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**PROPOSED CONGRESS OF CHURCHES.**

In a previous issue we referred very briefly to a representative gathering which had for its object the furtherance of the idea of Christian union. It has since occurred to us that this gathering, and the suggestions which were then made at it, deserved a more extended notice. Every movement in the direction of union deserves attention and consideration, and this particular movement, because it is something of a new departure, seems to call for special consideration. It is a movement that has been called into being, not by churches, but by a business man of the city of Melbourne. And this suggests the thought that the future of union may be found to rest with the business men of our churches. A preacher was once heard saying, "If we ministers were out of the way, union would soon come." It may be that there is some truth in this remark. The official side of our churches is, more or less hampered by considerations that do not trouble the non-official side. The latter at any rate has a greater sense of freedom, inasmuch as it is less troubled with what may be termed ecclesiastical considerations.

**The united movement.**

The present movement originated with a Mr. Wotton, a well-known business man of Melbourne. It was he who called the several meetings together, and to whom the credit is due of giving a new impetus to the question of Christian union. It probably seemed to him, as it certainly seemed to us, that, for the time being at any rate, the idea of union from the official side of things was no longer regarded as a practical question. Churches as churches, in their representative assemblies or conferences, had debated the matter at considerable length, and with numerous adjournments, only to shelve the matter. Mr. Wotton's present effort rescues it from this condition of things, and gives it a new trial. His proposal is that a congress of churches in regard to the ques-

tion of union be held in 1913. The united meeting held recently was for the purpose of approving or otherwise of such a congress, and if approved, of making arrangements for such congress being held. There was a good response to the invitation given by the convener to attend a dinner at the Grand Hotel, and his generosity and enthusiasm were much appreciated. Between sixty and seventy representative men were present, and the proposal to hold a congress of churches was agreed to. It will assist our readers to understand the nature of this meeting if we give the first resolution carried. It reads as follows: "That a congress be held in Melbourne, at such time and place as may be determined by the Council of the Congress—to be subsequently appointed, for the purpose of promoting the union, Federal or otherwise, of the evangelical churches of Australia."

**Its membership.**

A subsequent resolution defined more particularly membership in this congress, and reads as follows: "That the Congress be unofficial in respect to its relationship to churches, the membership of the Congress to include men in full membership with the following bodies, viz.: Baptist, Brethren, Congregational, Church of Christ, Methodist, Presbyterian, Salvation Army, Society of Friends." Later on the Church of England was added to this list. It was evident that the convener of the meeting regarded union with the Episcopal or Roman Churches as altogether hopeless. It was thought, however, that as membership in the Congress was an individual matter that members of the former body desiring to join should not be barred. As a representative gathering the meeting was all that could be desired. Leading lights in the theological world were present, and made their speeches on the subject of union, but for the most part it cannot be said that their remarks were particularly helpful. As usual in these gatherings, the question of union from a New Testament standpoint was ignored. It

is true that the Saviour's prayer for union was referred to, but the essential part of that prayer, viz., that truth precedes union and is essential to it, received very little consideration, union, for the most part, being regarded as a matter in which expediency and not principle should be paramount.

**Organic union hopeless.**

Listening to the speeches made one would be apt to think that the union of churches was a very simple proposition. It always is until the persons interested come to close quarters and denominationalism asserts itself. Professor Rentoul, however, did not regard the matter in the spirit of optimism. He frankly declared that in his opinion organic union was not possible at the present time; and this view represents the true state of the case. For the time being, union is in the sentimental stage, and has not yet reached the period when it can be regarded as a practical proposition. Indeed, as things are, to force on union would be disastrous. Before the churches are ripe for such a consummation, a considerable amount of education will have to be done in the way of emphasising the things essential to unity. When we find the churches diligently enquiring for a basis of unity, in which the New Testament and nothing else shall be the final arbiter, we will begin to hope for better things. In the meanwhile as the question of union recedes, the question of federation comes into prominence. From present indications it is quite certain that the proposed Congress will not propound any scheme for organic union. This is precluded by one of the clauses in its constitution, which says: "Questions of doctrine and creed, and all matters of doctrinal differences between the respective bodies to be, as far as possible, removed from discussion in the Congress." This limitation of discussion can only mean that agreement in questions of doctrine is not required in any scheme that may be in contemplation. Christian unity, therefore, is not the goal to be reached, but something else.

**Federation.**

It may, therefore, be taken for granted that federation, and not union, will be the objective of the proposed Congress. This federation will mean that the churches shall remain as they are, but agree to give the control of certain matters into a sort of joint commission. For example, it is suggested that Home Missions should be subject to federal control, which would mean that a new cause could not be started in a given town without the consent of the said commission. It would also mean that in those places in which it was thought there were too many religious bodies already in existence, the number should be reduced to suit the supposed requirements of the place. This may be regarded as the main plank in the proposed federation. Now, we have no objection to our religious neighbors agreeing to efface themselves if they think it wise to do so. As a matter of free arrangement between two or three churches, no one would have any cause to object, but to give the power to an outside body to control the matter would be a dangerous experiment. What kind of showing would our churches have if they entered into such a federation? When we cease to have a distinctive message for the people we may do so, but not otherwise. There are other matters, of course, that might be discussed, but those we can leave until the Congress is actually in existence and its policy is more fully declared. In the meanwhile, we content ourselves with saying that the policy of federation does not commend itself to our judgment.

## Editorial Notes

**Unbaptised Baptists.**

In last week's *Australian Baptist* a correspondent signs himself "A Baptised Baptist." It sounds peculiar, but we presume the writer wished to distinguish himself from the "unbaptised Baptists," of whom we understand there are now a goodly number in the Commonwealth, especially in the States of South and West Australia, where nearly all the churches are "open membership." An unbaptised Baptist sounds about as appropriate as an un-English Englishman, an uncongregational Congregationalist, or an unchristianised Christian. Our good brethren of the Baptist persuasion are getting a little mixed.

**One More Testimony.**

An extract from the report of the grand jury of Christian County, Illinois, on certain crimes and conditions, reads, "Resolved, That it is the sense of this grand jury that the one stupendous crime facing the county is the legalized liquor traffic. And, further, that we deem it high time that this county dissolve partnership with this family-wrecking and soul-destroying business,

as seven-tenths of our findings were caused directly or indirectly by the use of liquor." Here is an independent, unsolicited testimony from a body in no way under the domination of fanatical totalism, but impelled by a sense of duty to express their conclusions. When will Christians all learn that their only consistent attitude toward a business which produces seven-tenths of our crime is that of uncompromising antagonism?

**Progress in India.**

Christianity is winning its way in India. According to the latest census the population of India and Burma is 315,134,537. During the last twenty years the increase of the Hindu population has been 4.6 per cent., of the Mohammedan population 16 1/2 per cent., and of the Christian population 69.9 per cent. Of the 3,574,000 Christian population 1,442,100 are Protestants, 1,304,000 Roman Catholics, and nearly 750,000 Syrian Christians. But more significant than the actual numerical increase is the progress of Christian sentiment. The ancient religions and superstitions are being most surely undermined, and it is only a question of time when they will fall. The progress of Christianity will be increasingly rapid up to that time, and when the walls of heathenism begin to give way the change will probably be as rapid and as wide reaching as the recent political changes in China.

**Denominationalism Discounted.**

Converts in heathen fields cannot readily understand the various denominational distinctions that keep Christians apart in the home lands, nor have they, as a rule, much sympathy with them. In Peking, China, a movement has been commenced by the native Christians in favor of uniting all the churches of that city into a single Church of Christ, having no special relationship to any mission, and rejecting all names but the name of Christ. An American exchange says: "There is considerable talk in China and Japan and India of a National Church of Christ in each country that shall bear no name but the name of Christ." We are bestowing blessing on the heathen with our gospel message, and it almost looks as though we may receive blessing in return by learning from them how to unite. Certainly the work in the heathen fields is already drawing the believers in civilised lands closer together.

**Our American Colleges.**

In a recent issue of the *Christian-Evangelist* a list is given of the 7 universities and 32 other colleges of the American Brotherhood. These institutions had at the end of 1911 a faculty of 442, with 6597 students, of whom 1335 were preparing for the ministry. The property value is nearly \$800,000, and the total endowment value exceeds \$500,000. But since the end of 1911, some material increases of endowments have been made. In point of numbers Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, leads the list with 42 professors and 1016 students, of whom 167 are ministerial, and

the graduates in 1911 number 56. The property is worth \$71,000, and there is an enrollment of 1100,000, yielding an income of \$6000, while the tuition fees amount to \$15,000. The American brethren feel that the educational facilities are not equal to the requirements, and are making strenuous efforts to have them substantially increased. President Crossfield, of the Transylvania University, states that in 13 of our principal colleges, 2368 men matriculated last November, of whom 874 have chosen the ministry. Some notable additions have just been made to our oldest college, that of Bethany, Virginia, established by Alexander Campbell in 1841. The Percy B. Carran Hall was erected by a former graduate in memory of his son, also a graduate, at a cost of \$13,000, while the "Oglehay Hall of Agriculture," costing \$17,000, was the gift of Mr. Oglehay, another old graduate. It also presented beautiful entrance gates and the college farm and barn. Some day we shall have an endowed college in Australia.

**Misunderstood and Misrepresented.**

It is astonishing how difficult it appears for our religious neighbors to understand our position. In the United States they know simply as disciples of Christ constitute one of the few great religious forces of the country, and yet even such a paper as the *Independent*, one of the best known denominational weeklies, recently stated that the two distinctive tenets of the disciples of Christ are (1) that they are not a sect, and (2) that an unnumbered persons cannot be received. The *Christian-Evangelist* well says: "The *Independent* is mistaken. It is likely that most disciples do hold these two tenets, but many millions of Christians in other communions hold them also. Therefore, these tenets are in no way distinctive. The disciples of Christ hold these two tenets, and they hold the multiplication table and the binomial theorem; but that for which they stand and that for which they plead is the union of all God's people on a basis of Holy Scripture, to the end that the world may be evangelized. That is the distinguishing tenet, and not that they are not a sect, and that the unnumbered cannot be received into their churches. So great religious body ever grew up round a pair of negations. If the *Independent's* statement were correct, the disciples of Christ would be no more numerous than the Samaritans of the present time, and would exert as little influence as the Samaritans."

**Watch Yourself Go By.**

Just stand aside and watch yourself go by. Think of yourself as "he" instead of "I." Note closely as in other men you note. The bagged trousers and the seely coat. Pick flaws, find fault, forget the man is you. And strive to make your estimate ring true. Confront yourself, and look "you" in the eye. Just stand aside, and watch yourself go by.

—S. W. Gilman



A Visit to the Orient.

By T. B. Fischer.

The Medical Missionary at Work.

Of all the Christ-like work the missionary can engage in, none appeals to us with the same force as the work of the medical missionary. It is so like the work of him who, as the Great Physician, cared for the sick, gave sight to the blind, and worked his wondrous miracles of healing.

The medical missionary is doing a great work in India to-day. Every hospital and dispensary is an object lesson of the power and influence of Christian love. An Indian paper, in speaking of a successful operation performed recently, said, "The age of miracles is not passed, for Jesus Christ is still working miracles through physicians."

There is a great need for medical work. In our last article we spoke of the beautiful temples. What could be more beautiful than the carvings which are shown in the illustration, taken at a temple in Trichinopoly? These figures are life size, and have been carved out of solid rock. Yet notwithstanding all the beauty of architecture, the people who worship in these temples are utterly ignorant, and do not know even the elementary rules of health and hygiene. The wastage of life in India is terrible, the chief causes being famine, plague and cholera, against which the medical missionaries and the Government are making splendid efforts, aided by science and philanthropy.

Readers will understand the great need for medical missionaries, as we mention some of the remedies used. We heard of one case of illness which was treated as follows:—Pieces of iron were made red-hot and were then thrust into the patient's ears to effect a cure. The result can be better imagined than described. H. Watson was just recently called to a distant village to treat a patient who he found to be suffering from dengue fever, but most of all from the awful treatment of the village medicine man who had the case in hand previously to Bro. Watson's being called. The following is the way this heathen medicine man treated the case: After asking the woman many questions, and demanding a fat fee for his advice, he naved some charms over her, and diagnosed the case as one of demon possession, and advised the friends what to do. First they were to obtain the largest rooster they could, and take it with some flowers and incense to an idol in a small temple just outside the village. Here the rooster was to be killed and the blood sprinkled before the temple, and an offering of flowers and incense made to the goddess.

