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A Prayer for Suffering and for Service.

Our familiarity with common sayings often hides the strangeness or greatness of the truths they convey. No group of words is more in use among Christian people than that which our Master gave in the model prayer, and that which he himself used in his Gethsemane petition. Yet, how strange the words sound when addressed to an Almighty God by a finite creature! "Thy will be done!"—but "Who hath resisted his will?" In a true sense we may believe that the Divine purpose must be worked out; we are explicitly told that God "worketh all things after the counsel of his will." Still, while neither on earth nor in hell can God's will be permanently and finally thwarted, we are to-day sadly aware that his will is not done on earth. Free will and divine omnipotence may seem to be an abiding antinomy. "I would, but ye would not" may contain a mystery which the Christian theologian and philosopher cannot solve, but at any rate the words afford an explanation of the state of the warring world to-day. "In the world what is the meaning of all this want and misery? all this violence and sin and shame? all these lives so grievously wasted? all these faces on which God's image is so deplorably defaced? all this 'insane religion, degraded art, merciless war, sullen toil, detestable pleasure, and vain and vile hope in which the nations of the world have lived since first they bear record of themselves?' The meaning is that God's will is disregarded and defied.

A life principle.

A principle for a life lurks in the words of the familiar prayer. The follower of Christ can find no better life's motto than that which is attributed to our Lord Jesus: "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God." Archbishop Leighton summed up the Christian's desire in this, "that his own will may be annihilated and the will of God placed in its room; that he may have no will but God's; that he may be altogether subject to God's commanding, and his working will, to do what he commands, and to be heartily content with what he does; for both these things are in it." This is confidently presented as the only way to peace of mind, to quietness and contentment. "Who is there so outwardly prosperous, but meets with many things that cross his will?" Some Christian folk have manifestly done the thing which Leighton recommends, Luther,

for instance, dared to say: "I do not ask Thy will be done, but My will be done. For thy will is now my will, and I best get my own will by unquestioning acceptance of thine." Few of us will be so bold as to talk thus; and we have the best authority and example for putting the petition in another form, "Not my will, but thine, be done."

One of the flawless lines written by one of the three greatest poets of earth sets forth the reward of him who subordinates his human will to the divine. "In his will is our peace": surely Dante learnt it from the Lord and his word. Our English poet, too, has caught the spirit of obedience and submission:

"Our wills are ours, we know not how;
Our wills are ours to make them thine."

God's will embraces both suffering and serving. The petition, "Thy will be done," clearly has to do with both of these, though we very frequently limit it to one.

The prayer of resignation.

When our Lord Jesus in Gethsemane prayed in agony for the removal of the cup, he added, "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done." We have here the perpetual condition of acceptable prayer. If in the Father's provision for the salvation of men it was needful for the well-beloved Son to drain to the dregs the cup of agony, then he, the obedient Son, was willing to drink. He who saved others could not himself be saved. We note that while the bitter cup did not pass from our Saviour, still the prayer was heard and answered: "There appeared from heaven an angel strengthening him." So in "Thy will be done" lies also the condition of answered prayer.

Was there ever a time when the prayer of submission was more appropriate than now? The woes of the world were never so great. Very many of God's children are called upon to drink the cup of sorrow. They may well pray that it may pass; yet thrice blessed are they if they can add, "Nevertheless, thy will be done." The experiences which he brings to us, or permits to come to us, oft cause us wonder and distress; but let us stay our souls with the thought that we are never beyond the circle of his love and care. "If we be his (as we profess), then we may be assured he loves us; and if we believe that, and withal believe that he is wiser than we, then we must confess that whatsoever he doth with us is

better than our own choosing for ourselves could be." Our appropriate prayer will be:

"Renew my will from day to day;
Blend it with thine, and take away
All now that makes it hard to say,
"Thy will be done."

The prayer of service.

It would almost seem as if Christian folk were so impressed with the thought of resignation to the divine will, that they read into the third petition of the model prayer the thought of passive submission instead of that of active service. It may be regarded as certain that when Jesus told his disciples to pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," he had the joyous, ready service which the heavenly hosts ever render.

For us to pray, "Thy will be done," means that we earnestly endeavor to carry out the Lord's behests, and seek to get others to fashion their lives after the divine pattern given to man. The petition reminds us that

"God cannot make men's best
Without best men to help him."

One writer is recorded as praying, in the light of our Lord's petition, that God would "tame, evangelise and angelise" his will. The method of heaven is the pattern for earth—"as it is in heaven." How is God's will done in heaven? Leighton says the obedience in heaven is (1) universal, without choosing and excepting; (2) cheerful; (3) unanimous and harmonious. The psalmist says:

"Bless, Jehovah, ye his angels,
That are mighty in strength, that fulfil his word,
Hearkening unto the voice of his word."

This is an appropriate attitude on earth.

We may re-echo the wish of F. W. Farrar: "Oh, that we all felt more those sayings of the old Rabbis: 'The day is short, the work abundant, the laborers remiss, the reward great, the Master presses', therefore 'be bold as a leopard, swift as an eagle, bounding as a stag, brave as a lion, to do the will of thy Father which is in heaven.'"

"Lord, not passive resignation
Did I read into thy prayer,
But an active, willing service
Stems the message it would bear.
"Not submissive acquiescence
To a harsh fate's stern decree,
But a chariot call to action
Do the brief words seem to me.
"Not with neck hands idly folded,
Bowed in reverence, to be still,
But with eager heart and cheerful,
To go forth and do thy will."

Conflict in Prayer.

G. E. Burns.

For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you.—Col. 2: 1.

Paul was a great man who might have been great under any circumstances, because he possessed great qualities, and would very largely have made his own circumstances. But that he was a great apostle, a great teacher and preacher, and a great soul-winner, does not necessarily arise out of these natural endowments. Indeed, if Paul as his own candid critic can be relied upon, then one would be disposed to conclude that Paul found his natural endowments a hindrance rather than a help in the things of the Spirit. Does he not say "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross," and again, "What things were gain to me those I counted loss for Christ," and again, "Most gladly therefore will I glory in mine infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me?" Speaking again to the Corinthian church, he says, "I came not with excellency of speech, or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God, . . . and I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, . . . in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

We are not to suppose that the apostle is advocating puerility in speech and preaching, nor that a man should ape the imbecile in order to obtain divine approbation. Spurgeon's keynote of good preaching is nearer the mark, which was "B natural," not "A flat."

The apostle was simply disapproving two things, first "the employment of pulpit pyrotechnics," and second, "dependence upon natural gifts and abilities in the work of the Spirit." Both end disastrously, to pulpit and pew alike.

Paul did not employ these things. It is to be presumed that he could have done so had he desired to please men. But he religiously kept the tendency to do so under, and spoke only speech seasoned with grace, in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

Since Paul had not allowed himself to gain a reputation as a great orator, we must look elsewhere for his greatness as a preacher of the Word, and as a winner of souls. The verse at the head of this article, with many others which the reader may personally add, stating the same truth, gives the key to the apostle's secret.

Paul did not learn preaching first. He became a preacher of necessity; he simply could not help himself. Spurgeon's advice is again good, "Young man, don't preach if you can help it." Some young men start on the second rung of the preaching ladder, they begin just to preach. Paul began just to pray. His whole ministry was but the outcome of this "first thing" in his Christian experience. He became a great preacher and a great everything else because he became just a great "prayer." Similarly we find him passing the suggestion on to Timothy his son in the faith. "First of all sup-

lications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made."

Paul's prayers were not talks with his Father, were not simply sweet communings with the Spirit of grace and glory. They were conflicts, combats, agonies, travails, death and conquests. He went on Mars Hill by his burning eloquence and zeal. The eloquence and zeal had been generated in the secret place. His speech was but the leaping forth of the flame that had been kindled by contact with the Divine Spirit where no eye but God's could see. "My little children of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." "I would that ye knew how great conflict I have for you." "Night and day praying exceedingly."

Such was Paul as a man of prayer. Such was the secret of his preaching power and the source of his success as a winner of souls. He who will imitate Paul in his praying will likely accomplish something in his preaching too.

Biblical Geography and the War.

It is interesting to notice how the geography of the war is spreading over the lands of the Bible, so that, as one religious journal claims, "The Bible maps are the clearest interpreters of the latest military movements. A chart of Paul's missionary journeys from the back of our Bibles is a better exposition of what is going on in the Balkans and Turkey than most newspaper maps." The red tide of war is certainly flowing in the direction of Palestine. Thus we read, quite incidentally, that, as part of the preparations for an attack on the Canal, "a double-track railway line has been constructed from Damascus to Jerusalem and Gaza and some distance beyond the ancient frontier line of Turkey and Egypt to the Isthmus of Suez. Jerusalem is transformed into an armed camp, defended by trenches and containing 100,000 men. All the convents have already been converted into hospitals, with Turkish and German staffs, and the inhabitants are under strict supervision." A cablegram reports that "a French cruiser bombarded and entirely destroyed a German factory at Haifa (Syria) used for the manufacture of war material." Haifa is at the foot of Mount Carmel, where the prophets of Baal had a bad time. "Baal, on the occasion of the visit of the French cruiser," is the comment of a Paris journal, "had obviously gone on a journey."

If a great battle is fought in Palestine, it would almost certainly be on the plain of Esdraelon, the scene of the battles of many centuries. Fortifications dating back two thousand years before Christ have been found deep beneath the soil of this plain. Be-

One Point of View.

Some people hardly seem to know
We went to war a year ago.
One thing alone to them is clear—
Nothing must ever interfere
With Mr. Collins' glass of beer.
T.F., in "The Spectator."

"See letter in the "Spectator" signed "J. H. Collins," in which the writer used the following expressions:—"Surely you can see that men like me (and they must be counted by millions), who have taken a little beer or whisky for years, and believe it to be good for them, have a real grievance which is not removed by people telling us we should change the modest habits of a life time (I am seventy-four) because a comparatively few people—who should be punished—drink to excess."

"Do you wish the world were better?
Let me tell you what to do;
Set a watch upon your actions,
Keep them always straight and true;
Bid your mind of selfish motives,
Let your thoughts be clean and high,
You can make a little Eden
Of the sphere you occupy."

twist the plain of Esdraelon and the plain of Sharon stands Megiddo, where, as some people read the Book of Revelation, the mystic Battle of Armageddon is to be fought. The traditional site of the Garden of Eden is at the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates. Ur of the Chaldees is a little further up the Euphrates. Think of Turks and Russians and British fighting over such classic spots as these! The great Persian oil-fields, with their vast storage tanks at Mohammerah, form part of the landscape which is the scene of the life of Daniel; and it is these oil-wells which have, perhaps, inspired the march on Bagdad.

Mount Sinai, the Mount of the Law, was reached in the fighting around Suz last year. Akaba, the modern Turkish town which a British squadron bombarded, is the tiny port where Solomon built his navy. The real hero of the Dardanelles, religious journals claim, is not Xerxes, or Alexander, or Leander; it is St. Paul. Renan's "ugly little Jew," with worn cloak and sandals, stood on the beach at some spot then called Troas, near the western entrance of the Dardanelles, and looked across from Asia to Europe. At night in dreams he saw "a man of Macedonia" crying, "Come over and help us." Salonika is the city of Thessalonica, and to a little cluster of converts in its streets Paul wrote the two Epistles to the Thessalonians. "If," says one religious journal, "we super-impose the new war maps upon our old Bible maps, we may see how strangely the centuries are returning in a circle to meet again on this soil, sacred to great events."—"Southern Cross."

