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Conquests of the Cross.

A. G. Saunders.

Conquests of the cross! How glorious the subject! The night is not long enough to tell it all. The cross has conquered everywhere. Its conquests begin at our thresholds and end on the rim of the world. That is as far as geography goes. In the matter of duration they began at Calvary, and will never end. I know a Christian family who live on a farm. Twice every Lord's day they drive eight miles each way to a little house of worship, thirty-two miles in all. And I know a humble, earnest man. Each Lord's day with a quiet smile he goes to the house of prayer, assists in the service, superintends the school, teaches his boys, extends hospitality to the visitor. A young lady said to me a while ago, "I'm only a Bible School teacher." Only! For years she has taught a dozen girls—girls who love her. These humble, earnest, faithful Christian men and women live to some purpose. Each is a triumph for the Cross of Christ.

But this is a foreign missionary occasion. And so we are to be faced with conquests that stir and thrill, conquests won where conquest seemed impossible. The missionary idea is a triumph in itself. It had to fight for its life. Witness the oft repeated episode in William Carey's life. Confessing to his brethren his desire to bear salvation's story to India's coral strand, he was rebuked by an elder who said, "When God wants to convert the heathen, young man, he will do it, and without your help." But Carey went. Though his wife thought him mad, and deserted him, he went. With his giant intellect and still more gigantic soul he went. And India's modern mass movement toward the church, her native missionary societies, and her three million followers of the Christ, proclaim a victory of the Cross amazing in its magnitude. The spirit of the Cross in the hearts of God's people made certain the ultimate triumph of the missionary idea. And aside from changed countries such as Uganda, where in a single generation all the centuries of heathen terror have been changed into the peace and joy of a Christian state; and aside from the millions of changed and happy and hoping converts the world around; and aside from the hundreds of thousands of pounds, the loving gifts of God's willing people; aside from all these, the bare desire to go and to do the missionary work is in its holy un-

selfishness a mighty conquest of the Cross of Christ.

In such a connection Warneck has this splendid thing to say: "In face of a criticism that seeks to deny the authenticity of Christ's parting command, God brings in a missionary century and translates that command into deed. A more powerful irony upon negative criticism there could not be. We are face to face with the fact of Christian missions and the command to which we owe their existence is declared never to have been given at all. The words of Jesus may be declared dead, they cannot be made dead."

But consider these things. In Korea, after thirty years' evangelism, there are 185,000 Christians. And if Christianity could die out in England and America, the Christianity of Korea is so strong and vigorous that it would surely cross the water and re-establish itself in these lands from whence Korea received it. What a conquest is this!

The sadly depleted population of Fiji is almost entirely Christian. Instead of cannibals, they are readers and preachers of the Word of God. And, to our shame it should be said, there is more family worship in that sun-scorched, rain-soaked land of the tropics than elsewhere on earth.

From the moral and spiritual standpoint the needs of Japan can not be overestimated. No one who has not seen it has any idea of the over-crowding or of the tenacity with which heathendom still grips the people. In a Nagasaki temple I listened as the solemn tone of a bell swept through the dusk and looked up into the face of a monstrous black image, a thing worshipped by men and women, before which they fell in fearful prayer. But, out on those narrow, crooked, smelly, unfamiliar streets, an occasional Christian chapel quietly set forth the fact that the Cross was conquering even here. And down the harbor stood an islet, high and steep. Here in earlier times the saints of God were hurled to the rocks below. Their faith was tested as yours never was and never will be. They were faithful unto death, and the great rock stands there still, a monument of the conquering Cross, as also is a white house of Christian worship on the slope of a hill beyond.

The first Lord's day evening I was in the

Philippines, I was confronted with a group of bare-footed Filipinos, who had walked thirty-five miles to attend a conference. One had walked forty-five miles for the same purpose. Later on I left that lad alone, in a lonely, needy community, joyfully preaching Christ. The sincerity of these humble brethren proclaims another victory of the Cross. There is a spot in Northern Luzon where the road drops down into a valley, amidst the undying green below gleam the waters of two streams. Beyond the valley rise the foothills, banks of which tower in splendid blue the mountains. To the north the China Sea and the Pacific Ocean stretch in their endless immensity. It is a scene of rare beauty. But the most glorious thing in all that wondrous scene is a good-sized wooden building with a grass roof—a place where idolatry is not known but a spiritual religion is taught, where Mariolatry has ceased and Christ is first and Lord of all. And that smiling valley with its surrounding hills is a Christian and a Protestant community. On the rocky bank of the stream hard by that house of worship I have stood amid a crowd of brown-skinned folk as the native evangelist has barred yet another in Christian baptism, and as we sang the old hymns in the strange tongue, with a lantern to show us the words, it has seemed as if all heaven has smiled down peace from those stars of the tropical night, because of the conquest of the Cross below.

A great word with the Ilocano people is *Caastinae*—"Have mercy on me." They often use it, and in many connections, often with good reason, often without. But, amidst the conquests of the Cross in wonder-lands, it seems to me, as I think of all there is to do there yet, that that little, brown-skinned, Rome-cursed Filipino brother of yours is saying *Caastinae*, "Have mercy on me," to every one of us, who, because of the wonderful conquest of the Cross in our land and amongst our people, have been cradled in the liberty of the gospel and the Christianity of God's holy Word. Oh, let us do our part, for the sake of Him who died for us all, and all shall then with glad-me triumph cry,

"In the cross of Christ I glory,
Trampling over the wrecks of time,
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime."

Trained Men and Women.

B. W. Huntman.

In every avenue of human activity the world is asking for trained men and women, and the man who succeeds is the one who can do something a little better than his co-laborers. In order to get this training some persons of rich natural endowments secure it by their own personal efforts. Spurgeon's skill in preaching was not the result of special college training, Edison's magical gifts to the world are chiefly the product of his own study and continuous work, and there have been musicians and artists who have attained great proficiency outside of the schools. But these are exceptions; they had the gifts of genius in their own particular sphere. For the vast majority of us, the teacher and all that the school means are essential; they give to us what we cannot personally acquire, not simply information about many things, but the means of securing that information, where to find it, how to classify it, and more important still, how to make practical use of it in daily life. What has long since been recognised as indispensable in other careers, is now admitted to be essential with those who preach the good news of the kingdom of God. If it be admitted that such a task is the highest and best in which any person can be engaged, then it is worthy of the best preparation we can possibly give to it. If eternity is longer than time, if the soul is of greater value than the body, if spiritual things are richer than material, if God's service is more important than self-seeking, if eternal salvation is more to be desired than temporal success, then the training of those who will bring the claims of the spiritual life to the hearts and consciences of men must certainly be a task of supreme importance. Such a work our College is endeavoring to do in the training of preachers and missionaries. That it is succeeding is evidenced by its growing popularity with the brotherhood and the splendid workers it is sending forth to minister in our churches. This distinctive work must go on, increasing more and more, not only in the number of students, but also by raising its standard of educational acquirement, adding to the membership of its faculty, and largely increasing its equipment for the greatest possible service. As education advances among the members, greater culture will be required from those who minister in sacred things. Our own colleges must help to supply that need, and to meet it Christian education must have a large place in our plans and gifts.

But a Christian College like Glen Iris

should not only be a training school for those who intend to be distinctively preachers and missionaries; its scope should be enlarged to take in those who desire for themselves or their children a Christian education, but who intend to enter the ordinary activities of life. Why should not the boys who are expecting to be successful business men, lawyers or physicians, have their early educational training along Christian lines and under Christian influences? The public school gives no instruction in the Bible—the ordinary college is chiefly along secular lines. Herein is an opportunity for the distinctively Christian College to supply a great need. While imparting the usual lines of education, to add to them the study of the Bible, and training in avenues of

Christian work, open to those who are not intending to give all their time to evangelistic work—this would result in better equipped workers in our churches, men and women trained for Christian service, but pursuing the ordinary occupations of life. To carry out this large scope of service, the College would need a bigger endowment and greater equipment. This cannot be met by the ordinary collection or fees from the students, so it would be a wise and thoughtful act for our people to remember the College along with other Christian institutions, when making their wills. As a rule, Christians have not been awakened to their stewardship in this respect. The Lord's work should have a place with family consideration, and no letter, more enduring, or more Christlike monument could any Christian leave to perpetuate his memory than to endow our College, so as to enable it to enlarge its work and push forward to the highest possible efficiency.

An Age of Education.

Randall T. Pittman.

To justify the application of the above description to the present era, we need not despise the efforts of the past. Throughout centuries gone by States and individuals have recognised the value of education, and most of the ideas current to-day regarding it can be traced to sources comparatively remote. But the present generation has witnessed such a thorough and systematic examination into the best means for the transmission of knowledge that we now have a Science of Education. Enquiry is directed not only to the subjects to be taught, but also to the schools wherein instruction is given and the training of teachers for their work. The pupil in various stages of development is studied closely; his physical and mental capacity is tested experimentally. No longer are the advantages of education for the favored few, but in civilised countries opportunities are presented to all. A vast literature has sprung up, and with the publication of cheap editions such as the "Everyman" and "Home University" Libraries knowledge is being widely diffused.

Few will question the value of this new science. Says Professor J. J. Findlay, "The philosophers, who differ in everything else, agree in maintaining that the progress of mankind depends upon education." Nevertheless, there are certain dangers. One is in the excessive emphasis that is being made in some quarters upon the "practical end" of education. "Vocational studies" are favored, and the subjects which make for broader culture are neglected. Vocational

studies are a necessity, but alone they are apt to foster ideals which find their realisation in material gain. Education with low ideals is a menace. The appalling spectacle of a nation possessed of much learning but few lofty ideals obtrudes itself at this moment, and the richest world for educational refinement has become a by-word. "Though I . . . understand all mysteries, and all knowledge. . . and have not love, I am nothing."

These facts reveal to us our duty in the educational sphere. It is the solemn task of every preacher, nay, of every Christian, to take advantage of the opportunities for culture which present themselves. He must see to it that he not only acquires information, but that he is being led ever higher by noble ideals. He will then influence men for good, and his studies will become "vocational" in the higher sense of the term. Let a man commit himself to the teachings of Christ and become inspired with the ideal of reproducing the Christ-life in himself and others, and any study which he pursues will take to itself new meaning and will become a means of serving the divine purpose. The essential thing is "to know Him, whom we know is life eternal." Other knowledge, falling into line with that, may "grow from more to more," but there will "more of reverence in us dwell."

It is because they are committed to this ideal that the College of the Bible and kindred schools deserve the support of those who believe in the Christ of God as the Teacher of all the ages.

BIBLE COLLEGE OFFERING, OCTOBER 3.

Five Familiar Pews

To be Found in All Churches.

The pews in our church are an interesting study. They look very much alike, but are really widely different. Some of them have a distinct individuality. They are representatives of a type.

For instance, there is the "Critical Pew." It is well up towards the front. It has ideals. Everything must come up to its standard or be cast aside. It watches the minister with Argus eye, and often criticises him unmercifully. This manner of entering the pulpit, his dress, gestures, tones of voice, and even the way he blows his nose, must pass in review. How scientifically his rhetoric is dissected! How precisely his logic is analysed! And, even when the parson grows eloquent, and makes an impression upon all the other pews, our Critical Pew is dumb. The Critical Pew gives attention to the music, too. The choir-leader knows it, and grows nervous. The choruses are always too light or too heavy, and the chief soloist is overdressed, has a squeaky voice, puts on airs, and is fussy. The janitor also comes in for his share of attention, for the sanctuary is always too hot or too cold. Only once in a long while does the Critical Pew find matters to its liking, and then, like every other chronic critic on the footstool, says never a word about it.

Then there is the Irregular Pew. Sometimes it is full. Sometimes it is empty. It is occupied when you expect it will not be, and it is deserted when you expect it will be filled. It is always there during the revival meetings. And on special occasions, when the choir is to render an oratorio, or the minister is to preach about dancing, or promises to denounce the local politicians, you may safely count upon its presence. But when the minister is away, and a supply is in his place, you may safely count upon its absence. And when the missionary sermon is to be preached, or an effort is to be made to raise funds for a needy cause, you will make no mistake if you reckon upon that pew's tenants being somewhere else.

Not far away is the Unbecoming Pew. It generally arrives late. If a stranger has been assigned to a seat in its sacred precincts, it stares at him as much as to say: "I pay for this space. Don't you know better than to come in here?" The Unbecoming Pew is silent during the singing of the hymn. It sits bolt upright during prayer. It does not condescend to hand a hymnal to the stranger across the aisle. It listens to the best sermon impatiently, and gives the preacher never a lift by flashing to the pulpit an appreciative look or a heart-felt "Amen!" Whispers often. Giggles much. Grows fidgety before the service is half an hour old. Watches the clock. Looks bored. When the meeting is over, this pew leaves hurriedly, greets no one in the aisle, bolts straight for the door, and disappears down the street without so much as a nod or a smile.

On the opposite side of the church is the Cordial Pew. It comes with a flood of sunshine, and with the perfume of the flowers. Greets other pews with genuine geniality in the vestibule. Smiles a recognition to others as it passes up the aisle. Extends a hand which the stranger needs no persuasion to grasp. When the minister appears in the pulpit, Cordial Pew welcomes him with an unclouded and expectant face. Then it listens so responsively that the good man, climbing heavenward, lifts his congregation to heights of faith and joy where they have never been before. On the way out the Cordial Pew fairly beams. "A most inspiring sermon!" it joyfully exclaims again and again, and again. "The best sermon we have had for years!" it keeps insisting as long as anyone is present to listen to the enthusiastic verdict.

But last there is the Prayerful Pew. It spends half an hour upon its knees before it starts for church. Secular thoughts are expelled, and cares are left behind. It comes to worship. It brings the spirit of worship along. When the meeting opens, that pew is ready. It sings heartfully. It hears the sermon prayerfully. It prays for sinners. It prays for saints. It prays for our own church and for all churches. It prays for our own land and for all lands. It prays eagerly. It prays with a power which brings the promised blessing down. When the minister arises to preach, he unconsciously turns to the Prayerful Pew. Then his heart grows warm. He catches fire. Face shines. Eyes moisten. Presently he is on the mountain-top, and his voice rings out in clarion notes of victory. People wonder why he has climbed so high. But the angels, looking over the battlements of heaven into one particular pew, exclaim, "Behold, he prayeth!"