Returning to the house, they were to burn incense over the sick woman, and with hot irons sear her flesh across the ribs and blister her back with a caustic nut, and then last, but by no means least, they were to mix a very strong potion of infusion of chilies, and make the woman drink it. The medicine man said the stronger the better, because the demons do not like hot things. Will readers wonder when we tell them that the woman gradually grew worse until Bro. Watson, about a fortnight later, found her a sickening sight of festering sores, and full of pain, but left her next day comfortable and on the way to recovery? These and dozens of other cases could be quoted to show the need of the medical missionary.

It is interesting to note the views of experts on this subject. In December of last year, a national conference was held in Calcutta, India, under the presidency of Dr. J. R. Mott, the chairman of the Continuation Committee of the Edinburgh World Missionary Conference. Sectional conferences preceded the national one, and matters of vital importance were carefully and critically examined, and amongst the findings the following concerning the work of the medical missionary are worthy of more than a passing thought. The finding included the following:—

"This Conference holds that any such effort (i.e., grappling with the task in hand), to be adequate, must provide for medical aid in village districts, not only as an act of Christian love and compassion, but as the only alternative to the superstitions that are inseparably connected with the native methods of treating disease."

Further, it states:—"This Conference is convinced, 'A. That medical missions are an integral and essential part of the message of Christ to this land, and that in many cases, such as in large rural tracts and unopened fields, they represent the most effective evangelistic agency at present available.'

'B. That for bringing the gospel message into vital contact with large numbers of people of all classes who from age and other circumstances are unreached by educational work, for reaching women in their secluded homes, and for extensive evangelization in the villages, especially in connection with mass movements, it has been established by experience that there is no agency more powerful than that of medical missions. This Conference would therefore commend this agency to those missions which have not yet adopted it as a form of evangelistic work.'

Let us look for a few moments at some of the medical missionaries and see them at their work.

We stayed two nights in the home of Dr. C. C. Drummond, at Harla, C.P. We slept in the house that had once been occupied by the late G. L. Wharton, of sainted memory, which house is now occupied by the Drummond family. Dr. Drummond is a choice spirit, who for 15 years has worked heroically for the suffering natives, for God, and for the F.C.M.S. We accompanied him as he went into the homes of some of his patients and treated them.

In one home, a man was suffering from a tumor, and his back had to be lanced for some six inches. We retired during the operation.

Then we went to the mission hospital, where the patients had assembled for treatment. Dr. Drummond is assisted by Samson Power and another qualified dispenser. There were between 50 and 60 patients present. Sometimes as many as 150 attend. Each patient is examined, and receives a book number on a slip of paper, on which is printed the name of the mission and a verse of Scripture. If they can afford to pay, they usually pay one pice (a farthing). Dr. Drummond estimated that last year they had 10,000 patients, and gave 25,000 treatments. Whilst the medicine is being dispensed, the patients sit around and listen to



The Horse Court, Trichinopoly. (Carved out of one stone.)

hymns and the gospel story. At our visit, the Scripture read and spoken on was "the healing of the palsied man." Following the address, Scriptures are sold, and the medicine given out, and then the patients go their separate ways. A new hospital building is being built, containing women's, men's, and visitors' wards, and will prove a great boon to the workers and patients. Dr. Drummond is doing a great work. The Government know this, and have lately honored this noble man.

During what is generally known as the time of the first plague in Harda, the doctor and the other missionaries rendered most efficient service, literally taking their lives in their hands to minister to the plague patients. For three or four months the plague raged, and 30 to 40 died each day. In the midst of all, Dr. Drummond stood by his post, easing the suffering of the patients, and speaking a word to the dying. Through each succeeding siege of plague Dr. Drummond has done similar faithful service. So it came to pass that following the Durbar in Delhi last year, when recommendations were being made concerning men who because of their faithful service should be honored by Government, Dr. Drummond's name was recommended by the highest official in Harda, and on September 3 the deputy commissioner of Hoshangabad held a Durbar, and on behalf of the Government presented Dr. Drummond with a medal in recognition of his services.

We next glance at the work at Damoh, where Dr. Mary McGavran is doing her great work. This lady is a talented worker, and since 1895 has labored for God under the F.C.M.S. They have a suitable substantial women's hospital within a square of the bazaar, and on the same compound as the chapel. Her work divides itself into three parts: 1st, the hospital; 2nd, medical treatment in villages; 3rd, health and care of the Christian community. Last year there were 437 inpatients, and 10,550 outpatients with 23,277 treatments. We saw the sad cases that were under treatment. Women and children with eyes that hadn't seen the light of day for weeks, people with all manner of diseases and sad afflictions, and men also, for although it is a women's hospital, it is hard to turn the men away. Some of the patients come from a great distance. Some camp on the compound and camp for days, for some have travelled from districts miles away, as the fame of Dr. McGavran has reached far and near. At Damoh as at all other dispensaries, the gospel story is told to every patient; and whilst the medicine was being prepared, 59 patients were sitting around, as the story of the prodigal son was being told by a native Bible woman.

One could speak of the many other dispensaries, dispensers, and hospitals we saw, but space forbids. We cannot close, however, without saying a word concerning the splendid work Bro. Watson is doing in relieving the sick at Dilsad. We had looked forward to seeing our own dispensary and the work carried on. At sunrise the first patient arrived, until 19 persons were pres-

ent, when the treatments were given. There were blind and poor and lame. There was one opium baby which was reduced to a mere skeleton. One man had walked 32 miles for treatment, and was staying in the town for a month. One woman had walked 18 miles carrying her babe, who was suffering intensely. How pitiful were the sights, and yet how glad we were that relief was being afforded, and that no less than 2313 treatments were given last year by our own missionary.

Wamanrao, our native preacher, spoke, and was assisted by Velbar in the service which took place whilst the treatments were being given. How earnestly those preachers sang in Marathi, "I have heard of a Saviour's love," and "Praise Him, Jesus, our blessed Redeemer," and how glad we were to know that these people were at least having an opportunity to hear a little of the Saviour's love.

We went with Bro. Watson into two villages, and saw everywhere the power the medical work had been in opening homes, in unlocking doors, in softening hearts, and in creating an influence among the people of the villages.

At one house a woman was washing up dishes, who had been at the point of death.

but who had been healed. At another place we saw a woman who had been in a Government hospital, but had left, apparently no better, and Bro. Watson had healed her, and she now praises Jesus Christ. At another place a woman fell prostrate at Bro. Watson's feet, and with tears in her eyes expressed her gratitude for having saved her life, and pleaded with Bro. Watson that he should save the life of her child who was now ill.

These instances could be multiplied, but are enough to prove the power of medical mission work in evangelising the heathen. A writer has said: "Into the hands of Great Britain, God has given this magnificent empire; but not to subjugate, not to exploit, but to uplift with her science, to succor with her philanthropy, to evangelise with her gospel."

May God bless all these noble men and women who at the call of God have given up positions of honor at home, and may God move more medically equipped men and women to give their lives for this great and Christ-like work of caring for those for whom Christ died.

Our next article will be entitled "Across India by Rail, and Scenes by the Way."

## College of the Bible.

By A. R. MAIN, B.A.

The College entered upon the seventh year of its history on Wednesday, Feb. 19. A devotional service was held at 9.30 a.m., which was attended by teachers, students past and present, and a few visitors. A cordial welcome was given to new men by A. R. Main, C. M. Gordon and P. H. Sanson.

We are glad to be able to report a considerable advance this year, in various directions; seeing that we have better accommodation and facilities for work, an increased teaching staff, and the largest number of students in our history.

A cordial welcome was accorded our new assistant teacher, Mr. F. E. Thomas, who at present shares the secular work with Mr. Sanson. Mr. Thomas has taken a University Arts Course in Adelaide, and an Education Course in Melbourne University to prepare him for his work. We expect that he will shortly qualify for his B.A. degree and also for the Diploma of Education. While studying in Melbourne, Mr. Thomas resided at Queen's College. We are glad to notice that there he made his mark. In the College Debating Society he secured first place, gaining the William Quick gold medal for oratory. The advent of Mr. Thomas to Glen Iris will mean that more time and better studies can be given to some important studies. We have now five teachers—A. R. Main and C. M. Gordon for Biblical studies; F. H. Sanson and F. E. Thomas for secular work, and J. Howlett Ross for elocution.

We have a present enrolment of fifty students, exactly twice the enrolment three years ago, our first year at Glen Iris. Forty-four students are in residence. One or two more may come in soon. We have three non-resident lady students, who are preparing for the foreign field. All the States are represented with the exception of Tasmania. The Dominion of New Zealand has its representative here, and from it we expect another student in a few days. It is with pleasure that we record the fact that a less number of students who were with us in November were absent from the re-opening than on any previous occasion. Of the last year's men, W. H. Nightingale is now a borer in Queensland, and N. G. Noble is in New Zealand.

We are glad to notice the success of our students in public examinations. L. F. and W. Swan have qualified for matriculation at Melbourne University. Several students passed in a number of subjects at the November Junior Public Examination. The name of A. J. Fischer is worthy of special mention. Bro. Fischer, in addition to taking part of the third year College course, took five Junior Public subjects, and gained distinction in all of them. During the year he had a regular preaching appointment, in addition. We are pleased also to mention the success of R. T. Pittman, a former student at the University. Bro. Pittman successfully passed the first year Arts Examination, gaining honours in English and Logic.

Students are settling down well to work both in class studies and with the churches. Nineteen are engaged in preaching regularly. We pray that they all may be much blessed. The way in which a number of the churches are showing their sympathy and making students welcome is much appreciated. In last week's issue reference was made to the delightful function at which Lygon-st. officers and Dorcas Society extended their welcome.

### Heroes of Russia.

Sketches of Christian Life in Tzarland a Few Years Since.

By Louis R. Patmont.

Mistel was but a servant girl, the most insignificant member of the princess' household, and without the gospel of Jesus Christ her life would have been a mere existence, without purpose or aim. She became a Christian, true to her calling; her one desire was to conform unto the image of her Master. "I must be true in my corner," was her motto. Such devotion in the service of the King of kings could not be unprofitable, even though it was rendered by a life ever so humble.

For some time Mistel had won the confidence of her mistress, and through her living testimony the princess, too, became a true follower of Christ. In this way other aristocrats were brought into the Christian life, among whom was the great evangelist, General Pashkoff, through whom the common people both in and out of St. Petersburg heard the gospel message.

Had it not been for the faithfulness of Mistel, the servant girl, Russia would not have had the religious revival it experienced under General Pashkoff, out of which grew blessings for thousands that will outlast time and eternity.

They had gathered secretly to pray. Persecution was so severe that no one was safe if found in an assembly of praying people outside of a Tzarkoff (church) where an Orthodox priest officiated. It was a crime which was punished with torture, banishment or death, and now they were trapped by their persecutors. "Some one had betrayed their meeting place. 'The defilers of our holy faith must die,' the mob howled. 'Burn them up,' some one suggested. 'They have unhallowed our icons and calumniated the mos-heli (sacred bones) of our patron saint.'" While the fire was put to the peasant hut, in which the Christians were praying, the pre-byter of the assembly arose and said: "Beloved, let us believe God, let us earnestly pray him to save us out of the hands of our enemies, for Christ's sake." They prayed silently, believing God would answer their prayers. The smoke had already begun to fill the room, when all of a sudden, a mighty storm arose. The mob outside fled like a band of cowards; the fire was extinguished by the elements. Their prayer was answered.

Under the reign of Alexander II. the "Stundists" were first heard of in Russia.

Through misrepresentations by their enemies, the Government was brought to believe that they were a band of political conspirators, equally as dangerous as their contemporaries, the Nihilists, a secret organization similar in their principles to the modern anarchists.

The Czar was informed of a "dangerous" settlement of Stundists. The calumniators succeeded in inflaming the Tzar's anger in such a manner that he immediately ordered the abolishment of the whole settlement, and a young officer of high standing was commissioned with the Czar's injunction, and with his regiment at once proceeded toward the doomed village in order to carry out his cruel task.