Notes on Current Topics.

Jas. E. Thomas.

State Schools.

There have been many discussions at our State Conferences in reference to the important matter of Scriptural Instruction in State Schools. These have led to frequent exchanges of opinion and to fraternal differences at times. The Methodists of South Australia have had a somewhat spirited debate upon this fruitful theme, and some frank statements were made. Mr. O. Lake, the retiring president, said that the movement for scriptural instruction was an effort to Anglicise our schools, and he declared, "You cannot trust the Anglicans in this matter." This seems a very strong statement to make, and only likely to perpetuate partisanship rather than tend to a unifying of Christian forces. While we are ourselves not in complete accord with all the claims made on behalf of the Anglican clergy based upon the erroneous doctrine of apostolic succession, and while we regret their apparent aloofness in some Christian movements from ministers of other religious bodies, yet we feel that they are sincere in their desire to make known the Bible to the young, and to give them religious instruction in order to mould the future lives of those who are in our schools. Mr. Lake or any other Methodist minister appointed would have just as much opportunity of instructing the Methodist children as any Anglican clergyman would of teaching those belonging to his denomination. We fail to see, therefore, where there is any unfair advantage or any need for a lack of confidence in those who seek such a desirable object. There is certainly a most urgent need for anything that can improve the morals of our community, and this can only be accomplished by the teaching of the Word of God. It is not to be brought about by mere external reforms. We are ourselves anxious to avoid anything that may savour of religious control of our schools, for we believe they are rightly secular institutions. We are also desirous of discountenancing anything that would lead ministers to usurp in any way authority that should not be theirs. We believe there would be no such assumption, and that as in other States the scheme would work harmoniously and beneficially. The great thing about this proposal is that it has worked well in other States. This is after all the great argument for the Bible—it does what it says and works out in life. We have seen the teaching of the young in schools in Western Australia, New South Wales, and Otago-land work amicably and to the help of the young in the schools. As for ourselves, we think it is about time men gave over some of their unworthy controversy-ism, and entered more wholeheartedly and unitedly into an effort to bring God and Christ and his teaching into the hearts and lives of the young in our community, who so often have no help whatever apart from the Sunday School, and often do not have the privilege

of attending there. We would like to see this scheme given a trial in Victoria and South Australia.

The Advance of Temperance Sentiment.

We are glad to notice that week by week the demand for more rigid legislation to govern the accursed liquor traffic is increasing. The "Sydney Morning Herald" recently contained a striking article in which it declared: "Mr. Holman is capable of any casuistry if he sees a side track in the path of Government, especially if his critics allow him opportunity for speech and something like an argument to be turned or twisted. But in this case no amount of clever dodging or denial can mask the demand of the people of New South Wales for early closing. It has become a roar in unison. There is no room now for side-stepping. It may be possible by the arts of Parliamentary finesse and chicanery to put off the issue till the general election is at hand, but if the Government takes such a course it will be fatal—to the Government. An aroused public has a knack of asserting itself even under existing conditions, and every attempt of the Premier to double and twist will make the final punishment of his time-serving and tricky the more severe and humiliating." We do not wish to join in any indictment of any leader in political life that may seem beyond our realm as a religious paper, but we believe there is a great deal of wholesome truth in the statement of the "Morning Herald," and events seem to indicate that Mr. Holman as an intelligent man, if somewhat lacking as a temperance reformer, is awakening to the fact that the people are determined to lessen, if not blot out, the evil that is being wrought by this deadly business. Sir Alexander Peacock has also promised to do some more thinking and to "confer with the Cabinet" some more on the matter. It is to be sincerely hoped that a gentleman who makes such frank and somewhat unibiblical statements concerning the Kaiser, will seek as well to see that something is done to damn the accursed enemy in our midst, that a greater than Sir Alexander said is doing more harm to our nation than all the German submarines put together. It is regrettable that so many public men are so slow in seeing the signs of the times. The church must gather fresh courage and hope, and the time will be hastened when liquor bars will close not at 6 p.m., but for ever.

The Clergy and Excommunication.

There has been an interesting case in the Civil Court in Adelaide in which an Anglican clergyman was sued by a prominent citizen for damages. The clergyman evidently overestimated the power of the clergy, and excommunicated this member of his church because he had criticised the Bishop and himself in a manner thought by the clergyman to be so blameworthy as to merit such

punishment. This excommunication was withdrawn by the minister at the Synod, but the aggrieved gentleman sought redress for damage to his character. The Presbyterian Judge did not think that clergy had such rights as had been claimed, and awarded damages at £50. The comments of the learned judge were most helpful and illuminating. Personally, we regret that such grievances find their way into our law courts, especially as in such a case as this, where we believe the minister is a most worthy and sincere Christian gentleman. It only shows that it is foolish of any minister of the Word of God to assume any greater privileges or prerogatives than those intended in the instructions given in the New Testament concerning the work and office of an evangelist or pastor, whose sacred and God-given duties are clearly not intended to be any more to-day than in the ministry of the New Testament church.

The Time for a Revival.

We have read with pleasure that the Evangelical Archbishop of Sydney, Dr. Wright, has given his sanction to a proposed effort by the clergy in that State to lead the people in a religious revival. It is a most commendable movement, and is doubtless the result of serious reflection upon the needs of our Commonwealth. The purpose is to impress upon the congregations the need of a deep and sincere humiliation and a devout and earnest waiting upon Almighty God. We seem to have almost assented to a sort of defensive in our churches, in which we have been satisfied to simply "hold our own" and wait till the war is over for any definite Christian aggressiveness. We have perhaps become almost pessimistic at times and have by our inactivity and lack of responsiveness assented to the false idea that we cannot keep up our active work in missionary fields and keep our church work in a healthy state and win the war as well. People have therefore entered heartily into the work of Red Cross and patriotic committees, and given freely though not to much impoverishment to various funds, and have thought this constituted the measure of their service to God. We could certainly unite in spirit with our Anglican brethren and seek by giving our own selves as well as our means more devotedly to God to lead men to a deeper spirituality and more consecrated service to God. This is our day of opportunity. Men are learning the true meaning of sacrifice. Is it not the time for the church to move faithfully and earnestly proclaim the message of the supreme sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour and so lead men to humbly own him, that we shall be counted worthy not only of victory in this great world conflict in which we are undoubtedly on the side of right—but of even greater and more lasting blessings in the day of peace that will surely and swiftly come?

"Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O men of God!"

The Holy Spirit in Relation to the Christian Life.

A. G. Saunders, B.A.

The Spirit of truth... abideth with you, and shall be in you.—John 14: 17.

This matter of the Holy Spirit is one of those points concerning which the Churches of Christ are sometimes misunderstood. It is actually reported that there is disbelief among us and that we believe there is no Holy Spirit! That idea is wrong. We are a Bible people. The Holy Spirit is in the Bible. We cannot get that teaching out of the Bible. We have no desire to take it out. Therefore, we must include belief in the Holy Spirit in our religion. We are not infidels on this subject. It may be that sometimes we have said too little about it. If so, we ourselves are to blame if we are misjudged.

Permit, also, a slight reference to one or two matters, seemingly of little moment, yet not unworthy of notice. We should avoid speaking of the Paraclete, the Comforter, as the Holy Ghost. Our people offend less in this connection than others do. In the American Revised Version the expression, "Holy Spirit," is used invariably. This is the more satisfactory name. It is as easy to be correct as to be otherwise.

Again, the Holy Spirit should be thought of and referred to as a person, not a thing. The neuter pronoun should yield to the personal. Observe the pronouns used in John 14: 16, 17: "And I will pray the Father, that he shall give you another Comforter (Paraclete), that he may be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beareth him not, neither knoweth him; ye know him, for he abideth in you, and shall be in you."

After what has been said on the point in an earlier article in this series, and in view of the Scriptures then quoted, there is little need now to set forth in detail who receive the Holy Spirit. These Scriptures are John 14: 16, 17; 7: 37-39; Acts 2: 38; 5: 30-32; Luke 11: 13. Their purport is simply this: The Holy Spirit is not given to unbelievers, but he is bestowed upon those only who obey the gospel. Further, to substantiate this conclusion the following passages may be cited. "Because ye are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts crying, Abba, Father" (Gal. 4: 6). "If ye are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are ye; because the Spirit of glory and the Spirit of God resteth upon you" (1 Peter 4: 14). In Gal. 3: 2 Paul asks, "Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law or by the hearing [message, marg.] of faith?" (cf. Gal. 3: 5). And this question the apostle himself answers before he leaves the subject. "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law... that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Gal. 3: 14). It may seem presumption to say so, but the word "receive" in this text appears to be inadequately rendered. Probably the translation would be less deficient if it could

be paraphrased thus: "... that we might receive the fulfilment of the promise," or, "that the promise might be realised by us." The life of faith must be a reality or the Holy Spirit will not enter, the promise of the Spirit cannot be realised. Again, "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God; every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God" (1 John 4: 2). It follows inevitably that the Spirit abides in a Christian man and makes a reality of the spiritual life.

Now, the gift of the Spirit is not purposeless. There are many things he does for us, the Scriptures setting forth these mercies being well nigh endless. Here are some of them:—

"Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Cor. 3: 17). Peter speaks of "those who preached the gospel unto you by the Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven," and in the same passage informs us that "the Spirit of Christ which was in them" enabled the prophets beforehand to testify "the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that should follow" those sufferings (1 Peter 1: 11, 12). "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God" (Rom. 8: 14). "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God" (Rom. 8: 16). "The Spirit also helpeth our infirmity: for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered; and he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Rom. 8: 26, 27). This great utterance throws a light upon Jude 20, "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit," and on Eph. 6: 18, "With all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit." A passage too long to be quoted here, 1 Cor. 2: 6-16, is worthy of earnest attention. It is a revelation dealing with revelations. "The love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, which was given unto us" (Rom. 5: 5). "But ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6: 11). "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For the mind of the flesh is death; but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace" (Rom. 8: 5, 6; cf. Rom. 8: 7-11).

But the relationship of the Spirit to the Christian is revealed not only in what he does for us, but, also, in what, through him, we are enabled to do. "Walk by the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh... The fruit of the Spirit [only seen in the obedient Christian life] is love, joy,

peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law" (Gal. 5: 16-23). Included in the fruits of the Spirit are things done for us as well as things done by us. But, also, they all represent achievements made possible to us through the Spirit's power in our lives. "We are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God" (Phil. 3: 3). "Hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he gave us" (1 John 3: 24, cf. 4: 13). "Ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God" (Eph. 3: 16-19). What reservoirs of spiritual power remain untapped by our flesh-encumbered spirits. What peerless spiritual beauties might be revealed to us were our eyes not darkened with the phantasies and fascinations of worldliness. "The world is too much with us." We are superficial souls, not sanctified saints. The Christian life rightly lived abounds in spiritual wonders. Every minute is a satisfaction. Every circumstance is an experience of great joy.

If these many, many Scriptures mean anything, if added together they have any single message, it is that the spiritual life, the Spirit-filled life, looms large in the New Testament. It is a real life. It is a thing of power and a way of peace. Ought we not, then, to make more of the Spirit than we do? Have we made it as big in our faith as the Word has made it in its teaching? Ought we not to aim at and pray for a deeper, fuller, richer, and more abundant realisation of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our movement? For our lives mould and modify our movement. We have been guilty almost of neglect. Let us front our failings with the Word that we may be saved from failure in our work. The distorted ideas of others provide no justification for any aloofness or neglect on our part. While we fail to find mystery we must beware lest we miss the reality. The indwelling and on-leading of his people by God's Holy Spirit is established in the Word. The fact that that Word is the sword of the Spirit, the instrument through which he works, in no wise lessens the reality of his leading and comforting presence in our lives.

