the evening L. D. Verco spoke to a full chapel at a "Welcome Home Feast." At the close a married woman made her decision to follow her Lord more closely. Tuesday evening, at a well attended meeting of the Endeavor Society, Bro. Gobble gave an address on "The Principles of Our Movement." This week the physical culture classes, which were of great benefit to the Bible Classes last winter season, recommenced. Wednesday night a social was given by the sisters as part of a month's rally of the church. At this meeting, which was well attended, a very good response was given to a call for further offerings towards the new building, which is already well on its way. At the close of this meeting, two more, husband and wife, decided to follow Christ.—P.S.N., April 20.

SOUTH WELLINGTON—With a view of rendering some Bible assistance to the famine-stricken natives of Southern Rhodesia, a collection was taken up last Lord's day evening, which amounted to £310/6, after which S. H. Mudge gave a stirring address to a fairly large gathering, and at the conclusion to a young people (a man and a woman) confessed their faith in Christ. We sincerely trust to intimate that our evangelist, S. H. Mudge, acting upon medical advice, has found it necessary to tender his resignation, which was respectfully accepted. Bro. Mudge is an earnest, faithful and able preacher, and his labors have been accompanied with great success. His services here terminate at the end of May, when it is his intention to return to Victoria to have a few months' quietude prior to his seeking employment there.—Alfred Laine, April 22.

South Australia.

UNLEY—On Tuesday last two weddings were celebrated with Bro. Walden officiating. In the afternoon Miss Linda Manning was married to Mr. Herbert A. Schaefer, when Bro. Gore assisted, and in the evening Miss Lonic Uncle was married to Mr. W. H. Stevens. The chapel was beautifully decorated by the brides' friends. The four young people are all members of the church. Bro. Walden, morning, and two were received into membership, our aged Sister Mrs. Mason, by letter from North Adelaide, and a young lady, who was recently immersed. In the afternoon Mr. Walden gave an address on "The Ten Commandments of a 'Pie-baller,'" before the Men's Society and the members of the recently formed Football Club. Good meetings all day.—P.S.M., May 4.

SEMIAMPIORE—Splendid meetings to-day. Sister E. Smith received by letter from Bordertown. Our collection for aid in Children's Hospital amounted to £27/6.—W.

BORDERTOWN—The meetings are at times so large as might be an account of meetings at Mundulla, but at this time of the year we are reminded that "there is that south-west and increase yet more." Meetings at both places keep good. On March 23 three gospel meetings were held, plus, as well as four other services during the day. On March 30, our much loved and aged Sister Mrs. Scown passed away to her home in Mundulla, at the following Wednesday at Bordertown. She possessed a beautiful character and Christ-like spirit. We intend holding gospel meetings at Mundulla each Sunday night in May, instead of alternate Sundays. End-of-year meetings improving. Attendance has reached as high as 30. Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Verco, of Endeavor church, Verco, April 27.

HINDMARSH—May 4 was Bible School Day, 11 a.m., H. D. Smith gave a splendid address, taking for his illustration a New South Wales postage stamp. A collection taken up for our own Bible School needs amounted to £81/0/6, and the ordinary collection, 46. We were pleased to have with us Bro. and Sister Couch, junr., from Duncester. At 2.30 the body of the chapel building was occupied by the kindergarten, who gave a demonstration. The kindergarten supt., Miss Duncan, acknowledged the valuable assistance that the members of the church had rendered in furnishing a piano and other requisites for the day. A collection taken up in aid of the Churches of Christ Cot at the Children's Hospital resulted in £6/8/-, of which 5/9 was from

the little kinders. G. B. H. D. Smith and G. Duncan gave short addresses suitable for the occasion. The choir rendered an anthem, and Miss W. Dring sang a solo. T. H. Brooker, organist, of the Bible School, presided over the afternoon and evening services. There was a large attendance at all the services.—J. W. Sank.

UNGARRA—The services to-day were of special interest. In the early part of the morning quite a number of members and friends assembled on the banks of the creek, when the services were given by Bro. and Sister D. A. Ewers, who gave an address on "Christian Baptism." At the close one young man confessed his faith in Christ, and with the two sisters who had recently confessed their faith in Christ was immersed. At the service for the breaking of bread we had a record attendance, when the three received the right hand of fellowship. We were pleased to have with us at this service visitors from Kollara and Butler.—Roy Raymond, April 27.

WAMPOONY—The Sunday School anniversary was held on April 23, and the services were exceptionally well attended, the building being more than usually accommodated the many friends. The school was rendered very interesting by the efforts being very good. Sister A. Hunt presided at the organ. The circuit evangelist delivered suitable addresses. On April 12 Miss E. Cross and Mr. H. H. Carter were united in matrimony. The writer, assisted by Bro. Black, of Strathgibbon, officiated. The annual picnic in connection with the Sunday School was held on April 26 and proved a very happy and sociable event. The young folks were kept busy with a good programme of outdoor events, and the sisters of the church applied an abundance of good food.—E.E., May 3.