Which pew will you occupy next Sunday? — "Christian Endeavor World."

The "ABC" of our Churches.

W. R. C. Jarvis, Hobart.

In the dark days when education was at a premium, and only the few enjoyed the benefits of scholarship, the great mass of humanity had to rest content with whatever material was available in the way of preachers and public-speakers. The work done by many of those who denied themselves many privileges in order to give a higher vision of life cannot be too highly estimated, and the thanks of all those who have a due appreciation of worth cannot be too lavishly bestowed on the memory of those who have gone before, and whose footprints have been left on the sands of time. Out of this has evolved a yearning for something still better, and there is a corresponding willingness on the part of the public to support all those institutions which make for a higher education. The States have shouldered their responsibility, and to-day they can

boast of a free education for the children of their schools. In this direction some States are more advanced than others, because they have made the way clear for the humblest citizen to rise from the primary school to the University at the cost of the Government. Other States have the same goal in view, and with a letter filled exchequer will not hesitate to fall into line. This is all done with the object of better fitting men and women for the battle of life, and is largely materialistic. But shall those who have the religious welfare of the community resting upon their shoulders sit idly by and allow a world of educated people coldly to criticise the uneducated in church life, or shall they rise to the occasion and school their young manhood in order that the church may shine with a lustre becoming her character? Life to-day is more strenuous than ever, and the ordinary man of active disposition has great demands made upon his time. While willing to give his best services to his God, it is a physical impossibility for him to quit himself as a speaker or teacher in a manner creditable to himself or acceptable to his patient listeners. Hence the need of men to give their undivided time to this work, and of a training institution such as the College of the Bible, Success to the Bible College. It is "ours"—and we are proud of it. It is the "ABC" of our churches, and, like the letters of the alphabet, stands first.

The Religious World.

"A Baptist layman who goes to church practically every Sunday said that he had not heard a sermon on repentance for ten years. Is this not a neglected theme among our preachers?"—Baptist Standard.

A German regulation forbids men to furlough to visit Berlin cafes and wine rooms. It is pointed out that the purpose of the furlough is physical recuperation from the strain of life at the front, and the resting of nerves is seriously endangered by visits to wine rooms and restaurants.

Dr. John R. Mott, International Secretary of the Students' Christian Union, is authority for the statement that 50 per cent. of the pastors in France and Germany are in the armies, and that 60 per cent. of the students of Great Britain have joined the volunteer forces.

The "A. C. Commonwealth" says:—"It was inevitable that, in the light of the present state of things in the East—particularly in Turkey—the minds of Bible students should turn with renewed interest to the question of the Jewish people in Palestine. While it is never safe to prophesy, yet the amazing swiftness with which the situation in Turkey has developed, certainly brings a hope that the time long foretold for the return of the Jews is at hand. So much else is linked up with this, even the 'blessing of the world' itself, that the hope is a very real and practical one."

Miss Ada Boyd, a well-known missionary of the American Christian Women's Board of Missions, sent to India in 1882, has recently been called home.

South Australian Conference.

MEN'S MEETING.

The first gathering was a men's meeting held at Grote-st. on Thursday evening, Sep. 9. Ninety-three men sat down to a knife and fork tea in the lecture room, and afterwards an adjournment was made to the Magarey Hall, where a physical demonstration was well given by the members of the Robert-st. Y.M.I. and the Grote-st. Boys' Club.

The meeting which followed was presided over by the President of the Conference, G. D. Wright, and the speakers were T. H. Smeaton, M.F., A. G. Saunders, and Les. Gooden. Mr. Smeaton, in speaking on the subject, "Men and Social Service," said that we look to the churches to show the spirit of true interest in the welfare of others as illustrating the teaching of the church's great Head. The only true solution was to be found in the simple gospel of Jesus Christ. A. G. Saunders delivered an address on "Men and Missions." The speaker pointed out that the work of carrying the gospel to the heathen was a man's work because of the immensity of the task. At the present time there are a thousand million living human beings deprived of the gospel of the Son of God. Work among the heathen should not be left to women to do, but men are needed to fight error and establish truth.

Les. Gooden spoke on the subject of "Men and Boys," particularly mentioning the assistance men could give the boys along the lines of social purity.

During the evening F. Cleveland sang the song, "Alone on a Raft," and W. Magarey rendered the solo, "There's a Land."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DEMONSTRATION.

This was held in Grote-st. chapel on Saturday evening, September 11th.

The President of the C.E. Union, E. J. Paternoster, occupied the chair, and H. J. Horsell led in prayer.

T. P. Richardson, the Secretary of the Union, read a report, and among other things he said that this year 241 Endeavorers are teachers in the Bible School, showing an increase for the year of 16. 114 Endeavorers have joined the church since last annual meeting, an increase of 42 over the previous year.

The De-tente Institution had been visited regularly by various members of the Societies, the sick and the poor had been visited in hospitals, and in homes, and money had been raised to help relieve the Belgians. Practically all Societies were busy at the time of the Early Closing of Liquor Bars Campaign, and helped to secure the grand victory which was won.

Most of the Societies are busy at the present time helping the fund for the wounded soldiers, and in some cases arranging concerts at the camps.

£55 had been raised this year for various philanthropic work, an advance of £33 on last year's total. One Society—that of Mile End—had raised £17/3/2 to help pay off debt on the chapel building.

Home Mission work this year had received special attention from the Union, and the sum of £36/16/8 had been raised by the various Societies to help support our living link, R. Raymond, who is working in the River Murray District; the aim for the coming year is to raise £1 weekly for this purpose.

During the past year £87/4/4 was raised for F.M. work—a little less than last year. Some of this money was contributed expressly for our F.M. link, Miss Tilley. The balance has been used in various ways, such



G. D. Wright,
President, S.A. Conference, 1914-1915.

as supporting native workers and preachers, sending Bibles to foreign parts, etc.

At the annual meeting held in July, the following officers were re-elected:

President: E. J. Paternoster.

Secretary: T. P. Richardson.

The President intimated that at the examination held in which G. D. Wright and L. Baker were the examiners, the banner presented for all round work was awarded to the Hindmarsh Society.

The Junior Endeavorers from York rendered very creditably a dialogue which had a good temperance moral.

Members of the Norwood Intermediate Society dressed as reapers with sickles and sheaves, rendered in a pleasing manner the song, "Where hast thou gleaned to-day?"

Miss P. Grosvenor, of the Kermadec-st. V.P.S.C.E., recited "The Leper."

R. Raymond, the I.M. living link of the Endeavor Societies of South Australia, spoke on "The Endeavorers' Part in Winning the Homeland." He thanked the Endeavor Societies for contributing to his sup-

port during the past year, and outlined his work in the Ferri district. Eighteen months ago there were seven members at Berri; they now had a nice little church composed of 30 members.

THE CONFERENCE SERMON.

On Sunday afternoon, September 12th, the Adelaide Town Hall was packed to its fullest capacity with an audience eager to hear the Conference Sermon preached by L. W. Baker. The Grote-st. choir sang with splendid effect the anthem "At even, e'er the sun was set," under the leadership of A. J. Gard.

Miss Minnie Leedham sang most feelingly as a solo "There is a green hill far away."

We hope to let our readers have the opportunity of perusing Bro. Baker's sermon. Suffice it now to say that his eloquent address was greatly appreciated by the splendid audience.

MONDAY'S SESSIONS.

A. J. Fischer, of Eyre Peninsula, led the devotional exercises, and gave a short talk on evangelisation.

By resolution sympathy was expressed for W. Burford, who was ill and unable to take part in the Conference proceedings.

The visitors from overseas, Victoria, and the country, were welcomed in a happy way by the President.

Responses were made by T. Hagger, A. R. Main, L. W. Baker, Clive Taylor, and F. Steward. A. R. Main appealed for the support of the preachers and delegates in the effort to extend the circulation of the "Christian," which he considered would greatly advance the work of the church. He conveyed greetings from the College of the Bible.

The obituary report was presented by T. J. Gore. Forty-eight names were included, representing 17 churches. Prayer was offered for the bereaved.

E. J. Paternoster, the President of the Christian Endeavor Union, emphasised several points in the annual report, which was taken as read.

A. G. Saunders, of the Semaphore, led the afternoon devotional meeting, at which a fine number of members were present.

Ias. Manning presented the report of the S.A. Bible College. There had been a falling off in the number of students in the previous year, but this year a good number had enrolled, 30 having given in their names as desiring to avail themselves of the teaching. T. J. Gore and E. A. Paternoster were the teachers, and anyone who believed in the divinity of Jesus could take up studies in the College. The revenue for the year had been £113/11/8.

T. J. Gore spoke of the work that had been done in the classes held, and spoke eulogistically of some of his old scholars, but he urged young men if possible to go to Glen Iris; but in the case of those who could not go to the College of the Bible, they would do their best to teach them to understand and to love the Word of God.

A. R. Main spoke appreciatively of the

work that T. J. Gore had done in the Commonwealth.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

W. C. Brooker, in moving the adoption of the Churches of Christ Temperance Committee, thanked the Committee for their strenuous work in the fight for the early closing of the liquor bars, and paid a tribute to J. J. Franklin for his work in connection with the campaign.

The balance sheet of the Temperance Committee showed that there had been receipts to the amount of £62/11/6½, with expenditure amounting to £57/15/6, leaving a balance in hand of £4/16/0½.

G. P. Cuttriss seconded the motion, and said that the late victory gained should be made a stepping-stone to greater things, and we should not rest content until we have complete local option. He did not see any way why hotels should not be brought under the Factories' Act; they should be brought into line with the baker, the butcher, and the grocer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The annual report of the Conference S.S. Executive, which was presented by Alvin Fischer, the Secretary, showed that considerable progress had been made during the year, the principal step being the inauguration of training classes for teachers. Owing to financial assistance granted by the S.A. Bible College, arrangements were able to be made by which Bro. Thomas, Huntsman and Baker delivered lectures on subjects helpful to teachers in their important work. There had been an average attendance of 20 students at these lectures.

The Literature Sub-Committee had recommended the schools to adopt the graded lessons published by the Pilgrim Press, and also literature which conveyed our distinctive teaching on first principles.

A very successful Conference of Sunday School workers was held on June 7th, at which helpful addresses mingled with interesting items were given.

In respect to finance, the Treasurer, W. J. Harris, reported that during the year receipts for general purposes had been £25/10/11; expenditure, £24/14/-. 190 scholars from the Sunday Schools had been added to the church during the year, and this must be a great encouragement to the teachers to continue in this good work.

J. Wiltshire, of the Mile End church, seconded the adoption of the report, and said he was sorry that no scriptural examination had been held during the year, as he was sure that these examinations were a great help to the children.

D. A. Ewers, H. R. Taylor, B.W. Huntsman, Jas. E. Thomas, A. R. Main, T. H. Brooker, and G. P. Cuttriss supported the motion, and conducted an interesting discussion upon Bible School work, and the School of Methods in particular.

H. J. Horsell moved that the Conference recommends that an annual offering be taken up in the churches by envelopes on

the morning of Bible School Day in May for Sunday School Extension work. A. J. Fischer seconded the motion, which was carried.

H. R. Taylor initiated a discussion on "The Teaching of First Principles." In the course of his remarks the speaker said that there is no doubt that among our young people there is a lack of knowledge of the principles for which we stand.

As a body we are not strong enough to issue entirely our own literature, but as a federal matter we should publish supplementary lessons. He recommended that for other than junior classes the little booklet entitled "The Elements of Divine Truth," written by the late M. Wood Green, be used for supplemental lessons.

W. C. Brooker moved that the Conference place on record the appreciation of the brotherhood of the gift of Bro. H. Woodcock, of the sum of £1,300, to be used in



Captain Captain E. W. Pittman,
Newly-elected President, S.A. Conference

supplying copies of the New Testament free to the people of South Australia. J. Wiltshire seconded the motion, which was carried.

The statistics prepared for Conference showed that for the first time in the history of the churches there was a decrease in the membership of 25 members. This decrease was mostly due to the revision of church rolls.

FINANCE.

Jas. Manning moved the adoption of the financial clause, which was as follows:—The year's receipts totalled £2105/4/6, as compared with £2211/5/3 last year. The expenditure was £2248/4/2, the amount last year being £2370/10/6. The debit balance is £82/10/8, as compared with £138/4/3 last year, and £172/10/8 in 1913.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEMONSTRATION.

Despite the prevailing wintry conditions, there was a large audience. The new president of the Union, H. J. Horsell, on taking the chair, said that during his term of office he desired to get into touch with the country schools. Greater support was required for Children's Day for Foreign Missions, Bible School Day in May, and the finances

of the Union, to enable it to carry out plans to help the schools.

J. Ernest Allan, of Moonta, spoke on the subject, "The Bible and Youthhood." The best of literature, all that is righteous and good, has been derived from the Bible. It was the Book of books, and the Gibraltar of all moral truth. The Bible should not be received simply as a book to be read in the Bible Schools, or at the family altar, but it should be received into the life of youthhood to fortify it against temptation. In this direction it served a purpose which was possible to no human work. Their national inheritance was the Bible. The great truths found within its covers were not gained by superficial reading. It should be made the study of the child's life. Christ was the supreme subject. Life was treated in its varied aspects. Literature, art, music, and oratory received their chief inspiration from the sublime messages of the Book. It had passed through a multitude of trials, and was unscathed, and victorious. Mental, moral, and spiritual power were stored in the sublime oracles of God.

Items were given by the Grate-st., Croydun, and Hesley Beach schools.

During the evening the President gave the results of the examination in connection with the School of Methods conducted in the city.

TUESDAY.

C. Taylor, of the Bahadlavu church, led the devotional meeting, and gave a helpful address.

At to am, G. D. Wright again took the chair.

In speaking on the Executive Committee's report, E. W. Pittman stated that in South Australia fifteen preachers are already contributing or are about to contribute to the Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Trust. There had been for some time a fund for this purpose in South Australia, but he had received the consent of those controlling this fund to add the sum accumulated, viz., £50, to the Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Fund.

It was suggested that the churches should subsidise the money paid into the fund by the preachers at the rate of 6d. a week for every hundred members.

Jas. E. Thomas moved, and R. Harkness seconded, that Conference appoint four representatives to co-operate in the United Christian Campaign. After discussion, the motion was carried.