He reached his destination and carefully prepared for his work of destruction. When the troops were in position and all guns were pointed toward the unfortunate place, the commander drew his sword to give the word of command for the first volley, which was to bring death to the conspirators, but just then an incident occurred which caused him to stop and await further developments.... Coming in the direction of the commander could be seen three old men, bowed and hoary. Their countenances bore the look of saints. They showed no nervousness nor fear of death. As leaders of the local church they desired to speak to the commander, who responded to their peaceful greetings with great astonishment. With

their heads uncovered, bowing in deep veneration, they addressed him thus: "Your high and well-born honor! We do not come to ask for grace, nor do we ask you to spare our women and children, for our God is strong enough to deliver us. We simply came to tell you, and your high and well-born honor, that our people are now praying for the Batjujshka Tzar and for you. We believe God will answer our prayer and save you, and we will not cease to pray for you and our Batjujshka Tzar, your high and well-born honor. Good-bye."

Without waiting for a reply from the young commander, who had listened to their motionless, overwhelmed with emotion, they returned to their dock in the village and joined them in prayer and thanksgiving to their God, who answered prayer.

Ten years after this incident, one could see a noble officer of high rank and an old, silver-haired Russian peasant, the pre-byter of the church, driving in a luxurious carriage through the streets of St. Petersburg, earnestly conversing as they went on their way to a great religious meeting in the city, which was led by these two men. It became known that the officer of high rank was the same who had led the forces against the Stundists, but who had returned to the Tzar with his task undone and with explanations satisfactory to the Tzar that the inhabitants were among his most loyal subjects; while the old pre-byter was one of



Gleaners and Centennials Bible Class, Christchurch, New Zealand.

A very special and interesting feature of the work in Christchurch is the large Bible Class which meets in a commodious tent at the rear of the chapel every Sunday afternoon. The Gleaners and Centennials Bible Class, as it is called, was organized by Bro. Ralph Gebbie, some four or five years ago. Since May, 1911, Bro. D. M. McCracken has been the conductor and teacher, and during this period there has been substantial increase to the class, which now has a mixed membership of over 130, while 20 of its members have been added to the church.

On Saturday, January 11, by the kind invitation of Bro. James Dreen, who with his family are staunch supporters of the class, a successful and enjoyable garden party was held on his extensive and beautiful grounds at Spreydon, with the two-fold object of securing a farewell rally and photographic group of the class prior to Bro. McCracken's leaving for Melbourne with his sister wife and daughter. Owing to a large number be-

ing away for holidays and with camping out parties, the muster was comparatively small. A beautiful enlargement of the above photo, 24 by 18 inches, handsomely framed, was presented by Bro. James McJarrow, president of the class, to Bro. and Sister McCracken at the farewell meeting held in the chapel on Jan. 22. At this same meeting the chairman, Bro. Herbert Langford, and several other speakers, spoke felicitously and appreciatively of Bro. McCracken's labors during the past 20 months. On behalf of the church Bro. W. Mason presented our brother with a small parcel of sovereigns, while Sister McCracken was also presented by Sister E. Dreen on behalf of the Sisters' Sewing Guild with a handsome handbag containing a golden offering. These gifts were duly acknowledged by the receivers. Bro. McCracken is at present having a holiday in Goppsland; his address is D. M. McCracken, c/o 11 Bridge Bros., Buffalo Creek, South Goppsland, Victoria.

the three old men who had approached the young commander without fear and with words of loyalty on their lips. God had answered the prayer of the villagers and had changed the heart of the young commander who had been sent to destroy them.

**What of That?**

**Tired!** Well, what of that?

Didst fancy life was spent on beds of ease,  
Fluttering the rose leaves, scattered by the breeze?  
Come, rouse thee! Work while it is called to-day,  
Conard, arise! Go forth up in the way!

**Lonely!** And what of that?

Some must be lonely! 'tis not given to all  
To feel a heart responsive rite and fall,  
To blend another life into its own,  
Work may be done in loneliness. Work on!

**Dark!** Well, what of that?

Didst faintly dream the sun would never set?  
Dost fear to lose thy way? Take courage yet!  
Learn thou to walk by faith and not by sight,  
Thy steps will guide thee, and thy path be right.

**Hard!** Well, what of that?

Didst fancy life a summer holiday,  
With leisure none to learn, and naught but play?  
Go get thee to thy task! Conquer or die!  
It must be learned. Learn it then patiently.

**No help!** Nay, 'tis not so!

Though human help be far, thy God is nigh,  
Who feeds the ravens, hears His children cry,  
He's near thee, whosoever thy footsteps roam,  
And He will guide thee, fight thee, help thee home.

**The Federal Mission in Launceston.**

Old residents of Launceston declare that never in the history of the city has such a mission been held as that being conducted by S. G. Griffith under the auspices of the Federal Executive Committee of the Churches of Christ. For many years church work has been at a low ebb in the city, but the present mission is stirring the town and re-awakening church life. Christ is being set before the people as the all-sufficient Saviour. The old-time message of the gospel in its entirety is being faithfully proclaimed, and large numbers are becoming intensely interested in the things concerning the Kingdom.

Already 120 have publicly declared their faith in Jesus, and the good work goes on indefinitely. The mission has been marked by great faithfulness on the part of the church officers and members, many of whom worked incessantly in preparation for the coming of the mind in glory, and have been present at every meeting held since the tent was erected.

Bro. Griffith's name is a household word, and few men are better known in the city. His Federal public utterances, combined with his happy, hearty manner, have won for him many admirers.

Bro. Wilson, the preacher at present located at Launceston, is a fine organizer, and an expert writer. He has spent himself liberally in the work of the mission, and much of the success is due to him.

Miss Evelyn Robertson, the soloist for the first six weeks of the mission, is loved by everybody

both for her singing and her sweet winsomeness. On the day of her departure from Launceston the following letter was handed to her from an outsider, and bears testimony to the good work done by her:—

Miss Robertson, the sweet singer of the great Griffith Tent Mission.

Miss Robertson will miss the echo of your sweet songs of invitation, and would like you to know that you have helped and fired one who has missed the mark for many years past, but who will with renewed determination in the near future come home to the old paths of honor and of truth.—Ye are respectively,

(Signed) The Man in the Street.

It was the privilege of the undersigned to spend a few days in Launceston recently, and the success of the preaching there made our hearts glad. For many years past our people, few in number, have been meeting in a rented hall in an undesirable part of the city, and the fact of meeting there has perhaps been to some extent responsible for the small progress made. It seems providential that at the present time there is the opportunity of securing at least one church building in the city, and it is hoped that when the tent mission closes our people will be able to move into a permanent church home. So anxious are the brethren to do so that in response to our appeal for funds for the purpose £125 was promised, and this by a small company of working class people. Such a spirit is highly commendable, and will help the brethren throughout the Commonwealth to feel that the money and labor spent in Launceston is being used among deserving people. May God continue to prosper the good work.—Alfred Mills, Rgt. Emms.

**Correspondence.**

H. F. JENSEN.

It having become known to us that H. F. Jensen, of Copenhagen, Denmark, has been sending begging letters to the Australian churches direct, appealing for help on various grounds, we wrote to Copenhagen and made inquiries regarding the same. From information contained in the reply we think the churches would do well to take no more our day to send this for publication, as some behalf of the Victorian Executive Committee.—M. McLellan, Secretary.

**STEPHEN CHEEK MONUMENT.**

The monument erected to the memory of Stephen Cheek in the Warwick Cemetery, Queensland, is in serious need of attention. We cordially appeal to the brethren throughout Australia, who have the memorial re-erected on a permanent and the stone work needs a thorough cleaning, so that there will be little danger of any further expense. The work and testimony of Stephen Cheek will ever live in the hearts of the Australian brethren, but let us honor him in this way—the Christ. Contributions will be willingly received in Brisbane and acknowledged by L. G. Gale, c/o MacRobertson.

**WANTED A LOAN**

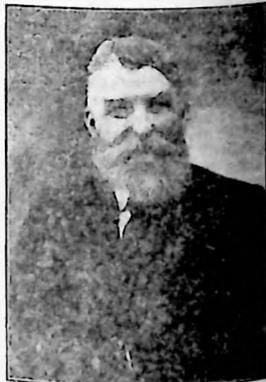
Wanted to borrow £500 for the purpose of erecting a new chapel at Dawson-st., Ballarat. The proposed new building is estimated to cost £150. The church has in present property (including 17/9 per acre and half an acre of land in the centre of Ballarat) valued at £1500, and in cash

£300, and promised donations £200 (good as cash). The proposed new chapel will give more than double the present seating capacity, and in addition a school hall and about 10 separate classrooms. The total income for last year was £200. The trustees will also make themelves personally liable for repayment of the loan, and pay interest at say current rate for use of the money. Is there a brother in the Commonwealth willing to help? If satisfied on further inquiry as to the security offered, please write to A. E. Britcock, church secretary, 330 Drummond-st., South Ballarat, Vic.

**Mallee Conference, Vic.**

The Conference of Churches in the Mallee District was held in Brim on Wednesday, Feb. 27. It was well attended, hopeful and perfectly harmonious throughout. The President, W. G. Smith, of Dunnunkle, occupied the chair, though but small numerical increase was reported, the interest was said to be well sustained and near prospects for additions bright. The financial report showed that all the churches had contributed well, and the pledges were being faithfully redeemed. Two resolutions were carried with unanimity and enthusiasm, viz., 1st, that the H.M. Committee be respectfully requested to provide for a tent mission in Warracknabeal as soon as possible; and 2nd, that Bro. Moysie be asked to return to the district as evangelist. W. W. White, of Brim, was elected President, and W. G. Smith Secretary. The Brim church extended sanguine hospitality to the visiting brethren in the evening the public meeting was addressed by Bro. Oram, who gave a very fine address on "Christian Unity." Anthems, duets and solo formed the balance of the program, to which Miss Moysie, of Williamstown, contributed much appreciated numbers.—G.B.M.

The Christians of Peking took advantage of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's recent visit to that city to hold a reception in his honor. The American Congregational Church, in which the meeting was held, decorated with flags and palms and flowers, had 1500 people crowded into it long before the hour of meeting. Admission was by ticket, to make sure that those present should be Christians. When Dr. Sun entered he received an enthusiastic welcome. After the reading of Scripture, prayers and the singing of some hymns, an address was read by a Mainan pastor. Dr. Sun's reply had for its keynote a call to the churches to see to it that "the whole country is permeated with Christian doctrine. The Republic cannot endure," he said, "unless that righteousness for which the Christian religion stands is at the centre of the nation's life. I call upon the church to help in the establishment of the new Government."



The late W. C. Ladbroke, of Gore, N.Z.

## In the Realm of the Bible School.

### ISAAC AND REBEKAH.

Sunday School Lesson for March 23, Genesis 24.  
A. R. Main, B.A.

The story of the finding of Rebekah, her reception of Eliezer and acceptance of his invitation, her journey to Isaac and meeting with him; of Isaac's taking her to his mother's tent and of his being comforted after his mother's death, is one of the idylls of Scripture.

There are a number of things in the lesson which may seem to us strange. Young ladies would count such a wooing as Rebekah had a prosaic affair. Few would care to be courted by proxy. Young men are not all so complaisant as Isaac. But other times, other manners. We can see the fine spirit which prompted Abraham to send his trusted steward northwards to his old home and his own kinsfolk for a suitable wife for Isaac. He did not want his son to marry a goddess-heaven, however beautiful or richly dowered the might be. Perhaps this, too, is an old time custom and an odd-fashioned prejudice!

Again, our notions of civility would hardly permit us to do as Eliezer, permit a lady to draw water for ten camels. Nor may we altogether appreciate the thought that it was immodest for a lady to appear with unveiled face even in the presence of her fiancé. Etiquette changes.

Our lesson naturally resolves itself into a character study.

#### Isaac's character.

"Of all the patriarchs," writes Joseph Hall, "none made so little noise in the world as Isaac; none lived either so privately, or so innocently; neither know I whether he approved himself a better son or an husband."