NORWOOD—At our half-yearly business meeting, which was held last Wednesday night, we decided to increase the number of our classes and erect a school room and class rooms at a cost of about £150. To-day was observed as Young People's Day. Bro. Dickson spoke this morning, when we had a splendid attendance. This afternoon Mr. R. J. Lavis, chairman of S.A. Baptist Union, Sunday School Dept., gave a most interesting and instructive address by the primary and kindergarten departments, under Miss Hilda Jenner, were much enjoyed. A collection was taken up in aid of the Church of Christ Cot at the Children's Hospital, and reached £47/5/-. Bro. Dickson was to have given a special address to the young people to-night, but on account of an attack of influenza was obliged to remain at home. G. H. Jenner, however, at very short notice, took the meeting, and gave a good address to a large congregation.—S.P.W., May 4.

NORTH ADELAIDE—Lord's day, May 4, being the day specially devoted to children, Bro. Day gave an address to the Sunday School scholars on "Our Guide, the Bible," and a collection was taken up for the Cot in the Children's Hospital, supported by the Churches of Christ Sunday Schools, which totalled £17/-. At the evening service a young woman from Bro. Day's Bible Class responded to the gospel invitation.—V.B.T., May 5.

MOONTA—W. Morrow, from Port Pirie, was with us all day, and gave a fine exhortation on "Love." Two sister visitors were there, Miss Tomlin, from Balaklava, and Miss Downs, from North Adelaide, was received into fellowship. A splendid attendance at evening service.—C. W. MacGregor, May 4.

QUEENSTOWN—The church celebrated its 45th anniversary on Sunday, April 27. At the morning for worship Bro. and Sister gave a most helpful and practical exhortation on "Does Job Serve God for Nought?" D. A. Ewers in the afternoon addressed those present, taking as his theme, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth." An enjoyable and profitable time was spent. Bro. Brooker preached in the evening. At all the meetings the services were of a high order, and assisted considerably in making our celebration a success. The services were continued on Tuesday evening, starting with a tea, after which a public meeting was held. Bro. Charlack was in the chair. We were pleased to have with us the chairman, D. A. Ewers, H. D. Smith, W.

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In the Realm of the Bible School.

JOSEPH AND BENJAMIN.

Sunday School Lesson for May 25.
Genesis 43 (Text, vv. 18-34).

A. R. Main, M.A.

Our present lesson gives another stage in the testing of the sinful brethren.



A. R. Main, M.A.

The corn which was brought from Egypt to Jacob's home became exhausted. Jacob bade the brethren go and buy more. They reminded him that the only condition on which they could get bread was that Benjamin should go with them. To Jacob's consternation, they represented the same and words already studied. Judah added a special plea and promised to

be surety for Benjamin's safety. The famine was sore, and Jacob's pasture give in. To propitiate "the man," a present of bullock, honey, spiced figs, nuts and almonds was prepared for Joseph, and the brethren took double money, to buy the corn and to pay back that which had been found in their sacks on the former occasion.

When they came to Egypt, Joseph invited them to dinner in his palace. The brethren feared, but were well received. Simeon, who had remained in Egypt as a hostage, was brought out to them and sat at meat with them. Joseph could not refrain from weeping when he saw them and recognized Benjamin.

Difficult points explained.

Take us for bondsmen (v. 18).—According to the law in Ex. 22:3 the thief who could not make restitution was to be sold as a slave. "How natural it all is! The fear of these brethren, as they were brought into Joseph's house, lest the palace prove a court of accusation and, as in Venice, with a passage-way across a 'bridge of sighs' to a prison, their timid confession to the steward that they might, if possible, win him over to their side—all as natural!" (*Parsons*).

Your God hath given you treasure (v. 23).—It is fairly generally believed that the steward gave this answer by Joseph's direction. He seems to profess ignorance of any return of the money; he had been paid, and if any were found in the sacks, then there must have been providential intervention.

Washed their feet (v. 24).—We have repeated mention of footwashing in the Bible. Jesus gave the great example of humility and kindly love in this act (John 13). Sandals were worn, which were removed on entering a house. Washing was therefore almost a necessity, as well as a most refreshing experience.

His mother's son (v. 28).—Benjamin alone was full brother to Joseph. The others were sons of Leah or of Jacob's handmaids.

For them by themselves (v. 32).—Dunmelow gives the following note on Egyptian customs, in-

tended to explain this text:—"The distinctions observed here were due to the existence of various castes among the Egyptians. As with the Hindoos, it was unheard of for a man of one caste to eat from the vessels used by another."