Jas. E. Thomas spoke of the good work of T. J. Gore among the churches of the Commonwealth, and moved "That a special appeal be made to the churches of Australia to raise a fund in connection with the jubilee and retirement of Bro. Gore from the active work of the ministry, to be disbursed through the Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Trust, with a view to the support of Bro. and Sister Gore for the remainder of their lives. Should any balance remain, this to be transferred to the capital account of the Trust." The motion was carried.

It was also decided that a meeting of all

our churches he held in some suitable building to celebrate the jubilee of Bro. Gore on his retirement from the active work of the Christian ministry.

It was mentioned that H. D. Smith and I. A. Paternoster were doing a fine work in connection with the State prisons.

A. Cameron led the afternoon devotional meeting.

Eight-minute field addresses were given by the Home Missionaries. A. H. Wilson spoke of the work at Wallaroo, stating that there had been 12 baptisms since he had taken up the work there.

J. T. Traill spoke of Murray Bridge. D. A. Ewers had held a mission there, and 12 ladies had been added to the church. He had also paid several visits to Lameroo, and some of the people looked upon him there as a sort of foreign missionary.

A. J. Fischer spoke of the vastness of Eyre Peninsula. More help was needed, as 625 square miles was too large a district for one man to cover.

J. E. Allan said that the church was being brought into prominence in the district of Moonta, and its influence was very great. A mission had been held with several conversions.

Roy Raymond referred to the work in the Murray River districts. A certain brother at Berri had put up an iron building where he desired the church to meet. The membership had increased from 17 to 30 during the year. There were three other meeting places.

A. Cameron said that Naracoorte district had its difficult problems, and he hoped that a man could be sent there to carry on the work.

D. A. Ewers thanked the churches and the secretaries for their support. He urgently appealed for financial support to meet the needs of the future.

At the special request of the Home Mission Committee, J. E. Thomas asked for the support of the Conference in gaining further victories. Almost £2000 were needed to carry out the plans of the Committee for the coming year.

Slips were handed around, and the amount given in cash and promises amounted to £158.

In the further consideration of reports from the Home Mission fields, it was stated that the Mile End and Maylands churches were receiving a subsidy from the Committee, and there was a prospect that they would soon become self-supporting. Prospect was now entirely out of the Committee's hands. A. G. Saunders had accepted an engagement to labor at Senaphore. The churches at Bordertown, Mundalla, and Wampony were now self-supporting. A. Cameron would go to Goolwa after Conference, to commence work there. Strathalbyn was at present without an evangelist. Gratifying progress was shown at Croydon and Cottonville.

The President spoke of the effort that the Perri people were making to purchase a block of land for a building. In a few min-

utes the sum of over £20 was given by the Conference to secure the property.

The following appreciative reference to the valuable services of D. A. Ewers, as secretary, was heartily approved by the Conference.—"The Committee desire to place on record their high appreciation of the services of our organising secretary, D. A. Ewers, and to express our admiration of the splendid work he has done under the very trying circumstances through which our State had passed during his first year of office."

F.M. DEMONSTRATION.

This was held in the Adelaide Town Hall on Tuesday evening, Sept. 14.

H. J. Horsell, the State President of the Foreign Mission Society in South Australia, took the chair, and gave a brief address.

Jas. Johnston, from Port Pirie, delivered a very eloquent address on the subject, "The Mission of the Church." To deny the universal nature of the commission was to deny our Lord. No Christian dare close his ears to the cry of the non-Christian world. Christianity is a world-wide religion; born in one of the smallest countries, it had now a world-wide sway. The other religions of the world stood for idolatry, polygamy, cruelty, infanticide, and slavery. Christianity stands for true religion, the sanctity of the home, mercy and true liberty.

B. W. Huntsman spoke of "Our Present Opportunity." Christian people were mistaken if they thought that missionary work would be rendered harder by the war. On the contrary, he believed it would be easier. England had shown that her word was her bond, and the doors of many lands were opening wider every day to her missionaries, and the Bible was being read in the schools of China and Japan. England was spending £3,000,000 a day in the prosecution of the war, and we will willingly pay this in order that right may triumph. The question is, how much are we willing to pay for the extension of God's kingdom and the salvation of the world; for this great work we cannot make too big a sacrifice, and no gift can be too great.

At this stage I. A. Paternoster moved the following resolution: "That this audience of Christians expresses their appreciation of the sacrifices made by those who have gone to heathen lands to preach the gospel, and sends them the heart-felt greetings of this Conference." Carried by acclamation.

A. G. Saunders delivered a very forcible address upon the subject, "The Conquests of the Cross." This appears in another part of this issue.

During the evening A. Doley, L. Weeks, and Miss Doley rendered solos, which were much appreciated.

WEDNESDAY.

The devotional exercises were conducted by A. J. Wedd, who gave an address.

The Secretary reported that the names of 267 isolated brethren had been supplied

to him by the churches. He had received replies from over fifty, and had kept in correspondence with them.

Several delegates presented the claims of Strathalbyn and other places. It was suggested that the services of the young men of the churches should be utilised more than in the past in filling preaching appointments and opening up new fields. The following motion was carried: "That this Conference recommends that immediate steps be taken to form a lay preachers' association for the purpose of organising the labor of capable men not engaged as regular preachers."

Jas. Manning, the Secretary of the Extension Building Fund, gave the report. An amount of £1604 was now in the fund. Nine buildings had been erected with the amount available. A promise had been made to lend Mount Compass church £75 to enable them to complete their building. Other applications could not be entertained for lack of funds.

J. E. Thomas proposed and Jas. Manning seconded the following motion, which was carried: "We as a Conference express our gratification and thankfulness to God for the splendid result of the efforts of temperance workers that led to such a splendid victory in the six o'clock campaign, and pledge ourselves to do our utmost to further the temperance cause in the future."

F. Hollams, of Lochiel, led the devotional meeting at the beginning of the afternoon session.

The Vice-President, E. W. Pittman, took the chair.

Principal A. R. Main presented a report of the College of the Bible at Glen Iris, in Victoria.

Jas. E. Thomas and D. A. Ewers spoke in terms of praise of the work done at the College of the Bible.

I. A. Paternoster, the General Secretary of the Federal F.M. Committee, and Secretary of the South Australian F.M. Committee, moved the adoption of the 25th annual report of the South Australian Foreign Mission Committee. He intimated that good work has been done during the past year in the various fields.

The church at Glenelg contributes £88 per annum toward the work at Daltonganj and Durlhi, where G. P. Pittman and Bro. Waters, with their respective wives, are carrying on the work.

Arthur Downs and Bro. McPhee have done a good work among the Chinese in Adelaide. Bro. Jame, the Chinese evangelist, from Melbourne, had taken the confession of several of the Chinese while on a visit to South Australia. The Chinese had formed themselves into a church, and were meeting regularly for the breaking of bread, and not only were self-supporting, but contributed to Home and Foreign Missions. The financial statement showed that the contributions during the year amounted to £1064/7/2, the expenditure being £1009 9/6.

Stirring inspirational addresses on F.M. themes were delivered during the afternoon. L. W. Baker spoke for ten minutes on the

problem of education. He advocated missionaries' rallies, the circulation of literature, and the formation of mission study circles.

C. Taylor, from Balaklava, dealt with the subject, "The Problem of Organisation." He advocated the use of the duplex envelopes in giving money for Christian work; he had seen contributions increased from £1/5/- per week to £3 by the adoption of this system.

Benson Barnett, Principal of the Angus Training College, was allotted the subject, "The Problem of the Native Church."

A. G. Saunders gave an eloquent address on the subject of "The Problem of Co-operation."

Bro. R. Taylor came as a delegation from the Scriptural Instruction in State Schools League. J. E. Thomas moved the following resolution: "That this Conference of the Churches of Christ in South Australia cordially approves of the object of the Scriptural Instruction in State Schools' League, and pledges itself to support the effort the League is now making to obtain a referendum of the electors of the House of Assembly on the question." This was carried unanimously.

PATRIOTIC.

Captain Chaplain Pittman gave a report of the work done by Chaplain Cuttriss and himself among the soldiers in the camps. He said that the officers had given them every assistance and encouragement in their work. The men showed appreciation of the efforts made on their behalf.

D. A. Ewers read a list of the names of the members of the churches in South Australia who had enlisted to go to the front, including those killed and wounded. The audience rose while the names were being read, and then W. C. Brooker offered a prayer for the boys and the dear ones. Interesting extracts from a letter were read from Bro. Colonel S. P. Weir.

G. P. Cuttriss moved, "That this Conference of Churches of Christ expresses its loyalty to King and Empire, and sympathy with the righteous cause of the Allies; and also expresses its sincere sympathy with both the wounded and those bereaved in the present conflict. It is urged that prayer should be made that God will rightly guide and bring us at last, with our Allies, to an honorable victory, and a lasting peace."

B. W. Huntsman moved, "That this Conference recommends that an evening collection be taken during the first month of each quarter; this fund to be disbursed for work in connection with the chaplains, and under the direction of the Chaplains' Advisory Board." Carried.

The Benediction being pronounced by G. L. Wright, the business sessions of the 1915 Conference were brought to a close.

The Patriotic Home Mission Tea was held in the Adelaide Town Hall on Wednesday. The tables were decorated in a patriotic way, each table representing a nation of the Allies. It is estimated that about 650 people sat down to tea, and great admira-

tion was expressed for the novel and beautiful decorations which adorned the tables.

HOME MISSION RALLY.

The concluding meeting of the 1915 Conference was held in the Adelaide Town Hall, and took the form of a monster Home Mission rally.

The retiring President, G. D. Wright, introduced the President elect for the coming year—E. W. Pittman.

Bro. Wright thanked the brethren for their loyal support during his term of office.

E. W. Pittman thanked those present for electing him to such an honorable position.

A. R. Main delivered an address on "Education and Our Plea."

T. Hagge, State Evangelist, of Victoria, spoke on "Home Missionary Enterprise." It is our purpose, he said, to establish churches free from denominational names and unscriptural practice, to preach the gospel to every man and woman in our Commonwealth. The Home Mission enterprise is a paying one; 105 had been brought into the church during the year. Who can estimate the value of a human soul? When this war is over, he believed that emigration would set in once more toward our shores; we should get ready now, and be ready to grasp the immigrant's hand and lead him into the church of Jesus Christ. We should carry out this work in the atmosphere of prayer.

"The Call of Our Country" was the subject allotted to J. E. Thomas. He hoped all who had attended the meetings of the Conference would carry away something of love and inspiration. The time for us to live is now; the place for us to serve is here. God is expecting of us to help to bring in the better day, when it will be easier to preach the gospel than ever before. Above the strife of battle and the call of King and Empire and My, is the call of Christ our King to enter into this land and win it for him. Christ will bring to us what the armies and navies of the world cannot bring—a lasting peace. We must believe that we belong to a conquering church, and that truth and righteousness must prevail.

During the evening a combined choir, under the baton of A. J. Gard, gave some beautiful music. The great audience thoroughly enjoyed their rendering of "Send forth Thy Light," "The Radiant Morn," and "Crossing the Bar."

Not Yours But You.

He died for me: what can I offer him?

Toward him swells incense of perpetual prayer,
His court wear crowns and aureoles round their hair.

His ministers are scribe Cherubim,
Ring within ring, while intense Seraphim
Leap like immortal lightning through the air.

What shall I offer him? defiled and bare,
My spirit broken and my brightness dim.

"Give Me thy youth"—"I yield it to Thy rod
As Thou didst yield Thy prime of youth for me.

"Give Me thy life!"—"I give it breath by leath;
As Thou didst give Thy life so give I Thee."

"Give Me thy love!"—"So be it, God, my God,
As Thou hast loved me even to bitter death."

—Christina Rossetti.

Spiritual and Intellectual Equipment.

R. Arnett.

The call of the church in Australia and other lands is for men, more men, and still more men. "In war men without equipment, without rifles, cartridges, artillery, and machine guns, are of no use at all." So, too, in the Christian army we must have men who are equipped.

The College of the Bible is training men for active service. These men must have an intellectual and a spiritual equipment. Hitherto we have recognised the need of a spiritual equipment, but have not been so prone to grant the intellectual need. Will not spirituality do of its own? Emphatically, No. Man is an intellectual, spiritual, and an acting being. To insist on knowing only is to create an intellectual monstrosity. To insist on spirituality apart from knowing is to create a fanatic. To insist on action only is to create a mere automaton. We might state several reasons why preachers should know.

In the first place, knowledge is power. To be able to break down the intellectual barriers of the gospel is a power which cannot be over-estimated. Combine this with spiritual force and the gospel will conquer every stronghold.

Further, the man of knowledge can interest. But the critic replies, The preacher is not out to tickle the ears of his congregation. We may reply that it is no sin to put what is seemingly unpalatable in a palatable way. Interest the people, and the question of empty pews is settled. We are of the opinion that folk have reason to evade a dry sermon. If the people are to come and listen, we must give something in return for their coming.

Again, knowledge illuminates the obscure. The critic says, Knowledge is not illuminating. But we reply, That which is not illuminating is not true knowledge. And if true knowledge is illuminating and God is light, and in him is no darkness at all, true knowledge should lead to him, and not away.

There is a practical application to this word. The hour calls for deeds, not words. What can we do? This is the cry which should come from the hearts of the Australian brotherhood on the occasion of the annual Bible College offering. You can either "go" or "send." Many brave, brainy, and God-fearing men have enlisted, and are undergoing a strenuous and expensive training for the cause that is dear to our hearts. The men of Glen Iris are calling to you, "Come and help us." We may help by supplying the munitions of war.

There are thousands of men to whom immediate success rarely comes; they are met by constant failure and disappointments; they struggle with scant reward, and scantier recognition from the world. Such men may not miss the crowning of life; it may be theirs to pluck from failure the immediate flower of noble character.

Elijah in Naboth's Vineyard.

Bible School Lesson for October 3, 1 Kings 21.

W. C. McCallum.

Naboth reminds us of Boaz or Barzillai the Gileadite men in possession of their own lands, industrious, upright, proud of the inheritance of their fathers, men of untold value to their communities, yet unworldly and living apart from the backstereing of the politician of their times. These were the men that were the strength of Israel, and, indeed, it is of such men that any country should be proud. Others may fill the public eye and win the applause, others may manipulate public office or inflame the passions of the people so as to victimise the man of quietness, industry and uprightness, but after all, it is the man like Naboth who is worth while and whose memory we like to cherish.