Finally, God "giveth not the Spirit by measure" (John 3: 34). No; it is like a Niagara or an ocean. Useless there your pint measure or your yard-stick. Oceans are measureless. And the hand that loosened the fountains of the deep, and holds the ocean in its hollow, with like illimitable abundance pours out his Spirit on all flesh. And, listen! Here is the grandest conception of the human body ever revealed to man. It is a solemn utterance, too. The times seek to overthrow it. But it stands

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Voices Through the Storm.

It is seldom that a manuscript at once so spiritual and so intensely touching as this from this French author, in the heart of the war zone, comes to our hands. M. Puyvignes is the editor of the only Protestant magazine of its kind in France, "La Bonne Revue," a thoroughly evangelical publication, which is read by many of the soldiers in the trenches, from whom, as he writes us, he has "hundreds of letters, full of gratitude for blessings received." The incident related in the article below, he assures us, is "an authenticated document of the war."—The Editor, New York "Christian Herald."

The October day has risen, pale and golden, with this exquisite shade of things, which, before it dies, throws a sweeter light. The scene is in a large hospital at Bordeaux. Each of the white beds along the cold walls contains a mortally wounded soldier. The ward is dull and silent. A sigh, a moan, the low and affectionate word of a nurse... that is all. The Great Visitor roams around the suffering ones.

In this room (would you believe it, to see the gentleness and care of all, doctors and nurses?) Frenchmen and Germans are mixed.

Here the dark head of a Southerner; there, the fair hair of a son of Pomerania. Enemies yesterday, these men to-day communicate in the same Pain. In a corner one calls: "Maman! Maman!" In another you hear "Mutter! Mutter!"

And the voice is the same. It is the desolate plaint of a heart who claims a last carress and the maternal shoulder, to die more easily.

But how far off they are, the mothers of those dying men. How powerless to relieve their children, to bring them the least ray of comfort... their remembrance in this remoteness, bringing to the wounded an additional pain.

Oh! if Mother were here!

But she is not, and the head falls back, paler, more tired, heavier; and along the cheek—so thin—glide some tears, the most desperately sad the soldier has ever shed.

In a corner, well sheltered, they have put the sickest of all. They have drawn the curtain, not to depress the others.

It is an "enemy of yesterday"; but has hatred in France ever survived for the vanquished who is going to die?—for the prisoner who, in a strange land, will weave, all alone, his last breath?

No, no! The nurses, the doctors, are around him and watch with sympathy the yellow, thin face across which passes at times a spasm of pain.

He is quite young—hardly twenty—and his plaintive voice incessantly calls:

"Mutter! Mutter!"

He shivers under his white bandages, waits a minute and calls again. But the "Mutter" does not come, and the child feels his life going. Then he murmurs:

"Gott!"

This time the call will be heard. The nurse bends over him.

"Will you see the pastor?" (They know he is a Protestant.)

The wounded assents. They run to fetch a servant of God, who at this hour always comes to the hospital to visit the French soldiers. He comes. His face is grave and gentle. He bends over the dying man, says a few words; but the wounded Germans near by make a sign to intimate he does not understand.

The pastor stands up, deeply distressed. He does not speak German, and this soldier does not understand French! Is it possible that, for this miserable difference of language, this man will enter eternity without hearing the words of life?

A silent prayer goes up from the French pastor's heart.

At the other end of the room, speaking with a low voice to a patient, an Alsatian priest has heard this short dialogue. This is a broad mind, a generous heart. He comes forward and proposes himself as interpreter. Help has been granted.

Then they saw a strange and beautiful scene: The Protestant pastor, bending on one side, pronouncing the words which called to repentance and speaking afterwards of comfort and peace; on the other side, the priest translating them faithfully in the dying man's ears.

At last the shrivelled features relaxed. The pastor then turned the leaves of the Book to the twenty-third Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

With his high, rather singing voice, used to litanies, the priest repeats the sacred words.

The German has opened his eyes for the last time.

He looks, with a grateful surprise, on those two men, with such different ideas and attire, who nevertheless, for the love of his soul, have joined together a moment to help him to die.

He cannot speak any more. The death-rattle has begun. But he thanks them with his eyes, and then shuts them again forever to the light of earth—of this earth he found beautiful and desirable only a few weeks ago, but which he does not regret now. He has seen too many horrors and iniquities. Gradually the death-rattle becomes more distant and shorter. The little German soldier's face has lost its rigidity.

Divine peace has taken the place of awe. If his mother has not come to his call, he

has seen by his bedside the Great Shepherd who brought him back to the fold.

And, very gently, he enters the supreme sleep.

The priest and the pastor have watched the last sigh. When all is finished, above the little German soldier's bed they shake hands without a word.

Sir Oliver Lodge.

Some time ago, when it was intimated in the press that Sir Oliver and Lady Lodge had lost a son in the war, Mr. Alexander McCallum wrote him a letter of sympathy on behalf of the Melbourne Central Mission Staff. A beautiful and touching letter came from Sir Oliver. He wrote:

"Our loss has been a great one, but we share it with so many others, both from this side and your side, and we know how splendidly the Australian contingent has acted, and what extraordinary difficulties it had to overcome. The conditions have been terrible, but the glory has been greater."

Sir Oliver Lodge also sent a message which he has been sending to friends who, like himself and Lady Lodge, are passing through a time of sore bereavement and loss. The message is so suggestive and comforting that we pass it on. It will be a benediction to many.

"The amount of mourning and suffering throughout Europe at the present time is something terrible to contemplate. The loss to those who have gone over is not to be minimized; violent death while young is a serious calamity—a man-made tragedy with dire consequences—and lamentation is natural and inevitable. They have done their duty; they have sacrificed a useful career here; they have given up all they possessed; and it will be required to them. Sorrow at their departure is inevitable, but grief which is excessive causes a serious calamity—"

"They did their work here. They will do it there; and in good time reunion may evidently be looked forward to. Death alone is not to man the greatest evil, and in some sort they are happy in the opportunity of their death. This ought to be recognized by those who survive, and we should not grieve unduly for those who have only gone on before us.—Oliver Lodge."

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rock-like while world systems are falling and "universes are changing front." "Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man destroyeth the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and such are ye" (1 Cor. 3: 16, 17, cf. 6: 19). Spirit incarnate! May we be pure and precious sanctuaries, swept and garnished and adorned, kept—by grace, fit for thee to dwell in. Rather, will thy presence render us fit for our God chosen destiny in time and eternity. "Give diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit" (Eph. 4: 3, 4). "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life" (Gal. 6: 7, 8).

Reports from the Field.

New Zealand.

DUNEDIN.—Another large attendance in the Tabernacle on March 5, S. G. Grimth preaching. Four confessions. Twenty-eight were present at the Bible Class in the afternoon.—L.C.J.S., Mar. 8.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.—On Feb. 29, P. Bellamy of Palmerston North delivered a splendid address on "Recruiting Service" to a well-attended meeting. On March 5 R. A. Wright gave a helpful exhortation in the morning on "The Resistance of Evil." In the evening Bro. Callan occupied the platform and gave an address on "The Healing of the Impotent Man" to a fairly large audience. Last week Bro. Vickery was made the recipient of a travelling bag by the young converts of the church, as an appreciation of the valuable spiritual help rendered. Our next church business meeting will be held on March 21.—A.L., Mar. 8.

WELLINGTON (VICIAN-ST.)—A farewell social was given to Bro. and Sister M. O. Johnston, on the evening of March 1. Many of their friends in Wellington met them personally and bid them good-bye, just before they left New Zealand for their home in America. Bro. Johnston was the evangelist for Vician-st. Church before he took up the work at Spring Grove. Being unable to leave for the States before March 2, he responded to a request for help for one month. At the social a pleasant programme was enjoyed. Bro. Davis presided. Appropriate speeches and musical items were kindly given by members of the Wellington and suburban churches. Bro. Johnston responded with an address. All remained to partake of refreshments and personally wish Bro. and Sister Johnston a safe journey.

NELSON.—"Jesus" was the ever-interesting theme of Bro. Brown's exhortation on Feb. 27. Splendid attendance at morning service. Gospel service conducted by Bro. Dickson. Mid-week prayer meeting still improving. Lord's day, March 5, Bro. Knapp exhorted on "The Courage of Jesus." Bro. Dickson gave an interesting address on "Looking Back." One of our Bible Class girls stepped out for Christ. Monday, 6th, baptismal service, after which the C.E. held their weekly cottage meeting. Much interest is taken in the infants' class on Sunday afternoons; the illustrations on the sand table on various lessons prove exceptionally interesting.—Z., Mar. 8.

Tasmania.

LAUNCESTON.—Sunday, March 12, Bro. Day presided at the breaking of bread, when a fine number was present. He gave a splendid address in the evening. One young man converted. Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who had made the good confession and been baptised, were received into fellowship. On Tuesday night a large number of members and friends met at the residence of Bro. Day to present Mrs. Day with a token of esteem on the occasion of her birthday. The financial position of the church is much better than it has been heretofore.—D. Dawle, Mar. 16.

West Australia.

BROOKTON.—The work here still shows signs of progress. Owing to the very busy time the past few months the meetings have not been so well attended, but as we enter the busy time is over, we expect better attendances. Our Home Mission offering this year was a record, amounting to something over £26. At our half yearly meeting it was decided to hold a conference in this circuit on March 21, also to hold a fifteen days' mission, beginning on the 26th. The church is very busy preparing for this, and will, we believe, have a great success. Two of our fine young men have volunteered for active service, having gone into camp on February 23. There were two baptisms (adults) on December 26.—V. Mast.

WEST GUILDFORD.—The meetings are being splendidly attended. The Bible School is in a splendid condition, and has a total membership of 160. During the year that has just closed we have more than doubled. Eleven confessions since last report, making a total of 50 additions for the Conference year. The church has now a membership of 109. There is unity and zeal in the work, and without doubt the future promises even greater things than we have had during the past year. We commence a special series of addresses next Lord's day.—G.F.

NORTH PERTH.—Fifteen days' mission finished with twelve decisions for Christ. Bro. Warren worked hard, and with Bro. Berry, the leader of song, we believe much good has been accomplished, and we look forward to others coming out for Christ, who through their efforts have learned the more perfect way. Monday evening we held a thanksgiving service, in the form of a social, when a very pleasant evening was spent. Our grateful thanks are due to the Fremantle church in freeing Bro. Warren of his mission and to the Maylands church, because Bro. Berry is a live worker, and his help is needed there. More so, do we thank our heavenly Father for the blessings received. March 5, Bro. G. Michael was present, having been invalided home from Egypt, and is to undergo an operation. We trust our brother will speedily be restored to health and strength.—H.D.