That is an abomination (v. 32).—This is given in the text as a reason for the Egyptians not eating with Hebrews. Herodotus tells us that the Egyptians would not use the knife or cooking utensils of a Greek, because it might have been employed in preparing food from the flesh of a cow, which was sacred to Isis.

Of course we must notice that it was a great honor for any Hebrew to be admitted to Joseph's house and table.

The first-born...the youngest (v. 33).—The brethren were amazed to find that they were arranged at table in the exact order of their ages.

Sent messes (v. 31).—The mess would simply be a dish of meat. The sending of it from Joseph's table would be a mark of high honor and favor (see 2 Sam. 11:8).

Benjamin's mess (v. 34).—Benjamin received five times as much as did any of the others. Taylor has this interesting comment, showing the double purpose in this: "That was a mark of his preference, almost as great as his father had shown him in giving him the coat of many colors; and we may be sure that if they had been envious of Benjamin they would have revealed it by their remarks upon his procedure." It is good to find that they stood this test, as they did the greater yet to be administered.

Emotion.

Our present study reveals at several points the strong emotions of men. In our country, at the present day, we are apt to despise a man who weeps. It has to be admitted that some tears are not things to admire, and that there is an emotion which is unlovely and unifying. The Bible, however, gives its rightful place to emotion. Joseph could not restrain himself. Of a greater than Joseph these words are written: "Jesus wept."

Tarbell gives two striking paragraphs on this subject. The *Youth's Companion* is quoted as follows: "Curious, indeed, is the suspicion many persons seem to entertain of the things that appeal to their emotions. They may show an admirable hospitality to knowledge, and devote themselves unreservedly to study, in order to develop their minds. Towards the physical side of life they maintain a similar attitude, and by using care in the matter of diet and exercise, do everything possible to make their bodies strong and to keep them healthy. Their emotions, on the other hand, they seem willing to leave entirely unmediated or to trust them to such chance trading as comes from the ordinary intercourse of life. The position is strangely inconsistent. Even those who assume it never carry it to its logical conclusion. If they did they would stifle do. They listen with pleasure to a brass band because it stirs their military ardor or rouses their pride of patriotism. They enjoy the excitement of a football game because it awakens their col-

lege feeling or fires their love of combat. Why, then, should they feel ashamed when they shed a tear over Little Nell or Philip Nolan? Are the ordinary emotions to be trusted and the higher and finer ones repressed? That, obviously, would be absurd. The contrary is true. The nobler the feeling, the more need there is that it have full play, and that it be cultivated, not by chance, but consciously and steadily. There is a crumpling of the human as there is of the Divine, and to neglect one person of it is to condemn ourselves to needless incompleteness. Even if the church service appeals only to your emotions, do not therefore remain away, but go and give play to the emotions. If you cannot read the 'Christmas Carol' without crying, read it all the oftener, and cry harder, and take no shame to yourself for your tears. They water seeds meant to flower in glory and adorn your life. 'As he thinketh in his heart, so is he,' said Solomon. Not in his head, but in his heart—the immemorial nature of speech for the emotions."

Jos. H. Odell, in *The Outlook*, declares that re-orientalised Christianity will be an Oriental Christianity. Christianity is an Oriental religion domiciled in the Occident. Most of us know it only as it is expressed through the mind and temperament and intuitions of the West. What will happen when this Eastern faith goes back to the East? To grasp the idea of a Christendom variegated with oriental colors, to be related with oriental philosophies, and articulate in oriental customs, needs an expansion of vision. Our Christianity is just as much of the original religion as could express itself through Greek, Roman, Teutonic, Celtic, and Anglo-Saxon modes of thought and life. It is presumptuous to think that these exhaust the full content of the rich Christian faith. When we get over the conceit that our creeds and organizations are final and to be imposed upon races essentially different from ours, and by the oriental mind go to the oriental Bible and apply the oriental Christian religion in its own oriental way, we shall see that Christianity is an infinitely richer and more wonderful faith than we have ever imagined. The personality of the Eastern races is more varied, flexible, and profound than that of the West. For instance, the capacity for passionate devotion, for uncalculating obedience, for suffering, of the typical Moslem races is unlimited. If Christianity should get possession of their resistant qualities it would take on a vitality never before known. Carry the same thought to the races of the Middle East who have developed such marvellous faculties of meditation and speculation. If Christianity should be interpreted by them, it would take on an intellectual and an emotional aspect that must make our plegmatic Western faith seem like dry skin and bones.

The best ground untilled sooner: runs out rank weeds. Such are God's children, overgrown with security are they aware, unless they be well cultivated, both with God's plough of affliction and their own industry of meditation.—Hall.

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Baptisms at Diksal.

None of the plague has appeared on our compound, for which we praise God. Everything is looking parched and dry now, and there is very little feed for the cattle in this district; many of the runs have either lost or sold most of their stock, so what they will do for next season is a question to be considered by Government. The wells are mostly all dried up.