The covetous, petulant, and pouting king.

Society is so constituted that the man who rules must make a display or else he is held cheaply and disregarded. Nowhere can we find such a true democracy of spirit that it makes unnecessary on the part of the man in power a certain amount of ostentation. Thus the position of power has a corroding and corrupting effect upon the fineness of nature that was formerly a ground for admiration in the man. When the ruler is already possessed of a weak and selfish nature, the temptations that come with power easily become too great for him. The vineyard of Naboth would round out nicely the royal estate at Jezreel. The offer of a payment or an advantageous exchange seemed very just, and Naboth's reason for refusal would not appeal to Ahab. It was Naboth's old home, the home of his fathers. He could not part with it. What did the selfish Ahab, who had corrupted Israel's worship, thus defying the nation's ancient covenant with Jehovah, care for an inheritance of the fathers? His own nature was such that he could not appreciate Naboth's motive, and his covetousness such that his thwarted desires drove him to undignified sulking.

An unscrupulous and determined woman.

Jezebel wanted power, and that power she was determined to have. Like some modern trouble makers in Europe, she did not care what means she used to achieve success. To succeed meant with her to justify any means used. As Ahab's queen she had the opportunity that comes to every wife of exercising a unique and powerful influence upon the life of one man, and through him upon many others. She was queen, and from her throne she might have thrown an influence over Israel for good, but instead, her reign was a curse, and her name became a by-word in Israel. She was Ahab's evil genius, but the Scriptures do not free Ahab of any responsibility on that account. We can see clearly that Jezebel was the power that drove Ahab into many

a mistake, but Ahab was king, and Elijah fixes on him the responsibility for the crime. This consideration should afford small comfort for those men who follow the old practice of "blaming Eve."

Assured of her own strength and cunning, Jezebel first ridiculed Ahab, and then promised him that she would obtain the coveted vineyard for him. Her scheme was an evil one, and bespeaks the degeneracy of her own heart, but it would have fallen to the ground if she had not ready to her hand instruments for carrying it through. This she had in the corrupt elders and base fellows of Naboth's village. Of course the letters were written in the king's name, and sealed with his seal, yet the instructions were such that any true man would have died rather than carry them out. The rottenness of Israel at this time did not only belong to the court. The court had a demoralising influence, but its sway of sin was made easier by the moral decay among the people.

The elders, carried through the whole hellish plot. They proclaimed a solemn fast of humiliation. By this they invoked the name of God and religion, but like others of their ilk, they were thinking of this only as a means to help them achieve their end. Covering their bloody and detestable deed in the name of religion, they did not think of the inevitable divine condemnation of the deed. The peaceful, upright Naboth is charged before the assembled people with blasphemy and treasonable utterances. Bribery secures the evidence, and the readily manipulated people lend their countenance and help in the stoning of Naboth to the death.

The fruits of sin.

Jezebel told Ahab to go and take possession of the vineyard, for Naboth was dead. It is not said whether Ahab asked any questions, but even if he did not, he must have known full well that Naboth had been murdered. He may have eased his own conscience by leaving the responsibility with Jezebel, but he is extremely eager to enjoy the fruits of sin, and in that eagerness declares himself just as guilty and even more contemptible than Jezebel.

The flaming sentence that leaps from the prophet's lips reminds us of Mt. Carmel. The concern is not now apostasy in faith, but moral defection. The guilty enjoyment of the fruits of sin by Ahab was broken off by one of the most righteous and stern of condemnations. He is to die by violence and by way of retribution the dogs are to lick his blood at the very spot where they licked Naboth's. His dynasty is to come to an end violently, and none is to care to bury the bodies of his queen or the members of his house.

If the object of the preacher is to produce repentance, then Elijah's rebuke of Ahab succeeded, but the repentance of

Ahab only secured a more merciful chastisement for himself. It did not change the harvest of sin that followed from the sowing of long years of rebellion against God. He that sows the wind must reap the whirlwind. "Be sure your sin will find you out."

Elijah Taken Up into Heaven.

Bible School Lesson for October 10,
2 Kings 2: 1-12.

Of Enoch it is said that God took him. The passing of Moses was shrouded in mystery. Elijah was swept on the wings of fire out of mortal sight. Beautiful endings of great lives. They walked with God, and God took them. It is good to have the approving verdict of one's fellow men upon our life works. It is better to have a conscience at rest in knowing that we have striven to do our best. It is best of all to have God's approval. The crowd is often greedily mistaken, our vision is often dim, but if God approves there can never be any revision of the sentence of commendation.

Providing and testing his successor.

One of Elijah's commissions given him at Mt. Horeb was to make Elisha his successor in the work of prophecy. This preacher to Israel was made to realise that the time was near when he would have to leave the task, and he must leave it in capable hands. The successor had been chosen, and now as he went toward that mysterious goal, the end of his mortal career, Elijah put the loyalty of Elisha to the test. Elisha proved true. The prophetic heart has become his and he wants the double portion, the share of the first-born, of Elijah's spirit. In spite of Elijah's thrice repeated injunction to remain behind, Elisha held to his loyal attendance upon his master, and the reward of his loyalty was the possession of the boon he had craved, the first-born's portion of the spirit of Elijah, his spiritual father.

Heaven by way of the fire.

Elijah had lived a strenuous life. His lot had been cast in crucial times. The fire of trial, the fiery trial of bearing upon his heart the welfare of erring Israel, the trial of being alternately hunted for his life by his king, or performing the more hazardous and exacting action of rebuking the royal sins and follies. How appropriate the end of such a man! He was like the pure metal refined by the fire. How fitting that his passing should be by the Lord's chariot of fire.

"And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof." In the passing of this great prophet, he saw the passing of the glory and might of Israel. A tribute truly spoken, but the thousands of Israel had not Elisha's insight, and failed to see that spiritual greatness, an invincible faith, and moral integrity made the nation strong. Because they were blind to this, they sank into weakness and passed into captivity. And still we wait the time when the nations shall fully see the light.

The Family Altar.

Conducted by A. E. Illingworth.

LIFE'S TURNING POINTS.

Most men and women remember some important day in their youth which stands out like a milestone in their lives. Such a day in a young Hebrew's boyhood was the one when he became Bar Mizvah. From then onwards he was fully responsible for all he did. This Hebrew expression is "Son of the Commandment." This name was given to him on his thirteenth birthday. A solemn religious service was held, and the whole family met to rejoice and celebrate a festival. To us the Bar Mizvah ceremony gains particular interest from the thought that our Lord himself probably became "Son of the Commandment" when he reached his thirteenth birthday.

We are not required to bear the burden of the Jewish law. Jesus Christ has, however, called us to follow him; and he trusts us to give him our service in that "newness of spirit" which replaces "the oldness of the letter." If we are not sons of the Commandment, like Jewish children, yet we should know ourselves to be sons of the Father Almighty, and fellow-heirs of him who is our Lord and Saviour. And with this far happier privilege, we must accept the higher responsibility which it brings.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Read Thought.—*The Responsibility of Soul-winning.* Many of them that sleep in the dust shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to everlasting shame and everlasting contempt.—Daniel 12: 2.

Selected Gem.—
God! fight we not within a cursed world,
Whose very air teems thick with leagued fiends—
Each word we speak has infinite effects—
Each soul we pass must go to heaven or hell—
And this our one chance through eternity,
To drop and die, like dead leaves in the brake!

Be earnest, earnest, earnest; mad if thou wilt;
Do what thou dost as if the stake were heaven,
And that thy life depended on the judgment day.
Scripture Reading.—Daniel 12.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Read Thought.—*Preachers are Hunted.* Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.—2 Cor. 5: 11.

Selected Gems.—It is said that the first question that Chas. F. Finney always asked, after learning a stranger's name, was, "Are you a Christian?" For not alone was he effective in presenting the gospel from the pulpit, but "in season and out of season" he was personally and passionately urging men to immediate decision.

Scripture Reading.—2 Cor. 5: 1-15.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Read Thought.—*Preach with Sinners.* Choose ye this day whom ye will serve.—Joshua 24: 15.

Selected Gems.—The objective of the wise personal worker is to persistently lead the inquirer to the point where he will definitely and immediately receive Christ as his personal Saviour.

"Young man," said the manager, "you are not sent out to merely show our fine goods, and tell how reliable we are, but you are to persuade each prospective customer to give you an order for goods, and to do it now."

"Do you ever get lonesome?" was asked of a life-saver at Amazett, Long Island. "Not since I saved my man," was the cheerful response. How many life-savers? Just one. But that gave him courage and inspiration at through the long, weary days and stormy nights he kept watch at his post.

Scripture Reading.—Joshua 24: 14-25.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Read Thought.—*Pass Along the Invitation.* They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.—Acts 8: 4.

Selected Gems.—Mr. Moody said to a company of Yale students who came to him for instruction as to how to do personal work, "The way to do personal work is to do it."

Fred. Siebert, Billy Sunday's great personal worker and helper, answered in response to a similar inquiry, "Just pitch in."

"If the Christian waits until the sinner gives sign of a desire for help," said Henry Clay Trumbull, "for until the Christian thinks that a loving word to the sinner will be most timely, he is not likely to begin at all!"

Scripture Reading.—Acts 8: 1-8.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Read Thought.—*Shun Indulgence.* The King's business required haste.—1 Sam. 21: 8.

Selected Gems.—Said John B. Gough, "It may be a small matter for you to spend the one word for Christ that was a needy soul, but it is everything to him."

Dr. Chapman's experience in this field has been quite remarkable, for he states that in all his fifteen years' experience in special work for men, he has been required but once, and even that once had a happy success.

Scripture Reading.—1 Sam. 22: 1-9.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Read Thought.—*Pray for Concerning.* Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.—Psa. 130: 1.

Selected Gems.—Prayer is necessary because this is God's plan of enabling us to overcome the devil, whose power is greater than the sum of all the physical, psychical and spiritual forces of the world in which we live. Jesus Christ has overcome him, and he who undertakes to win a soul from the kingdom of sin to the kingdom of heaven must by prayer enlist his power.

Scripture Reading.—Psalm 130.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Read Thought.—*Take a Delight in Seeking for Souls.* Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desire of thine heart.—Psalm 37: 4.

Selected Gems.—There is something so real and natural about it. It is joy in flower, bright, growing, alive, beautiful. It is the sparkle of the sparkling fountain in the clear sunlight—and this childlike gladness is to be in the Lord himself—for not under the shadow of even a God-given gown, but under his own shadow may you sit down "with great delight"—E. R. Havergal.

Scripture Reading.—Psalm 37: 1-11.

FOR THE WEEK-END.

The quotations I have given this week are all taken from a work on soul-winning by Paul J. Gilbert, entitled, "The King's Greatest Business." The introduction by-leaf has these sentences:

No man sought after my soul.—Psalm 142: 4. Marc. Which is being interpreted:

"I expected neither the village, the Holy City, nor the busy nation to be concerned for my welfare, but oh! how I longed for just one sympathetic friend who really cared! I had no trouble to meet with those who sought after my music, my poetry, my wit, my projects, and my prophecies, but they cared not one whit for my immortal soul—the one thing of most vital and eternal concern."

Brothers and Sisters—The aims of the Bible College come before us this week. The supreme business of the church is to save the lost by pointing them to the Saviour. For this work we need preachers. We need all varieties of personal workers. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that these laborers may be forthcoming. Pray for the College.

Letters from Colonel Weir.

The following extracts from letters received by Mrs. S. Price Weir, from Colonel Weir, commanding both Battalion, and Infantry Brigade, First Australian Division, A.I.F., on active service, were read at the South Australian Conference—

Sunday, May 23, 8 a.m. I firmly believe that my health and preservation of life are given me in answer to the prayers of so many good people. We intend having a church parade at 10 a.m. to-day, provided the enemy does not start lining up shells at us.

Later—Just attended church parade—the most novel I have ever experienced. The enemy was busy shelling the beach over our heads, and also aiming at an aeroplane which was flying over our position. We sang the "Old Hundredth," and "Nearer, my God, to Thee." Rev. Col. McPhee read the 23rd Psalm, and offered a beautiful prayer. He gave a nice address, in which he urged the men to abstain from the dreadful language which unfortunately too many indulge in here.

At 10 o'clock a German aeroplane flew over us, and dropped a bomb in the gully next to where we were camped. The infernal bomb killed one of my men and injured another.

June 11. Please don't worry about me, for I am really very comfortable, and very well. But I still certainly believe that this dreadful war is over, and the world is at peace once more. Kindly remember me to the church officers through Mr. Touchell. I hope that the church is still making progress under Mr. Baker.

July 1. From all accounts it will be a long time before this war is over. Don't forget that you gave me two years' leave of absence. I thought one would have seen it through, but have now altered my opinion, and you are nearer the mark. July 8. (At Imbros, where 500 men and 18 officers were occupying a brief spell from the firing line.)

Just before church parade, received orders to leave here for Anzac at a quarter of six to-night. So we have not had a very long spell, but we have enjoyed it very much. We had a nice muster at church parade, and at the conclusion about ten of us observed the Lord's Supper.

Extract from a letter written to his brother—
June 22nd. I certainly feel and realize that God is answering prayer, and that I am being taken care of. It is hardy to think that dear little Hazel and little Dudley Coriath remember me every night in their prayers. Then I know my little sisters, and many relatives and friends never forget to pray for me. I do not want to pose as a "waverer," but, oh! chap, when one's life is spared, when one has better health than one has ever enjoyed before, and when difficulties—at least my parents' ones—don't pop up big and disappear, one is right, I think, in concluding that something more than mere luck is accountable for same. Thanks for the lovely conclusion of your letter, in which you said, "He will take care of you." Whenever I feel that I am in great danger, I find myself either whistling or humming Alexander's hymn, the chorus of which is "God will take care of you, all the way, every day."

Day by Day.

I heard a voice at evening softly say,
Near not thee yesterday went to my room;
Hear! this week's work with last week's had of none.

Lift all thy burdens as they come, nor try
To weight the present with the by-and-by—
One step and then another, take thy way—
Live day by day.

Live day by day.

Though autumn leaves are withering round thy way,
Walk in the sunshine, it is all for thee.
Push straight ahead, as long as thou canst, ere
The road will winter whither than many ways.
But, when it comes, be thankful for the snow,
Onward and upward—back and smile and pray—
Live day by day.