FREMANTLE.—Lord's day morning, March 5, Bro. and Sister Harrington and their daughter Ruby were received into fellowship. We also had splendid attendances at the school and Chinese Mission in the afternoon, and a good meeting in the evening. At the close of the writer's address a young man made the good confession. Monday evening, Bro. Verco gave a good address on "Jesus and the Pleasures of Life." Tuesday evening the Chinese paid a surprise visit to the home of the preacher; we had a most enjoyable time. On Wednesday night we had another baptismal service. The Young Women's Mission did well in their special effort to raise money for the Red Cross Society. They raised £42/10/6. At the close of the writer's address on March 12, one of our Chinese Mission scholars made the good confession. We had another helpful meeting at our Senior C.E. on Monday evening; subject, "Jesus in the Home." Bro. Ernest Stidion, another of our young men, has left us, and is now on board the gun boat "Encounter." May he be preserved from all harm. The Dorcas reopened their session on March 14. Bro. J. Inverarity is now president of our Bible School. Our esteemed Bro. Cole resigned, after many years of faithful service in the school. Sisters Reeves (1) left Fremantle by the "Katoomba," on Saturday, March 11. They will reside in Bawstater, near Melbourne. They were good workers in choir and Senior C.E.—E. G. Warren, March 14.

South Australia.

KADINA.—On Monday evening last A. B. Chappell gave a lantern lecture on the South Sea Islands, when there was a fair attendance. To-day we had Bro. Ern. Reid with us, who presided at the table in the morning, when we had a fair attendance. This evening Bro. Wedd gave the address on "What is Jesus Doing." Bible School practising for anniversary services.—Jas. H. Thomas.

QUEENSTOWN.—Q.Y.P.M., good meeting. Miss Watkins addressed the young people on "Sun-shine." Worship, splendid attendance. R. Harris presided. C. E. Linton gave a helpful exhortation. Evening, in the absence of Bro. Harris, we were addressed by Bro. Taylor, from New-castle, with us. A good number was present. We had Bro. A. Morphitt, the new conductor of the choir, present for the first time. Bro. Miller delivered a stirring address on John 14: 1, 2.—D.L.W., Mar. 18.

STIRLING EAST & ALD GATE VALLEY.—We closed our special services at Stirling last Friday. Attendance on Sunday evenings, good. During the week, small. Commenced at Valley to-night. Very fine meeting. Bible School continues to bring new scholars and making attendance more regular. Bro. H. Ashland and Sister G. Halliday were united in matrimony last Wednesday. Both are active workers in the church, and we are pleased to know that they will still reside in the district. The writer, after working three and a half years with the churches here, has tendered his resignation.—T.E.

NORTH ADELAIDE.—While the evangelist was away on his holiday, we were indebted for help at the services to T. J. Gore, A. M. Ludbrook and G. Wilson; we thank these good brethren for the efficient service rendered. We are also pleased to state that Bro. Dr. Verco and his wife are again with us after a long holiday spent in Broome. On Thursday last the young people of the church met in the Archer-st. mission room, and decided to disband the K.S.P. Club for the time being, and form instead a Patriotic Society for the purpose of helping our soldiers as much as possible during the continuance of the war. A large and enthusiastic meeting was held, and work is to be pursued with all earnestness. We have had good meetings at the meetings lately, and two were received in by letter this morning.—R.H., March 12.

MOONTA.—March 12, a nice meeting under the Lord's table. Good attendance at our Drop-In Bible Class. There was a good attendance at the gospel service, when Bro. Allen delivered a powerful address on "Primitive Christianity." We have also had good meetings to-day. At our Bible School we had the pleasure of welcoming three new scholars. At the gospel meeting Bro. Allan spoke to a fair attendance on "A Plea for Christian Union."—H. Nancarrow, March 19.

WALLAROO.—We were pleased to have with us last Lord's day Bro. A. B. Chappell, one of our returned missionaries. His address to the church was most helpful and interesting, also the address to the school. At night we had a splendid gospel message. To-day the meetings have been fair. Bro. Sler, of Kadina, kindly came down and spoke to the church this morning. To-night there was a fair number at the gospel service.—E.J.K., March 17.

WALKERVILLE.—Sunday, March 12, was our harvest festival. There was a beautiful display of fruit, etc. Bro. Lindquist preached to the largest gathering we have had. The fruit was disposed of, and proceeds of sale will go to the Bible School picnic, to be held on March 25.—A. Howell.

YORK.—In the absence of our evangelist, E. J. Paternoster, who is taking a brief holiday, we have been favored with help from I. A. Paternoster and H. Bennett in the mornings, and H. Hancock and R. E. M. on a night. To-day was observed as Thanksgiving Day. There was a splendid display of fruit. Most encouraging and optimistic report by school secretary. Splendid singing by school. Good meetings to-day. Building crowded to-night. At conclusion of Bro. Manning's gospel sermon we were delighted to see twenty young men and four young ladies confess Christ. Of these three had been brought to our meetings as a result of the Senior School services lately. After further consideration the school has decided to commence a second contest between the Reds and Blues, having for its aim 250 scholars by date new building is opened.—H., Mar. 19.

COTTONVILLE.—Sunday School anniversary services continued last Monday evening. Good address by H. J. Horsell. Most encouraging and optimistic report by school secretary. Splendid singing by school. Good meetings to-day. Building crowded to-night. At conclusion of Bro. Manning's gospel sermon we were delighted to see twenty young men and four young ladies confess Christ. Of these three had been brought to our meetings as a result of the Senior School services lately. After further consideration the school has decided to commence a second contest between the Reds and Blues, having for its aim 250 scholars by date new building is opened.—H., Mar. 19.

MURRAY BRIDGE.—The meetings continue to be well attended, and the interest maintained. On the 5th inst. we held our harvest festival. Good meetings all day. On the 6th a public meeting and social was held, the programme being given by the Endeavor Society. During the meeting our roll of honor was unveiled by Sister Mrs.

J. Holmes. We have 11 names on our roll, and 2 more to be added. Bro. L. Verco was present here yesterday, and reports good meetings. The writer was absent at Lamerloo and Parilla, where we had good meetings. At Lamerloo 67 were present at the evening meetings. The interest there is very good.—J. T., Mar. 20.

GROTE-ST.—We had T. J. Gore with us in the morning, and J. Warren Cosh at night on the 18th, in the absence of our preacher at Balaklava. Both these brethren were highly appreciated. Today was a very fine uplift. We had a splendid meeting this morning. J. E. Thomas spoke on "The Life Eucharist." During the week one of our beloved sisters, Bro. Henry Atchelt, was somewhat suddenly called home. Bro. Thomas made special reference to him during the address. This afternoon was a patriotic and memorial service, presided over by Hon. W. Morrow. There was a fine attendance and an inspiring meeting. Capt. Chaplain E. W. Pittman, President of Conference, gave a thoughtful and practical address on "Home." A beautiful honor board, which will bear the names of at least 51 brave men, who have gone from our church and Sunday School to serve the Empire, was unveiled after an appropriate address by A. J. Gard, Vice-President of Conference. The board is the kindly gift of Bro. J. Blain, and the writing was splendidly done by Bro. Steve Wickes. The male quartet, consisting of A. Morphet, W. T. Magary, R. R. Carmichael, and W. D. Rankine, sang two numbers, and the choir rendered two beautiful anthems. An offering for Red Cross and Chaplains' Fund was taken up, amounting to £12/-.

Four of our men returned home were present, and three more are in the hospital here. We had a very fine meeting at night, and after the discourse of Bro. Thomas on "The Last Judgment," a scholar from our Sunday School confessed Christ. We sympathise with our Sister Mrs. James, in the loss of her sister, Mrs. Wilson, with our secretary, Bro. Barnes, in the loss of his brother, and with Bro. and Sister W. Dridan in the loss of their dear little boy, Merlin.—Mar. 19.

Queensland.

IRISHANE.—Attendance was good at worship yesterday. A sister who was baptised recently was welcomed into fellowship. A motion of approval with the six o'clock closing of liquor bars movement was carried unanimously. A. C. Rankine's gospel message, based on "The Veil Question," was splendid. Again we noticed a number of strangers for the first time. In response to the invitation a young man and woman (brother and sister) came forward, and were baptised at the close of the service.—H.C.S.

New South Wales.

HURSTVILLE.—On Wednesday the church held its annual business meeting. Broen Grant, Weeks, Cunningham, and Winks were elected deacons. Bro. Loy treasurer, and Bro. Buckley secretary. Good meetings at all services to day. Bro. W. Morton speaking at both services. His subject at night was "Persecution Knocking"—B. E. Heasman, Mar. 19.

HORSNBY.—The writer presided. I. Gordon escorted on "Whither—Home." He also preached the gospel sermon at night on "The Cry of Humanity and Christianity's Response." Those absent missed one of Bro. Gordon's best addresses; he was in good form after his holidays.—Thos. E. Rife.

CANLEY VALE.—Meetings still keeping up, with good attendance at gospel meeting. An thr of our number, Bro. G. Baxby, has returned. Last night the Bible School, a committee team (Broen Payne, Rush, and Gale) visited us, and held one of their round-the-table conferences. We cannot speak too highly of these meetings. We recommended all who have the opportunity to attend such conferences to do so. We took up an collection at the gospel meeting to-night, to help the British and Foreign Bible Society, which was announced by Bro. J. Breen, Bro. C. H. Stinson, and Hale, and Bro. G. Hunt, of Liverpool left for the front last week.—A.O.W., Mar. 12.

PETERSHAM.—We had a fair meeting with a good and interesting address on winning souls for Christ from S. Lane, of Auburn, with H. James presiding. Our tea and public meeting to welcome Bro. Annot as our evangelist and say farewell service, took place on March 20. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Annot in his bereavement of his niece, who was in fellowship with us for some time. Our evening service had a splendid attendance, when Bro. Gale gave a fine gospel address on "Paul's Defence before King Artaxarx." This was Bro. Gale's farewell address, and we feel much indebted to him for his splendid service in our time of need.—A.G.T., Mar. 16.

AUBURN.—The church held its annual business meeting on March 11. All the officers for church and Bible School were re-elected; also the various collectors, with one addition. Nerna Sticher being elected as assistant organist. Our Deacons sisters gave a report of their work, which showed that they had done good work for various charitable purposes. We have with us at present on Wednesday evenings and Sundays, Bro. E. T. Saunders. This has already made improvement in our attendance. We expect to have him located with us as our preacher (full time) after Easter, when we trust our church will again become a healthy and vigorous church.—George Sticher, Mar. 15.

MARRICKVILLE.—Splendid meeting on Wednesday night; we rejoice to see the sustained interest in the meetings. Two fine addresses from Bro. Rush to-day; morning, on "Our Heavenly Home," and to-night on "The Four Seepies." Seven new scholars in the Bible School last Sunday. Our Ladies' Aid is hard at work in connection with a stall which they are to have at a bazaar in aid of the Marrickville Cottage Hospital. An offering was taken up to-night to buy material for same, and the sisters are arranging for a gift evening, to take place shortly.—J.T., Mar. 19.

NORTH AUBURN.—Meetings are growing. The Sunday School has a membership of 92 scholars. Bro. Smith, from South Auburn, gave a beautiful exhortation. Bro. Morton gave the gospel address, which was very inspiring. Last Wednesday the church gave a social to Bro. Ellis and Bro. Birmer, about 100 being present. Musical items and recitations were rendered. Bro. Stinson presided. Bro. Forbes of Belmont made presentations to Bro. Ellis, who was the recipient of a sheepskin vest and pocket wallet, and a Testament from the church and a fountain pen from the Young Men's Club. Bro. Birmer received a Testament from the church, and a fountain pen from the Young Men's Club. Both young men will shortly go to the front.—A. S. Horsfall, Mar. 19.