T. B. Fletcher.

We began the year well with our school, but owing to plague breaking out among the people most of the scholars have left for a time until the plague subsides. It will be about 20 or 30 days before we are at full work again. We do not think it will be any longer than this. At present we are closing the school for a week or ten days, and devoting our time to visiting villages that are free from plague, and preaching the gospel in those places. The schoolmaster is a very earnest fellow, and with a little more will make an acceptable teacher. It is time to see him sitting down on the wayside with the poor Hindoos and telling him of Jesus Christ the Saviour.

Our bookkeeper also is anxious that the people should hear the gospel, so between us all there are few people who come on to our compound who do not have a word in Sanskrit to them. In fact many of the Christian visitors can tell us a good deal about the gospel they have heard there from time to time. We have preached the gospel daily to the patients who have attended our dispensary. They have listened well to the grand old story. All our Christians are witnessing for Jesus publicly. We have a general muster on festival days—our schoolmaster, bookkeeper and teacher, and the newly converted lads who were baptized at Christmas week.

We have a nice lot of people listening to the gospel in the weekly bazaar. I believe this testimony will bear fruit to the conversion of some poor souls. We are greatly encouraged with the thought that you, dear brethren, are upholding us before the throne of grace.

Re the Sale of Scriptures. This month has been a very busy one with our new man Samuel, for he has given us an opportunity of getting the written word amongst the people. We were able to circulate by sales 35 portions of Scriptures, and gave 1000 numbers of tracts.

Our last Sunday School was shorted this month with only 125. Mrs. Watson has taken up the supply of the work. We are hoping to get 200 or 300 more school children to attend this year. We would like your prayers for us in this regard. Our dispensary is still busy every morning. The old way of bleeding the means used to cure

many sufferers, and these people believe it is the power of Jesus behind the medicines that is bringing about the great relief. This is a grand lesson to open the hearts of the people, and they become sympathetic listeners to the gospel every day, and are impressed with its truth and wisdom. We had 50 patients, and gave out 424 treatments during January. We are looking forward to a good number of people attending the dispensary; the advertisers have gone far and wide for miles around telling the people of the Christians' motto



Our Photo Gallery.



Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Waters.

The latest additions to our permanent staff on Old Swan's Seas, are introduced as above. They have come forth, but we are leaving the report until July 1st offering be an evidence of God's love every one ask themselves that question

and how they themselves have been cured. The Lord truly has answered prayers. 2/2/13.

Letter News—We are all keeping well here. The plague is abating, and the people are coming back to their homes again, so we expect to be working up to full pressure again soon. You will be pleased to know of two more conversions from heathenism to Christ. We will baptize them next week. I believe there are many more, but fear of the people keeps them back.—H. Watson, Diksal, India, Feb. 27, 1913.

"A defective Christian stewardship stands idle in the way of Christ's advance, then all the slaves of the heathen world."

"The course of your life and of my life is its bitterness."
Lord, give us a wider vision, and let July 6 be big with gifts to thee.

Address communication to T. B. FISCHER, Chatterville road, Cheltenham, Victoria. Phone, Cheltenham, 132.

Listening to the Gospel.

Will you pray for a Marathi lad, an elderly woman? When she is listening to us she invariably weeps. She told us we always cause her to remember her son who died some time ago. One cannot think why this should be, unless she remembers how he, too, used to listen to the gospel. We silently look up, for our words may be such as will make her think of the Son of Man, the only Saviour of this universe. Another day 18 Marathi women listened to the story, and at a Brahmin house a Brahmin girl sang a hymn similar to one of our Christian hymns, only they had about bringing offerings of sweets, etc. They said, "Just as you have songs about your Lord Jesus Christ, so we have songs, many songs, about our gods." Some Mohammedan women have become so friendly, and each time I visit them they beg me to have some tea to drink. One woman said, "If I listen to you, will I have to leave my home and my children and come and live with your people and learn about your Jesus?" My husband will lead me if he knows I listen about your God." Some high caste people listened attentively, then asked questions, and talked of our wonderful story of redemption. Plague has ceased, and the people are returning to their homes, but there are millions of people who are living in a state of life that is life in the place! —R. Tilley, Baranati, India.

An American missionary states that ninety per cent. of the members of the National Assembly of China have received a Western education, including the premier, fifteen out of eighteen of his cabinet officers and assistants, and seventy-five per cent. of the secretaries in the various departments. Many of these were trained in mission schools. Nearly one-quarter of the Assembly, and among them the speaker and vice-speaker, are Christians. The latter, who, like the minister of justice, is a pastor's son, was formerly a Y.M.C.A. student secretary.

LARGER PLANS.