Doubtless every one who knows the life of Isaac as depicted in the Bible, thinks first of his quietness and gentleness. His was an uneventful—and, some would say, a monotonous—life. There is no great event connected with his name. He is not famous for the way in which he excelled other men, led them, or performed some heroic act to which ordinary methods may not attain. Neither is he a mystic. He is just quiet, or at least quietly so. He is one of the "impressive faithful." Robert Luck says we find in Isaac "those refined, sensitive, pleasant, passive virtues which make tender and helpful the home relations, and which are the grace of all social intercourse." The same writer pays a beautiful tribute to the beauty and goodness of uneventful lives as contrasted with the eventful ones, a tribute in which we may perchance the more readily assent since our lives are uneventful, and which yet may help to console us and keep us from longing to do "some great thing." He says: "Eventful lives train large, consumptive, taking, but rough, elements of character." "The uneventful lives are the spheres in which are trained the fine, delicate, subtle, divinest elements of character. . . . in such silent fashion as that in which the soft breath of spring waakens the flower music of the earth." The fact that in the gallery of Scripture portraits God has placed

some conspicuous instances of simple, uneventful men should keep us from underestimating the life of quiet goodness.

Isaac was an easy man with which to associate. Some folk are good, but not good or easy to live with. It is one of the most outstanding characteristics of Isaac that he was a lover of peace. Read Gen. 16: 12-25 and see his magnanimity. The Lord prospered him greatly; but not even the prosperous good man is above the envy of people. The Philistines envied Isaac's possessions and great store of servants. Abimelech approached the patriarch with the extraordinary request, "Go from us, for thou art much mightier than we." Now, many people, believing in the principle that might is right, would have referred to Abimelech that that was a very excellent reason for not going. But Isaac went, removing to the valley of Gerar. At Gerar, Isaac digged a well and found a beautiful water supply. Immediately the folk there said, "The water is ours," whereupon Isaac digged another well. There was strife about this second well also. Some of us might have pardoned Isaac for saying, "This thing is getting a little monotonous; if I live in to you in this, you will surely get after me for something else; I may as well fight now as later." But he fought not; he left the district, and found peace at Beer-sheba. The man of might, who for the sake of peace will endure material loss, may not be a great man as the world counts greatness; but he is great in the sight of the Lord; "he that ruleth his spirit" is better "than he that taketh a city" (Prov. 16: 32).

Isaac stands as a type of the contemplative life. J. Thain Davidson has a sermon on "The Meditative Life," with Isaac as subject and Gen. 24: 25 as text: "Isaac went out to meditate in the field at eventide." We are not informed as to the theme or themes of Isaac's contemplation; but doubtless, they were of an elevating and edifying kind, for unquestionably Isaac was a man of God. Davidson says: "You are not to see in the text the picture of a morose and melancholy recluse, of a morbid misanthrope who shuns society—not at all; but, rather, the picture of a thoughtful saint who is able to find true enjoyment in communing with nature and with God. The best of men have found pleasure in occasional retirement, and it betokens some moral defect when one does not desire sometimes to be alone. An hour of reflective solitude should not only be very profitable, but very enjoyable; and it generally is so to those who are consistently at peace with God. The late Dr. Love, of Glasgow, once made the striking remark, 'I have found retired places to be the secret haunts of the Son of God.' Milton, Wordsworth, Cooper, Gray, and many others of our greatest poets have sung the charms of solitude."

It has been said on the other side that Isaac lacked initiative, appearing content to follow in the steps of his father. But not many sons are wise enough to improve on the footsteps of a father like Abraham. We may agree that Isaac was fond of the comforts of life; but asceticism for the sake of asceticism is not good sense or

good religion, and Isaac was not wont to let his material comfort hinder his devotion to or worship of God, though we shall in a later lesson see some of its mournful results. He was not specially energetic or vigorous; but some good men to-day could wish they were transported from a time of hustle to a patriarchal age or at least to an epoch in which they had some time to think as well as to act.

#### Rebekah.

George Matheson has written of the "sense of the feminine type of greatness" which "constrained the artist in Genesis to give to woman so high a place." And Rebekah is one of the women who show both feminine strength and submission.

The Rebekah of our present lesson is altogether delightful. We are drawn to her as we see her at the well, and see how she passed her examination. Eliezer had a shrewd test of her fitness to be Isaac's wife. Lyman Abbott points out that the test that Eliezer applied to know whether the maiden he saw was approved by God was arbitrary, but an expression of her true character. To draw for ten camels is no easy task, for "the camel is a great drinker. She who would undertake it must needs have good health, as well as boundless good nature."

Palmer seeks to show how Rebekah was suited to Isaac, in that she possessed the traits which did not conspicuously appear in her husband. "She was beautiful and energetic, full of eager life. She had just the character to be the complement of Isaac's, and to be especially attractive and stimulating to him. She was vivacious, self-reliant, active, obliging, hospitable, courteous, good-hearted, energetic, clever, beautiful. She would keep Isaac from the too contemplative and easy-going life, but it degenerated into dreamy apathy, while his life would modify her tendencies. Both would be better for the union, and it would be better for the race."

For the times, the union of Isaac and Rebekah was an ideal one. We are expressly told that "he loved her"; which to us may not seem much, but the very mention shows that it could not just be taken for granted. In the Book of Common Prayer, in the Form of Solemnization of Marriage, is a tribute to the home life of Isaac. His prayer is "that, as Isaac and Rebekah lived faithfully together, so these persons may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made."

It has to be confessed that with the passing years, Rebekah loses a good deal of our sympathy. She had a kind of family cunning and subtlety, and it developed. She and Isaac both exhibited a most unwise favoritism towards their children. Rebekah helped Jacob in the deceit which brought such misery on the home. See Gen. 25. From this decline, one of the commentaries draws a lesson of warning: "A girl may enter on her married life with high hopes and aspirations in the promises of God; but degenerate, unconsciously to herself, perhaps, into a scheming, ignoble wife and a godless mother." No one, of course, would suggest that Rebekah degenerated to this extent; but it seems a pity that she declined at all. We ought to mellow, become kinder and better, with the passing years.

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## West Australia.

**PERTH.**—At our meeting this morning it was our pleasure to receive into our membership W. Slinger, who was baptised last Wednesday evening. H. J. Banks, of Subiaco, spoke to us upon Roman jurisprudence. We used the day for the celebration of the harvest festival, and the building was prettily decorated with fruit and vegetables for the occasion. In the afternoon Bro. Blakmore spoke to a large gathering, telling his young hearers how God ministered to their necessities, and the children rendered songs and recitations in honor of the occasion. At night our evangelist's subject was "Be ye thankful." The Bible School maintains its good attendances. We are striving to reach the 300 mark, and our prospects are good indeed.—W.A., Feb. 25.

**KALGOORLIE.**—On Feb. 11 the Adult Bible Class surprised Bro. and Sister T. H. Scambler in their home by invading it in force. This was the method chosen by the class to express its appreciation of the work of the teacher, Bro. Scambler, who is leaving for Maylands. At the close of an enjoyable evening the president, A. J. Maloney, made some appreciative remarks, and called upon Sister Mrs. Daniel to make a presentation of a gentleman's leather bag to Mr. Scambler, and Bro. Symons to present Mr. Scambler with a lady's handbag. The class is well attended, and has recently concluded a study of the book of Romans. C. Garland has consented to teach the class when Bro. Scambler leaves us. On Feb. 23 Mrs. Scambler was also presented with a beautiful electro plate flower holder by her class—the Loyal Daughters.—M. F. Ward.

## Tasmania.

**CAVESIDE.**—About four years ago W. Way visited here, and there was a small church started, which has continued to grow. For two years a few disciples met in Bro. Higgs' house to break bread, and the interest was so well maintained that some of the brethren went to work and built a chapel in a week, which would seat about 80 people, but we found when it was too late that it was in the wrong place, so we removed it on to a piece of land given by Bro. Pearn, which is more central. Now we have a small Sunday School, which celebrated their anniversary on Feb. 2. The afternoon service was conducted by Bro. H. Crowden, and the evening by Bro. James Bland. At both services the building was crowded. On the Monday following we held a free picnic, when the 100 people partook of the good things provided. In the evening we held a public meeting, when we had singing and recitations, and several of the brethren spoke. Sister Higgs presided at the organ. On the following Sunday we were favored with a visit from Bro. G. Mansfield, who conducted four services, which were very much appreciated.—W. Gillam, Feb. 15.

**CENTRAL PRESTON.**—We have had Bro. Mansfield of Victoria, with us on a very short visit. We were very much edified by his talks and prayers. On the night of his arrival he delivered a gospel message in the hall. We would be glad if any other brother could pay us a visit. We are only a faithful few, meeting every Lord's day to remember Jesus in his own appointed way.—Geo. E. Howard, Feb. 26.

**LAUNCESTON.**—The sixth week of the mission was one of great rejoicing. We reached our aim, 100 souls for Christ. We had Bro. and Sister Emma with us. Our brother spoke to the

church on the great need of a building, and asked for £150 in order that the building under offer may be secured, pending terms, and over £200 was given. We greatly rejoice, and ask all to share with us in this wonderful achievement. Who will help, and send along their portion to the writer at 20 Ballance-st., Launceston? This week we were pleased to have the following visitors: Bro. and Sister Emma, Bro. and Sister Mills, and Bro. Parsons, of Melbourne; also Bro. Biggs, Caveside. The mission is making wonderful headway. Splendid meetings and interest; also record attendances. 130 confessions to date. Last Lord's day, 21 were received into fellowship, and one by letter from North Sydney. Sister Mary had some over to produce the gospel in song, as Sister Roberts left during the week for her home in S.A. We were sorry to lose her. She has won the hearts of many in Tasmania.—N. J. Warmbrun, March 1.

## New Zealand.

**OHAMARA.**—Bro. and Sister Mathison have booked passages by the "Tahiti," leaving San Francisco on March 5. They expect to arrive here on April 5. We are preparing a great welcome. We were favored with Bro. Vercorb's services two Lord's days, and were much impressed by his rousing addresses. Bro. Binney paid us a farewell visit on Feb. 9, which was much appreciated. The good meeting being very well attended. N. G. Noble, of Kaitangata, labored with us last Lord's day. Good meetings.—K. Feb. 28.

**WELLINGTON.** (Vivian-st.)—We are getting a preacher at last. M. O. Johnson is his name. Our brother and his wife are at present in Ohio, U.S.A., and we hope to see them here about the end of April. The Chapman-Alexander mission will be held in Wellington in a few weeks, so that Bro. Johnson will be able to hold any additions we may receive from the mission. We are indebted to the several local and visiting brethren for speaking to us mornings and evenings during the past few months. Milton Vickery has kindly consented to take our evening services till Bro. Johnson arrives. Last Sunday morning we had the pleasure of listening to an address by S. H. Mudge; this was his first appearance at Vivian-st. since his holiday in Australia. That evening Bro. Dick, from Auckland, preached the gospel from our platform. We are looking forward to a visit from A. W. Connor on March 2.—R.H., Feb. 20.

**MATAPURA.**—The Bible School began the new year under difficulties, all health and other causes compelling several teachers to resign from the work. We have discovered others willing to take the place of those who have had to fall out, and now have a fine band of seven teachers, all facing their work with the enthusiasm of youth. The B.C. is still in the care of the superintendent.—T.J.B., Feb. 24.

**AUCKLAND** (Dominion rd.)—On Jan. 6 C. M. Gordon gave a comprehensive address on the College in the Bible. There was a fairly good attendance, and a good response to the appeal for funds. Bro. Gordon exhorted the church on the Sunday morning, and preached to a full house in the evening. F. W. Greenwood has been laboring with us since the beginning of the year, and will continue until Easter. There is an improved attendance at the meetings, and a greater interest in spiritual things seems to have been aroused. Our Sunday School took part in the united picnic of all the Church of Christ Sunday Schools in Auckland, held in Cornwall Park on Jan. 29. We contemplate holding our Sunday School anniversary

tea and services on March 14 and 16.—J.W., Feb. 18.