Reports from the Field.

Tasmania.

LAUNCESTON.—The meetings on Sunday, Sept. 12, were good. Bro. Day presided at the breaking of bread. We were pleased to have Miss Maitland back again after her lengthy stay in Melbourne, also our Bro. Townsend. At the gospel service Bro. Day gave an earnest address on "There is no difference." One lady made a confession. Monday night was the election of officers for the ensuing six months of the C.E. Society.—D. Dowde, Sept. 15.

DOVER.—Good meetings yesterday. Last evening a record, Mr. Woolnough's subject being "Playing with Fire."—A. Glass, Sept. 13.

New Zealand.

AUCKLAND (Dominion road).—Since last report all our meetings have been very well attended. On Lord's day morning the average attendance has been over 100, and our evening meetings have been better attended. In the recent examinations very good results were attained from the Sunday School. On August 26, we held our annual re-union social of past and present members, when about 120 gathered and spent a pleasant evening. On the following Lord's day morning at our annual re-union meeting, 132 attended. Our evangelist (Bro. McCallum) spoke on "Ties that Bind." On Sunday, Sept. 5, we had decision day at the Sunday School, at which Bro. Powell, from Dunedin, gave an excellent address to the children. At the conclusion four scholars were listened to follow up. In the evening we listened to a gospel address by Bro. T. Mathieson, from Dunedin, who is on his way to America. He took for his text: Heb. 13: 1.—J.W., Sept. 7.

PITONE.—During the last month the teachers and scholars of the Bible School gave a cantata, "Saraiah," the little Hindoo widow. A collection was taken up. There was a fairly good audience. The school is preparing for the anniversary which will be held on the last Sunday in September. We are indebted to our Wellington brethren for speaking for us while our own evangelist is at the Hart. Through the month we have had Bro. Phillips, from Newtown, Bro. Jarvis, from Kilmuirie, and Bro. R.A. Wright and Knapp, all of whom were much appreciated.—L.E.W., Sept. 4.

CHRISTCHURCH.—On the morning of August 29th, Bro. Gebbie made a strong appeal for a more strenuous Christianity, "even unto blood." Two were received in. The gospel theme was "The God who loves us." At the close a young man made his decision for Christ. Bro. Gebbie spoke again on Wednesday on life here as the training ground for the hereafter. At the annual meeting of the C.W.B.M. on Thursday night Mrs. Gebbie was re-elected president, with Miss Blasher again as secretary, while a new committee was formed, with Mrs. Nelson as convener, for general visiting.—P.S.N., Sept. 4.

OMARU.—The church tendered a largely attended farewell to Bro. and Sister Mathieson on Thursday, August 26, at which Bro. Watt, of Ross, presided, he having exchanged with Bro. Mathieson the previous Lord's day. On the platform were representatives of the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Anglican Churches, and the Salvation Army, No-Licence Association, and Christian Endeavour Union, and these spoke in appreciative terms of Bro. Mathieson's fine work during his eight years in the district. A number of presentations were made. The following members voiced the feeling of the church towards our brother and sister: Sisters Mrs. Genge (Sewing Class), Mrs. Holt (C.W.B.M.), and Miss Frith (C.E. Society), Bro. Bert Wilson (Boys' Club), Ewing (Choir), and Kilgour (Secretary). Bro. Mathieson cantably replied. Three from the Bible School have been recently baptised, and two of these were received into fellowship on August 29.

Bro. Mathieson's last Sunday with us. The gospel meeting was a fine one, the church being packed. Bro. Mathieson's address was splendid. Many members and townspeople gathered to say goodbye at the railway next morning. We much regret Bro. and Sister Mathieson's departure from New Zealand, and are also mourning the loss of several dear members and friends. Bro. Cairns has lost his aged partner in life; Bro. Versey's son has been killed at the Dardanelles; and Bro. Genge, an officer of many years' standing, has crossed over; and saddest of all, we have just laid away the remains of Sister Winnie Pile, one of our young members, who will be missed in practically every department of church life. Yesterday we had the pleasure of a visit from Bro. Claude Miller, of Dunedin, who gave good addresses morning and evening. We expect Bro. T. J. Bull to commence with us in October.—K., Sept. 6.

KILBIRNIE.—The church here has recently suffered the loss of Sister Mrs. Pattie, who fell asleep after a painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude. Last Lord's day morning, the 6th inst., a splendid roll call meeting was held, when 26 members responded or were accounted for out of a roll number of 42. The meeting was very enjoyable, Bro. Jarvis delivering an interesting address from the Epistle of Jude.—G.P., Sept. 10.

DUNEDIN.—On Sept. 5th, Bro. Andrew McIntosh passed away. He was in his 84th year. Good attendances at last two Sunday evening services. T. J. Bull, preacher. The J.C. Endeavour continues to make progress. Much interest has been awakened this last month preparing for a stall in aid of the wounded soldiers. On Saturday, 14th August, the stall was held in Princes-st. The children's mitering efforts were rewarded by their being able to hand over £7. Four girls—C. King, F. Stenford, G. Knowles and V. King sang: "Please give me a penny" so sweetly that over £4 was thrown into the Union Jack they carried. The children, through the liberal help from friends, were encouraged and delighted to be able to give so much towards bringing sunshine into the lives of our wounded soldiers.—L.C.J.S., Sept. 6.

SOUTH WELLINGTON.—For some time past there has been a feeling that addresses on "First Principles" should be delivered, and it was agreed last evening that Milton Vickery should take this work in hand. We were glad to have a visit and an address from Bro. Heggie. Last Lord's day morning. We are also glad to tell of the improvement in Sister Day's health since last report. Bro. Vickery and Wright are filling the platform here until Bro. Phillips returns from the Nelson district.—A.L., Sept. 8.

West Australia.

BROOKTON.—Since last report the meetings have been better attended. A splendid feature of the work is the splendid attendances at the worship meetings, which now are held in the morning. On the confession, by a married man, on August 8. We held our church anniversary on Sept. 9 when Bro. Connor, from Subiaco, will conduct the services.—Violet Mott, Sept. 5.

FREMANTLE.—Lord's day afternoon, Sept. 5, we began our work among the Chinese. The meetings are to be held in the Temperance Hall every Lord's day afternoon at 3 p.m. We formed the classes, with eleven Chinese scholars and nine teachers. Our first offering amounted to £1/4/6. At the close of the meeting Daniel Poon made an appeal for the Organ Fund, and in a few minutes £2/10/0 was raised from the Chinese themselves. At the 11 a.m. service Jas. Leach presided. Bro. S. Taylor gave the gospel address in the evening. Monday evening, we had another good meeting. Bro. Versey gave a helpful address on "Jesus and Duty."—E. G. Warren, Sept. 7.

PERTH.—On August 29, we were pleased to welcome home Bro. Albany Bell and his son Mas-

ton, after six months' absence in America and other lands. The gospel service was conducted by A. S. Wilson, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., while Bro. Blakemore addressed the troops at Blackboy Hill. It is with deep regret that we record the death of Ray Howell, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles. Amongst our visitors this morning was Bro. Hawks, of Norwood, S.A., who delivered an instructive address on Mark 1. Afterwards Bro. Blakemore spoke words of comfort and counsel to a mass of our young men—Percy Brunner, Edward Bennett, and Arthur Bell, who soon will leave to serve the Empire. Bro. Bell feelingly led our prayers for their protection.—W.A., Sept. 9.

SUBIACO.—On Sunday last, the 6th inst., our Bible School commenced its 17th anniversary proceedings. A W. Connor spoke both morning and evening, whilst the speaker at the afternoon meeting was Pastor Sydney E. Dorman, of the Claremont Baptist Church. The singing was good, and fine assistance was given by the orchestra. On Wednesday night, 8th, the scholars' annual concert and demonstration concert was held. A large audience packed the building to excess, and the long programme was pleasurable received. Our scholars voluntarily and unanimously decided to forego their annual prizes this year to enable the money to be devoted to the distress funds.—R. F. Robbins, Sept. 9.

Queensland.

ROMA.—The interest in our gospel services is becoming deeper and more practical, two confessing their faith in Christ on Sept. 12. Our Bible School rally has gained twelve new scholars.—G.P.

BRISBANE.—On Sept. 5, C. R. Graham, from the College of the Bible, exhorter. In the evening W. J. Way preached on "Truth about God." Yesterday, Bro. Barker, Albion, addressed the church. In the evening the writer occupied the platform and spoke on "Your Country Calls You." Bro. David Moffat, who is shortly going to the front, assisted in the service. The church has forwarded a unanimous call to one of the leading evangelists in the South. We are now looking to a big forward movement in this city. The officers are considering ways to make the chapel more bright and attractive.—H.C.S.

South Australia.

YORK.—To-day, good meetings. We received into fellowship Sister Mrs. Nelson, who was baptised during the week. Bro. Swain presided, and Bro. Bennett exhorted. In the evening our C.W.B.M. living link, Bro. Roy Raymond, from Herris, was the preacher, subject, "Jesus Only." At the close a lady from the Bible School accepted Christ. We have let the building of class rooms this week, and it will be commenced immediately.

NARACORTEE.—E. C. Delves arrived here on the 12th Sept. to take up the work as evangelist. The meetings on Lord's day were fairly attended. Our brother's discourses were listened to with interest. On Thursday night the church is to give Bro. Delves a welcome social. We pray that his stay with us will be profitable for the work of the Master.—H.H., Sept. 19.

QUEENSTOWN.—VERY fair attendance. R. E. Stanley spoke to the children. Worship, Bro. Brooker presided. W. Harris addressed the church on Gal. 6: 9. It was an excellent address. Evening, good meeting, when Bro. Brooker gave a splendid address on "A Mighty Deliverance."—D.L.W., Sept. 19.

MURRAY BRIDGE.—Since last report we have received by letter Mrs. A. Hunter, from Pt. Sturt. To-day, meetings have been small, owing to the rain. One young woman made the confession to-night. We are holding a church anniversary next Lord's day, when we expect J. Wiltshire, of Mile End, to be with us.—J.T.T., Sept. 19.

UNILEY.—A number of our young men connected with the church and Sunday School, who

have recently enlisted for service with the Expeditionary Forces, were entertained last evening at a social arranged by the officers and teachers of the school. The superintendent, R. Burns, expressed the good wishes of those present for the young men, and presented each of them with a pocket Testament. The names are: P. Bennett, G. S. Brown, G. D. Burton, R. Pittman, R. Miller, A. Storer, and A. Phillips. The last was also presented with a wristlet watch by the members of the football club, for whom he had acted as trainer since the formation of the club. The social was very successful.—P.S.M., Sept. 19.

STIRLING, EAST & ALDGAVE VALLEY.—Three confessions at Aldgate Valley since last report. E. Verco, of Bordenston, added a very fair gathering at Stirling on the 12th. C. Verco addressed the meeting last night. The gathering, owing to the exceptionally boisterous weather, was small.—T.F.

COTTONVILLE.—Ira Manning has almost regained normal health. Two received the right hand of fellowship on day. Sister Gray, Lesley, from Queenstown, and Sister Adelaide Herry, from Grestest. Memorial service was made by Bro. Manning to our young Sister Elsie Rosser, who passed away recently after five years in her Lord's service. At last Thursday's prayer meeting were five confessions at an address from Principal Mann. At the close a young woman made the good confession.—J.M.C., Sept. 19.

GLENELG.—Services yesterday were conducted by H. D. Smith and J. Manning, owing to absence in Melbourne of Bro. Pittman, who left for the eastern capital on Friday last to attend a conference in connection with liberal soldiers returning from the war. We are obliged to the brethren named for the help rendered by them.—Chas. Ferris, Sept. 20.

WALLAROO.—In the absence of Bro. Wilson at Milang, we were pleased to have Bro. Raymond, from Berri, with us. Our brother gave a splendid message to the church this morning, and preached the gospel through W. today's appointment his services. Stormy weather interfered with the attendances somewhat.—E.J.K., Sept. 19.

New South Wales.

BALMAIN.—On Sunday, August 29, we celebrated our first Sunday School anniversary. In the afternoon Bro. Carter presided, and Bro. Mc Cann delivered the address. Bro. Crawford who is laboring with us at present, gave the gospel address in the evening. On Monday evening we had a demonstration and concert. Bro. Gale presided in an able manner. All the children received memorials. We had an attendance of 110 Bro. White, our superintendent, who is leaving at 10 A.M. today, with a goodly band of love and plague from the members as a token of their appreciation. We wish him God-speed.—W. C. Roffey.

MANNING RIVER.—Bro. Marler has arrived and is helping along the work very much. There are 14 places in our district now, half of which is taken by the work of Bro. Marler. On the last Lord's day Bro. Marler went to Killbuck, and had good meetings morning and afternoon. The writer went to Burrill Creek, Boatwah, and Tarce. Lord's day previously, the writer held a memorial service for the late Bro. Freeman. The Juvenile Rehearsals also attended in regalia, and were addressed by the writer on the question of temperance.—G.E.H.

LISMORE.—On Sept. 12 we had a fair attendance at the gospel service when Bro. Taylor gave a profitable address on "Two men who trembled." A young man, who made the confession the previous Sunday, was baptised. We were pleased to have with us Mrs. J. and Jos. Flanagan, of the "East Lane" near Enoggera Camp on final leave. Our loving sympathy is extended to the family of Bro. Fred. Robbins, whose death at the Dardanelles was recently reported.—E.A.S., Sept. 13.

BROKEN HILL (Wolfram-st.).—Since last report have received one by faith and obedience, and two restored, formerly of Bendigo.—On the

14th, our Bible School anniversary was celebrated. At 10.30, at the breaking of bread, one of the boys received into fellowship. At 11, Mr. Stang (Congregationalist) addressed the school; at 3, Mr. Butler (Baptist) gave a fine address to parents. The writer gave the gospel address in the evening to a crowded audience. The singing was splendid. Mrs. Gething was conductor, and Bro. Collins, organist. On Monday, Bro. Skewes presided over the public meeting. Mr. H. Lewis (Methodist) gave a helpful address. Bro. Collins gave the report, which showed a net increase of 35 scholars, and an increase of over 40 income for the year. Prizes were distributed, and the children were very nicely. A vote of thanks was accorded all the many helpers.