The friends and churches have encouraged the Foreign Missionary Committees to plan larger things for 1913. Already the plans for the new year have been fixed, and in most cases they are in advance of any previous year.

"Enlarge-ment" should be written over all our plans. And a more prominent place should be given to prayer. It would be well to hold meetings for no other purpose than to pray for the world's evangelization.

Please begin now to pray and work for the July offering.

Watch for Next Week's Jotting.

From the Field—continued.

J. Taylor, H. K. Taylor, J. E. Paterson, et al. of whom we give us bright and cheerful addresses, and encouragement for the coming year. The sisters deserve the thanks of the church for the very capable manner in which the tea was carried out—A.C. May 3.

MAYLANDS—To-day we start a further journey to H.M.C. Special Bible School services to-day, this morning the Sunday School Union President, H. R. Taylor, spoke on "The Bible School as an Investment" and this evening, "The Boy with the Lunch Basket." Two scholars (Miss White) sang "You Must do Something with Jesus." Offering for Children's C.A. £2.68. We are praying for a score of young people at leaving the school and services—H.A. May 4.

STIRLING EAST & ALDGAITE VALLEY—Avalanche good at all meetings yesterday. Bro. Ashford addressed the church at Stirling. Yesterday the brethren at Mylor met for the first time in the Institute Hall to break bread; twelve present, Bro. Emms being one of the number. An attempt is to be made at once to establish a Bible School. Inclusion is exclusively in the hand of Hope meeting held for next time in Stirling. Friday night, very fair attendance. Mr. James, Stirling East schoolmaster, addressed the meeting. The Valley brethren supported us. Lydia, Bro. Penhall and wife have been harassed during the week. We sympathize with them in their loss.—T.

WALKEVILLE—Sunday, May 4, morning meeting fairly well attended. A. More presiding, G. D. Wright exhorting. We had a very bright time on Sunday School Day, and being our Sunday School anniversary, it fitted in splendidly. At the afternoon service Geo. Wilson presided, and Bro. Dako conducted the service, based on "Building the Bridge." We had Bro. Britton to conduct the singing, and a number of friends from Norwood to help. We are also very grateful to have Sister Weger, organist, restored to us again after several weeks' affliction. The service of song will be repeated on Thursday evening. This evening's service was another fine lesson to the children by Geo. Wilson, scales and weights being used to show God's standard required of us, comparing dirt, gambling, smoking, and various down-grade habits, showing that Christ alone can be the example and Saviour. A real good attendance. Evidently singing. A very pleasant, happy time all day.—J.H.T.

GRAY ST.—Last Monday evening at the Band of Hope meeting Bro. Thomas, on behalf of the young people of the church, presented Bro. Blakmore, prior to his departure back to W.A., with a hand bag and also a set of carvers for Sister Blakmore. He left by the mail boat on Friday. A testimonial letter was sent to him by the church in recognition of his labors with us during his visit. The anniversary tea meeting was held on Wednesday, a large number of scholars and adults being present. After tea, an entertainment and distribution of prizes took place. The various names were given in the following order: Miss Manning, of the K.S.P. B. G. C. Mrs. Manning, donor in the past, and hoped for the good work done and co-operation of the church in the future. Bro. Thomas, on behalf of the Sunday School and teachers, presented Sister Miss Bed- ford in recognition of her work. She has 42 known as the "poor people's friend." E. K. Manning also spoke appreciatively of the good work done by Sister Bellmore. The secretary, Bro. Barnas, gave his report for the year, 49 officers and teachers and 1,282 scholars on the roll, 93 in charge attendance. Teachers, 48; scholars, 279. The sum of £5 had been collected to the end of November in the Bethday Missionary Box, and forwarded to Miss Tonkin in Shanghai. £2 was for Foreign Missions. Day for Christmas seven sets of toys and £2/2 were given for the black children at the Point McLeay Mission station. A Christmas tree was provided for the kindergarten.

ners, and each presented with a toy. £2/8- was donated and collected to help maintain the Church of Christ Sunday School Union Cot in the Children's Hospital. The junior grade of the school was re-organized and brought up to date. During the year 34 scholars confessed Christ. Today our anniversary services were continued. This morning Dr. and Sister Clement Verwo of Emmore, were present with us around the table. Dr. Verwo presided, and Bro. Thomas exhorted. The demonstration was given by the kindergarten, under the able leadership of Sister Miss Gully. The demonstration was an education in itself, Sister Gully having wonderful control over the children in a crowded church. The exercises were very interesting. After the meeting Bro. Manning presented Miss Gully with a gold brooch as a token of the love and esteem of the primary and kindergarten teachers. This evening Bro. Thomas preached to a large congregation.—T.M.G.

