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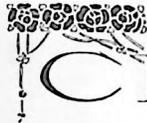
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## Threescore Furlongs with Jesus.

Luke 24 : 13-35.

[The following is taken from a book entitled "Sermon Notes from the Ministry of Jesus." The author is M. M. Hoteler, one of our well known American writers. The book is a very interesting and helpful one, giving many sidelights on the life of Christ. The publishers give a true description of it: "A new volume of fresh sermon material consisting of sixty studies covering the ministry of Jesus." They were specially prepared for a class of Christian workers. The author is a recognized expert in exegetical work. The subjects alone will serve as guide-posts for not only the worker, but will be sure to suggest new trains of thought for experienced preachers and teachers." The volume is published by the Standard Publishing Co., is attractive in appearance, and clearly printed. The price is 4/-.]

### OUTLINE.

Introduction: The setting.

1. A strange companion. (1) Unrecognized; (2) they were not expecting Jesus.

2. An interested listener. (1) A probing question; (2) the revelation of blasted hopes.

3. A wonderful teacher. (1) A rebuke; (2) an unfolding of prophecy.

4. A glorious revelation. (1) A journey that was too short; (2) the urgent appeal, "Abide with us"; (3) their eyes were opened.

5. The afterglow.

The first Lord's day was drawing to a close, yet those who were afterwards to keep it in loving remembrance knew not that it was the Lord's day. The two men, of whom we know little except that they belonged to the royal company of those who had followed the great Teacher, had started on a commonplace journey to a little town near Jerusalem. They were mourning for their dead Master, recalling, no doubt, as they talked, various things he had said, and mighty works the like of which had never been seen before.

1. *A strange companion.* We have no means of knowing how far along the road the two disciples had travelled when they became conscious that a traveller had joined them. That he was beside them, an unseen listener, before they became conscious of his presence, we may well believe. (1) He was not recognised. We are told that their eyes were holden. There has been a good deal of discussion that has arrived nowhere, as to the sense in which this was so. All we really know is that they did not discern

their Lord in this stranger who dropped into step with them. Their hearts and their minds, as well as their eyes, were "holden." (2) They were not looking for their Master.

2. *An interested listener.* It was while they talked that Jesus drew near. We do not believe it was accidental that these two were the ones who were so honored. If they had been talking upon idle themes, or upon the prospects for a good yield of grapes, or about the fish-market in Jerusalem, we can scarcely believe that Jesus would have drawn near to them. (1) The question Jesus asked is one that it would not always be easy for us to answer to him. They were ready to answer his question, "What communications are these that ye have one with another?" It is worth our while to ask if we could always answer as promptly a like question if he should draw near. Blessed are those whose conversation is of such a nature that they could at any time include Christ in their fellowship. (2) Their answer revealed their hopelessness. They told him of Jesus of Nazareth, whom they had hoped would redeem Israel. Doubtless there was much more of it that is recorded here, but they came too soon to the pitiful end of the story. Yes, it was the end to them. There was an utter hopelessness in their confession, "We hoped that it was he who should redeem Israel." There had been glorious days, but everything was in the past tense.

3. *A wonderful teacher.* (1) A surprising rebuke. What was this the stranger was saying? "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe in all the prophets have spoken." Why, they believed the prophets! They must for the moment have been filled with indignant astonishment that this stranger should intimate that they did not believe the prophets. (2) The unfolding of prophecy. As the stranger went from prophecy to prophecy, they began to see things in the familiar text that they had never seen before. "He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." We pause for a moment to wonder what he said—that wonderful fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, for instance, wouldn't it be worth days of this common life to hear him repeat that word? The very things that had caused them to despair were but the working out of all the great things God had promised through the prophets.

4. *A glorious revelation.* (1) The journey was coming to an end all too soon. They could not bear to lose this one whose brief companionship had changed the whole outlook of life to them. (2) "Abide with us," they plead, "for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." They did not know that, though the bodily presence of this one was soon to be seen no more, he was to abide with his own to the end of time. (3) He took the bread and blest it, then—what was it that filled them with breathless wonder? As he broke the bread, they knew. In a moment his place was vacant.

5. *The afterglow.* It was only after he had vanished from their mortal sight that they began to see. In the afterglow of his presence, no wonder they cried: "Did not our hearts burn within us when he talked with us by the way, and when he opened to us the Scripture?" No wonder they were eager to tell others of this gracious experience which had been theirs. They did not know at the time how great was their privilege. We may believe, however, that to the end of their lives they recalled this walk and recalled the thrill of joy in their hearts when he brought dead hope to life again.

### The Ascension.

Rise, glorious Conqueror, rise  
Into Thy native skies—

Assume Thy right;  
And where, in many a fold  
The clouds are backward rolled—  
Pass through those gates of gold,  
And reign in light!

Victor o'er death and hell!  
Cherubic legions swell  
The radiant train;

Praises all heaven inspire,  
Each angel sweeps his lyre,  
And waves his wings of fire,  
Thou Lamb once slain!

Enter, incarnate God!  
No feet but Thine have trod  
The serpent down:  
Blow the full trumpets, blow!  
Wider our portals throw!  
Saviour, triumphant go  
And take Thy crown!

Lion of Judah—hail!  
And let Thy name prevail  
From age to age;  
Lord of the rolling years—  
Claim for Thine own the spheres,  
For Thou hast bought with tears  
Thy heritage.

# A Bible School Vision.

P. H. Welshimer.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Many a man occupies an inferior place in the world to-day because he has no vision. Many a church is losing ground yearly for want of a vision. There are Bible Schools with but little life, slow in action, cold, uninviting, which could be a power for good if they had a vision. When once the church sees the possibilities of the Bible School, and goes to work with consecrated business sense, we may rightfully expect to see the knowledge of Christ cover the earth, as "the waters cover the sea."