CITY TEMPLE.—Good meetings to-day. Bro. Gale at the morning service gave a splendid, uplifting address. The gospel service at night was well attended, when the Soldier Mission Party, who are in camp training, and mostly one-time members of the College of the Bible, conducted the service. Bro. Wakeley presided, Bro. Nardwell read the lesson. Bro. Neilson rendered splendid solo. Bro. Clark gave a thoughtful address on "The Most Deceitful," and the Singing and Recitations were very fine. A lot from the front, included, also took part. The party will conduct the evening services on March 28.—J.C.

ENMORE.—Dr. Verco presided at our morning meeting on March 12. Bro. Forbes delivered a convincing exhortation on Hebrews 11: 1. The Bible School had an attendance of 514. Our monthly soldiers' service was conducted in the evening by Bro. Illingworth. Extracts from an interesting letter from Bro. Cliff Lewis, now in Egypt, were read. Bro. Norman Janion, now on final leave, rendered "No Burden Yonder," to a good congregation. The morning service on March 19 was presided over by Bro. Hillier. Bro. Illingworth spoke, his message being based on Mark 15: 39. Our Bible School was well attended. An offering was taken up in connection with our forthcoming anniversary are enthusiastically attended, and, under the leadership of Bro. Heaton, the results are gratifying. In the evening Bro. Illingworth conducted the memorial service of our

late Bro. John Lovell. Suitable anthems were rendered by the choir, and a solo by Miss Blain. Bro. Illingworth preached on "The Bliss of Heaven." One scholar from our Bible School took her stand for Christ, and was baptised.—Mar. 20.

MILLYVILLE.—Fair attendances have been maintained during the past month. A. W. Heaton was selected as general secretary of our Bible School, leaving gone to the country. Bro. Garden has begun a short holiday, when he will visit Melbourne. A wedding took place in the chapel on Saturday evening—Sister W. Brown, sister of deacon E. E. Brown, to E. Smith, brother of the church secretary. Our Young People's union will hold a conference with the Hurstville young people shortly on March 16.

Victoria.

FITZROY.—Good day on March 12. Bro. Swain exhorted, and L. C. McCallum preached to a good audience. March 18, splendid meetings all day. Bro. McCallum gave a fine exhortation on "Sacrifices in the gospel service." He spoke on John 3: 16 to a fine audience. One Sunday School scholar confessed Christ. Our work is on the upgrade in all departments.—G.E.

MALVERN.—Everything is going on well. Splendid meetings all day to-day. This morning we were favored with a visit from Bro. A. Knight, who gave a most practical and helpful address to a good audience. Bro. Oldfield preached a powerful sermon to a very appreciative congregation to-night. Our evangelist is taking hold of the work here in a splendid manner. Finance is improving. Two received by letter to-day.—H. Mar. 19.

WARRACKNABEAL.—Splendid meeting this morning. Bro. Cambridge presided, and Bro. Hanger, who was listened to with keen interest, gave a very enthusiastic exhortation on "The Home Come." Very glad to have with us some visiting brethren and sisters.—Rose Mills, Mar. 19.

NORTH RICHMOND.—Splendid services last Lord's day. H. A. Procter exhorted in the morning on "Springs in the Highway." In the evening he preached from Hebrews 11, "The Cloud of Witnesses." One young woman made the good confession. Sunday School anniversary is held for Sunday, April 2, and Wednesday, April 5. All past scholars are invited to be present.—A.H.T.

NEWMARKET.—We had good meetings yesterday all day. Bro. Pang gave a very practical address at the morning service, and also gave the children a most appropriate message about China's children. At night three who had confessed Christ were baptised. We have had two more of our young men from the activities of the church.—H. White having gone to Queensland on military duty, and G. Rankin being about to leave on active service. Our numbers have been seriously depleted of late owing to removals. Our oldest member, Mrs. Ferguson, passed to her rest to-day in her 92nd year. She was a useful and generally minded woman. She was formerly a member at Lygon-st, and at Footscray. For a number of years physical infirmity prevented her attendance at the Lord's house, but her mental and spiritual faculties remained unimpaired to the last. Others have been ill, but are improving.—J.H.M., Mar. 20.

MELBOURNE (Swanston-st.)—Well attended meetings all day on March 12, when Bro. Franklyn, who has just recovered from his recent illness, spoke both morning and evening. At the latter service Bro. Franklyn spoke on the subject "The Nation's Call Godly." Miss Jessie Jolly, whose singing is always highly appreciated, helped the service considerably by the admirable rendering of "Peace and Rest."

BET BET.—Last Sunday evening a service was held in memory of our late Sister Stevens and Bro. Freeman. A large number were present, many of whom could not find room in the building. Altogether about 200 were present. We had a fine meeting again this morning, when Bro. Ennis exhorted. He has come to the district in connection with the Bible School, and is to meet the teachers of the three churches in conference during the coming week.—G. A. Swell, Mar. 19.

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Foreign Missions.

All correspondence regarding this page should be addressed to Ira A. Paternoster, Organising Secretary, Prospect, S.A.

Our China Field.

The above heading may sound egotistical, when we consider that as an Australian brotherhood we have but one worker in China wholly supported by us. Yet Miss Tonkin has for a number of years faithfully worked in Shanghai in company with the missionaries of the F.C.M.S. of America.

Owing to financial considerations the work in Shanghai is under offer, as was mentioned in a previous number, but up to the present no sale of the property has been effected, and Miss Tonkin continues her work. A letter just to hand contains some interesting information which we print.

"Now I know you are all wondering what is going to be in Shanghai, and I sincerely wish I could tell you clearly. It seems for some reason the Baptist Mission have not had anything official to send to our committee, and will not until April, and they think it will be a year before the deal is finished, if then. I asked to have the use of the chapel and small native houses free of rent until sold, to carry on the work; this has been granted me. I assume all the financial responsibility, so met the church and laid it before them that I had no money to cope with a pastor, asking them if they wished to help together as a church, and would they be willing to assist with money contributions. After considering the matter for a week, they decided they wanted to continue as a church, and promised, with Mrs. Ware's and my contributions, sufficient to run the church. The day schools will, if we can get a number of the pupils to take English, be nearly self-supporting. In fact I am surprised beyond expression at the result, for we are considered the poorest district in the mission. It may be the change will be a blessing. Of course it is early yet to say what we can do, as we are still out of school in holiday for the Chinese new year. I am sure I need not ask for your sympathy, prayers and encouragement."

This presents itself to us as a remarkable field for mission work. Our American brethren feel called upon to withdraw for financial reasons only. They admit it is one of the very best fields from an evangelistic standpoint, but presents to them difficulties of management. At present we continue to keep Miss Tonkin there, but unless we are able to strengthen her hands with reinforcements it is possible our work in China must cease. This would be a big mistake, as China is one of the fruitful fields of the non-Christian world.

There are many Chinese in Australia who have a large interest in their Canton home land, and who are willing to assist in work in that province, but we are unable to enter that part. We already have a footing in Shanghai, and would like to appeal to our Chinese brethren who are anxious to support work in China; that they allow their money to go into this work as still part of the great effort to evangelize their own beloved China. At any rate, let us "pray the Lord of the harvest" for Miss Tonkin and Mrs. Ware, the heroic little church in Shanghai, and the great masses of unevangelized Chinese forming the district around the mission.

The Church at Baramati, India.

H. H. Stratton.

There have been baptisms both at Baramati and Daltonj during the past week. At Baramati there were five, and one of whom were one of the industrial workers and the wife of another; one of the orphan boys, named John; also a tailor who came to us some months ago, and who puts in part of his day teaching in the school here. There were four at Daltonj. One of the men was a school teacher; one of the women was the wife of a field labourer, and there were two others.

At the same time, or after the baptisms on each

evening, we provided a tea for all of the Christians and their children. There were 46 at Baramati, and 13 at Daltonj. (As usual, we were at the school in each case over 100 in these two places alone.)

In the evening at Baramati we had a full church meeting, and two elders were appointed in the persons of Dr. Gaikwad, and the senior preacher, Mr. Sathe. In turn with myself, these two brethren pay regular visits to our several congregations on Sunday mornings, and conduct the worship where we have churches established.

We ask for a continuance of your prayers for the further spread of this work, and thank you for all of your efforts in this direction in the past.

Daltonganj and Dudhi, India.

G. P. Pittman.

Our work has been strengthened by the arrival of A. C. Watters, M.A., and his wife, from Scotland, who entered heartily upon the work at Daltonganj. As Mr. Watters was a schoolmaster in the home land, he is naturally taking a keen interest in our mission school. He has recently passed his first examination in the certificate and is now working hard for the second. A fortnight ago a son and heir was born to them, and there were great rejoicings over our first white baby. Prabhu and Benjamin and the other workers are rendering good and faithful service. Recently there have been several baptisms, and quite a number of our school boys have gone here and there to go out for Christ, but have been hindered by their heathen parents. A young man has just been baptised from the lowest caste, the first of his tribe. We hope to make him a worker among his own people. The work in the Daltonganj area, though slow at present, is distinctly encouraging, and with a few more missionaries from the Ranchi district, there is less than ever a possibility, and our only need is men and women of the right stamp.

In the Dudhi district we have baptised 66 persons, mostly members of the L.M.S. mission. We have organised the church with elders, deacons, and evangelists. A number of men are now beginning to take part in the services. We have opened a training class for preachers, and three young men are studying. They accompany us on preaching tours, and go out almost every evening to one of the nearer villages with Paul Singh. The latter is doing excellent work in upbuilding the church, teaching the Bible in the schools, and evangelising the district. The Christians here are almost all from aboriginal tribes, and need a lot of patience and teaching before they can be wholly weaned from their heathen customs.

Mr. Pittman superintends the women and children, the girls' school, zenana work, a daily prayer meeting, and a Sunday School for girls. We give out medicine to the sick, and a day every month without several patients. We have had to pay several visits to Daltonganj this year, staying a couple of weeks each time, and visiting the operation there, but in future we shall not need to go there so often, and shall be able to devote more time to touring work in our own State.

Our Committee would like us to take a further leave next year, as we shall have been here seven years, but unless other missionaries come out, we do not see how it can be managed. We are glad to say our health continues good. We have had no malaria, and no serious illness since coming to India. We have grown deeply attached to the people, and to the work, and do not wish to leave until it is necessary. India is a wonderful and most fascinating country, and we are on the eve of remarkable developments, socially, politically, and religiously. The next ten years will see a great change in the attitude of all classes towards Christianity. India is loyal to the backbone, and the war will help to open the whole country, with its teeming millions, to the reception of Christian mess-

Through the "Australian Christian," and private correspondence, my wife and I seem to be able to keep fairly well in touch with the progress of the brethren in Australia. We are proud of the brave deeds of our Australians in Gallipoli and elsewhere. It is good to notice the signs of advancement among the churches in Australia and New Zealand. We pray for the divine blessing upon you all.

Journeying Heavenward.

In the beauty of the woodland,
By the streamlet in the glade,
Or on mountain's towering grandeur—
Looking down o'er forest shade—
Thoughts sublime, yet past expression,
Rise within one's swelling breast,
Pain and longing strangely mingling
With a sense of peace and rest.

Oh, the mystery of living!
Pain and pleasure ever blend,
But what joy transcends the sorrow
For the soul on duty bent.

Here to-day, to-morrow vanished;
What shall be our record there?
In the present, are we living
For that future, grand and fair?