PROSPECT—Special services held yesterday were well attended. They were arranged in connection with the Hospital Cot Sunday, and an offering amounting to £2/5/6 was taken in the afternoon. Special singing was given by the children. Bro. McDermont was the conductor. Soloists were Miss Mellicham, Miss Millington, Miss Weeks, and Mr. McDermont, while Miss Millington, Miss McDermont, Mr. Williams and Mr. McDermont sang a quartette. A large platform was made and erected by the young men of the K.S.P. for the service; there were over 110 children in the afternoon. Leslie Thomas, our faithful organist, was in charge of the organ. We thank all who helped make the service a success.—I.A.P.

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ENMORE—The right hand of fellowship was extended to three this morning, one being Sister Mrs. Bray, by letter from Lygon-st. Mr. McEwen, of Swanston-st., was present. We had the pleasure of hearing two make the good confession of Christ.—J. Hibler.

MARRICKVILLE—Work on the upgrade in all departments. Electric light to be installed immediately. Bible School to hold in four months. Our congregation has a great asset in the wealth of young people. Tennis club formed, and starting business in two weeks. We receive a splendid hearing at our gospel services.—C.C.S.R., May 5.

SOUTH SYDNEY—On April 20 we were pleased to see largely increased attendances at all the meetings, it being Bro. Saunders' last Sunday with us. His addresses at the morning and gospel services were of a high order, and greatly appreciated. We were pleased to have with us Bro. and Sister Gale, from Castlemaine, Vic. Bro. Gale has come to us under arrangement with the Bible School's Committee for the purpose of engaging in organizing work for our school. On Sunday last we had the privilege of having him address us on the need of better and more suitable material in connection with the Bible School, and of a stronger nature, and greatly appreciated. One visible result already is a 20 per cent. increase in the attendance of better times to follow. At the gospel "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Our advice to other schools is to make every application of his ability and sound and practical aid in the support of the Bible School's Committee will need all taken to account for anything. The financial help of the church in this undertaking.—W.J.M.

BROKEN HILL (W. Ham.)—May 4, nice meeting this morning. Text, Acts 1: 14. Afternoon Children's Hospital. Subject of address, "Even a child is known by his doings." Pro. 29: 11. Seven girls in the Bible School made the good Confession. Last Lord's day gospel service and at each service.—E. J. Tark.

TARFE—Since last report two have been added to the church, a young man who takes a very active part in Christian Endeavor and other church work; the other a sister of Sister Wright, who is secretary of our flourishing Endeavor Society. To-day, May 4, Bro. Burns preached at Killbuck in the morning and afternoon, and gave a soul-stirring address here at night. At the service this morning Bro. Macnamy presided, and R. G. Saxby gave a good address from 1 Cor. 13: 58.—E.P.

ST. PETERS—Interest is still being maintained in the meetings here, and all the activities are growing steadily. Our Bible School attendance is good and encouraging, considering the short period since we started. We were pleased to see six new scholars come along, making the average of 22 children. The gospel was preached by Bro. Carter, his theme being "What think ye of Christ?" Strangers are still coming along, which is most encouraging.—A. J. Fraser, May 4.

LILYVILLE—The first week of the tent mission conducted by H. G. Harward closed last Monday evening with a thanksgiving service, at which Bro. Harward gave a short gospel address, and at the invitation given three adults stepped forward, making six in all as the increase by the mission. The offering to the general expenses reached five guineas at the following Wednesday evening W. A. Strongman gave the address, so concluding the first tent mission in Lilyville. On Lord's day, May 4, F. T. Saunders commenced his evangelistic work at Lilyville with a large and appreciative audience at the gospel meeting. Our Lord's day School is on the increase, and things are looking quite healthy.—J. Fox.

MEREWETHER—On Tuesday evening we had the joy of witnessing an other three putting on the Lord in our mission, who were received into the church this morning. Pleased to have with us in fellowship, this morning Bro. Lancy, from Peterham. Bro. Fretwell preached, his subject being "Reconciliation"—Jas. Fraser, May 4.

WAGGA—Bro. Harward was with us all day yesterday, preaching three times, when the whole church was built up by his discourses. At the close of the evening meeting one young man made the good confession. The two young men baptised this afternoon in the river. Bro. Harward conducting a first baptismal service. The secretary of the church is now Bro. W. Wink, Fox-st.—A.B., May 5.

MOSSMAN—H. G. Harward was with us at the prayer meeting on Wednesday evening last, and gave a splendid exhortation on "Fellowship in Service for the Spread of the Gospel." F. R. Coleman commenced his work with the Gannak here to-day, and he and his daughters, Jennie, May, and Hilth, were received into fellowship, also Bro. and Sister Burton, from Peterham, and Sister Ethel Wood, from Emmore. We were also glad to have fellowship with the following visitors—Sister Mrs. Stiler, from Maryborough; G. Bro. Garden, from Hurstville, and Bro. A. and W. Taylor, from Emmore. A record attendance at Bible School. We are greatly in need of more accommodation for the kindergarten. Coleman preached to a crowded audience tonight on "The Crisis and Climax of the Cross"—S.G., May 4.