## 1. A superlative vision.

Don't be satisfied with an ordinary school, or with one that is a little better than your neighboring school. Set your standard high. Aim to make yours a model school. "Not failure, but low aim, is crime." Keep before your school the motto, "*What others have done, we can do.*"

Make it the best in point of members. Work for a large attendance. Don't stop until you have reached the last person. Excel in efficiency. Have the best equipment your circumstances will permit. Train your teachers. Have a teachers' meeting. Keep your school in touch with the Bible School world. Keep posted. Hold continually before the school the success of others, and inspire your pupils with a desire to do the extraordinary. It is not sufficient to merely tell what others have done, but, if possible, tell how they have done it; give examples of difficulties overcome, of hard things done. Impress upon the school the fact that human nature is about the same everywhere.

## 2. A far-reaching vision.

The vision should be one of all ages in the school. The day is no longer here when only women and children attend. "*The Bible School is the teaching service of the Church, to win souls to Christ, and to train them in Christian service.*" It should reach every one, from the babe in the cradle to the old pilgrim standing where the last shadows fall. The Bible School's hardest proposition heretofore has been to hold the boy and reach the man. If you want to hold the boy, build a wall of men around him. Nothing else draws a crowd of boys like a crowd of men; they will beat a brass band any time. To reach and hold the men, we must dignify the school. Make it a service worthy of a man's time. Be punctual; do things with dispatch; don't play; be in earnest; be friendly; have men doing things in the school. In every school the official board of the church should be regular attendants. This gives it prestige, and lifts it from the place of a mere kindergarten. The work done by John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia; Frank L. Brown, of Brooklyn, and other business men who have become conspicuous in the Bible School world, has done much to inspire men to be-

come active in this, the best work in the world.

## 3. A teaching vision.

No other department of the church furnishes so good an opportunity to teach the flock. In the pulpit, the minister does not do much teaching. His message there will inspire his hearer to feel and to do. But in the Bible School, the teacher teaches. Graded lessons, graded classes and teachers who strive to be specialists make it possible to teach in no uncertain manner.

## 4. An evangelistic vision.

We teach to win humanity to Christ. Seventy-five per cent. of all in our churches come from the Bible School. Many of the other 25 per cent. were once taught in a school, and in after years the teaching of other days comes like "the pattering of memories on the roof which the years have built around their heads."

The time to win persons to Christ is in the days of youth. A magnet held before a handful of bright tacks will attract them; when held before a bunch of old, rusty nails, only occasionally will one move. So Christ will draw the young. When men have formed their habits and made their place in the world, it is difficult to get them to consider the claims of Christ. If we want the church of to-morrow to have the strong men and women in it, we must reach them to-day while they are our boys and girls. The place to reach them is in the Bible School. This is the new evangelism. It is sane; it is logical.

## 5. A service vision.

The Bible School is not only a field to be reaped for Christ, but when won it becomes a mighty force to be used. No other department of the church can so well organize all its members for service. The teachers become assistant pastors; the pupils are soul-winners. Here every one can be given something definite to do. There are new pupils to be called upon, absentees to be looked after, the sick to be visited, the dependent encouraged, and those out of the kingdom brought to Christ. Here, too, is the enthusiastic host. There being a part for every one, every one can become interested. Hence the school which is well cared for becomes a veritable beehive of industry. Such build the churches. The greatest churches in America had their origin in the Bible School.

When Nehemiah rebuilt the walls around Jerusalem, the record says the walls went up because "the people had a mind to work." Work is one of God's laws. We often read of great churches and great Bible Schools, and we think God has been dealing more kindly with them than with us. It would seem, from the results obtained, that everything came by the asking for it. But go over to that church or school and watch it, not merely an hour on Lord's day,

but watch its minister, superintendent, teachers and pupils through an entire week; you may find good methods, a splendidly equipped building, trained teachers, and excellent music, but if that be a successful school, you will also find its people *working seven days in the week.* Its spirit will be *work, work, work.*

Building and maintaining a school is no child's play. It is a business, and calls for the brain, tact, perseverance, and faithful continuance of the best people of the church. Don't expect the people to rush in and fill the building because the doors have been opened, and the bell rung, or because you are the superintendent or a teacher. Learn to do the hard things, exercising patience. In one school, a teacher called on a pupil fifty-six times before she became a faithful attendant. An Ohio superintendent who was a busy clerk in a store, and had only an hour at morning, noon and night, spent thirty minutes at his meals, and the other thirty of each hour on his bicycle calling on absentees, the sick, the hopefuls, and the disgruntled. He built up a school from two hundred to an average attendance of seven hundred. This is doing some of the hard things. A bank president in Pittsburgh was recently asked by a reporter to tell him how he climbed from errand boy to president. He replied, "*I did the hard things first.*" So we build and maintain our successful schools by doing the hard things.

## Pain's Power.

The cry of man's anguish went up unto God:

"Lord, take away pain—  
The snail who darkens the world thou hast made.

The close-sifting chain  
That strangles the heart, the burden that weighs  
On the wings that would soar—

Lord, take away pain from the world thou hast made,  
That it love thee the more!"

Then inspire! the Lord to the cry of the world:  
"Shall I take away pain,  
And with it the power of the soul to endure,

Made strong by the strain?  
Shall I take away pity that knits heart to heart,  
And sacrifice high?

Will ye lose all your heroes that lift from the fire  
White brows to the sky?

Shall I take away love, that redeems with a price  
And smiles at its loss?

Can ye spare from your lives, that would climb  
unto mine,  
The Christ on his cross?"

—"The British Weekly."

## Mary.

"Mary!"

In the grey dusk of morn she stands,  
The spikenard fragrant in her hands;  
She sees a dim firm through the mist,  
A small coming near she lists.

Now strange, sweet thrill of holy fear  
Bursts on her heart of earth's reward.  
"He comes, the gardener," she says;  
And, lo, it is the Lord!

"Mary!"

We stand amid the mists like thee!  
The close at hand we cannot see;  
Not knowing what they bring, we greet  
Each day, and every soul, we meet;  
But what seems sorrow's darkest hour  
May bring us faith's reward,  
And when we say, "the gardener,"  
Behold, it is the Lord!