Praise to God, our present Helper!
In this changeable life below;
Praised! that pain and joy commingling,
Tell the secret how to grow.

—Alice Parker Carvell.



The West Australian Mission Tent, with H. J. Banks, E. G. Warren, and R. Berry.

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In the Religious World.

"In Memoriam" A. T. Pierson.

In memory of his devoted life and the service he rendered to missionary work throughout the world, an "Arthur T. Pierson Memorial Bible School" has been organised in Korea with the purpose of teaching the Scriptures to the Koreans. This school has been going on for four years with great success. An effort is now being made to provide suitable buildings for it.

A Notable Wedding Celebration.

A gathering that certainly merits that much-abused adjective "unique" took place in the Auburn (Victoria) Baptist school hall on Tuesday evening of last week, when Mr. Charles Carter, the popular secretary of the Evangelisation Society of Australasia, and his wife celebrated their golden wedding, whilst at the same time two of their daughters celebrated their silver weddings. There was a very large attendance of friends and representative people, whilst scores of others sent apologies and congratulations.

A Modern Imitation of Christ.

Once a year the Pope washes the feet of twelve people in imitation of the act of Christ told in the 13th chapter of John. Something much better comes to us from England, and in connection with one whose face has been seen upon these Australian shores. Rev. Wm. Cuff, of Shorehitch Tabernacle, London, shows charity every Christmas to some 400 poor families, and this is how it is done. The Rev. gentleman was originally a butcher, and is not ashamed to own it. Once a year on Christmas Eve the Baptist preacher looks out the tools of his old trade, and cuts up Christmas-beef for the poor. Being now past man's allotted span he takes two days over what he could once easily accomplish in one. Having collected the necessary funds he selects and buys his own meat. Christmas Eve found him in his lecture hall before a pile of prime cuts of Scotch beef, distributing them to his proteges, according to the size of the family. The gift also includes one or two loaves of bread. Not a few have come into the ministry from humble callings, and some want to forget their lowly origin. Mr. Cuff is of a nobler spirit. And thinking of Pope and Baptist preacher, one imagines there is more of the Spirit of the Master in this London scene than in the pageant at Rome presided over by the Pope.—S.C.

Drink and Gambling.

The Council of Churches, Melbourne, has passed the following resolutions:—

"1. That this Council, more than ever alarmed at the volume and nature of crimes and tragedies recently committed in our midst through the drink evil, most earnestly pleads with the Government of this State to give the people the right of referendum by which to decide at what hour between 6 p.m. and half-past 6 p.m. all liquor sales shall cease.

"2. That, with a view to the above, the Premier (Sir Alexander Peacock) be reminded of the fact that butchers, grocers, bakers, drapers, and many other traders are legally bound to close their shops at an early hour, that liquor bars have no claim for special consideration in the hours of trading, as not only are they not essential for the accommodation of travellers, but also the late hours of trading therein give rise to lawlessness and drunkenness most perilous to our national life, especially in such times as these.

"3. As a matter of grave public necessity, and also as a matter of fairness, between traders, we are of the strong opinion that immediate steps should be taken to pass a law bringing the sale of intoxicants under provisions approximating to those of the Early Closing Act.

"4. That these resolutions be forwarded to the heads of all the churches associated with this Council, urging them to take united action towards persuading Parliament to grant to the people the right to deal with this question."

Wellington District Notes.

Bro. M. O. Johnston and his wife have left for San Francisco on their way home. They both seem to have improved very materially in health during their three years' stay, and have behind a great many well wishers for their future prosperity in the Lord's work.

For their wives: "If I had known it was possible for the men to get to church on Sundays from camp, I would have written sooner. It is quite possible, and friends of soldiers should note the nearest church to Rangitikei is Palmerston North—Campbell-st., close to the Show Grounds, where Bro. Percy Bolton will give them a welcome."

The nearest church to Featherston and to Trentham is Lower Hut, Queen-st., then follows Sydney-st., Pelton, then the city churches, Victoria-st., and Renouf-st., Newtown.

The Defence Minister is determined, despite the importunities of the Moderate League and the War Necessities Committee, that wet cancellations will be opened in the camp. Bro. Bent Nimmo, of South Island, who follows, has been doing good work in the camp at Rangitikei. He gathers his brethren together, and they are generally present at church service at Palmerston North.

Look out for the appeal for the Y.M.C.A. in "Inimitable" at Featherston. Bro. Alex. Bolton is doing good work at Palmerston North.

Bravo, Levin! The few brethren here have secured a section with a small building on it. Standing outside with Bro. Dawson, a young teacher offered the following information: "They're going to turn this in to the Church of Christ, so the boys from the Catholic school can come here to be taught." The Catholic school is only a few yards away.

The Bible School and First Principles.

Dear Bro. Editor,—

Evidently your correspondent of a recent issue of the "Christian," Bro. Emms, does not grasp the difficulties of the situation in South Australia in regard to suitable literature for our Bible Schools. The graded series of which he writes, and other graded lessons, are two elaborately planned to meet the requirements of our schools. Only the best organised among them would find it possible to use the course prepared by the International Sunday School Association. The schools in Victoria may be better organised than those in South Australia or less conservative. The schools here are slow to receive new ideas, and a course covering a long period from the age of eight years onward would prove a failure if the organisation were not almost perfect. We find that school needs at present are best met by literature chosen in view of the peculiarities of the situation in respective communities. The day may come when the little "backlog" school of 50 scholars, with scarcely any organisation at all, and the large up-to-date city school, with its abundant premises, and organised down to the song books, will think alike. Then the graded literature, mentioned by our good Bro. Emms, or a typically Australian series, which is preferable, will displace both the uniform and semi-graded lessons, and do away with the necessity of the various supplemental booklets to give desired information on fundamental and distinctive lines.

The Sunday School Department in South Australia has arranged a little series of questions and answers that may be utilised by the organised or unorganised school, whether they use ungraded uniform, graded uniform, or an elaborately conceived graded series. Our simple idea is to give the scholars sufficient instruction from the booklets to start them in the Christian life. We leave it to the more general teaching received in the school to make them familiar with the history and moral and spiritual truths contained in the Word.

Yours, etc. H. R. Taylor.

Dear Bro. Editor,—

I am glad to have the privilege of a few lines in reply to Bro. Taylor's letter.

As explained in my former communication, I did not write to criticise the action of the South Australian brethren in adding a supplementary course to the Uniform System, which is administered by a wise provision. I wrote to challenge the statement that under the Graded Lesson System "teachers receive little help if they desired to give instruction along distinctive lines," and that, therefore, "something is needed to meet this weakness, which is found in a series of Supplemental Lessons." I am glad to note that Bro. Taylor was in accord with me that when introduced, "the Graded Literature" will displace both the Uniform and semi-graded lessons, and do away with the necessity of introducing supplemental booklets to give desired information on fundamental and distinctive lines."

I have no wish to discuss any differences in organization which may exist between schools in South Australia and Victoria. Permit me, however, to point out that, whilst the Graded Lessons can only be made the most of in schools well graded and organised, yet even for a poorly organized school the curriculum provided under the Graded System is wonderfully adaptable, and would be much more effective, being a nearer approach to the needs of the various ages than any uniform system can possibly be.

Respectfully yours, Bro. Emms.

Why I Do Not Practise "Infant Baptism"
Thos. Haines.

During the course of my labors in the Gospel I have been asked more than once to "christen the baby." This I have always refused to do. But why? Many earnest, noble, and scholarly men practise it. Why should I do differently?

1. Because such has never been authorized by the Founder of Christianity, and I must not do things in his name for which he has not given warrant.
 2. Because the apostles never practised it, and so it is without apostolic example.
 3. Because it is without faith on the part of those to whom it is administered, and Jesus connected faith and baptism together (Mark 16: 16, 16).
 4. Because the infant has neither the power nor the occasion to repent, and the Holy Spirit connected repentance and baptism together (Acts 2: 38).
 5. Because it has been substituted by man for that which the Lord commanded (Matt. 28: 19-20; Acts 2: 41; Rom. 6: 4).
 6. Because it does harm to the ones to whom it is administered—they grow up to think they have been baptised, and at times resent any invitation to obey Christ in this matter.
- Thus I have good reasons for declining to baptise even the wrongly educated mother and "baptise the baby." The baptism that I administer must have at the back of it the authority of Christ (Matt. 28: 18).

Obituary.

COWPER—William Cowper, of Lake Road, passed away on Jan. 23rd, at the age of 74 years, at Malvern, to which place he had gone for an operation. Formerly Bro. Cowper was associated with the Particular Baptists, but about 25 years ago, Bro. J. Sharp took charge of the State Synod in the district, where he lived, and meetings for breaking of bread were held in Bro. Sharp's house. Bro. Cowper and his family soon joined in, and the meetings were then held at the two homes alternately. At one time the number of the disciples rose to 24, and Bro. A. Chappell was among the number who became acquainted with the Churches of Christ through these gatherings. The numbers, however, decreased through removals from the district, but the meetings have been faithfully continued, mostly held at our brother's home. And while they will still continue, the numbers will be one less, owing to our brother falling asleep. He was a good man, and a faithful disciple, and his loved ones can look forward to a glad reunion on the resurrection morn, and then there will be no more parting.—T.H.

From the Field—Continued.

CARLTON (Lygon-st.).—Nice meetings on Lord's day. W. R. Main was the speaker for the morning. J. W. Webb gave a nice talk to the Century Bible Class, and also spoke at night. After an earnest discourse upon "The Power of a Touch," two young girls from the Bible School made the good confession. W. L. Ewers delivered a helpful message at the week-night meeting.—J.McC.

HAWTHORN.—The attendance of our own members at the breaking of bread service to-day is said to have been the largest for ten years, if not a record. A great gospel meeting to-night, and a great sermon on "Why Go to Church?"—P.R.

EMERALD (Township).—We held our harvest thanksgiving last Lord's day. There was a fine collection of fruit and vegetables, which are being forwarded to the College. Record attendances morning and evening, and a live interest in church work. W. C. Patterson delivered an earnest address at the gospel service.—William Holman, Mar. 20.

BOOKT.—Meetings well attended to-day, Bro. Whately preaching. In the afternoon a special service was held, in the interests of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and a very pleasant and profitable time was spent. A dialogue was well rendered by members of the Bible School, and brief addresses were delivered by Bro. Whately and the writer. The offering in aid of the funds of the Society was £1.—A.T.L., Mar. 19.

GEELONG.—The attendance at the midweek prayer meeting on Thursday night was very encouraging. Three young women and two young men were baptised. Lord's day, nice meetings. Bro. Chandler gave a helpful exhortation, and also extended a right hand of fellowship to a young woman and two young men. At our evening service Bro. Chandler gave an excellent sermon. Two confessions and two restorations.—W. H.L., Mar. 19.

NORTH FITZROY.—Splendid meetings at all services to-day. To-night a Boys' Scout Parade Service was held, which was attended by fully a hundred scouts connected with the various churches in this district. The building was packed to the doors, a number of visitors being accommodated in the school hall at the rear. Bro. Baker gave a capital discourse on "A Purposeful Life," which was listened to with the greatest attention. An inspiring service closed with the singing of the National Anthem.—A.E.S., Mar. 19.

MILDURA.—Our Bible School continues to grow. The C.E. Society is providing a few chapel necessities, as well as supporting a native teacher. We celebrated our harvest thanksgiving to-day, with very good meetings, chapel nearly filled in the evening. There is a wealth of fruit and vegetables here, and most of the contributions in fruit, etc., will be taken to the hospital to-morrow. The work is very encouraging.—A.H.W., Mar. 19.