**DUNEDIN.**—A combined social arranged by the Home Mission Committee and the Christian Women's Board of Missions took place in the Taharua on Friday evening, when we were favored by H. G. Harward and J. Binney. C. E. McDonald presided, and the speakers were Mrs. M. Lowe, President N.Z. C.W.M.; P. D. McCallum, N. Noble, A. W. Connor, Bro. McCallum, and Bro. Binney received from the Christian Women's Board of Missions, through Mrs. Powell, a gold watch. We deeply regret the loss of these brethren. A musical programme was carried out, and included a hymn by the evangelists, H. G. Harward, J. Binney, A. W. Connor, N. Noble, and P. D. McCallum. Yesterday Bro. Harward was speaker at morning and evening services, a large audience being present at the evening. While laboring with the Oamaru church Bro. Harward greatly assisted the cause of Home Missions as corresponding secretary for the Home Mission Committee, and we are much indebted to him for his valued services as editor of the *Evangelical Messenger*. At the mission just held at Kaitangata by Bro. Harward, assisted by J. Binney and N. Noble, it was reported on Friday evening that 44 confessions had been made.—L.C.J.S., Feb. 22.

**INVERCARGILL.**—We had the pleasure yesterday of a visit from Bro. Abercrombie, of Melbourne, who most acceptably occupied the platform at our morning and evening services. His addresses were much appreciated. C. A. Barr is leaving us to go back to Victoria, and will be missed by the brethren, and especially for his work among the young people in the Bible School. We are pleased to report that his health has greatly improved during the past three months. T. J. Hull has accepted a short engagement with the church in this place.—T.P., Feb. 24.

## South Australia.

**GLENELG.**—An encouraging feature here is the work among the young men, who are proving a great help in all departments of work. Our Wednesday night meetings are conducted by young men, and we are delighted to notice the improvement week by week. The writer, in order that the song service of the church may be benefited, is giving a special course of lessons in voice training to the young men's class. Bro. and Sister Sir Charles and Lily Goske again fellowship with us, and we are glad to notice many other visitors. We missed Bro. Burford, who was taken seriously ill in the night, but are thankful to know he is recovering. At night we had another splendid meeting. We had the joy of taking the communion of Miss Ivy Rule, the blind typist of the Royal Institution, who is associated with many blind and deaf women lecturers, and demonstration in behalf of the blind. Her spiritual eyes have been opened to the truth, and it is her desire to obey the Lord more perfectly than hitherto. She will be baptized and will unite with the Glenelg church.—F. W. Poyman, Feb. 24.

**NORTH ADELAIDE.**—On Feb. 18 F. W. Pittman gave an interesting lecture on "The Higher Education of the Blind," assisted by Miss Ivy Rule, the blind typist at the N.A. Institution. This talented young lady gave some illustrations of her dexterity with the typewriting machine, and contributed a luminous reading. A collection of 41/10 was handed to Mr. Pittman to help defray the expense of a type-writer's table, presented to the Royal Institution of the Blind, N.A., by the Churches of Christ in South Australia. This talented young lady gave some illustrations of her dexterity with the typewriting machine, and contributed a luminous reading. A collection of 41/10 was handed to Mr. Pittman to help defray the expense of a type-writer's table, presented to the Royal Institution of the Blind, N.A., by the Churches of Christ in South Australia. This talented young lady gave some illustrations of her dexterity with the typewriting machine, and contributed a luminous reading. A collection of 41/10 was handed to Mr. Pittman to help defray the expense of a type-writer's table, presented to the Royal Institution of the Blind, N.A., by the Churches of Christ in South Australia.

**POINT STURT.**—Our Sunday School anniversary was celebrated on Feb. 16, when Ebenezer Hall addressed the children, and exhorted the church. Bro. Hall has since left for America. Our services were continued on the 23rd, and the prizes were distributed by A. W. Poston, the

stantiated for many years. D. M. Goldworthy, the evangelist, R. T. Bass, the superintendent, and W. Yelland all spoke at this meeting, and special music was rendered by the Sunday School. It was remarked that the majority of the scholars were also members of the church.—R.T.B., Feb. 23.

**MILANG**—We celebrated our 55th church anniversary on Sunday and Tuesday and had successful gatherings. Bro. Morrow delivered some telling addresses on Sunday. Bro. Bass conducted Tuesday's meeting, when the speakers were Bro. Black, of Strathgibbon, Bro. Horsell, of Croydon, and Mr. Cooper, the pastor of the local Congregational Church. The evening sessions were conducted in the hall. Miss Weeks sang several songs, and mutually helped to make the enterprises so enjoyable. The choir gave a number of numbers in a most creditable way. The year's work for Milang shows an added faith and baptism, two added by letter, two transferred by letter, and we have lost two of our old faithful members in Mrs. Lathour and Mrs. Hoggson. We are pleased to note our aged Sister Mrs. Goldworthy, senior, again about among us after her long and serious illness.—R.T.B., Feb. 25.

**WALLAROO**—Last Lord's day it was our privilege to extend the hand of fellowship to seven new members. The open air meetings continue to improve. As a result of these meetings the attendance at the gospel service on Lord's day continues as nearly doubled. The Bible School is making rapid progress. Last Sunday there were 68 present; several new scholars. To-day all meetings were nearly so present at school, and three new scholars. We were glad again this morning to welcome a sister who was baptised during the week. At the gospel service there was a good congregation, and a fine address by Bro. Wildshire, at the close of which Sister Nairn fell very appreciably as an invitation, "Come unto Me," and was glad to take a man come forward.—E.L.K., Feb. 25.

**SEMAPHORE**—Meeting small yesterday; but weather, C.E. Society in a most prosperous condition, but retarded for lack of accommodation.—T.T., March 3.

**UNLEY**—On Feb. 18, the Literary and Debating Society conducted a debate on "Is Compulsory Military Training in the Best Interests of Australia?" Bro. Evers presided for the affirmative were O. V. Mann, P. Smith, H. Bennett, and O. Penfold, and for the negative T. E. Yelland, H. M. Churchill, and A. Storer. Good and successful speeches were made on both sides. On the 23rd Bro. Wallin was concluding the special mission at Cornwallis, and H. R. Burns spoke at Park at the evening. Yesterday afternoon Bro. Walden kindly gave an address on "The Man who Sought Too Far" to the members of the Men who Sought Too Far Society. Last night the youngest daughter (Doris) of Bro. and Sister W. L. Johnston passed away after a long illness. Our deepest sympathy is extended to them and their family.—P.S.M., March 2.

**PROSPECT**—Last Thursday night one new member was received into our K.S.M. and there interest is being well maintained in the organization which operates to be a great help to us in Sister Mrs. McEwen's day well attended the morning, also Bro. M. Chan and family, and Miss E. Light scholars were enrolled in our Bible School. In the evening a man confessed in our faith in Christ, and will be baptised next Sunday night. Sister Mrs. Goshain is in the Adelaide Hospital, but we are glad to know she is getting on nicely. On Saturday about 45 juniors and all these were spent. Miss Doris Thomas is to be into this department.—J.A.P.

**NORWOOD**—Notwithstanding the heavy drizzle we had our usual meetings today. Bro. Morrison was greatly enjoyed. His exhortation this based on Matt. 3: 27. He mentioned that this was a favorable passage of our late Sister Ethel Jenner, to whose memory Bro. Dickson made

sympathetic reference. Bro. Oscar Holman, of the M.P. church, who is on his way to the College of the Bible, met with us this morning. Two young ladies who were baptised during this week were received into following this morning; they reside at Forest Range; consequently they are unable to attend regularly.—S.P.W., March 2.

**STRATHALBYN**—The anniversary passed off very successfully. Bro. Evers speaking on the subject of a good gathering. The public meeting and tea on Tuesday were a grand success. The interest in the Endeavor and other meetings still kept up.—B.J., March 3.

**MAYLANDS**—The Bible School annual business meeting has just been held, and a substantial increase in numbers was recorded. There were 31 confessions during the year. Three new members were welcomed. The half-yearly business meeting of the church was held on Wednesday, and Bro. Blunden, Tompsett, Langlois, Daniel, Lyle, junr., were elected deacons. Through ill-health S. F. Atchison has resigned office after good service. The church has committed itself to find additional space for the Bible School, and £20 is required. Half-yearly reports showed progress, and the financial statement was satisfactory. Fair meetings to-day, and one received by letter.—R.L.A., March 2.

**WALKERVILLE**—Meetings to-day have been smaller than usual, as we have several sick, and some have to come a good distance; such hot days it is a bit too severe to come twice. We had a good meeting to-night, Bro. Wilson speaking. When the weather gets a little cooler we shall have to move for larger accommodation. Building fund commenced to-day.—J.H.T., March 2.

**QUEENSTOWN**—Our young men's Training for Service Class is now bearing some visible fruits. On Wednesday evening, Feb. 27, a large of the students conducted the meeting. Bro. Crittenden presiding, Bro. Jeffries speaking, and Bro. H. Watkins had charge of the singing. Sunday, March 2, Bro. Filcroft presided; Bro. Brooker exalted. Meetings are good. All the gospel scholars of the Bible School are practising for the forthcoming anniversary. Some of our number who have been laid aside are restored again sufficiently to meet with us.—A.C., March 2.

**NORTH CROYDON**—To-day is the anniversary of Bro. Horsell's ministry in this place. He has been Minister of God, and has had a year of much success. Fifty persons have been baptised, and 23 by letter—a total of 73 additions. Six have been transferred to sister churches, and two heretofore non-stands at 135. This morning the church roll was called, when 113 members were reported. H. J. Horsell gave an address to the young people of the Bible School in the afternoon, confession. To-night we had a good gathering. Brotherhood Society has Monday night Mr. the Forge. These meetings are very helpful to

**HIDDMARSH**—The usual quarterly meeting of the P.M. Auxiliary was held on Feb. 26. C. was read by the acting secretary. The minutes signed for £10/5, our quarterly cheque had been which would be forwarded on Feb. 28, leaving a helpful balance of £4/5. G. Duncan gave a very helpful address on the work of the Auxiliary, and items were rendered in many ways. Musical Director and George Duncan and daughter. Miss interesting and profitable. It was altogether a most profitable gathering. The Auxiliary has remitted quarterly payments for 18 years of £1 per annum in advance on behalf of the church to the Federal Committee.—J.A.P.

**YORK**—On Wednesday evening the C.E. Society held their annual missionary fruit social, when Miss Gornish gave an interesting account of

her visit to Pandharpu, India. Mrs. Gooden also gave a short address. The annual reports of the Y.P., Intermediate, and Junior Societies spoke of a successful financial year. The Musical Help Society held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, the chief item of the evening being a debate on "Should Bible Reading be Practised in the State Schools?" Messrs. Mossop, Povey, senr., and Piellier, senr., spoke on the affirmative, and the negative was taken by Messrs. Medley, Jarvis, and Kenish. The Judge, Mr. W. Broad, gave his verdict in favor of the affirmative. To-day, Bro. Paternoster commences his second year's labor with us, and we are giving to each other thanksgiving for the success of his labors with our harvest thanksgiving services next Lord's day. Bro. Fischer presided at the table this morning, and Bro. Swain gave an inspiring exhortation. Bro. Paternoster gave the prayer address.

**LONG PLAINS**—On the evening of Feb. 27 a farewell social was tendered to Bro. and Sister W. H. Parker and the members of the family, of whom were members of the church. G. C. Cuttriss occupied the chair. There were present a large number of friends. The evening closed with an vorture by Sister Miss E. Moyle. Bro. R. Daniel, R. D. Lawrie, C. W. Burnard, A. H. Wilson, of Owen, and the chairman spoke in a complimentary manner about Bro. and Sister Parker and family. They will be missed very much, both in the church and Sunday School, and as very highly respected residents of the district, having resided in the district for over 20 years. Bro. Daniel, on behalf of the church, presented Bro. and Sister Parker with an illuminated address. Supper was partaken of after the meeting.—F.L.L.

**NORTH ADELAIDE**—The first Lord's day in March marked the first anniversary of Bro. Day's labors in North Adelaide, and his address on that occasion was a review of the work done, and an earnest exhortation for every member to do their very best for the success of the Lord's work in the new year. Among the offerings were T. B. Peter, and Miss Evers, from Port Adelaide, and Rob. Harbridge, from Tunby, but it was also our joy to welcome into the church Willie Hullock, and his two younger sisters, Leila and Grace, by letter from the church at Uley. The amount collected for Home Missions totalled £27/10/5.—V.L.T., March 3.