# A Woman's Figure at the Sepulchre.

## A Study of Mary Magdalene.

Gaius, John Bunyan's innkeeper, says: "I read not that any man ever gave unto Christ so much as one groat; but the women followed him and ministered to him of their substance. "Was a woman that washed his feet with tears, and a woman that anointed his body to the burial. They were women that wept when he was going to the Cross; a woman that followed him from the Cross, and that sat by his sepulchre when he was buried. They were women that were first with him at his resurrection morn, and women that brought tidings first to his disciples that he was risen from the dead. Women, therefore, are highly favored by him in return."

### The devils we fight.

Mary Magdalene is my text, but it is of very little real interest to me who or what her seven devils were, unless in so far as the knowledge of that would cast some light in upon my diabolical possession and yours. But, on the other hand, if I have come to know something of my own heart, deep down in which all my devils haunt and hide, then, and in that measure, I am a real authority to you concerning the deepest secrets of Mary Magdalene's life. To have grappled long with even one inward devil and to have had him at my throat and I at his for a lifetime—that is true New Testament scholarship. And that same awful experience is making some of yourselves far better New Testament exegetes and demonologists than all your teachers, and far better observers of Easter Day.

After her great deliverance Mary Magdalene sold all her possessions, and never let her great Deliverer out of her sight. Even when she took lodgings for him in the same village with herself, and when he was only a few midnight hours out of her sight, her seven devils would come back again to claim her for their own. "Till some nights she never closed an eye as she trembled on her bed lest her last state should be worse than her first. And it was through months and years of such extreme experience that Mary Magdalene followed her Saviour wherever he went, and sat at his feet, and heard his word, and rose up again to minister to him and to his disciples. And this went on with her till there stood by the Cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, and Mary Magdalene. When it came to his Cross, all his disciples forsook him and fled. But not Mary Magdalene! And all the railing, and all the mocking, and all the howling, and all the howling, as if all the devils in hell had been let loose around the Cross—all that only made Mary stand all the closer up to the Cross on which her Saviour hung by his hands and his feet. Even when the three hours' darkness fell, she only came the closer up to his Cross to comfort and to strengthen him who hung upon it. "Will you also go away?" I hear

him saying to her in the thick darkness. And she answered and said to him, "To whom can I go? Thou knowest thyself what thou hast said and done to me!" Till the thief and Mary Magdalene were the only comforters our Lord had on earth or in heaven for those three so awful hours.

### In the dungeon.

How and where did Mary Magdalene spend the Friday night and the Saturday, and the Saturday night? I would give half my study library to be told that. And, yet, I think I know quite well how, if not where, she spent those terrible days and nights, for I have spent the same myself. I also have spent that Friday night and that Saturday night—O fool! and slow of heart to believe, when I now sat, and now lay, and now walked about alone in the darkness, and despaired, and said that I trusted it had been he that should have redeemed me. "Well, on Saturday, about mid-night, they began to pray, and they continued in prayer till almost break of day. Now a little before 3 was day, good Christian, as one half amazed, broke out in this passionate speech: "What a fool, quoth he, 'am I thus to be in this dark dungeon, when I may as well walk at liberty! I have a key in my bosom called Promise, that will, I am persuaded, open any lock in Doubting Castle.'" Then, said Hopeful, that's good news, good brother; pluck it out of thy bosom and try." And in like manner, this first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre. And she stood without at the sepulchre weeping. Then saith Jesus to her, "Mary! Go to my brethren and say unto them that I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, and to my God, and your God."

### Why did Mary see the Lord first?

And then, the text is emphatic upon this, that her Risen Lord appeared first to Mary Magdalene. And that did not take place by chance or just as it so happened. No, it was not to Peter, nor to James, nor to John, that Christ gave that signal favor and that unparalleled honor. It was not even to his own mother. It was to Mary Magdalene. It was to her who loved him best, and who had the best reason to love him best; best, as it would appear, of all the men and women then living in this world. No, it was not by chance that Mary Magdalene was the first to see her Risen Lord.

Christ delights to reveal himself to those of us who are, as Goodwin says, "impetuously and passionately fond of him; and, especially so, when all others are cold or at best lukewarm in their love. Now, how is it this Easter morning with your heart toward Christ? Are you impetuously and passionately fond of him? Was your heart at all like Mary's heart early this morning? And have you her reason? Her reason, or

a better? Then he expects a love from you somewhat proportionate to what he has done for you. As he said to Simon: "Saidst thou this woman? Her sins, which were many, are forgiven, for she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little." Great sinner! seize your opportunity! and you will love him, and be you, like him and Mary Magdalene—that is to say, more and more impetuously and more and more passionately to all time, and, as I believe, to all eternity!

### Mary's mission.

"No, do not do it, he said, when Mary in her impetuosity and passionateness was to throw herself upon him in order to see and to hear more and more of him and in order to minister more and more to him for the coming forty days, as she had done in the past. But, no! He had something far better than all that for Mary immediately to do: to do that day, and ever after. Go, he said, and tell my unbelieving and despairing brethren what you have both seen and heard this morning. Go and tell them what they need to hear, above everything else; tell them that I am indeed risen, and that you have seen me and have conversed with me, and that I am soon to ascend to my Father. Now, that is surely a very impressive and a very instructive lesson to us all this Easter morn. This lesson—namely, that instead of selfishly regarding ourselves with the revelations of grace and truth that Christ has made to ourselves, we are to go forth in the power and joy of all that, and to tell to others what has come to us, and what will come to them, if they wish it, and will go forth to meet it.

Now, all this was not written for Mary Magdalene's sake alone, but for us also if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Jesus our Lord, who was delivered that Friday morning for our offences, and was raised again that Sunday morning for our justification. Lord! I believe; help thou, this morning, my unbelieving. —Principal Alexander Whyte, in "Briton's Weekly."