ROCHESTER.—On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the writer conducted meetings at Bamawm, which resulted in one confession. This will be a good outpost when Bro. Shipway is able to organise his work properly. The writer was very kindly entertained by Sister Rake during three days. Bro. Shipway continued the meetings in the tent in Rochester, and had good audiences along. On Sunday morning I broke bread, and Bro. Shipway welcomed into church Fellowship Nurse Crookshank and Sister G. Robbins. In the afternoon Bro. Shipway went to Bamawm and had a good audience to listen to the gospel. The writer conducted the Bible Class in the tent, and at night spoke to a large audience on "Who are these people?" Bro. Shipway baptised one young girl on Sunday night, and a man on Monday night. Pray for Sunday, 26th, the closing day of the special campaign.—G.F.B.

ESSENBURG.—Lord's day, 19th, W. A. Kemp presided and exhorted at the morning service. In the evening the gospel service was presided by a song service, W. A. Kemp leading. Bro. Sneyer spoke on "The Unchanging Christ." Good attendance at both services. A presentation was

made to Lieut. Bro. Fewster, who is leaving for the front on active service, Tuesday next. On Thursday last the first anniversary social was held in the public hall. Large attendance, W. A. Kemp presiding. A splendid programme was gone through, interspersed by speeches from visiting brethren. The hall was prettily decorated. Too much praise cannot be given to the sisters for their work in connection with this and the supper.—A.H., Mar. 20.

MORELAND.—Tuesday, March 14, a social gathering was held of our young men, who are shortly leaving us for active service abroad. Suitable presentations were made to each; two being Bible School teachers, were presented by their classes with small mementoes as a token of esteem. Sunday, March 19, Bro. Bennett gave a splendid exhortation at the meeting for worship. Fair attendance at the gospel service, when Bro. Ewers' subject was "Saying Good-bye to God."—V.C.K., March 19.

HORSHAM.—The work here is making great progress. Seven out of the fourteen who confessed Christ last Sunday at Haven, were baptised on Wednesday, and three at our morning service yesterday. Another confession on Wednesday night, and a young lady confessed Christ at the conclusion of Bro. Coulbridge's address last night. This makes sixteen confessions from Sunday to Sunday, and more are on the verge of decision. Yesterday Bro. Robert Lyall and his wife, from Melbourne, were with us. We enjoyed the thoughts expressed by Bro. Lyall in his presidential address at our morning service.—A. E. Gallon, Mar. 20.

FAIRFIELD PARK.—Since last report our meetings have been fairly good. Last Sunday, 19th, was the most uplifting both spiritually and in numbers. E. H. P. Edwards exhorted to the edification of all. Bro. L. Williams proclaimed the gospel faithfully. On Tuesday, 14th, our Sister Hilbrand passed away, leaving a family of nine—the eldest two, the youngest 6 months. Four daughters are members with us. Our sister was a long sufferer, but never complained. The testimony she left brightened the hearts of those who attended to her wants in her last hours. On Thursday we administered the last rites at Colong Cemetery. The services at the home and the grave were conducted jointly by the elder.—F.P.

SOUTH RICHMOND.—Sunday, 12th inst., was the opening day of our Bible School anniversary. The children rendered a number of songs in a creditable manner. W. L. Ewers gave a splendid address, enjoyed by all. The services were continued on 14th inst., when a number of songs and recitations were given. Sunday, 19th, was set apart for prize distribution. Over 100 prizes were given, including 38 to kindergarten. We have had 38 additions for the year. Thanks are due to R. C. Edwards for presiding at all meetings, and to F. Chipchield, who trained the children.—A.S.B., Mar. 20.

STAWELL.—Our energetic secretary of the church and Bible School, Bro. Thos. Peters, has recently made eight or nine little chairs, with cushions attached, and presented them to the kindergarten class, which appears to be rapidly advancing. Our brother paid the whole cost of the material. His action and thoughtfulness are much appreciated. Bro. Robbins this morning gave a nice address to the children on "A Broken Wing and a Cracked Bell." The juveniles are paying marked attention to these sermons. The preacher's exhortation to the adult members was most interesting. There was an excellent congregation at the evening service when Bro. Robbins gave a most pertinent sermon on "A Divine Imperative—Ye Must Be Born Again." One young lady made the good confession. We are foregoing our usual Thursday night's meeting this week, Bro. Chappell paying us a visit on Friday evening.—Arnold Sheppard, Mar. 19.

BUNSWICK.—On Tuesday, March 7, a successful social was tendered to Bro. and Sister J. Barnden and family (late members with us, but now of the church at Mildura) in the Barkly Hall, West Brunswick. Our preacher, W. D. More, presided. Mrs. H. Jackson presented Sister Annie

Barnden with a copper set, consisting of a jardiniere and two vases. A silver-mounted umbrella was previously sent to Bro. Barnden, who, owing to distance, was unable to attend. Both gifts were made as a slight token of our esteem for valuable services rendered—especially in the musical line. Yesterday, the 18th, the C.Y.P. Bible Class held a picnic at Stuidley Park. To-day, 19th, W. More exhorted on "Be ye therefore perfect." At night he ably dealt with "Baptismal Regeneration." Three were immersed at the close. Next Lord's day the Bible School commence preparing for the anniversary. Conference statistics sent in show progress for the year's efforts. The Sisters' Sewing Class has resumed its labors. Glad to state that the husband of Sister Mrs. Jones has recovered from his illness.—W.T., Mar. 19.

BURNLEY.—On the 19th inst. we held a welcome social to Bro. Young, Leese, and Raullo, who have come to labor here. Bro. Chas. Young is evangelist in place of Bro. Henderson. The social was a great success. This morning we had four brethren from the College with us, Bro. Hibbert presided, and Bro. Haddon gave a splendid address. The Bible School is showing an increase since the end of January. We are now holding the Bible Class for adults at 2.15 p.m. instead of 1 p.m. At this evening's meeting 90 were present. Bro. Young gave us a stirring address on "Watchers at the Cross." One young lady took her stand for Christ.—J.A.C.

CASTLEMAINE.—On March 15, the church annual business meeting was held, at which reports all went to show the church to be in a strong, healthy condition. The church was unanimous in re-energizing Bro. Clipstone for an indefinite period. Bro. Jernyn and Peeler resigned their positions as deacons, Bro. Clarke and Johnston being elected to the vacancies. Elders were also chosen, being Bro. Cornish and Clarke. Bro. Clipstone spoke morning and evening yesterday. To a good audience at the evening service he spoke on "The Last Opportunity."—D.S.

Eyre Peninsula Conference

The third annual conference of Churches of Christ was held at Tumby Bay, S.A., on March 9th. The weather was all that could be desired, and there was a nice lot of visitors from throughout the district.

The meeting opened with a devotional service, led by Bro. Hunt, who delivered a fine address on "United Service," after which the President, Bro. J. Nankivell, took the chair, and opened the business session. A hearty welcome was extended to all delegates present, and a roll call of churches was proceeded with. Minutes of last meeting were read, and confirmed.

The secretary's report showed that, although eleven had renounced by letter, there was a slight increase in membership. Treasurer's report showed that £107/15/4 had been received for the year, and £71/9/0 spent, leaving a balance in hand of £36/6/4.

The President gave a stirring address, appealing to the younger men to take up the work which the older men had commenced.

A greeting was received from Bro. Roy Raymond, of Berri, which was appreciated by all.

Special mention was made of the successful work done in the district by the late lamented Bro. D. A. Ewers, by the mission held last March. A motion was also placed on record of the fine organising work done in this district by Bro. A. J. Fischer. To close the afternoon session we had the pleasure of listening to a fine address from Bro. Hunt on "Relation of the Church to the Bible School."

In the evening a welcome social was held to welcome Bro. and Sister Hunt and family, which consisted of speakers from several of the delegate societies, and musical items, at the close of which Bro. Hunt gave a powerful address on "A United Church," to a full house.

Sumptuous meals were provided by the ladies.

Here and There

W. G. Cambridge and wife have been putting in some hard but good work in the Brim, Vic. circuit.

S. G. Griffith at Dandenong, N.Z., reports eleven additions to church, and audiences increased fully fourfold.

The postal address of R. P. Arnold, the Peterham evangelist, is "Alpha," Wardell-road, Peterham, N.S.W.

H. J. Banks was to begin a mission at Brookton, W.A., on March 26. Remember the missionary and the mission in your prayers.

We have heard of fourteen decisions at the Burn-Sunday mission in Rochester, Vic., up to midnight. A great interest is being created in the town and district.

We hear that Bro. Theo. Edwards has decided to relinquish the work at Sirlring East and Adgate Valley, S.A., where he has labored for the last three and a half years.

Will church secretaries kindly send the names of sister delegates to Victorian Women's Conference to Miss Rometsch, 59 St. Vincent-st., Albert Park, not later than April 17?

We are glad to report that Bro. J. J. Franklyn has recovered sufficiently after his recent illness and operation to resume his work at Swanston-st. Large gatherings welcomed him back last Lord's day.

R. C. Beard, formerly of Echuca, is now residing at Leitchville on the new railway to Colona, Victoria. He would be glad to hear of any members of the Church of Christ residing in or near his district.

On Saturday next Tasmania will speak on the question of early closing of liquor bars. The issue is being keenly discussed. We trust that the Island State will set a good example to the other States of the Commonwealth.

The Victorian Home Missionary Committee has decided to locate Bro. J. E. Shipway in the Rochester district. It is expected that a circuit will be organised that will be, from the start, well on the way to self-support. Bro. Shipway is to be congratulated on being the first resident evangelist in this new field.

Delegates of Victorian Women's Conference are again reminded to collect the penny per sister member as soon as possible, the same to be sent to Mrs. Hayward, Nimmo-st., Middle Park. The country sisters are asked to take notice of this appeal, and forward their pennies towards Conference expenses.

We have received a number of inquiries and comments regarding the Lord's Supper. It is our purpose to write some articles on the subject, in the course of which we hope to deal with most of the points raised in a better fashion than is possible in brief answers to questions. We trust that this will meet the wishes of our correspondents.

We extend our congratulations to Bro. R. T. Pittman, Dip. Ed., on his completion of the third year of the Arts course of the Melbourne University. Bro. Pittman, who for health reasons was prevented from sitting in all his subjects at the end of 1915, passed at the recent examination, and completed a very nice course in the school of classical philology.

J. W. Webb has heard from his daughter in San Francisco, on whom J. J. Haley called. Rather stormy part of voyage on steamer "Montana"; rest of voyage somewhat slow and tedious. Mrs. Daret, who preached for him while away in Australia, said he was constantly telling even in his sermons of the delightful time he had with the Australian brethren. Mrs. Haley's health had not improved as had been hoped, and she has gone to a sanitarium for special treatment.

Chaplain Walden writes: "Will correspondents kindly address all letters to No. 2 General Hospital, Gezireh Palace, Cairo, Egypt."

It is said that only a quarter of one per cent. of the fifty million people in Japan believe in Christianity. Hence the news is all the more surprising that half of the decorations to educators bestowed at the coronation of the new Emperor have gone to Christians.

At Warracknabeal, Vic. we have a very loyal little band of brethren, and they are rejoicing because the allotment of land which was sturred some time back for a chapel is now paid for. The other churches in the Brim Circuit have helped in this matter in a most unselfish manner.