## Queensland.

**BRISBANE**—Good meeting yesterday. P. A. Bignall exhorted on "The Duty of the Woman." A brother and sister received into fellowship by letter from Williams-Down, Victoria. Sister Mitchell restored to fellowship. At night Bro. Nightingale preached to a fine audience on "Faith." The Bible School rally sees increasing numbers attending weekly, and the Adult Bible Class is steadily growing. Attendance at the Young People's Society are fine, and interest is being up well. We are initiating a plan to secure by clear our building of debt within five years, on similar lines to that started by the Good for No church. Arrangements are being made for a special mission in Rossville, to be held at which we have commenced our new Bible School; we expect to carry it through successfully in May.—L.G., Feb. 24.

**MT. WALKER**—Our young Bible student of Rosvale, W. Hinrichsen, who has spent his vacation at home, and among the West Mountain churches and Bible schools, before leaving arranged a Bible competition between Rosvale and Mt. Walker, which was carried through on Friday evening last in our chapel at Mt. Walker. The building being filled. After 157 questions were put each side (four years ago Mt. Walker won), and four young ladies of Mt. Walker, it was found the Rosvale's answered 135 correctly, and Mt. Walker 151, thus giving Rosvale the victory. Our evangelist, Bro. Rodger, acted as judge. This shows how well they had been taught by W. Hinrichsen. At the close of the meeting farewell speeches were made to Bro. Hinrichsen. Last Lord's day we had with us Bro. and Sister Bell, of West Australia, and Bro.

**Bardner**, of Ma Ma Creek, who gave a most inspiring address. In the evening Bro. Bell visited the church at Rosevale, and gave a gospel address to a full house. Bro. Bardner, who is visiting the West Moreton churches, was to have given us a lantern lecture last night, but about an hour before meeting time a heavy storm of wind, rain and hail made its appearance, and of course a lecture could be given. He proceeded to Rosevale to-day to deliver his lecture to the church up there.—F. Henriksen, Feb. 19.

**HUNDAMBA**.—On Lord's day, Feb. 23, we were pleased to have Bro. and Sister Finlayson with us, who have been away for a few weeks. Bro. Finlayson exhorted the church on "The Christian's Race." Bro. Huntley preached at night on "A Great Sacrifice."—Geo. Green, Feb. 26.

**TANNYMORE**.—Since last report we have been favored with a visit from Mr. Leader, Baptist preacher, Warwick. We enjoyed his earnest gospel address. On Feb. 9, we held our annual distribution of prizes, every scholar receiving a book. E. Reeve, from the College of the Bible, was with us all day, addressing the children in the morning and exhorting the church, and teaching in the evening. On Lord's day, Feb. 16, Bro. Geraghty gave his farewell message to the church prior to his visit to the Old Land, and on Tuesday evening the members entertained our brother at a tea meeting. Speeches were given by Bro. E. Keable, Blackwell, Henriksen and Carey. Bro. G. suitably responded. Our brother leaves a gap which will be hard to fill, he having always taken an active part in the work here. We wish him God-speed and a safe return.—E.G.B., Feb. 27.

## New South Wales.

**PADDINGTON**.—The church held its annual business meeting on Feb. 19. The following were elected as deacons: Bro. Rowles, McKnight, Lee, Lewis, Guldard, Purton, Shearston; Deacons' help: Bro. Hibbard, Broadball, Cheal, Taylor. On the 26rd, we had Bro. Swan, from the Bible College, and his wife present, who both helped us in the gospel service. Bro. Franklyn continued his series of discourses, which have been very interesting and instructive.—A. W. Shear-ton.

**MARRICKVILLE**.—Bro. Bagley addressed a fine meeting this morning. At the Bible School meeting the president, Bro. Adams, of the Willing Workers, formally handed over to the kindergarten the chairs mentioned in last report. A splendid tray has also been presented by Bro. Braden. With their capable teacher, Sister Miss Annie McDaniel, the girls' class are very happy in their new surroundings. The re-organization of the school is now almost complete. Bro. Fred Steer will be superintendent of the primary department, which includes the kindergartens, and T. C. Walker continues as superintendent of the Bible School. The scholars are engaged preparing for the annual rally, which will be held in the gymnasium to-day in the Bible School and "W.W." class. The attendance at the gospel service also continues to improve. Bro. Rush's address was a splendid one, as also a solo by Sister Rush. We were pleased to receive into fellowship two adults by statement. At this prayer meeting on Feb. 19 we had 42 present, the largest number of men at the previous week. Bro. Rush intimated his willingness to commence a young men's training class on Thursday evening. Our church paper is proving itself a great help to the work. At the close of this morning's meeting, the men of the church met and decided thus early to recognize in a partial way the work of Bro. and Sister Rush. We are satisfied that with Bro. and Sister Rush, under G. W. guidance and blessing, much is going to be accomplished in Marrickville. We are sorry to have to report that Sister Mrs. Creek has fallen ill. We hope to see her about again soon.—W.H.L., Feb. 27.

**HAMILTON**.—The combined place of the Bible School and Bible Class took place at Jesus Hall, Feb. 22. All the children of school age and parents, and every child received a prize. Book prizes were given out on Lord's day afternoon to senior scholars of the Bible School. Every

thanks are due to the sisters for their valuable aid in making the picnic a success. Credit balance in hand, £42.—C. Burrows, Sec.

**CANLEY VALE**.—Statistics for the year just closed show a slight increase in both church and school. Our church was allotted the sum of £15/5 in the annual Home Mission offering, and our result is the sum of £17/5. This amount has been achieved through the help of some of our isolated brethren. We were very pleased to have with us yesterday R. Verro, from Mosman, who exorted both morning and afternoon.—A.O.W., Feb. 24.

**MEREWETHER**.—The church has had a refreshing time to-day. We had Bro. White with us from Auburn. Some of our brethren journeyed to Platburg to break bread with Bro. and Sister E. Taylor. Our brother is very frail now, and cannot get about much, but his faith is still strong and his desire to meet in remembrance of Jesus is just as strong as ever.—Jas. Fraser, Feb. 23.

**BROKEN HILL**. (Railway town).—We have to report, for the fortnight ending Feb. 23, one confession and our baptism. All meetings were well attended. The C.E. Society held a social evening on Tuesday last, which was most enjoyable. It was also a cup and saucer evening, and resulted in a very fine addition of crockery-ware to the church cupboard. 30/- was also subscribed to the forcing fund. One of our brethren has made up a present of a nicely finished patch over the front of the breaking of bread this morning, we had Sister Rowlett, of Kadina, S.A.—C. H. Hunt.

**MANNING RIVER**.—Sunday, 10th Feb., the writer visited Wingham morning and evening, also Killbaldh in the afternoon. This being the moonlight week, our outstations have been visited. On Tuesday, Bro. Edwards and Lockyer went to Killbaldh, the water was so low that they had to come evening, and had a good meeting. The school on Thursday was much better than usual. The school was visited in the afternoon, and a very enjoyable half-hour was spent with the children. We hope to have a mission in this place later on. On Friday we went to Bo Dy, and a very enjoyable time was spent. The response to the Home Mission fund has been satisfactory. On Saturday, Tarce was asked for 42, and over 120 have come in. With the contributions from Wingham and Killbaldh, something like £12 will be sent away. A local collector has also been appointed. Tarce's mid-week meetings have been very encouraging of late. Feb. 23, splendid meeting in Tarce morning, and evening, and Bro. Adams in the afternoon. "Lessons from the Scit Disaster" was the evening subject, when a splendid audience gathered.—B. Burns.

**FRSKINEVILLE**.—In connection with the trusteeship, W. Wright and G. Morton have been elected to fill vacancies caused by death of Bro. Sister and removal of Bro. Carter. On Sunday, Feb. 23, a lady made the most confident and comfortable reference of the teachers and officers of the school was held on Feb. 25. E. Taylor, supt., presided. Many valuable suggestions were placed before the conference, and valuable resolutions were carried. The scheme by which our school is being graded will come into operation on Lord's day, March 9. The Bible Class has been re-organized under the leadership of Bro. Clyde Dale. The conference decided to hold a teachers' rally to commence on Feb. 25 and to close on April 6. It was decided to hold a book evening on Tuesday, March 11. By this means we hope to replenish our Bible School library. If any of the brethren have books suitable for our school, a concert will take place in May in aid of our Bible School picnic.—W. Bulden.

**LISMORE**.—Lord's day, Feb. 23, services were well attended. At night a splendid congregation listened to the gospel message by Bro. Stevens. There is a good deal of sickness here at present. Our sympathy and prayers are with the sick and feeble at this time. We are anxiously looking for our evangelists to take up the district work, and while we have been in communication with several, finally has not been reached. This is a great opportunity, and we pray that two brethren may soon be secured.—E.A.P.

**BROKEN HILL**.—E. G. Warren arrived from Kadina on Tuesday, and started a mission the same night. Unfortunately a heat wave has made the weather trying. The Lord has blessed the message. On Wednesday one old lady confessed Christ, and will join the church at Redbank soon. On Friday, a husband and wife made a good confession. This Lord's day has been a glorious time. Bro. Warren gave an address to the Juniors. Then the husband and wife who confessed Christ were immersed by the writer, and afterward received into fellowship. Bro. Warren gave a spiritual address on "Personal Work," and it was a hollowed time to all. In the afternoon Bro. Warren gave an address on "The Prodigal Son," and seven from the Bible School confessed Christ. The evening subject was "The Greatest Tragedy in the World." Great congregation. Two men and one woman confessed Christ.—E. J. Tuck, March 2.

**ST. PETERS**.—Good spirit in the meetings all day. Bro. Carter presided and Bro. Cook exhorted. We intend to erect our tent in a few weeks' time for the winning of souls in this district. There is a bright prospect before us.—A. J. Fraser, March 2.

**JUNEE**.—Fairly good meetings yesterday, notwithstanding heat and sickness. At night one confession, a young married man.—E.G.M., March 3.

**MOSMAN**.—Splendid meetings to-day. A. H. Webber, of North Sydney, spoke on "The older brother of the prodigal son—an often misjudged character." Visitors present were Miss McManister, from Swanston-st., Melbourne; Misses Coleman (21) and Owen (23), from Peterham, and Mrs. Webber, sent from Broken Hill. In the course of the gas strike we had to use lamps and candles to illuminate the hall for the gospel service, which was splendidly attended. Alan Price preached a fine sermon on "One Faith"—S.G., March 2.

**FRSKINEVILLE**.—Meeting on Sunday morning a Bible school and Bible School attendance was good. Sunday night's meeting, in the absence of gas strike was held in the street, under electric light, and with the aid of torches. A goodly number of people were out listening. We were glorified by hearing one young man make the good confession. On Wednesday, 27th, the lady who made the confession of her faith in Christ was here. The work is on the upgrade in this district.—Geo. Morton.

**SYDNEY**.—Splendid meetings the last two Lord's days. Fine exhortation by C. Rush last Sunday. To-day Bro. Bagley at morning service reviewed the last year's work, to-day being the anniversary of his taking up the work here, and church progress being most satisfactory. Visitors, Bro. and Sister H. D. Smith, from Hindmarsh, S.A. To-night we held a service under candle light on account of the gas strike. Good number present. March 12 the church will wish Bro. and Sister Ashwood and family bon voyage, as they leave for the Old Land. A church school is to be tendered to them.—J.C.

**ENMORE**.—We had an unusual experience to-day. The gas workers having gone suddenly on strike, the city was thrown into darkness, save where the electric light was installed. This meant a hurried decision as to our evening service. We were fortunate in being able to get a local picture show which had electricity in use. The building is a very large one. We were able to gather together about 700 people by a low estimate, some say there were 1300 present. Our choir rendered excellent service. Novello hymns were sung, and we had a good time in spite of some distraction from the machinery. H. D. Smith was present with his sister wife from Hindmarsh, S.A. Bro. Higginbotham spoke in the morning on "Sanctification," and in the evening on "Come now, and let us reason together."—March 2.

## Victoria.

**BRUNSWICK**.—Last Lord's day I. Williams, from Preston, gave an helpful exhortation. One received in an emergency. On Monday following

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Southern Conference, S.A.

The thirteenth Conference of the Southern churches was conducted on Feb. 18 at Sarahat-hin. Previously Milng had the honor of being the meeting place, and many doubted the wisdom of changing, but Tuesday's Conference at all doubts at rest, for the Conference was a great success all round.