### Sonnie's Prayer.

Listen, Saviour, while I pray  
For my daddie, far away;  
Gone—as a mother says—to fight  
For our Country, King, and Right;  
Shield my daddie, Saviour, shield  
On the distant battle-field.  
When the shells are falling near,  
Wounding, killing—front and rear;  
When his trench is bullet-swept,  
Safely may he then be kept;  
Shield my daddie, Saviour, shield  
On the distant battle-field.  
Take away my mother's fear,  
Bid her dry each big warm tear;  
Thou canst guard him to the end,  
And from every foe defend;  
Shield my daddie, Saviour, shield,  
On the distant battle-field.  
Answer, Saviour, while I pray  
For my daddie, far away;  
Grant us victory, send us peace,  
Let this cruel war-time cease;  
Until then my daddie shield  
On the distant battle-field.

# Victorian Annual Conference.

## INTRODUCTORY.

The Conference was held from Wednesday, April 19, to Wednesday, April 26. Large and enthusiastic gatherings were the rule. A time of inspiration and of blessing was experienced. We present a summary of proceedings; greater detail will appear in the Year Book to be published shortly.

The Women's Conference on 19th inst. was most successful. A full report will appear as a supplement to our Victorian issue next week.

Every session of the Conference rightly opened with spiritual exercises. These seasons of refreshing were in themselves most helpful, and tended to give a high spiritual tone to the gatherings. The leaders of these devotional meetings were H. Gray, J. R. Combridge, W. A. Kemp, G. H. Oldfield, and W. A. Strongman.

## PREACHERS' SESSION.

J. W. Baker presided over a very large gathering of speaking brethren on Thursday afternoon.

J. W. Webb, Hon. Wm. Morrow, M.L.C., Chaplain-Captain G. P. Cuttriss, and H. B. Robbins responded to the welcome accorded to international, inter-state and country visitors. Bro. G. Exley, who responded for "the old brigade" of preachers, said that it was over seventy years since he first preached the gospel, he being now in his ninetieth year.

A quartette by A. T. Eaton, W. F. Nankivell, H. J. Patterson and R. K. Whately, added to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

J. E. Thomas was the selected speaker of the afternoon, and spoke on "The Preacher and his Present Opportunity." The speaker referred to the present day of crisis—"a time of tremendous opportunity, either to use or to lose." Opportunity makes the man rather than is made by him. In a strong, vigorous utterance, at times in periods of genuine eloquence, Bro. Thomas spoke of some of the great truths which to-day are being challenged by some; (a) the efficacy and sufficiency of Christianity, (b) the truth of the Word of God, (c) God's providence, (d) the atonement itself. In no uncertain way, the speaker announced his conviction that the Christian faith, the Christianity of the New Testament, would stand the severest test. The attitude of the preacher towards the present crisis as related to the great verities of our faith must neither be a complacent nor a polarising one. It must be free from an attitude of adaptability. The preacher to-day must use the greatest opportunity which ever preachers had to speak boldly the word of God, the message of comfort to stricken souls, and be a real leader of men.

A brief animated discussion followed.

After this session, tea was arranged by the Lygon-st. Dorcas Society.

## TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION.

On Thursday evening a large audience assembled in Lygon-st. chapel, and greatly en-

joyed the fine programme arranged by the Temperance Committee. H. E. Knott, M.A., Conference President, occupied the chair, and gave a short introductory talk.

An address, "The Triumphs of Temperance," was delivered by the Hon. W. Morrow, M.L.C., of South Australia. The speaker emphasised the fact that the Churches of Christ are in the front rank of those who advocate temperance reform. Opponents of the No-Licence movement asserted that when the present world-crisis was over the agitation for liquor reform would cease. Not so; temperance reform had its origin long before the war broke out, since the present evil condition was largely the result of the deadly work of this social cancer in the past. Our efforts would not cease till the evil was abolished. It was to our shame as a nation that the appeals even of Lloyd George failed to secure the removal of the disease. Several victories of No-Licence gave great encouragement, notably the early closing Acts in South Australia and Tasmania. Victoria's opportunity was at hand. Let every effort be made to take advantage of it.

Capt.-Chaplain G. P. Cuttriss, of S.A., spoke, the title of his address being, "The Logic of Early Closing of Liquor Bars." The results more than justified the drastic action of the authorities in closing the liquor bars at six o'clock. Judged by its products, the liquor traffic had no right to exist. When we had solved the liquor problem, we should also have solved other social problems.

The following motion presented by J. J. Franklyn, and seconded by A. G. Bennett, was carried enthusiastically:

"That this meeting assembled at the Annual Conference representing the Churches of Christ in Victoria, comprising 100 congregations, is strongly of opinion that it is in the interests of the State that all liquor bars should be closed not later than six o'clock, and urges the government to arrange for a referendum at an early date. The question to be decided by a majority vote of the electors, and further, that the chairman forward the resolution to the State Premier, Sir Alexander Peacock."

Miss Elsie Gole, rendered in fine style some elocutionary numbers, including Kipling's "East and West," "Grin," and "Ei Yo' Like," and an encore item. Miss N. North Barrett received a hearty encore for a beautiful solo, and also pleased the audience in the duet in company with Mr. Leslie Banfield. The latter also rendered a solo, "Arm, Arm, Ye Brave."

A collection amounting to £8 was taken up.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Friday, at 10.15 a.m., the President, H. E. Knott, M.A., took the chair.

The applications of Rochester and Wearmen churches for admission to the Conference were granted.

The secretary read greetings from the following: the Federal Executive; Con-

ference Executives of West Australia, Tasmania, Queensland, Federal F.M. Executive Committee, New South Wales, South Island, N.Z., A. H. Wilson; Ballarat District Conference. A letter from T. J. Gore read at a later session was received with enthusiasm. The secretary was requested to acknowledge this with a return greeting.