INVERELL—Since last report meetings have been very good. Last Lord's day morning we had a splendid meeting for worship. We were pleased to see in our meeting Bro. and Sister Barr, from Murrumbidgee, S.A.; also Sister Miss Gaudin from Forbes district. We are also pleased to have Bro. Waters, our evangelist, back to us to give a brief report of the Conference, which we very much appreciated. In the evening he gave a splendid gospel address. Mid-week meeting continuing good. Very good attendance at our first meeting of the Band of Hope. We are looking forward for something special at our next meeting on the 10th inst.—G.B., April 28.

IRSKINEVILLE—Lord's day, May 4, has been a day of joy, as our Bible School had a record attendance. There were scholars enrolled. Several engineers. The Bible School is contin-

BURNLEY—Prospects are promising here for progress, with the labors of Bro. Armit, Clarke and other workers from the College. On Thursday, April 24, after a address by Bro. A. C. Bonfanti, R. C. Edwards, and P. J. Postel, the following of God were the chief—Bro. Nicolay, Rev. E. Winch, Messrs. J. Rutledge, Gov. Nichols, and Jas. Williams. Bro. Clark was appointed Bible School superintendent, and Bro. Wilby treasurer.

CHINESE CHURCH—April 27 was the special day held by the Chinese Government for prayers, fastings, and for all Christian believers throughout the world to pray for our Government and Parliament. Most of our Chinese brethren attended the meeting in the afternoon, held under the auspices of the Chinese Christian Union in the Temperance Hall. The Chinese Church General represented his Government of Hongkong. At night we held a special gospel service, and several brethren prayed earnestly for China and her people. Bro. Lin was the preacher, and he quoted Acts 10: 35, and made special reference to this great event—D. C. Gov. April 28.

NEWMARKET—Four received to church membership on April 27. Mr. and Mrs. Seyvan, Boston, and Mrs. Mary K. Kingman, New York, and Mr. Gilbert, late of North Melbourne. W. J. Way spoke very acceptably from the Book of Revelation. Good meeting at night, the address being more especially for young men. Church social was held on April 10. The young people of the church are conducting the Wednesday night meetings, and Bro. R. M. Hill spoke on April 23. W. A. Kemp gave an interesting lecture lecture to the Men's Society and friends on April 22. A special word of thanks is due to the young ladies, who, under Mrs. Smith's direction, arrange the flowers each week.—J. M.

SWAN HILL—The evangelistic meetings of the mission closed on April 27. Bro. Hagger's last effort was a very fine one, his subject being "The Story of a Wandering Boy." Bro. and Sister Clay sang a very beautiful duet, "Your Boy and Mine." The chapel was crowded. The meetings during the third week were well attended, and one young woman confessed her faith in Jesus, and she, with three others, came to Christ on the Sunday previous, was baptized during the week, making a total of ten confessions and nine baptisms. The other young girl will probably be baptized later on. We are all sorry the mission must close. It has been a mighty uplift for the church. The mission has won all our hearts. The final meeting took the form of a thanksgiving service, at which Bro. McDougal, Fred E. Moore, W. G. Oram, and the missionaries gave short talks on "Elements of Church Progress." It was a happy time. Supper was handed around in honor of our much loved missionaries, after which several brethren spoke of the good work done, and the request that the mission had to come to a close. Bro. Oram then presented on behalf of the church to Bro. Hagger and Clay a magnificent offering of silver and gold collars. Testimony of the meetings were given. Bro. Wood sang, from the Psalms, "Girded with a sword, with us and gave a splendid talk to the church. Several new arrivals at the school, and a nice meeting at night—W. G.

MURRUMBidgee—Our new preacher, A. P. Wilson, was with us all day on April 27, and we are pleased to report fair meetings. Bro. Wilson's work, arriving one week earlier than the appointment to commence his labors, has put in touch with the members and to obtain a list of names would from our late preacher, Bro. Conradi. In five weeks ago we sold our building, and have secured a block of ground in a central position near Carnegie Square, and within 15 minutes' walk from Campbellton station, 15 minutes' drive, we propose to erect a church in a day, and thirty co-operation of all our brethren in the city and suburban churches. A letter is being sent to every preacher of this various churches around which we trust will be very kindly welcomed. We are aiming at getting 100 men and by proper contribution to have the building to cost 200,000.

tric light and seats, made ready for opening on May 25. The design of the building is to be octagonal, and it will be a good sight to witness by any who would rather give a donation of £5 or £10 than risk "hitting the wrong nail." Any further particulars will be willingly supplied by W. C. A. Luke, Munster-avenue, Emerald. We had Bro. Clarence Lang with us yesterday morning to exhort, and had our best attendance since the writing has been there. Bro. Wilson preached in the evening to a good and appreciative audience. His subject was "The Man Christ Jesus." Every one feels confident that Bro. Wilson is the right man for our district, and that with the co-operation of our members he should build up a very strong cause here.