The meetings were well attended, many visitors being present from the city churches, Stirling and Albridge, Goodwa, Milng, Pt. Sturt, Murray Bridge, and other parts, including such far as at Alton and Mildura. Many greetings were also received.

Reports and statistical reports were read from eight churches, Nararort being the only church that did not reply to the secretary's letters. All the reports showed increased activity, increased giving, and increased membership. The total increase in members for the eight churches was 122.

In the afternoon, Theo. Edwards gave an exceedingly able paper on "Practical Sunday School Work and Methods," which was followed by valuable suggestions and discussion. Reports were given of work being done and methods adopted in the various schools.

The discussion of evangelisation was opened by B. Jarvis. It was decided to assist Goodwa and Stirling churches with 7/6 per week each. A large amount was given at the meeting, and the churches will raise the balance.

It was decided that in future any financial assistance given by the Conference would be available only while the assisted church had a preacher engaged in the field.

Also decided that each church in the Conference elect its own representative on the Committee.

Resolved that an agenda paper be placed before churches one month before Conference and that all notices of motion on business for discussion come in the hands of the Secretary of Conference six weeks before Conference meets. Any other business will only be brought forward if time permits.

Resolved that all financial assistance be given through the Home Mission Committee.

Resolved that the Conference Committee arrange for the evangelists of stronger churches to spend at least one week, including Sunday, with a weaker church, at least once each year.

The devotional service was led by Bro. Black, and the President, D. M. Galloway, conducted the Conference.

The election of Committee was as follows:—President, A. W. Pearce; Vice-Pres., Theo. Ed. O'Connell; D. M. Galloway; H. S. Galloway; C. F. Young; B. Jarvis; A. G. Reid; G. T. Black.

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 Mrs. Weeks of Hindmarsh, also deserved our thanks for her splendid renderings of two sacred songs.

**N.S.W. Home Missions.**

By H. G. Payne

The following are the additions reported for the month—Belmont, 1; faith and baptism, 1. Horsham, faith and baptism, 1. Juice-Marrar, baptised believer, 1. Wagga, faith and baptism, 1; restored, 1. Merewether-Hamilton, faith and baptism, 1. Total, faith and baptism, 4; baptised believer, 1; restored, 1.

Items of Interest—F. T. Stammers has resigned from the work in North Sydney, owing to pressure of Foreign Mission work, and will commence at Lilyville on May 1.

The cause at North Auburn continues to make headway. The Bible School now numbers 50.

Sickness and holidays have interfered with the work in the Juice-Marrar field.

R. B. Coleman is in the work at Mosman when a man is secured for Newcastle. The churches at the latter place have been greatly blessed by his ministry.

Finance.—The annual offering has been well supported. At the time of writing (Feb. 21), the amount in hand and in sight is £372/10/-, and there are a few places not yet heard from owing to the liberal response to our appeal, we expect to be able to face Conference free of debt. This is very satisfactory when it is remembered that the year we have had is one of the most strenuous on record.

The Committee are very grateful to those who have helped, and take this opportunity of expressing their thanks.

**Obituary.**

**BRON.**—The church at Spring Grove, N.Z. has been called upon to part with an old and valued disciple in the person of our Sister Annie Dron, who left us for her home where partings come not, on January 28, 1913, at the age of 68 years. Our sister was born in Fife, Scotland, and was a relative of that Sister Dron who waited on A. Campbell during his term of imprisonment at that place. Reaching Nelson, N.Z., when a child, she was baptised at the age of 22, uniting with the church here, in which for 40 years she has borne eloquent testimony to the power of the gospel to obtain her life in the beauty of holiness. At her wish we sang at the grave and also at the meeting for our ship. "There'll be no parting there." "I will gather me 'round Jesus afan' and my daughters from the ends of the earth."—A.G.K., Spring Grove, N.Z.

**HALL.**—With deep regret we report the death of one of our pioneer members, Mrs. T. M. Hall. She passed away quietly during the evening of Friday, Feb. 14, at 80 years of age, after an illness of several years, endured with remarkable fortitude. She came to Australia, from England, in 1854. Five years later she was immersed in the River Sturt upon confession of her faith in Christ. She united with the church at Grote-st. in 1864, then meeting in White's Buildings. She, with her husband, was one of our earliest members, and was faithful in her attendance until several years prior to her last sickness. During the last eighteen months she has been wheeled to the meetings in her chair, as she was never satisfied if unable to meet for the breaking of bread. Her husband and growing family mourn their loss; but we are all comforted with the thought that if we remain steadfast we shall meet where there will be no more parting.—H. Wilson, Owen, S.A.

**EARLEY.**—On January 18, our beloved sister, the wife of R. Earley, of Lower Moutere, passed away to be with Jesus. Our departed sister had been ill for some months, and seriously so for some weeks before, so her end was not unexpected. She had been a most consistent member of

the Church of Christ for twenty-three years, having been baptised in Nelson by E. Lawie. She was pleased to see the whole of her family, three sons and three daughters, one of whom has gone before, become faithful members of the church. Her, and Sister Earley were the first members of the church in Lower Moutere, which they held together for some years, in the face of bitter opposition. Our sister is now entered into rest. She was laid to her rest in the Motueka Cemetery in the presence of a large number of friends, including several members of the church in Motueka, and all of the members of the Lower Moutere church, save those who were sick. On Sunday evening, the 26th, a memorial service was held in the hall, at Lower Moutere, when the writer spoke of the consistent and Christ-like life of our sister, and her faithfulness to the church of her Master. Bro. Farley, and his sons and daughter, have hope in their sorrow, and look for the day when the great re-union shall take place, and partings be no more.—J.G.P., Motueka, N.Z.

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the C.E. Society attended the North Fitzroy C.E. anniversary. On Thursday, the choir gave a social in honor of Bro. and Sister Mr. and Mrs. William Jenkin, who were recently married. Bro. Jenkin, of the choir, of which they were long and regular members, they were presented with a nicely framed group of the choir, by the conductor, J. Barnard. To-day, Sister Miss Larcum, from Sydney, worshipped with us. J. C. F. Pittman gave a helpful exhortation. The school said farewell to Bro. and Sister Mr. and Mrs. Forster and family. The brother, wife and daughter, Sister Herric, were fine workers here. A token of appreciation was shown in the gift to the brother and his good wife of a purse of sovereigns. Bro. Forster was the victim of an explosion in Northcote some time ago, which has rendered him almost invalid. Our Home Mission Service was weakened by the illness of the amount, 1000, being laid up appointment. Sister Mrs. E. Payne welcomed back after illness—W.T. Feb. 29.

**MILDURA**—Five gatherings at church services and Bible School on February 23. Two confessions first at the general services, church first.

**ST. ARNAUD**—Bro. Wood has labored with us constantly during the College vacation, and has done a great deal of personal work and a lot of speaking. An eight days' mission was conducted by Bro. Wood and Swan, when faces old and new were brought in touch once more with the gospel message. They also held a temperance demonstration in the gym at the John Hall, when a good crowd listened to the discourses with great interest. One by faith and baptism as a result of the mission. This is the eighth conversion since Bro. Wood has been with us.—H.B. Feb. 26.

**MARYBOROUGH**—Nice meetings on Sunday, and one confession at night.—H. P. Lane. March 3.

**HAWTHORN**—Good meetings last Lord's day. Bro. Armet, of the Bible College, spoke in the morning. Four were received by letter, Bro. and Sister Mr. Harding, of North Richmond, and Bro. and Sister Andrew Newell, of Adelaide. Sister Brown was present, and a brother from England. Bro. Waters, missionary, conducted the Adult Bible Class, and W. A. Kemp presided in the evening. The writer enjoyed a visit to the church at Bondi—A. C. Rankine. March 3.

**STAWELL**—The third week of our mission started well. At the morning meeting six were welcomed into fellowship, including a brother who for some years has been isolated. At 109 men present this afternoon at a meeting for men only, when a pleasant hour was spent. To-night tent date. Of these six have been baptised. Bro. Hagger considers that from the point of view of the tent he has previously had with the tent.—A. P. A. March 2.

**MILBOURNE** (Swanston-st.)—Increased attendance at our meetings on Sunday. We were very pleased to have with us Bro. and Sister Harwood and family, who have just returned from New Zealand. Bro. Knott, from Assot Vale, had a good school in the afternoon and a large meeting at night when Bro. Allen spoke on "Jealously in our evening meeting." Bro. Allen's address was very ably interpreted. On Monday evening the men of the church were entertained by the "Boys' Club." This was both a novel and interesting gathering. Nearly 100 men were present and entertainment of the Club, and Bro. Allen, the speaker, sent special thanks. The address of the evening was delivered by R. W. Huttonman. Bro. Huttonman gave a resume of the year's work of the church done by the men of our kind of church men present to organize on our lines for service in Melbourne and suburbs. The speaker was listened to with great attention, and the address was well received. Among our visitors to this

gathering were Bro. Horace Kingsbury, of Lygon-st. and Bro. Manifold, of Brighton. We hope to make this gathering in connection with the C.E. an annual one.

**CARLTON** (Lygon-st.)—At the breaking of bread on Lord's day we had a large meeting. One received into fellowship by letter. We were privileged to have with us Sister Robertson (2), of Geelong, Adelaide, also Sisters McGovigay (2), of Sydney, and Bro. Jennings, from Queensland. Bro. Kingsbury's exhortation was of a helpful character. We had an impressive service in the evening, when the chapel was filled. Sister Robertson, who has delighted these attending the Launceston mission with her sweet singing, rendered a beautiful gospel hymn. This item, together with the fine singing of the choir led by Bro. Nat Hollock and the devotional part of the service, was very inspiring. An impressive discourse by Horace Kingsbury on "Loving and Finding Life" followed. Six adults made the good confession. The united efforts of Bro. Kingsbury and Emma keep up an enthusiastic interest in the work of the church and Bible School.—J.M.C.

**CHELTENHAM**—Our Bible School picnic was a success, and reflects great credit on the workers, who, under sup. R. W. Tuck, and secretary F. W. Martin, carried out the arrangements. Bro. W. Hayes kindly erected a marquee, which was a great convenience. The brethren band their lories, thus enabling the school to proceed to Morialla without any expense. Bro. Stayer, J. Fisher and Penny provided cases of fruit for the pleasure of the picnic. All the scholars and parents had a most enjoyable day about going down to tea.—T.B.P.

**DOONCASTER**—All meetings well attended, especially service for worship. Bible School is growing in interest and numbers. A season of sorrow has fallen upon the church, death having removed from our midst one of the most consistent and hearty loved members in the person of Sister Mrs. J. Betty. As a valued member of the choir, she was in the vestry some two weeks ago at the gospel service. After the closing words of the anthem had been rendered, Sister Betty collapsed. Loving hands carried her to her home two doors from the chapel, and although the best medical aid was given, she passed from "life to life" the following Saturday.—J.E.A. March 2.

**SOUTH RICHMOND**—The first meetings in connection with the Bible School anniversary were held on Monday. In the afternoon the children, under the leadership of G. F. Nicholls, rendered their choruses very creditably. Sister Reid, presided at the piano, and Miss Reid, at the organ. J. Pond addressed the parents and children. At the evening meeting the children sang very sweetly. W. L. Jones preached from the story of the maiden in Norman's home, and at the close there were confessions. The anniversary will be following Lord's day with a cantata, and the price of 3, and the usual meeting of 7, when the March 2.

**ASCOT VALE**—Meetings are well attended. On Feb. 27, Bro. and Sister Waters spoke on missionary work to the New Hebrides. Their addresses Lord's day we had large attendances. Last morning meeting B. W. Huttonman, C. Harward, Bro. Huttonman delivered an excellent discourse. At our gospel service H. E. Knott delivered an impressive address.—J.Y.P.

**BALMAIN**—On March 2, Bro. Chas. Morris gave his farewell exhortation to the church. In congregation, T. E. Thomas preached to a large but lately suffered loss. Several men of the church have been absent. Bro. and Sister Bible School, Balmain, a very promising youth of our day, his father, at Geelong, and his mother, by Bro. Richard Ross, of Portland, and his name of the church at Newcastle for about 30 years.