BROKEN HILL (Rushway Town).—Since last report one received by faith and obedience. The school is practising for anniversary on the 26th.—F. J. Tuck, Sept. 15.

PADDINGTON.—The Dorcas Class held a pleasant meeting on the 9th inst, when after the work for the afternoon had been completed, Mrs. H. Collins, on behalf of the members, presented Mrs. Collins, the president, with a beautiful sash bag as a birthday gift, and an expression of their love. Lord's day, the 12th, was the anniversary of the Bible School, and some encouraging meetings were held. J. Savoy gave a much appreciated address in the morning. H. G. Harward, the Conference President, addressed the afternoon meeting. His talk on flags was greatly appreciated by young and old. During the afternoon he unveiled a fine enlarged photo of our late Bro. E. Chel, the first member of the church to fall in battle. Bro. Cical was killed in the first landing on Gallipoli. Bro. Ray Walsford, who has recently returned wounded from the Dardanelles, and Bro. A. Campbell, who was invalided home, were on the platform; together with Bro. W. Walters, and H. Bindoff, who are leaving in a few days for the front. We have received word that Ed. Bindoff has been seriously wounded. Bro. A. E. Bindoff and three of his sons are members of the A.E.F. At the night meeting, E. Collins faced a crowded hall, speaking on "What manner of child shall this be." The concert on Tuesday, the 14th, was one of the best ever given in the building, and the report showed a good work being done. Great praise is due to A. R. Purton for the splendid singing of the children. He was ably seconded by Misses Amery, Davies, and Moyle, and Messrs. C. Davies and Priestly, instrumentalists. Two of the leading features of the programme were the "Building of the Church," by a large company of boys, under the leadership of J. Browne; and "The Mission of the Flowers," by the senior girls, under the leadership of Mrs. Collins. We are indebted to our Bro. W. A. Nevell, who travels many miles every Lord's day to superintend the school. Bro. Burns, who commences a mission with us on the 12th of next month. Our sisters' class has paid £7 off the building debt this month.—F.C.

LIDCOMBE.—Bro. Clyde Dale has returned from his holiday. On Sept. 12, Bro. Breach addressed the church on "God's Purpose in Our Lives." Bro. Shaw presided in the evening. The subject, "The Day of the Lord." To-day, Sept. 19, E. Andrews spoke in the morning on "She hath done what she could," and Bro. Clyde Dale presided in the evening. The annual election of officers resulted in the following being elected: Bro. Harward, Bro. A. and E. Andrews, Griffin, Stang, Wadsworth (treasurer), Woodland, and Breach, secretary.—W.B., Sept. 19.

MEREWETHER.—Lord's day, Bro. Gegone exhorted on church declension. In the gospel service Bro. Fretwell gave us a splendid address on "Ye shall receive power." At the close, one of our scholars, Jennie Roberts, obeyed the Lord in baptism. She is a grand daughter of Bro. Freeman, our late evangelist. Gospel meetings are keeping up well.—J. Prater, Sept. 12.

CHATSWOOD.—On the 12th Bro. C. Bayall delivered a fine address on "The Christian Hope." On the 19th Bro. Thompson, of Hornby, exhorted the church to set its affection on things above. Miss Ethel Eastwood, from Renmore, was received

into fellowship. Bro. Max Thompson has enlisted. Bro. and Sister S. Goddard gave the Ladies' Church Aid Society a pleasant surprise by presenting them with a new sewing machine. Miss Hilda Arnott has commenced Ladies' School on Class. The school has entered upon a red and blue rally for new scholars.—T. Bagley, Sept. 20.

FRSKINEVILLE.—Owing to the wet Sunday, there were barely 100 at Bible School yesterday. Other meetings were also affected. Last week, a presentation was made to Miss Dilly Mitchell, church organist, on behalf of the school, upon her marriage with Bro. Alf Morton, lately the preacher at James. Over fifty scholars attended for the Bible School Union examination this year.—P. J. Pond, Sept. 20.

BELMORE.—Helpful meetings yesterday. Bro. Morton spoke at the work-shop meeting, the writer presiding. The attendance was good. Rain interfered with the attendance at the gospel meeting. Bro. Forbes spoke on "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" It was through the ministry of Bro. Harward that Bro. Fred. Robbins was converted.—John Rodger, Sept. 20.

MOSSMAN.—Our attendances at the meetings to-day were not as large as usual, due to the very wet and stormy day. As it was the first anniversary of the opening of our church in Cowles road there was a special service in the afternoon for the scholars of the Bible School, at which our Bro. Captain Chapman Forbes gave an address full of gospel truth and love. Thursday last we celebrated our anniversary; also a welcome to Bro. and Sister Stevens, by a tea and public meeting at which Bro. Harward, Conference President, presided, who presided of the Sisters' Conference, on behalf of the sisters, welcomed Mrs. Stevens, wishing her God's richest blessing in her work among us. Other speakers were Bro. Collins and Gale. Bro. Stevens gratefully acknowledged the reception he and his wife had received, and spoke hopefully of the future.—F.C., Sept. 20.

Victoria.

HAWTHORN.—Two received into fellowship this morning, one by faith and obedience, and one by letter. H. Knott's exhortation was much enjoyed. To-night we were pleased to have Bro. and Sister A. C. Rankine with us again. Bro. Rankine preached for a splendid gathering. One of our Bible School young men, Bert Carlson, is reported missing at the front. Another, W. McDowell, broke his ankle while on a transport.—P.R., Sept. 11.

CARNEGIE.—Fine meeting Lord's day morning, Sept. 12, Bro. Morris exhorting. Ray Dawson, the young man who confessed Christ at the previous gospel service, and was baptised during the week, was received into fellowship. Bro. Hibbert preached in the evening on "The Alone-ness of Jesus." The Bible School had a good meeting, the school is practising for the anniversary. Another young man came forward at the close of the gospel service on the 19th inst. Bro. Hibbert speaking.—D.G., Sept. 20.

WOORINEE.—This is a newly established settlement seven miles from Swan Hill. For the first time the Lord's table was spread here in the home of Bro. Dawes, fourteen members present, seven families being represented. This is a grand start. Bro. Chris. Harrap presided at the table, and Bro. Chas. Harrap was the speaker. Next Lord's day we hope to organise the church here.—S. Harrap.

MALVERN.—Good meetings to-day. Bro. McCullum spoke morning and evening to appreciative audiences. Two sisters were received into membership by faith and obedience. One was received last Lord's day by letter. Everything going well.—J.H., Sept. 19.

WARRNAMBOOL.—Notwithstanding very hot weather, all meetings to-day were well attended. Bro. J. E. Gellings, of Melbourne, was with us. His excellent subject was "An Unconquered Invitation."—E.M., Sept. 19.

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Sisters' Department

VICTORIA.

Secretary, Miss Romeisch, 59 St. Vincent-st., Albert Park.
"Saved to Serve."

The usual monthly meeting of the Women's Conference Executive was held in the hall, Swanston-st., on September 3, the President in the chair. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Hill, who took for her Bible reading a portion of the fifth chapter of Mark, giving some helpful thoughts therefrom.

Bro. J. Pittman was welcomed, and gave an interesting address, telling of different phases of his work as hospital visitor.

Resolved to send greetings to South Australian Women's Conference. Addressed from Bible Schools: Northcote, 1; Cliftonhamp, 1; Prahran, 2; North Melbourne, 1; Collingwood, 1; Williamstown, 1.
Obituary Report told of nine sisters called home.

Home Missions.—The Committee visited Box Hill during the month. A profitable time was spent in considering the great work of home evangelisation. An offering was taken for the work, amounting to 7/6. The Home Mission Secretary reports the total additions for first half of Conference year is over 150. A number of short missions have been arranged. A tent mission will be held in Horsham in October. The sisters are asked to remember this in prayer. The Home Mission Fund is now very heavily in arrears. All are asked to do their best for this work.—L. Hacker, Supr.

Foreign Missions.—The only letters to hand this month are from Bro. Chappell and Bro. Filmer. Miss Thompson expects to leave for India in October. Her sister is expected to accompany her. Melbourne Chinese Mission reports are encouraging. Our school for the instruction of Chinese is one of the best attended in Melbourne. Bro. James' ministrations are appreciated. The Children's Day supplies are now ready. The F.M. Committee will greatly appreciate any help the sisters can give in encouraging the young folk in preparing for Children's Day, November 7.—L. Lyall, Supr.

The Temperance Committee held two meetings during the month, at Moreland and South Yarra. Bren, Ewers, Bennett, and Wilson gave addresses, which were appreciated. Soloists, Mrs. Wills and Mr. Wilson; recitations by Miss Brown. Collections amounted to £1/8. Members of Committee present: Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Holmes.—L. Harnley, Supr.

Prayer Meeting Committee visited Moore Pond and Hawthorn during the month. Good attendances. Papers and readings were given by Mrs. Trimmick, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Nelson. Several sisters engaged in prayer. The meetings are much appreciated.—L. Trimmick, Supr.

Hospital Visitation.—Miss Jerrens: to Children's Hospital, 2 visits. Mrs. Meyer: to Eye and Ear, Homoeopathic and Private Hospitals, 8 visits. Mrs. Thurgood: Melbourne and Homoeopathic Hospitals, 4 visits. Picture cards, books, magazines, copies of the Gospels, home comforts, sweets, etc. have been distributed to the patients. Members of Abbot-ford, Bendigo, Middle Park, North Richmond and Prahran churches visited. Through the kindness of Sisters Chown, B. J. Kemp, T. Hagger, and Bro. Franklin, and the "Virginia" Club, Swanston-st., the visitors were able to give comforts and literature to the sick ones.—E. C. Thurgood, Supr.

Benevolent Asylum.—The meeting was taken by the Swanston-st. sisters, of whom there were sixteen present. The address was given by Bro. Franklin, who spoke on Romans 8: 28 at the request of one of the inmates. Solos were rendered by Misses Hunter and Mitchell, and Mr. Franklin. The sisters visited the wards, and at the close of the meeting distributed cakes and sweets. The most striking feature of this meeting was the keen desire expressed by those attending to sing their favorite hymns. The appreciation of the

pour folk must have quite repaid the visitors for their time and trouble. The next church is Footscray, who are due on September 29, followed by Brighton on October 27. Will these churches please take note.—F. A. Wilson, Supr.

General Dorcas met on Wednesday, August 18; good attendance. A number of garments were made; five needy cases were helped; parcels of warm clothes sent to each, containing 20 garments. Parcels received from Mrs. Moysey, Mrs. Cowley, a friend of Mrs. Thompson. Will the givers accept thanks of the Committee for same? A parcel containing scarves has been forwarded to F.M. Committee.—L. R. Martin, Supr.

The next meeting of the Executive will be held in the hall, Swanston-st., on Friday, October 1, at 2.30 prompt. Mrs. McCracken leads devotional exercises. Miss Mary Thompson will give an address prior to her leaving for India. Afternoon tea will be served in the usual way. A good attendance is requested.—L.R.

Women's Mission Band.—August 6th, 1915: Carnegie, 6/6; Hawthorn, 11/6; Williamstown, 10/-; Malvern, 6/-; North Richmond, 14/4; Northcote, 11/6. Total, for two months, 44/5/6.—G. Hayward, Treasurer.

S.A. Sisters' Conference.

The tenth Sisters' Conference was held at Grote-st. chapel on Friday, Sept. 10, 1915. President, Mrs. J. A. Paternoster, in the chair. Mrs. Manger led the devotional meeting. Minutes of last year's meeting were read. Roll-call of delegates, 49 responded.

Reports were received from the following country churches: Wallaroo, Lochiel, and Murray Bridge.

Obituary Report, prepared and read by Mrs. R. Caldwell, told of 25 sisters called home.

The officers elected for the year were: President, Mrs. D. Durrell; Vice-President, Mrs. D. A. Ewers; Secretary, Miss Evans; Assistant Secretary, Miss Inverarity; Treasurer, Mrs. Bond; Pianist, Mrs. Hart; Home Mission Superintendent, Mrs. Cherry; Committee: Mrs. Riches, Mrs. Selway, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Hart. Foreign Mission Superintendent, Mrs. J. A. Paternoster; Dorcas Superintendent, Mrs. Cant; Prayer Meeting Superintendent, Mrs. Harding; Hospital Committee Superintendent, Miss Eva West; Superintendent Temperance Committee, Mrs. Manger; Obituary Superintendent, Mrs. Caldwell.

The afternoon session opened with a devotional meeting, led by Mrs. Harding.

The welcome to visitors was given by Mrs. F. Pittman. The following sisters responded:—Miss Clark, from West Australia; Mrs. McClement and Mrs. R. Lyall, of Victoria.

Minutes of morning meeting were read and confirmed.

The President's address was then delivered by Mrs. J. A. Paternoster.

Roll-call of Churches, 22 responded. A very interesting address was delivered by Mrs. Thompson, returned missionary from India, on her work. The pleasure of the meeting was added to by solos from Misses Bice and Lyndon. Resolutions, proposed by Mrs. Huntsman and Mrs. E. J. Paternoster:—

1. That we rejoice in the bonds of unity and common service that bind our beloved country to the Motherland, and while we deeply deplore the necessity for this cruel and dreadful war, yet we are proud that so many of Australia's sons have responded to the call of duty in defence of the Empire. We earnestly pray that the war may be brought to a speedy and righteous end, and our deepest sympathy goes out to all the women of Australia who are suffering through the loss or injury of loved ones. We do hereby declare our will to do all within our power to help bring this war to a successful issue for the best interests of the kingdom of God and the peace and prosperity of our beloved Empire.

2. That we congratulate the Temperance forces of the State on the successful campaign for six o'clock closing of liquor bars. We note with pleasure that the Bill to put this into effect has

passed the House of Assembly, and we confidently expect it will meet with the same reception in the Legislative Council; but we would urge all interested in Temperance Reform to close their eyes on any legislation that may be introduced, and do all in their power to prevent anything that would nullify the effective closing of bars at six o'clock, upon which the voters of the State have so emphatically expressed their will.

3. That we congratulate the people of our State upon their splendid response to the call of benevolence during the past year, especially in financing the Belgian Relief and Wounded Soldiers' Funds; and we trust that our members will maintain this spirit of generosity in the support of our churches and all its missionary and benevolent agencies.

4. That we express our hearty and sincere thanks to the officers of Grote-st. church for their kindness in granting the use of their buildings, and the many courtesies received from time to time.