Visiting brethren and preachers who have recently come to labor in the State were cordially welcomed by the President. The following responded in felicitous terms: Bro. J. W. Webb, who was secretary of the first Victorian Conference and the first Home Missionary sent out by it; Hon. W. Morrow, M.L.C.; Mrs. D. A. Ewers; W. L. Ewers; T. H. Scambler, B.A., and A. J. Fischer.

W. H. Clay and J. Ralston rendered a duet.

The report of the Executive and Home Missionary Committee was taken as read, and adopted clause by clause.

Appreciation of the efforts of the Women's Conference was expressed in the first paragraph. The consecrated lives of Bro. D. A. Ewers, H. D. Smith, W. W. Davey, and B. W. Huntsman, whose passing was feelingly alluded to in the second clause, were referred to by J. Tully.

The adoption of the clause relating to the Aged Evangelists' Trust carried with it the approval of the following commendation of the Trust to the churches:

"The Committee would recommend the claims of the Trust to the churches and individual brethren, for the work of providing for those who have become old or incapacitated in the service of the churches is certainly most Christ-like. The contribution of 6d. per week per 100 members or part thereof which this Trust asks of the churches, is surely something that every Victorian church can do. The secretary is W. H. Hall, Messiter-st., Canterbury, Sydney, N.S.W."

Church Efficiency received a prominent place in the report. The Church Efficiency Training Class, particularly, was spoken of as filling a long-felt want.

R. C. Edwards, to whose zeal the organization of the class was largely due, spoke of the work. On the motion of R. Finnis, seconded by C. W. Mitchell, it was resolved that the incoming Executive and Home Missionary Committee be recommended to further the work of training young men for efficient service in the church.

The representation of Churches of Christ on public bodies having to do with the great moral and religious questions of the day received attention. Thus the Council of Sex Hygiene, Y.M.C.A. Field Service, and Red Cross work, were dealt with.

H. A. Procter, F. McClean and A. R. Main spoke to the clauses dealing with the Council of Churches. B. J. Kemp paid a high tribute to the Y.M.C.A. when speaking to the clause on Y.M.C.A. Field Service. It was recommended that churches contributing to patriotic funds should send monies through the Y.M.C.A.

F. Pittman, Chaplain-elect for the Home Forces, moved the adoption of the following clause relating to "the great sorrow" brought upon the churches by losses of men on active service. Soldiers from the flower of our manhood had given their lives for their country. Letters revealed the fact that the majority of our boys remained loyal to Christ, and worked for him while at the front. It was fitting that Conference should express its deep sympathy with sorrowing relatives.

Speaking to the clause on "The College of the Bible," R. Enniss said that a number of students had enlisted, chiefly in the Army Medical Corps. Nevertheless the number of students in College was satisfactory.

The report regarding Military Chaplains showed that S. H. Mudge and G. Gordon had acted during the earlier part of the year as chaplains to the Home Forces. They were succeeded by G. E. Chandler and J. C. F. Pittman. G. J. Mackay, a Baptist preacher, represented the Baptists, Congregationalists and Churches of Christ as Resident Chaplain. This work is supervised by a strong committee, our representatives being B. J. Kemp, T. H. Scambler, J. J. Franklyn, and T. Hagger.

It was resolved that a letter of greeting be sent to Captain-Chaplain G. T. Walden.

Paragraphs dealing with the subject of Conferences with the Baptists were discussed and adopted.

T. Hagger spoke to the clause relating to Isolated Members. The report stated that there are now no less than 873 names on the roll, of which number 446 do not appear, so far as we can learn, upon any of the Victorian church rolls.

Secretaries and evangelists were urged to help the Committee in its endeavor to keep in touch with the isolated brethren.

D. A. Cockroft showed the value of looking after the isolated brethren, saying that it was these who made possible the placing of another evangelist in the Swan Hill district.

T. Hagger spoke enthusiastically in support of the "Australian Christian." It was a paper loyal to the Word of God; it strengthened many in the faith; it won some to the position taken by the brotherhood. In the Home fields the paper was of great value. Bro. Hagger urged the brethren to support the paper. C. Mitchell, E. McClean, R. Lyall, J. W. Webb, H. Pang, W. A. Strongman and W. C. Craigie contributed to the discussion. The work of the Austral Publishing Co. was referred to in terms of praise. It was suggested that it would be advisable for the Austral Co. to be brought directly under the control of the brotherhood.

On the motion of Bro. T. Hagger, it was resolved "That the clause in the Constitution relating to the Temperance and Social Problems Department be amended to provide for a Committee of 10, 7 to be appointed by the General Conference, and 3 by the Women's Conference, 6 to form a quorum."

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Friday afternoon's session was held in the Masonic Hall, Collins-st. After the devotional exercises, H. E. Knott delivered his presidential address before a large audience. His subject was "Efficiency." In the mechanical world efficiency was required both in the machinery and the power that drives it. Effort was directed to the improvement of the machinery, so that invention after invention added to the efficiency of the machine. So in the church, there was room for effort in improving organisation, though principles could not change. There was room also for progress in the development of the motor power. Spiritual force must be increased. An unfortunate distinction had at times to be made between church membership and genuine Christian living. In order to increase our efficiency, the first need was for more consecrated, able preachers, who should help the churches to do a larger and better work. Church officers could help the preachers by giving them more time for their essential work. There was a message, too, for all church members. A godly life was "visible-rhetoric." Let all be filled with the Spirit of God, and the church would soon witness the rapid spread of the gospel.

J. Warren gave an appropriate solo in good style, after which business was resumed.

W. C. Craigie, treasurer, said he had never had more pleasure in moving the adoption of the clause relating to finance than on the present occasion. He rejoiced in the goodness of God and the liberality of the brethren during the present crisis, and that not only had no fields to be abandoned, but a new and promising cause had been started at Rochester. The year had been a record one for income, no less a sum having been received than £3027/10/5; this is £766/10/5 more than the amount actually received last year, which was easily the record to date. The expenditure (including a debit of £192 12/7 from the previous year) has been £4688/12/1.