We would mention too the death of Bro. Prater of the Fed-st. church, R.E. We extend Christian sympathy to the sorrowing ones.—A.F.P.

**COLLAC**—To-day being our home coming day, we had fine meetings. In the morning 28 were laid, and Bro. Chandler exhorted. In the afternoon a church and Bible School rally was held, and reports by secretary and treasurer of church and secretary of Bible School were read. The past year's work has been very satisfactory. At the evening service Bro. Chandler gave a most address.—E. Sheldrick, March 2.

**NORTH RICHMOND**—Last Lord's day morning we listened to a splendid exhortation at the second coming of Christ by M. W. Green. In the evening Bro. Hibbert preached a very interesting chart sermon. A young lady confessed Christ. Our prayer meeting has greatly increased, about 50 present at our last meeting.—H.E.A. March 3.

**PRESTON**—Fine meeting Sunday morning J. Ferguson, of North Fitzroy, exhorted. James Holloway preached the gospel, and two of the Bible School scholars made the good confession. On Feb. 27, the church was called upon to part with one of its members, Melbourne Walker, who was accidentally killed on the railway line. The prayers of the church go up for the parents and family in their sad bereavement.

**WARNAMBOOL**—Forty-five broke bread yesterday, and fine attendance at night. Sister Mrs. Sauter, from Moreland, and her daughter, from Korral, were present. One confession.—H.S. March 4.

**HARCOURT**—B. W. Manning was at Spring Grove this morning, and had a nice meeting. Another confession to-night (a girl from the Sunday School), after Bro. Manning had preached.—A.E.G. March 2.

**KYNETON CIRCUIT**—Good meetings were held throughout the circuit last Lord's day. W. G. Cambridge spoke at Kyneton, both morning and evening, the writer being at both meetings. We had fine meetings and one confession. We are anxious to secure the services of a student in this circuit, and an effort is being made of securing the necessary funds. We are also desirous of raising a block of land in Kyneton on which to erect a chapel later on, and would be thankful for any financial assistance.—J.R.C.

**BENDIGO**—On Sunday we had A. C. Rankine with us. His addresses on "Signs Preceding the Coming of Christ" and "Choosing Life" were much appreciated, as also was his talk to the Bible School. Sister Lee, of Swanston-st., Bro. Gifford, of Morialla; Sister McBride, of Bondi, and Sister Spooner, of Carron, also worshipped with us. One of our scholars, Frank Treloar, was drowned last week at a local swimming carnival, and an effort is being made to the sad event in the school by the superintendent. Another little boy, Noel Turner, had an accident while coming to school with his mother, being run over by a horse and buggy. Fortunately it was not very serious, and after an inspection by a doctor they both came to school. This mother is one of our highly respected teachers.—J.J.C.

**GEELONG**—A special church business meeting was held on Feb. 24. On the recommendation of the officers it was decided, in view of the grand work done by Bro. Gifford Gordon, to raise his salary from £208 to £260 per annum. Bro. Gifford Gordon thanked the church for their confidence in him. Another recommendation from the officers which was heartily endorsed by the meeting was that steps be taken to do something in the way of purchasing a permanent home for the preacher. The ideal for 1913 was set before the meeting—viz. a golden offering of £1000 for Christmas Day; 2nd, doubling the membership. A motion was passed expressing sympathy with Sister Muriel, who is at present in the hospital. Since last report we have had four confessions, two men and two women. Sister Mrs. Powell has just received her son, Samuel Windsor. Last Sunday the writer commended his sixth year as church organist.—E.B. March 5.

# Here and There

## FEDERAL MISSION AT LAUNCESTON.

B. G. Griffith cables:—"God is with us in mighty power, giving increase and rejoicing; last week best week, yesterday best day of mission; immense audience last night, hundred falling room within stood outside throughout; eleven confessions, making total one hundred forty-five, nearly all adults."

The church at Vivian st., Wellington, N.Z., has secured the services of M. O. Johnston as evangelist. He comes from Hiram, U.S.A., and is expected to arrive about the end of April.

The Austral Publishing Company has just completed the twenty-first year of its existence. It is intended to bring out a special number of the "Christian" to celebrate the event. Congratulations are in order.

In spite of the heat, a splendid meeting for men only on Sunday afternoon last, and a great meeting at night at Stawell, Vic. At the night service there were five confessions, making fifteen to that date in the mission there.

H. G. Harward and family arrived in Melbourne on Saturday last. Bro. Harward is on his way to New South Wales to take up the work of State evangelist. We wish him every success in his new field of labor.

The Victorian Home Missionary Committee have to thank the churches for the splendid response to the annual appeal. The total has at present reached 7202/9/2. This exceeds the amount asked for, but it is all required, and more, to carry on the work.

Members of the Melbourne Musical Society will note that an annual after-Sabbath concert, March 8, weekly rehearsals will be held at Lysons st. Members are requested to attend in full force, as there are only three rehearsals before Easter concert. Volunteering for tenors and basses.

R. W. Williams writes:—"At our annual Conference held at Kinniva on Feb. 2, a resolution was unanimously passed expressing our appreciation of the "Australian Christian." We feel that it is highly worthy of the support of every member of the Church of Christ, and we pray that you may long be spared to fill the position which you now occupy."

The Northern District Conference of South Australia will be held at Bahklava on March 25 and 26. All intending visitors and delegates desiring railway concessions tickets please notify your local church secretary at once. Will secretaries please forward statistical and church reports to the Conference Secretary as soon as possible.—W. L. Ewers, Bahklava.

The annual business meeting of the Bible School Union will be held next Monday in the Christian chapel, new hall, Swanston-st., at 8 o'clock. Chairman, J. C. F. Pittman, president. Business to receive reports, to elect six on the Executive Committee, and any other business that may be brought forward at the close of the above meeting. T. B. Fischer has kindly consented to deliver a lantern lecture, informing teachers how the Bible and Bible truths and Bible lessons are illustrated in the life of the people of India. All Bible School teachers, officers, delegates, and honorary members are particularly requested to attend. See Coming Events.—J.Y.P.

Arrangements for Victorian Conference are now complete. The Victorian Conference on Wednesday, 19th, all day. From 11 a.m. Temperance meeting on Thursday evening, 28th, Masonic Hall. Conference begins 9.30 a.m. on Good Friday. Grand Home Mission Rally Good Friday night, Masonic Hall. Victorian Mission Rally, Saturday evening, 7 o'clock. Conference Sermon on Sunday afternoon, at 3, Masonic Hall; preacher, W. H. Allan; subject, "A Forward Movement."

Picnic, Easter Monday. C.E. Rally, Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening. Grand Concert on Tuesday evening, March 25, by the Musical Society. Diamond Jubilee Celebration, Wednesday evening, 26th. Bible School Rally, Thursday evening, March 27.

Victorian C.E. delegates are urged to attend the council meeting on the second Monday in each month.

Victorian statistics are expected to show an increase in membership of close upon a thousand. This is getting out of the "rut" in proper fashion.

A social and lantern night will be given by the Christmas campers on Tuesday evening, March 11, at Swanston-st. school hall. Lantern views of camp life will be shown, and an interesting programme is being prepared, including refreshments. Tickets dispense to defray expenses.

At the Adelaide preachers' meeting on Feb. 3, D. A. Ewers occupied the chair. Reports: Norway, 2 received; Mayland, 1 restored; Graydon, 3 confessions; North Adelaide, 3 by letter; Mile End reported opening of kindergarten room. Bro. Parker was present from Victoria. A G. Day gave an interesting book review of "Problems of the West."

The following of Melbourne's leading artists have been engaged to assist in the annual Easter concert of the Musical Society: Madame McClelland (soprano), Miss Eva Young (alto), Mr. John Amadio (baritone), Mr. Herbert Stevens (bass), Mr. Fred. Harry (tenor). Good choruses are being prepared by the choir, who promise a musical treat which will eclipse all previous efforts.

W. D. Cunningham writes:—"Here are a few items from the twelfth annual report of the Victorian Mission in 1912. January 2, two lots were bought for 5000 dollars, and one chapel built for a little more than 1000 dollars. A new congregation was organised, a new station established, and several new workers employed at salaries ranging from a few dollars per month to 200 dollars per year. Twenty-nine were baptised—thirteen men and sixteen men. Forty-eight copies of the *Pelago Christian* were published. Training classes were conducted throughout the year, except July and August. Two men entered Bible training schools. Amity outings are increasing. Among our Australian helpers are Robert Lyall, John Carey, Dr. J. C. Vero, A. P. Turner, Mrs. Sylvester Butler and Mrs. Rosetta Gibson."

Geo. Morson writes concerning the new church building at Erskineville, N.S.W.: "Building operations have begun. We have a block of land 60 ft. x 100 ft. situated in the heart of the district, near the Town Hall, with a frontage to John and George sts. This land is all paid for, and at present is valued at £200. A start has been made on the building, which we hope will be ready about May. It is 40 ft. wide and 60 ft. long clear, and will seat about 250 people. It is to be lit throughout by electric light. It will face John st., and the floor will have a fall of 1 ft. in 20 ft. In conjunction with the financial side we have a loan of £200 at 5 1/2 per cent, but as the contract price is £150, we have a little money to raise above that. We are aiming to raise at least £200 by the opening day, besides paying for seats. Of this amount we have at present just about £50 (received from rent of cottages) in hand, and if any brother or sister would care to help in this worthy cause we should be glad to receive it."

In an article last month, entitled, "The Pope has Wept," the *Semantic Religious* maintained the view that the Pope is to be regarded by loyal (Roman) Catholics as—"A Sacrament—that is to say, Jesus incarnate abroad, and living in the heart of his Church, in order to keep it true and guide her." Hence, when the Pope weeps, the tears are Jesus' tears. "This statement moved the *Matin* to submit the matter to a Roman Catholic theologian, who replied that the doctrine implied therein had been submitted to the Holy Office, and that the claim that Christ is re-incarnated in the Pope as well as to the fact that he is not a new one; "I cannot say that the latter is not a new one. There we shall meet the question of the resurrection." "Inserted by his Lordship," says the

*Christian*, "rightly deeply in his spirit" on account of the Pharisees' perversion of his doctrine, we may well believe that "the tears of Jesus" himself might flow—not vicariously through the Pope—but on account of such blasphemous propositions.

Millennial Dawnism—*Our Hope*, a monthly magazine published in New York, and devoted to pre-millennial teaching, has the following damaging statement in its November issue about the leader of the teaching on dilettante circulation about "Millennial Dawn":—"The *Washington Eagle* has taken special care to investigate the record of this man and to expose him. That his wife received a divorce from him is well known. The following extract from the *Eagle* gives additional information:—"The Court of Chancery Pass, to which Mrs. Russell appealed for aid, denied Pastor Russell's plea that he was penniless. The court had evidence showing that he had transferred property worth 17,000 dollars to the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, of which he is the president. Referring to one transaction, involving a sheriff's sale of property worth 2000 dollars for less than 200 dollars, the court said: "The purpose of the whole transaction seems to be to deprive the wife of her dower interest and give a fraud on her." The evidence produced against him in the alimony case was that he accumulated a fortune through stock speculation and donations from his followers, who are taught to believe that the millennium is in October, 1914." Our people should be swift to report even from an obscure file this, to men from their doors the hawkers of the surmised prophetic literature published by the Watch Tower Society.—*Spectator*.

## COMING EVENTS.

MARCH 10—Bible School Union, Victoria. Thirty-second annual business meeting. T. B. Fischer has kindly consented to deliver a lantern lecture at the conclusion of the business session. See Here and There.—J. Y. Pitt, Hon. Sec.

MARCH 16 & 18—Bible Union anniversary will be held on Sunday, March 16, at 11 a.m. at G. F. Pittman, afternoon and evening, W. D. Mac, On Tuesday, March 18, a men and public meeting in Blackburn Hall. Tickets for men 1/-, children, 6d. Seating for public meeting, 2/-, food and C. M. Gordon, Public, Robt. G. Carson, Hon. Sec.

APRIL 15—Easter Notes—Bromwich, Geelong. Work will be done in aid of fund held up on April 15. Gifts for the above will be most gratefully received by Mrs. E. Payne, 1 Ballarat-road, or Mrs. Way, 112 Glenlyon-road.

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