SOUTH MELBOURNE—Since last report the Dorcas Class has been reorganised, with Sister Mrs. Davis as president, Sister Mrs. Hayes as secretary, and Sister Mrs. Bennetts as treasurer. On April 27, one man decided to accept Christ. The church is anxious to push ahead, and has decided to hold a mission as soon as practicable, to be conducted by the State team.

KYNETON—Bro. Harman preached at Kyneton on April 27, and a young, fully confessed Christian, Harold, Bible School, is growing, and the church has been very much alive since the Hagger Clay mission in Kyneton, so much so that no less than four sermons have been preached on baptism by denominational ministers. The time is ripe for a rousing mission in that little township.

STAWELL—On Sunday morning, April 27, Bro. Ripway spoke on the life and work of Bro. Mansell, who was at the College of the Bible at the same time as Bro. Shingway. Fine meetings all day, the Bible Class having nearly in present. One received into fellowship. About 20 present at Bible Class. Picnic held at Lake Louise on April 23, when a most enjoyable time was spent.—A. A. B.

TRARALGON—Record meetings on April 20. We had with us as visitors G. Sturdivant and R. Cammings of Perthshire. The latter exhorted, and gave a splendid gospel address at night, over 50 being present. Bro. Conradi held gospel services on 21st and 22nd; good meetings. All auxiliaries of the church on the upgrade.—G. O. Jack, April 25.

MALVERN—The church is still growing in numbers; members interested and active. A cordial invitation to all Christian workers living here to associate with us in maintaining growth and development of church. Write to W. J. Richards, 141 Malvern road, or come along to meetings in Town Hall on Sunday.

FAIRFIELD—Meetings are good morning and evening. On April 27 we had the pleasure of having with us Bro. Hunter, from Hawthorn. Bro. A. Kemp and Kefford, from Asot Vale. Bro. Hunter gave a splendid exhortation. The gospel harvest thanksgiving services. Saturday, 17th, we are arranging for a working bee to renovate the building inside and out.—F. P.

NORTHCOLE—April 29, good meetings all good confession. April 27, splendid gatherings at all meetings. Bro. Beller exhorted, and gave a gospel service into fellowship. Splendid address at the lady accepted Jesus as her Saviour, when one young man made a start with our church building. It is situated, 200 x 85ft., a brick building, with Sunday school, and will cost 300. A credit to our church for a great Hagger-Clay mission.—R. C. May

BURNSWICK—On April 15, 16, 17 and 18 we held a sale of work and gifts to help liquidate the debt on the new hall. A fine display of articles of the Party and the Saxton St. Choir were much appreciated. \$5 for as is known, the amount was returned. On April 22, the C. F. Society was organized by the Merland Society, which gave thanksgiving service—W. J.

Obituary.

MEROHAN—Sister Mrs. Mary Ann McRohan of the church at Subiaco, W.A., passed to her reward on Saturday, April 5. She was a sufferer for many months, and waited with quiet confidence for the hour of her departure. She leaves seven children, two of whom are members of the church. The sympathy of the church is with each member of the family—H. J. Banks, Subiaco, W.A.

RYALL—Death has removed one of our oldest and most devoted members. On March 29, Sister Ryall, daughter of our late Bro. Ryall, one of the charter members of the Poddington church, who united with the church immediately after its formation, fell asleep in Christ. She was a good woman, and an adornment of the Christian faith. She proved her love for Christ, and loyalty to his church by about 20 years of faithful discipleship. She was greatly esteemed by all who knew her. The fragrance of her Christian life will be a living legacy to the church. We heartily join in deepest sympathy with the members of her family. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."—J. J. Franklin, Poddington, N.S.W.

FOSTER—On March 10, at Forest Lodge, Sydney, our esteemed Sister Mrs. John Porter Foster was called to her rest at the age of 52. Sister Foster had been a great sufferer for many years. All who knew her testify to her wonderful patient, calm and submissive spirit. Though practically confined to her bed for three years, her life has shone brightly. She has been a benediction in her home, and an example to all whose privilege it was to know her. Her presence will be greatly missed by an affectionate family. Our sister had great confidence in her Saviour. She lived her life with all her powers and she came to the end of her journey with the bright hope of a glorious future. Her remains were interred in the Rookwood Cemetery on the 12th. The deepest sympathy of the whole church is extended to the bereaved family, who recently fed the poor who have sustained. An "in memoriam" service was conducted in the City Temple on March 10, at 8 o'clock, from her labors, but her work follows her.—T. Bagley, Sydney, N.S.W.

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