HOME MISSIONARY TREASURER'S STATEMENT  
For Year Ending February 29th, 1916.  
Receipts.

Annual Offerings—	
On account of 1915 .....	£12 4 3
On account of 1916 .....	850 16 3
	<hr/> 862 0 6
Churches—	
Per Collectors, etc. ....	252 7 9
Per Duplex Envelopes .....	84 8 6
	<hr/> 336 16 3
Individual Gifts—	
(Not including those sent for annual offerings) .....	386 9 0
Mission Thank-offerings .....	22 9 0
Christian Endeavor Societies .....	7 11 0
Women's Conference and Mission Bands .....	42 7 2
Offering at 1915 Conference .....	111 7 9
Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Trust .....	30 0 0
Churches for Advertisements .....	31 17 1
Camp Reading Room, Collections .....	79 11 5
Red Cross Collections .....	158 17 9
Refunds, Railway Tickets, Conference Expenses, etc. ....	41 11 11
Special Gifts from Assisted Churches to Relieve Debt .....	2 9 0
Hire of Tent, Refund of Freight on, etc. ....	21 2 0

Baptist Union (in error) .....	7 4 6
All Day Meeting .....	3 0 0
Year Books .....	18 9 0
Dimly Sisters' Sewing Class .....	1 0 0
Bible School Department, for Organist .....	5 0 0
Assisted Churches towards Evangelists' Support—	
Baire .....	55 5 0
Brin Circuit—	
Brin .....	82 1 0
Dunmunkle .....	10 0 0
Warracknabeal .....	20 10 0
Burley .....	24 10 9
Collac .....	120 15 0
Croydon .....	0 15 0
Delone .....	39 10 0
Emerald Township .....	8 5 0
Gordon .....	7 3 0
Horsham Circuit—	
Horsham .....	78 11 0
Peckemett .....	59 5 9
Kaniva Circuit—	
Kaniva .....	126 0 0
Lillimur .....	30 0 0
Kyneton Circuit—	
Dunmunkle .....	32 10 0
Kyneton .....	47 13 4
Taradale .....	27 15 2
Lancefield .....	2 15 0
Maryborough Circuit—	
Bet Bet .....	117 0 0
Dunolly .....	32 10 0
Maryborough .....	95 14 7
Meredith .....	29 5 0
Sheparation .....	58 10 0
Sunni Melbourne .....	134 11 0
Snowell .....	58 0 0
St. Annand .....	58 0 8
Swan Hill Circuit—	
Kaneira .....	13 0 0
Lake Boga .....	19 10 0
Swan Hill .....	90 0 0
Utriana .....	24 0 0
Weston .....	8 2 6
Circuit Fund .....	49 15 1
Warragul .....	51 6 0
Warranwood .....	77 19 5
Wonga Park .....	9 0 4
	<hr/> 1635 17 0
Churches for Student Helpers—	
Collingwood .....	11 7 6
Middle Park .....	8 1 8
Prabran .....	6 20 0
	<hr/> 25 19 2
Northcote, Services of Secretary and Student Helper .....	21 0 0
For J. Pittman's Services—	
Mildura .....	6 0 0
Dandenong .....	0 15 0
	<hr/> 6 15 0
Conference Fees .....	46 13 0
Studios .....	1 18 5
Debit Balance .....	100 12 8
	<hr/> £4088 12 1
Expenditure.	
Debit Balance from Previous Year .....	£192 12 7
Salaries and Allowances .....	2943 1 8
Subsidies—	
Brunswick .....	5 8 4
Castlemaine .....	6 10 0
Croydon .....	17 10 0
Galah .....	7 10 0
Makem .....	10 5 0
Windsor .....	14 0 0
	<hr/> 67 3 4
Military Chaplain .....	22 5 0
Red Cross Fund .....	158 17 9
Camp Reading Room .....	59 0 0
Preachers' Removal Expenses .....	37 6 6
Rail Fares .....	259 15 4
Printing, Stationery, etc. ....	76 15 11
Postage, Bank Exchange, etc. ....	52 10 3
Conference Expenses .....	79 13 2
Council of Churches .....	12 0 0
Year Book .....	18 11 10
Advertising .....	50 17 11
Tent Carriage and Freight .....	11 13 0

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# Impressions and Reflections

on the Victorian Conference.

Jas. E. Thomas.

The Conference this year was most encouraging and inspiring. Last year we met under the shadow of the great war, and with the depressing effect of a terrible draught upon us. This year we still had the great war cloud with its saddening influence, but there seems to come to us a feeling that the end is nearer, and our faith is stronger and hope brighter than a year ago. The drought has passed, and God has given us a year of plentiful harvest. It was noticeable that all gathered from near and far with hearts filled with gratitude to God and with the desire to make some sacrifice in His service. There was a spirit of inflexible optimism that was most refreshing, which increased in fervor as the meetings progressed. It was truly good to be there.

## THE MEETINGS.

The meetings were well attended, especially on the Friday, and in the evening time. Despite the threatening weather, the people came gladly, and the meetings were hearty and helpful. The Temperance meeting was held in Lygon-st., but with such a fine programme and splendid speeches it would have been in keeping with the importance of the subject to have held it in the Masonic Hall, and have filled it with earnest supporters of the great cause of Temperance. The cause was worthy of an even larger gathering. Some of the meetings were rather long. After a very full day it was hard to get the people to stay till the end even in the afternoon of Friday. It was unfortunate for the splendid workers in our Home Mission fields that their interesting speeches had to be so condensed and even at last to be delivered to about a quarter of the original audience. I would suggest that these men be given preference, and that matters of business such as need only delegates to discuss be left till last. The delegates could be asked to sit at the front, and after the offering, if people wished to retire, they could do so without disturbing the gathering of the speakers. The night meetings, too, should be shortened. The Home Mission night was so filled with rich things, and the measure so pressed down and running over, that one felt utterly incapable of assimilating the splendid food provided, and experienced a tendency to spiritual dyspepsia. Two speeches beside the lengthy preliminaries and fine greeting of Principal Holdsworth would have been ample. The addresses were magnificent, and worthy of a great occasion.