5. That this Conference of women of the Churches of Christ in South Australia will urge all in connection with the various patriotic and charitable efforts to raise money. We pledge ourselves as loyal to our King and Country, and believe that every citizen should contribute to these various funds; but we deplore the spirit which demands the chance of obtaining something in return for the money given, considering it to be unchristian. As women who have the best interests of our nation at heart, we regret the weakening of the law in connection with lotteries, and respectfully ask the Government to take steps to suppress this illegal method of raising funds for patriotic and other purposes.

During the afternoon solos were sung by Misses Bice and Lyndon, and added to the pleasure of the meeting.

Meeting closed with the Benediction. The evening session was devoted to Temperance work. Mrs. J. A. Paternoster presided. The report of the Temperance Committee was prepared and read by Mrs. D. A. Ewers. Interesting addresses were delivered by Mr. Hagger, of Victoria, and Mr. W. Morrow, S.L.C. Solos were rendered by Miss Robertson and Mr. L. Weeks. A greeting was received from the sisters of the Lochiel church. Mrs. J. A. Paternoster introduced the new officers for the coming year. A vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the Conference such a success was proposed by Miss Evans, and seconded by Mrs. J. A. Paternoster. Conference closed with the singing of a hymn and the Benediction.—Miss A. M. Evans, 11 Balliol-st., College Park, St. Peter's, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1914-1915

Home Mission Receipts.—Aug., 1914, Balance, 101/12/1; Aug., 1914, to Aug. 16, 1915, Collected by Committee, 105/13/3; Half bank, 109/7/3; Total, 418/4/11/3. Expenditure—Sept. 1, 1914, to Aug. 1915, Postage, 10/1; June 1, 1915, Paid Home Mission Treasurer, 40/-; Balance, 427/4/11/3; Total, 412/8/11/3.

Foreign Mission Receipts.—Aug., 1914, Balance, 461/18/4/2; Aug., 1914, to Aug. 10, 1915, Collected by Committee, 412/10/10/3; Half bank interest, 107/7/3; Total, 4105/8/10/3. Expenditure—Aug. 8, 1914, Paid, F.M. Treasurer, 400; Balance, 448/8/0/3; Total, 4105/8/10/3.

General Fund Receipts—Sept., 1914, Balance, 20/9/2/3; Sept. 3, 1914, to Aug. 6, 1915, Collected, 412/7/5/1; April, Collected from Churches in Belgium Fund, 47/5/4; Total, 426/1/7. Expenditure 1914, to 1915—Oct. 1, Donation, 10/-; Committee, 43; Sept. 7, Material for Cupboard, 12/7; Donation, Australian Christian, 10/-; Oct. 10, 1914, Material Committee for Postage, 10/-; 5, F.M. Committee for Postage, 10/-; Prayer Meeting Committee, for Postage, 5/-; Temperance Committee, for Postage, 5/-; Money Order, 2/4; Dec. 3, Donation, Hospital Committee, 10/-; April, Secretary for Postage and Paper, 4/-; 6, Donation, W.C.T. Union, 1/-; June 11, 1915, 8/-; 10, 1915, 10/-; 11, 1915, 10/-; 12, 1915, 10/-; 13, 1915, 10/-; 14, 1915, 10/-; 15, 1915, 10/-; 16, 1915, 10/-; 17, 1915, 10/-; 18, 1915, 10/-; 19, 1915, 10/-; 20, 1915, 10/-; 21, 1915, 10/-; 22, 1915, 10/-; 23, 1915, 10/-; 24, 1915, 10/-; 25, 1915, 10/-; 26, 1915, 10/-; 27, 1915, 10/-; 28, 1915, 10/-; 29, 1915, 10/-; 30, 1915, 10/-; Total, 425/4/2.

General Conference Luncheon Fund.—Receipts—1914, Balance, £5/5/2; Surplus from Luncheon Committee, 1914 Conference, £4/9/3; Total, £8 14/5. Expenditure, March 8, 1915, Donation, Early Closing League, £3; Balance, £5/14/5; Total, £8/14/5.

Summary of Balances—Home Missions, £274 1/2; Foreign Missions, £45/8/10; General Fund, £5/4/2; G.C.I. Fund, £5/14/5; Total, £274/12/5.

Balance in Bank, £84/12/3; in hand, 354; Total, £274/12/5.

and certified correct.

T. E. Yelland, W. L. Johnston, Auditors.
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Swan Hill District Conference.

This Conference was held on Aug. 22 and 23. On the 22nd Bro. Hagger, who was with us, spoke at the worship meeting, also to the Bible School in the afternoon, while a large audience listened to our brother at night.

On the 23rd Bro. McDonald, the Conference President, presided over the business meetings, at which there were large numbers present, including Bro. and Sister Hutson and Sister Lois Grayson, of Wedderburn; Bro. and Sister Slingsby, Sister Wallace, of the Kyneton circuit; Bro. Hagger, and Bro. Lacy of Boort.

Bro. Wakefield and B. Mott led the devotional services, while Bro. Cockroft spoke on the work to be done in the district. An offering taken up for this work resulted in forty pounds, and fifteen acres of wheat, which is to be harvested and given to the circuit.

It was decided to make a progressive movement, and endeavor to reach out to the new settlements; also to erect two buildings, organise a church at Woorenden, and secure the services of a third evangelist during the coming Conference year.

The secretary's report stated that forty members were added to the churches, two churches organised, and a second evangelist put into the field as a result of the past year's work.

At the evening meeting Bro. Wakefield, Hutson and Hagger spoke on "The Restoration Movement" to a large and attentive audience.

The following brethren were appointed to the Executive: G. A. W. Mott, President; D. Anderson, Vice-President; D. A. Cockroft, Organising Secretary; G. Walker, Treasurer; C. McDonald, Bert Mott, G. Curtis, Chris Harrop, and W. Wakefield.—D.A.C.

Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Trust.

Will you please acknowledge with thanks the receipt by the above Committee of the following contributions: From Churches in N.S.W.—Lyngrove, £2/12; Swan Hills, £1; Gulgong, £1 10/-; Murrumbidgee, £1/10/-; Victorian Churches—Brighton, £1; South Melbourne, 6/6; South Australian Churches—Alma, £1/1/3; Glenelg, £2/12/-.

Two more evangelists have commenced to contribute to the Endowment Scheme since last report, depositing £10/10/-, while there are three others commencing doing so. The Committee is now making allowances to aged preachers at the rate of £8 per annum, and within a few weeks this sum will be greatly increased. Even then the Committee would not be doing what the members would like to be doing. Will those

churches and individuals who have not yet responded to the appeal, please do so. If on account of the prevailing conditions the church cannot make the usual contribution please send what you can.—W. H. Hall, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Messinger's, Canterbury, N.S.W.

Obituary.

STOKES.—On August 18 our esteemed Sister Sarah Jane Stokes entered into her rest, aged 49 years. At the age of 14 years she was baptised at Barker's Creek. Her faith in Christ even at this tender age was clearly manifest, for it was in the depth of winter, and the ice had to be broken for her baptism. During the 35 years of her Christian life she was in membership with the churches at North Fitzroy, Brunswick and Moreland, being one of the foundation members of the Moreland church. All of these churches are the better and richer for her fellowship, for her whole heart was in the Lord's work, and her faithful life of unselfish, Christ-like service left everywhere the richer who came in contact with her. She helped to brighten many a saddened home, and to comfort many a troubled heart, and by her conversation and life she led many into closer fellowship with her Master. During the last few years she was not able to take such an active part in the work, but was always ready and anxious to assist even beyond her strength. The many expressions of sympathy received by her husband, Bro. L. Stokes, and her son, Bert, are an eloquent testimony of the esteem in which she was held.—W.L.V., Moreland, Vic.

PHE.—The Oamari church has suffered a severe loss by the death of Sister Winnie Phe, a girl of eighteen, who came out about six years ago. She was a most faithful member, constant in attendance, wet or dry. Her musical gifts were mainly used in God's service, Winnie being secretary and treasurer of the choir, and organist in the Junior Endeavor Society. The Bible Class boys, a vocal secretary, and Senior Endeavor Society an enthusiastic member. Foreign Missions were near to Winnie's heart, and she was chiefly responsible for success in small sales of work to help Bro. Hadfield's mission. Her illness lasted three weeks, during which she suffered much, but is now entered into a rest. We pray God to comfort the sorrowing parents and relatives.—K. Oamari, N.Z.

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From the Field—Continued.

FITZROY—Sept. 12th, good meetings. Bro. Beller taking both services, which were much appreciated after his absence. Sept. 19, A. J. Fischer, of South Australia, exhorted at the breaking of bread. Bro. Beller at the gospel service spoke on "A Foolish Farmer" to a fair audience. Our Bible School anniversary is due on October 1st.—G.E.

MELBOURNE (Swanton-st.)—Despite inclement weather, all services on September 10 were well attended. H. E. Knott gave an interesting address in the morning, and at night Bro. J. J. Franklin spoke to the subject "Why does not God stop the War?" During August nearly £25 was passed on to various patriotic funds.

CARLTON (Lygon-st.)—S. G. Griffith gave a nice exhortation in the morning, and spoke in the evening upon "Winning Souls." One received into fellowship at the breaking of bread at night. We had with us Captain Chaplain Pittman, from Glenelg, S.A., also Mrs. Telenius nee Dickens, Miss Ames and Miss Knapp, from Nelson, N.Z., who have come over to the jubilee. The Adelphean Class, after a big recess, has been reorganized, and promises to be of great service. Interesting letters have been received from J. J. Haley and J. W. Webb, who are on their way from America to join us in our jubilee celebrations; also congratulations from Hugh McLellan, who regrets that he will not be with us. On Thursday evening last the students from the College of the Bible had charge of the week night meeting, and Bro. Hubbard and Eaton gave helpful addresses. Bro. Nankivell sang a solo. We regret to announce that Sister Reid, the wife of our faithful caretaker, passed away suddenly on Saturday last. The Lygon-st. sisters have been instrumental in filling 100 billies, which are to be sent to the soldiers for Christmas.—J.M.C.

PRESTON—Last Thursday evening our Bible School gave an entertainment in the Sir H. Hall for Red Cross funds. It is expected to clear about £7/10s. On Sunday evening a special Red Cross service was held. Bro. Lang preached on "Glorifying in the Cross of Christ." The attendance was good for a rough night. An offering of one pound was made in response to Lady Stanley's appeal.—W.A.S., Sept. 20.

NORTH CARLTON—Last night there were two confessions, L. A. Williams preaching.—Sept. 20.

BENDIGO—Yesterday was very inclement, but a good attendance was registered at the tent, when Messrs. Moore and Wilson conducted a gospel service at night. The topic was "The Unpardonable Sin." After a fine sermon, seven, including two officers, made the good confession. Miss Marion Morley was the soloist, and her singing made a deep impression on the audience.—C., Sept. 20.

MIDDLE PARK—On several Sunday evenings lately we have had the encouragement of many young men and women coming forward and making the good confession. Our extension works are approaching completion, and will give us much needed facilities for working. Bro. Knott resumes to speak with much edification. Our work is progressing in all departments.—J.S.M., Sept. 20.

NEWMARKET—Last Tuesday night a farewell social was given by our Red Cross workers in honor of several of our young men who are leaving for the war. Yesterday morning the Misses Wayland (2) from Bendigo were received into membership. Recently we have suffered heavy losses by the removal of members to other districts. Very probably our ranks will be still further depleted in the near future, as two more church families are expecting to leave us.—J.L.M., Sept. 20.

ESSENDON—Since last report we have had good meetings. Spoke at our morning meeting, W. A. Kemp pre-ided. Sister B. J. Kemp, junr., by letter from Ballarat, and Bro. McCance were received into fellowship. Bro. Reg. Emms exhorted. At the gospel service Bro. Emms gave a

splendid address, at the close of which a young woman made the good confession. Bible School and kindergarten show a steady increase. Sept. 9, our first half yearly meeting was held in the hall. Good attendance; bright and cheering report from the secretary coincided with the opening remarks of W. A. Kemp, the chairman. Financial report showed receipts from all sources £110/11/8. Expenditure, £57/15/6, leaving a credit balance in bank of £61/16/2. The retiring officers were re-elected. It is intended holding a social to welcome Bro. Szyver on Wednesday, 29th September.—A.B.

SOUTH RICHMOND—Our church work lately has been progressing very satisfactorily. This morning we received into fellowship a sister who made the good confession last Sunday. This evening we had a very fair attendance, considering the weather. Our meeting took the form of an Orange service, when Bro. Jones delivered a fine address on "Finding a Book." We are hoping and praying and working for great things in South Richmond.—O.A.C.G., Sept. 19.

NORTHCOTE—Since last report everything has been going ahead nicely. Bro. Lathrop has been preaching for the past three weeks to good audiences. His splendid addresses have aroused a keen interest. Our C.E. Society, under the secretaryship of Miss P. Shirt, is now a feature of our work. We expect to have Bro. Hagger back next week to continue our gospel services.—R.C.

KANIVA—The sisters of the church held their Home Mission rally on the 17th. Sister Daniel led the meeting, a number of musical items were rendered, and Bro. Hagger gave a very instructive and interesting address on the work of the Home Mission Committee. The offering for Home Missions was £2/11/6.—R.W., Sept. 19.

BURNLEY—Our meetings to-day were very good. Bro. Henderson spoke morning and evening. The attendance in the evening was a record. A solo by Miss L. Ives was greatly enjoyed. On Monday night the church held a social. A good programme was rendered, and a pleasant evening enjoyed by all.—J.C.

EMERALD—Our Bible School has been holding a very successful gold and purple rally. Held on, and on Saturday evening, 18th inst., the purple side provided a splendid social with Bro. W. Bellman, from Emerald Township, as chairman. Bro. Patterson (preacher at Emerald Township) and Bro. Garnett gave short addresses. The evening was filled in with songs and recitations. We also had to say good-bye to Bro. Garnett, who is leaving here after ten months' good work, to help the church at Montrose. We congratulate Montrose on having secured the services of such a splendid worker. Bro. Crowden, of the College of the Bible, is coming to take his place. Last Lord's day evening, at the close of a splendid address by Bro. Garnett, a young lady and two young men, one the son of our esteemed Bro. J. P. Harland, made the good confession.—H.J.L., Sept. 20.