All reports for Victorian Women's Conference must be in hands of superintendents not later than April 12. Secretaries of prayer meetings please send to Mrs. Trimmick, Barkly-st., North Fitzroy; Home Missions, Mrs. T. Hagger, 15 Walsh-st., Coburg; Deacons and Church Aid, Mrs. C. H. Martin, 271 Graham-st., Port Melbourne; Hospital Visitation, Mrs. W. C. Thurgate, Swan-st., Melbourne; Temperance, Miss Darnley, "Rocklow," Church-st. Hill, Richmond; Foreign Mission, Mrs. R. Lyall, The Avenue, Royal Park; Women's Mission Bands, Miss Rometsch, 59 St. Vincent-st., Albert Park.

The Women's Mission Band of the Brim, Vic. church has taken up the matter of getting into touch with isolated members in that part of the Mallee; each member of the band takes one isolated brother or sister as her special care, and writes him, sends him papers, and keeps him posted up on the progress of the work. This effort is already bearing fruit. It would be good if some such systematic effort were made in all the churches to keep in touch with our scattered brethren, of whom there are hundreds in the State. Perhaps the Women's Mission Bands everywhere could make this a feature of their work.

On Tuesday evening a very pleasant function in connection with the recently organised Church Efficiency Training Class was held in the Swanston-st. lecture hall. The students of the class were entertained at tea by members of the committee, the tea being served by the members of the Swanston-st. Virginia Club. A programme of music was rendered by Bro. H. E. Hayward, Norman Anderson, and W.H. Clay, with Bro. J. Harold Barrett at the piano. Earnest addresses were given by Bro. R. Lyall, W. A. Kemp, T. R. Morris, and J. Saxby. The supervisor of the class—Bro. H. E. Knost—occupied the chair. A vote of thanks was moved by Bro. Bert Kemp, and seconded by Bro. W. Hancock. The whole function was a great success, and will stimulate interest in the work of the class, and bring the young men of the various churches into closer touch with each other.

Mr. J. H. Goble, Baptist minister at Footscray, Vic., is one of the most loved men in the great district in which he labors. He is also one of the most highly esteemed ministers in Victoria. He is big in body and in soul kind and brotherly. The following from "The Australian Baptist" will be of interest to many of our readers: "It is not often a Baptist minister in Australia celebrates the completion of 21 years' continuous service in one church. That unique distinction has fallen to the lot of the Rev. J. H. Goble, of Footscray, Vic. Twenty-one years ago a deputation from the Footscray Church waited on him, in the work-room of a Melbourne printing office, and asked him to come out and become their minister. He came; and what his coming has meant to Footscray only those who can look on the picture of 'Goble' and 'Goble' can fully realize. For in those early days the Footscray Church, whatever its notoriety, was not conspicuous for its size or importance. There have been many astonishing changes since that time. The church membership has grown from 60 to 420, and is now the largest of any suburban church in the denomination in Victoria. Its Sunday School has also the distinction of being the largest Baptist in Australia, 825 scholars being on the roll. Twenty-one years ago the church building, a wooden one, was capable of

holding only between three and four hundred. Nine years later a substantial brick structure was erected, capable of seating over 700, at a cost of something like £4000. Expansion was not confined to the central church, for in 1909 a contemporary wooden branch church was erected at Gerdons-st., North Footscray. Two years ago this building had to be enlarged, to accommodate the increasing numbers attending the Sunday School in that district." Very large gatherings in honor of Bro. Goble were recently held. The congregation in a very practical way showed its love for and appreciation of its preacher. In one of his addresses, Bro. Goble said he remembered his first sermon 21 years ago. The subject in the morning was, "A Glorious Church," and in the evening, "A Glorious Gospel." Those sermons might have been very crude; but he had never departed from the beliefs he then held. He might have broader vision now, but he was still true to the same Jesus Christ he then preached.

COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 2 & 5.—Blackburn Anniversary Services will be held on April 2. The speakers will be J. W. Webb, at 11 and 3 o'clock, and R. T. Pittman at 7 o'clock. Public meeting on April 5. All are welcome.

APRIL 8.—Conference of Ballarat and District Churches.—On Saturday, April 8, at Dawson-st., Ballarat, afternoon session, 3 to 5.30 p.m.; interval for tea, and evening session, 7 to 9 p.m. F. M. Ludbrook and other speakers expected. Special singing. Visitors from outside the district invited.

DEATH.

LAWRANCE.—On March 13, at the parents' residence, "Paragon Place," Lillimur, Alice Elzamor ("Alb"), the youngest and beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Lawrence, passed peacefully away; aged 23 years.
"Peace, perfect peace."

IN MEMORIAM.

COWLEY.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Albert Cowley, who passed peacefully away on March 24, 1896.

Love and unsevered union
Of soul with those we love,
Nearness and glad communion
Shall be our joy above.

—Inserted by his loving wife, S. J. Cowley.

WANTED.

The Church at Maylands, West Australia, would like to get into communication with a preacher who is willing to take up the work. Apply to E. R. Berry, 126 Barrack-st., Perth, W.A.

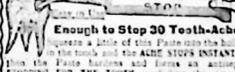
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THE REFERENDUM.

The day breaketh! At last the New South Wales Government is forced to action concerning the liquor traffic. The persistent clamor of enthusiastic advocates for reform has driven the cabinet to pass a resolution for the instant submission of the question of Early Closing to a referendum of the people. From rostrum, pulpit, and press, a united demand has been made for some curtailment of the hours for the sale of intoxicants. An unexpected opportunity and responsibility has come upon us for a grand offensive in the interests of a "dry" clock closing.

Thousands of us would vote for total prohibition if we could but get the chance, and certainly nothing short of the early hour will now satisfy public opinion. The immediate duty is the solicitation for votes, and we must all be busy. The readers of this column can have a prayerful interest in our campaign. "There is power, power, wonder-working power" in earnest, united intercessory prayer. At the family altar and in all devotional meetings members are urged to send up fervent petitions to the throne of grace that the forthcoming ballot may be crowned with success, and the selfish desires of the Trade frustrated. The outer fortifications of the spot alcohol may now be stormed by deadly earnest. We may now elect the unshakable list of men and restrict the sale of spirituous liquors. Later on developments will arrive that will furnish the occasion for us to give the enemy his quietus.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Seed Thought.—*The Lord is my Pastor.* The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.—Psalm 23:1.

Selected Gems.—

David, poet-prophete for religion, has written a song. This is the longest taken. If there be a sweeter one written by any poet, certain it is none ever penned or sung. It is so many, loved by so many, learned on by so many. "Pret David, come and stay—ye'll have brought a message for the heart."—Doyle (Pastor-Preacher).

Wholesome as dew-fall, heed it well,—thy Father's call of love.—Whittier.

Sunday is the top of the week, the climax of the six days preceding; it is also the bottom of the week, the foundation for the six days to come.

Scripture Reading.—Psalm 23.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

Seed Thought.—*Christ, the Good Father.* I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.—John 10: 11.

Selected Gems.—

The rich of John is a poem. It is Christ's rendition of the 23rd Psalm. In that poem, far-ou and sung, because of its enchanting melody, a king tells his God has shepherd his soul. "It must thrill the hearts of all such as love God to see how Jesus in this New Testament can identify Himself with the shepherd of the Old Testament Psalm. The Shepherd is here—may be set down as the implication of Jesus.—Doyle.

Scripture Reading.—John 10: 1-18.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Seed Thought.—*Jesus and the Jews.* Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day; and he saw it and was glad.—John 8: 56.

Selected Gems.—

This (St. Basil's, Petrograd) was the great church in Russia's great capital, and thousands were kneeling the love and whispering in murmur before the altar. Jews which hung a painting of the greatest of the Jews. The Russian does not like the Jew. He hates him because he fears

him. He strikes him and pins him in and puts him under disabilities, and sometimes he rises in anger and slays him. But the seal of Russia is stamped by the hands of himself before the chief of the Jews—"Rusia of Today," John Foster Fraser.

Scripture Reading.—John 8: 51-59.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Seed Thought.—*The Grand Transformation.* And all this describes what some of you were. But in a year have had every stain washed off; now you have been set apart as holy; now you have been pronounced free from guilt; in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and through the Spirit of our God.—1 Cor. 6: 11 (Weymouth).

Selected Gems.—

It seems to me, says Dean Church, that the exultation apparent in early Christian literature, beginning with the apostolic epistles, at the prospect now at length disclosed within the bounds of a sober life, of a great moral revolution in human life,—that the rapturous confidence which pervades these Christian ages, that at last the remnant of vice and sin, has met its match, that a new and astounding possibility has come within view, that men, not here and there, but in a large scale, might attain to that hitherto hopeless thing to the multitudes, goodness—is one of the most singular and solemn things in history.—"Gifts of Civilization."

Scripture Reading.—1 Cor. 6: 1-11.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Seed Thought.—*The Superb Life Motto.* For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.—Phil. 1: 21.

Selected Gems.—

He who lives not, lives not,
He who lives by the life, cannot die."
—Raimundus Lullius, Pioneer Missionary to Mohammedans.

Scripture Reading.—Phil. 1: 12-26.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Seed Thought.—*I Covenant of Friendship.* They said I shall, in the heap be witness betwixt me and thee I dare. For this cause is the name thereof called Galilee; also, the Watch-Tower, as to which it is said, Yahweh watch betwixt me and thee, when we are parted one from another.—Gen. 31: 48, 49.

Selected Gems.—It is pleasant to read of this happy ending to years of strife.—Dunmellow.

Go thou thy way, and I go mine,

Apart, yet not afar;

Only a thin wall hangs between

The pathways where we are;

And "God keep watch between thee and me"—

This is my prayer.

He looks thy way, He looketh mine,

And keeps us near.

And though our paths be separate,

And thy way is not mine,

Yet coming to the merry seat,

My soul will meet with thine,

And "God keep watch 'tween thee and me,"

'Till whisper there.

He blesseth thee, He blesseth me,

And we are near.

—Julia H. Baker

Scripture Reading.—Gen. 31: 43-52.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Seed Thought.—*A Pattern of Humility.* I am too small for all the loving-kindnesses and for all the faithfulness, which thou hast done unto thy servant.—Gen. 42: 10 (J.B.R.)

Selected Gems.—

Look up that thy little span of life may be well used.—Gallagher.

Choose gold, O trembling dust, and God thy best; shall bill.—Romans

Scripture Reading.—Gen. 42: 9-12

FOR THE WEEK END, WHICH CHOOSE YE?

A man went into his church to pray—
This is a story of yesterday.

He begged for strength in his daily task;
He begged for intellect, full and clear;
He stood for days, and he shed a tear,
As he promised service. Then slipped his mask;
Fared forth to bargain and break; to steal
His friend's good name, his paid folks' blood.
He battled against the public well
And wealth rolled to him, a golden flood.
But he lived discontent, and died in despair,
So God answers all selfish prayer.

A woman went into her church to pray;
Her head was bent and her hair was grey.
She thanked the Giver of Gifts for life;
She gave Him praise for a noble son.
She asked recovery for this one—
Offered her own breast up to the knife.
"Depart in peace," came the still command,
Content, she passed to her lowly cot.
Her boy was spared to her needy hand,
And favors fell to their humble lot.
She died last night, with a smile so rare,
And a "Boy, I go to await thee there."

—Arthur Powell

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