As a visitor to many Conferences, I might be permitted to suggest that the time has surely come in which three days might be probably given to the business of the Conference. The work has grown, and departments have increased. It seemed almost a pity to crowd the discussion on Bible Schools, Foreign Missions, and Bible Clubs into one afternoon, and then to expect the time to be reserved for unpublished business. Bible School work alone is worthy of a whole afternoon. It would be a nice thing to give Easter Monday or the previous Thursday to the business of the Conference. It would surely be possible for people to gather, and for an extra day confer together on the great things of the work of God. This would make it more possible to have a real Conference together, and obviate the necessity of limiting discussion in such a way as to do just in a measure of its intended helpfulness.

The preliminaries of the meetings, if the expression might be used, were like the Conference sermon, but a little long. This will doubtless be carefully avoided next year.

## THE SINGING.

The congregational singing was most hearty and inspiring. Bro. Clark rendered faithful service as leader of song throughout the Conference. There was no choir singing, except the splendid little choir of ladies from South Melbourne, and the happy choir of Juniors at the C.E. demon-

stration. The soloists, however, contributed much to the enjoyment and helpfulness of the gatherings. The solos were all well chosen, and brought a message to our hearts, that emphasised the power of the gospel in song. We noticed that many of the singers were deservedly encouraged. This did not happen to any speaker, of course, though if such were custom, it might have been. On the whole it is a safe principle to say that if the number of soloists is likely to unduly lengthen the programme, it is better to arrange less soloists than unduly exceed on those who have given of their best in the speeches prepared. We would like to say how much we admired the faithfulness of our Bro. S. H. Pittman at the organ. He came from the country chiefly to perform this devoted service at the organ, and he was probably the most consistent and regular attendant at Conference. It would not be like a Victorian Conference if we did not see Miss Jennie Dickens at the piano. She is always at her post. She not only accompanied singers, but sang herself with others in the beautiful ladies' quartette from Lygon-st. that sang so well.

Harold E. Knott had a most arduous task as President. It was quite a difficult matter to so suppress needless discussion, and yet be so courteous and kind as not to seem unduly arbitrary. Bro. Knott made an ideal chairman, and did all that could be expected of any man. He was ready with a bright word of cheer, and alert at all times to the duty of devolving on him. We got quite used to his business-like expression, "down and up," and admired the methodical way in which he carried the business through. He was a most dignified and capable chairman, and is worthy of the sincerest thanks of the brotherhood.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS.

We were delighted to hear Jas. A. Wilkie, of Ballarat, at his first Conference address. He is a whole-hearted, clear-brained and eloquent Scotchman. His impassioned address was an uplift to us all. He is a distinct acquisition to our cause in Australia.

Colonel Chaplain G. J. Mackay gave a most happy and homely speech on the chaplains' work in camp. He struck us as being the right man for the position he so worthily fills.

Principal W. H. Holdsworth, M.A., gave a most delightful and brotherly message of greeting from Baptist Churches. It is good to see the cordial feeling that exists between our churches and the Baptists.

Chaplain Captain G. P. Cuttriss, who is going to the front as our representative with the 4th Battalion, gave a vigorous speech at the temperance rally.

B. Chappell, our missionary from the New Hebrides, gave the most interesting and informative speeches that were models of conciseness. He has his heart full, and goes straight ahead with his message.

Hon. W. Morrow delivered two very fine addresses, his speech at the Home Mission rally being especially good.

During the business sessions there was a fine speech by Reg. J. Emms on Bible School work, which was worthy of a seat on the programme on the day evening, when it would have reached a larger audience and perhaps had the desired effect of influencing more to enter into the work among the young.

In the discussion of temperance work we were especially pleased with the short speech of Lars Larsen, of Maryborough. He is a live man in this work. There were many other fine speeches which, when all in all, were of a very high standard. May their messages bring forth much fruit.

## ABOUT CHURCH BUILDINGS.

There was a most interesting discussion upon the work of the Church Extension Committee. It

is pleasing to see the number of buildings already erected by the help of this fund. It is also gratifying to notice an improvement in our church architecture. Horsham is the next candidate for assistance, and it is hoped that a hearty response will follow the appeal made, and that this splendid church may soon have a building worthy of our cause in that important town.

The time has been when brethren have been willing to hide their light by meeting in a little top room or in a dingy dancing hall. Some are even now of the opinion that anything will do in which to meet our Lord, but he is deserving of the best. Our Roman Catholic friends show us a splendid example in this. They secure the very best site and erect a building in keeping with their ideas of the church. We would certainly be wise in helping our churches to erect convenient and suitable buildings that would be worthy of the great work to which we are called, and would commend our cause to those we seek to win.

## THE HOME MISSIONARIES.

These men are brave and earnest. The people were glad to hear their splendid messages. They really deserved more time, or else fewer men should be chosen to speak. It would not be amiss to have some men give a ten or fifteen minute talk at night. It would be an inspiration, for these men are full of their work, and come with a message.

It did us all good to hear of the splendid work of that sterling worker, J. R. Combridge, and of the self-sacrificing way he cares for such a big field. Horsham is an example of the wisdom of holding on to a place in spite of difficulties, and now it is showing wonderful progress.

J. E. Shipway had a fine word of encouragement concerning the new field at Rochester. This message was an incentive to all to do even more to help such places as this.

H. B. Robbins told of a manly work at Stawell. He emphasised the value of open-air work. He is evidently a splendid personal worker.

D. A. Crockett told a story of heroic and persistent work. He travels many hundreds of miles for his most arduous work. He seems like a real sportsman, and would make a good subject for another such book. He has P. Aulich now to assist, and needs even another to help him.

A. J. Fischer is a most indefatigable worker. He is just a bundle of energy, like his revered brother. He especially seeks to care for isolated members, and does it well.