President Josephus Hopwood, of Lamar College, Clarkston, Ga., U.S.A., says, "College life is the deepest, the most enriching power of all the courses that young people can pass through, except possibly a real Christian home. I believe that thousands of valuable young men could be brought to their own, brought to God's place for the life of the prophets and leaders, would personally open the way, make suggestions, in-pire visions in boys from fifteen to thirty years old, and lead them into Christian Colleges. Our greatest national loss to-day is loss of boys, valuable boys who could and would become Christian leaders if men made it a heart-work to personally encourage and in-pire them to a life worth while."

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Bible College Annual Offering, Sunday, Oct. 3. A. Cameron commenced his work with the Goolwa church last Lord's day.

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Adelaide reports stormy, wintry weather last Sunday, which affected church attendances.

We hear that C. R. Graham is taking up the work at Hawthorne and Aunerley, Queensland.

W. Garratt, of the Mile End church, S.A., is supplying the Strathalbyn platform for a few weeks.

Pending the appointment of a suitable man, the Lumby Bay brethren are carrying on the work with local talent.

One or two more preachers are required in South Australia. For information write to D. A. Ewers, Mile End.

We are indebted to Bro. R. Harkness for the report of the South Australian Conference appearing in this issue.

E. C. Davies, of Queensland, has taken up the work for a time at least at Naracoote, under the South Australian Home Missionary Committee.

By telephone message from Bendigo, we have received the following report of confessions at the mission: Sunday, seven; Monday, three; Tuesday, eleven.

The South Australian Conference reports have much prominence in this issue. Next week we hope to give some details of reports presented to the Sisters' Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fischer have arrived in Victoria from Eyre Peninsula, S.A. Bro. Fischer will begin his labors with the church at Warrnambool next Lord's day.

In the absence of J. E. Thomas at Kersbrook anniversary last Lord's day, his place at Grote-st. was filled in the morning by K. W. Duncan, and in the evening by W. Morrow.

The College of the Bible exists to cope with the constant demand for preachers and missionaries. The brethren of our churches have the opportunity on the first Lord's day in next month to help to supply this demand.

J. Pittman continues to do splendid work as Hospital Visitor in Melbourne, under the Victorian Home Missionary Committee. All names of members in those institutions should be sent to him at 15 Hornby-st., Windsor.

We regret that A. T. Eaton, of the College of the Bible, preacher at Dandenong, has had to enter the Homeopathic Hospital, Melbourne, where he will probably have to remain for two or three weeks. We hope to be able to report his steady progress to a full recovery.

The South Australian sisters, met in annual Conference at Grote-st. on Sept. 10, thank the sisters of the country churches for the kind greetings received from them, and in return gave them these words, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3: 6).

Captain Chaplain G. T. Walden writes: "After three weeks' training in Egypt, we leave to-day to see our Australian boys drive the Turks out of Europe as a power. Am well and happy in my work. Several have decided for Christ. Have a rule two services for breaking bread each Lord's day."

The Victorian Women's Executive will meet in the hall, Swanton-st., on Friday, October 2, 2.30 p.m. Sisters are reminded that Mrs. Thompson will give an address prior to the meeting Melbourne for India. A full attendance is requested. All sisters are cordially invited. At the work tea will be served in the usual way.—L.R.

The monthly meeting of the Victorian Bible School Workers will be held on Monday evening next at Swanston-st. chapel, commencing at 8 p.m. Bro. Ewers, preacher at Morand, will give an address on "Devices for Increased Enrollment and Attendance." This is a subject of vital interest to all schools, and it is hoped that every school will be well represented at the meeting.

As we were going to press, a message reached us announcing the passing away of Bro. H. D. Smith, of Adelaide. Bro. Smith was in active service to the last, and was in attendance at the South Australian Conference. A host of men and women who own him as their spiritual father will revere his memory. Our brother was loved by all for his work and golly character. We extend our sincere sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.

At noon on Saturday last our beloved and esteemed Bro. W. W. Davey passed away suddenly at Echuca. He had reached the ripe age of 88 years. The newspaper says that "while walking from his home to the post-office he fell. While he was being carried to his home he died." Bro. Davey was well known to many of the older brethren. He was a faithful evangelist of the churches of Christ. We hope to give a suitable extended notice at an early date.

Bro. Glaisher, of Auckland, who is a barrister and solicitor, writes: "A high explosive is an important factor in our warfare to-day, and so is the Bible in our spiritual warfare. But the explosive is put to its best use only when carefully and skilfully handled, and its powers properly directed by trained men, so it is with the Bible. What further argument need we for the College of the Bible? I wish it all success, and trust to be able to continue to render it assistance."

In a recent issue we published a letter received from I. W. Webb, of Modesto, California, U.S.A., referring to the probability of his visiting Australia. There has just come to hand another letter from him, dated August 16, in which he writes, "Nothing preventing, Bro. J. J. Hley and yours truly will start for Sydney (en route for the jubilee in 1925) on September 15th, on steamer "Mona." These brethren hope to reach Melbourne in time for Lygon-st. jubilee celebrations in October. As previously announced, the Lygon-st. church extended an invitation to Bro. Hley some months ago.

Bro. W. James writes: "Some time ago a fund was started by the Australian Chinese Christians for the purpose of starting a church in Canton. When the writer was in Adelaide and West Australia, he made a special appeal to the brethren there. One of the West Australian brethren—an artist—painted a picture, "The Light of the World," and promised when this was sold to give the whole of the amount to the Canton fund. A faithful convert, Bro. Liong Yow, in Adelaide, wishing to do his share, bought the picture for £10. We praise God for these faithful ones who having learned of Jesus, wish those in their own land to be brought into the same glorious knowledge."

D. Wakeley and J. D. Nankivell, two of our students who are in the A.M.C., write from the Holdsworth Camp, N.S.W.:—"Last Monday night a few of us met together after the usual 'S.M.' concert, and started a meeting for the purpose of spiritual life. It proved so helpful that they decided to make the meeting an appointment for every night. Our 'bower house' is a little 12 x 12 living tent, but we shall have to have a bigger one soon, as the meetings are going to get bigger and better every night. We have not yet found any other members of the church, and there must be some here. It would be nice to get them all together at a Sunday morning, and we might persuade them to join our prayer and study circle." A young man recently took a stand for Christ in camp; he expects to be baptised in a few days. Our brethren would be glad to get in touch with any other members of churches of Christ. Their address is c/o Y.M.C.A., Holdsworth Camp, via Liverpool, N.S.W.

G. D. Verco, of Doncaster, Vic., writes:—"May I be permitted to add a few words to the many that have been spoken in behalf of our College?"

The one great idea that we want impressed upon the minds of the lay-club at the present time is her financial need. In order to do this some have spoken of what our College has accomplished, while others have spoken of what we hope she will do in the future. I would like to suggest some reasons why the churches should give her their hearty and liberal support. She is the child of the churches, brought into being to meet a long-felt need. Alarmed at the numbers of our young men who stayed in America after preparing themselves for the work of preaching, and feeling further the great need of more men thoroughly equipped for that great work, the College was founded to keep and to fit our young men at home. Now, an unnatural mother may forget her child, but let it not be said that this child of the church has been neglected or forgotten by her. Again, trusting in the honor of the churches, those faithful men who form the teaching staff of the College, are giving of their best in the interests of the College and the church, while the students, trusting also to the honor of the brethren, have given up good positions to prepare themselves, in our College, for their life-work. Brethren, we are in honor bound to stand by our College, her splendid faculty, and fine body of students. Let our offering on October 3 express our appreciation of her worth."

S.A. CONFERENCE NOTES.

Very touchingly and appropriately was the obituary report read by the venerable T. J. Gore.

The whole of the Conference gatherings were characterized by the spirit of harmony and co-operation.

It was the freely expressed opinion that the public speeches as a whole this year reached high water mark.

It was generally acknowledged that Mrs. J. A. Paternoster carried out her presidential duties in a most excellent manner.

The earnest appeal of J. E. Thomas in the Conference business session for Home Mission funds resulted in cash and promises to the amount of £165.

A collection in the Town Hall, on Wednesday night, which had not been previously announced, resulted in £13/10/- for the Military Chaplains' Fund.

The good sister announcing the addresses at the public Temperance meeting solemnly stated that T. Hagger's address was a national mistake. We hope not.

D. A. Ewers and E. A. Paternoster were quite taken by surprise by letters of appreciation presented from the Sisters' Executive by Mrs. E. W. Pittman in a short, appropriate address.

The happy welcome to visitors by the President of the General Conference, G. D. Wright, and his descriptions of the various kinds of visitors of whom we have experience, were keenly appreciated.

Interstate visitors were fewer than usual, but their presence was enjoyed. The speeches of Principal Main and Secretary Hagger, from Victoria, added immensely to the pleasure and profit of the Conference.

At the Sisters' Conference Mr. Thompson, a returned Baptist missionary, delivered a very interesting address on the position of women and girls in India, and the importance of the work of lady missionaries in the zenans.

The attendances, generally speaking, were below the average of the last few years, but this is explainable owing to the inclemency of the weather—a revival of winter—and the fact that the Annual Show was not held in Adelaide this year.

Just after the response to the appeal for Home Mission funds, the need of Berri church for £20 to complete purchase of land for chapel was mentioned; an enthusiastic brother offered £1 if the amount were made up, in a few minutes.

£1/1/- was subscribed in cash, and the Berri preacher made happy.

The names of 140 members who have enlisted for the war was read. This was incomplete. Chaplain Geo. T. Walden was included, as his name is on the Under church roll. Brief extracts of private letters from Col. West were also read, and a verse of a hymn he referred to, "God will take care of you," was sung.

The patriotic spirit was distinctly prominent, not only in the special resolution passed, but in the uniform of the two military chaplains, the frequent references, and illustrations in addresses, and especially in the decorations of the tables at the Conference tea, which was under the auspices of the President's wife and a committee of ladies.

There were 15 tea tables in the Town Hall, each representing a nation or British dependency engaged in the war. These were appropriately dressed, and the effect was most pleasing. The allotment was as follows:—England, Herald; Ireland; Canada, Prospect; Australia, Semaphore; South Island, Croydon; New Zealand, York; South Africa and Egypt, Queenstown; Scotland, Cumnockville; India, Mile End; Russia, Norwood; Belgium, Hindmarsh; France, Glenelg; Japan, North Adelaide; Italy, Grote-st.; Serbia, Unity; Red Cross, Maylands.

Roll of Honor.

KILLED.

Trooper Raymond Howell, Lake-st., Perth, W.A.

WOUNDED.

Private Edgar Bindoff, Paddington, N.S.W.

COMING EVENTS.

SEPTEMBER 26 and 29—Wind-or Bible School Anniversary, Sunday, 26th, morning, Mr. Emms; Afternoon, Mr. Kemp; evening, Miss Thompson, 26th, Entertainment.

OCTOBER 3 (Sunday)—Gore-st., Fitzroy, Bible School anniversary, 11 a.m., Will Bellor, 3 p.m., Reg. Emms; 7 p.m., Service of Song, "Paul, the Little Mediator." Oct. 6, 8 p.m., Annual Demonstration. Fine programme. Admission, silver coin.

OCTOBER 21, 30—North Richmond (Carpenter-st.) 25th anniversary (semi-public) services as follows:—Sunday, Oct. 21, Anniversary services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 26, Reunion of church members, 7.45 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 28, Sunday School night, 7.45 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 30, Garden Fete and Living Foundation stone of new school, 1 p.m., and concert, 7.45 p.m. Past members of church and school invited to be present on sent greetings.—H. Anderson, Bennett-st., North Richmond.

MARRIAGE.

MOFFATT—PETTY—On August 28, in the Church of Christ, Doncaster, Myrtle Pettit to Bob Moffat, G. D. Verco officiating. Supper held in Alhambra Hall.

IN MEMORIAM.

MORRISON—In loving memory of Richard Morrison, who entered his eternal rest on Sept. 30, 1915, aged 51.—Inserted by his ever-sorrowing family, "Edinburgh," Dubouché Hill.

HEAP—In loving memory of our beloved mother, who passed away at Lyalvale on Sept. 17, 1914. Also of my mother, who passed away at Buninyong, 27th October, 1913. Sleep, dearest parents; we would not wake thee. For sorrow and trouble to darken thy brow; How sweet is thy rest with the birds singing after thee.

No grief, pain, or sorrow can come to thee now.—Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, R.M. and H. Reynolds, Warracknabeal.

The Society of Christian Endeavor.

September 26 to October 2—
CHRISTIAN ATTRIBUTES.
Meekness, Psalm 25: 1-14.

Servants of God, Exod. 15: 24-27; 16: 1-8.
Poor and needy, Psalm 89.
Despised and rejected, Isaiah 53.
Confession and supplication, Daniel 9: 1-10.
Inheritors by grace, Matthew 5: 1-12.
Bearing another's burden, Romans 15: 1-12.

N.S.W. Home Mission and Bible School Notes.

W. Gale.

The prize-giving demonstration of the New South Wales Bible Schools' Department will be held in the City Temple on October 26. It is expected that every metropolitan school will take part.

Sydney Northern Suburbs Bible Schools are now in line on the "Boy Problem." Each school has an organisation for the boys, and Saturday afternoon "hikes" and "tramps," etc. are led by leading brethren. Two schools have a Boy Scout Troop, and two have a chapter of the Knights of St. Paul.

Bro. Cecil Hall is preaching at North Auburn for the current month, Bro. Crossman having gone into camp.

Bro. P. Warburton cycled on a recent Lord's day from Narrabri to Bawn Haas and back, a total distance of nearly 20 miles, and preached at Narrabri at night. He means business.

It is possible that a Boys' Camp will be conducted at Christmas for the boys of our schools. Bobbin Head, Kuringai-Chase, has been mentioned as a likely site.

The Home Missionary Committee has received word that the Belmont church has voluntarily relinquished the subsidy received by them from Home Mission funds. This is the second occasion within the last few months. The Sunday School there ranks fifth amongst our New South Wales schools.

Arrangements are being made for a Home Missionary rally in all the Sydney and suburban churches. Mosman was held on Sept. 16, Auburn North and South will combine for a rally on Sept. 20. Belmont has fixed Sept. 30 for its meeting. At all these meetings the President of the Conference, H. G. Harward, will preside.

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