Much Gray told of encouraging work at Warragul, the gateway of the east in Victoria.

All the other speakers spoke in the same characteristically bright and optimistic strain. They have been encouraged by a year of much blessing, and are going back to do even more under the blessing of God this year. We honor and greet these brave men of the firing line, who in spite of difficulties and discouragements, press on boldly in their work. Let us not forget to continually pray for them.

## THE SECRETARY.

Much of the praise for the success of Conference and of the year's work is due to T. Hagger. He is a most energetic and conciliated worker. He is eminently the man for his work. The delegates on Saturday morning gave way to their feelings, and after a vote of thanks to him, sang "For he's a jolly good fellow." This may seem hilarious, but it was hearty and sincerely meant. It means much to have one so capable at the helm. May God bless Bro. Hagger in all his future work.

The Conference was a most happy and delightful one, and worthy of the brotherhood. We are looking forward to a year of progress under the direction of President A. R. Main and with the Father's blessing. May we take with us in the coming year the inspiration of this splendid season and the uplift of this grand Conference. It will always be remembered as the very best yet. May God richly bless the work and workers in the coming year.

## Here and There

One confession at Ascot Vale, Vic., last Sunday evening.

Two confessions at Preston, Vic., on Sunday evening, Bro. Schwab preaching.

Let every Church in Victoria give special thought to Bible School work on Bible School Day, May 7.

The Austral Co. have a few copies of "Pelouah's S.S. Notes for 1916." These may be had at the reduced price of 4/-; posted, 4/6.

New Zealand brethren are urged to respond liberally on May 7 to the annual appeal for the College of the Bible. An offering from every member will mean much to the work just now.

Do not forget Bro. Captain-Chaplain Cuttriss will be leaving, it is expected, next month, and should be suitably equipped before that. The Federal Treasurer, T. E. Rees, 60, Castlereagh-st., Sydney, is waiting for contributions.

Bro. J. E. Thomas, who was a most welcome visitor to the Victorian Conference, has at our request, in lieu of his usual "Notes on Current Topics," recorded his impressions of the Conference. These appear on another page.

Last year Victorian churches contributed £111 3/4 at the time of the annual appeal for Bible School work. £250 is the aim for May 7. This is but a small sum for such a work, and can easily be raised if all will have a part in the offering.

The Victorian Women's Conference Executive will meet in the hall, Swanston-st., on Friday, May 5, at 2.30. Mrs. T. Hagger leads devotions, and Mrs. Scambler will give a paper on "Our Opportunities." All delegates kindly requested to be present.

Our readers will regret to learn that Bro. F. M. Ludbrook was taken ill when attending the "Advance Guard" temperance meeting on Tuesday night. Our latest news as we went to press was that he was somewhat better, and that with a few days' rest it was anticipated he would be recovered.

A large and representative public meeting of the Advance Guard of the Victorian Alliance, in the Assembly Hall, Collins-st., on Tuesday night, listened intently to, and applauded heartily, masterly addresses by J. E. Thomas, minister-elect of Lygon-st. church, and Bro. Hon. W. Morrow, M.L.C. Both spoke encouragingly of how South Australia fought for and won "six o'clock closing," and other advantages. The veteran Samuel Mauger presided.

In fitting fashion Anne Day was celebrated throughout Australasia. The church services were very impressive. The message of His Majesty the King was read and received with feelings of solemn joy.

"I led my people of Australia that to-day I am joining with them in their solemn tribute to the memorial of their heroes who died in Gallipoli. They gave their lives for a supreme cause in gallant comradeship with the rest of my soldiers—their nobles who fought and died with them. Their valour and firmness have shed fresh lustre on the British arms. May those who mourn their loss find comfort in the conviction that they did not die in vain, but that their sacrifice has drawn our peoples more closely together and added strength and glory to the Empire."

Driver W. A. Brown, of 16th Cov., A.A.S.C., late of Kapera and Moreland, writes by last mail, "I was delighted to receive a treasured friend, the Home Mission number of 'Australian Christian'; it was truly a delight to receive acquaintance with the one I.M. work being done over there even amid the present stress. I saw Pie L. Anderson, late of Bible College, a day, whilst was removing the 6th Field Ambulance on account of our evacuation of this country since this last few days. I would suggest, that brethren see that

'Christians' are posted to all our boys here. I think it would be a marvellous help—spiritually—and keep our boys in touch with church work. I am passing my 'Christians' on to L.A. All well at present; with Christian greetings."

### CONFERENCE JOTTINGS.

Another libel on a much libelled race: "Only a Scotsman would see a threepenny bit a million miles away."

A number of country and interstate visitors paid a happy visit to the College of the Bible on Tuesday afternoon.

The addresses on Home Mission night reached high-water mark. Wilkie, Scambler and Morrow made a fine trio.

The president had a delightful *lapsus linguae*. He referred to our esteemed Extension Committee as "The Church Extinction Committee."

J. E. Thomas disclaims being a great planet, as the method of his introduction would have suggested, but was willing to confess to being "a revolving little star."

A new method of church finance! One country preacher says the sisters of his district are going to set apart for Home Missionary work the eggs which their hens lay on Sunday.

Principal Main was introduced as the newly-elected President of the Conference. He was accorded a hearty reception, and suitably acknowledged the honours conferred upon him.

There was a splendid offering for Home Missions on the Friday. The secretary and treasurer think that it will be in order for their wives were not present to now send on their gifts or promises.

The Home Missionary secretary, T. Hagger, made a magnificent Home Missionary appeal to a great audience in the Masonic Hall on Friday afternoon. It helped to bring a splendid response.

Principal Main remarked that he supposed the chief difference between Principal Holdsworth and himself was that the former was a Christian Baptist, while he was merely a "baptised Christian."

Col. Chaplain G.J. Mackay gave a bright speech. He referred Churches of Christ and the Baptist and Congregational Churches in the camp. He referred to the amicable relations existing in the chaplains' committees.

Speaking of people who find only fault in persons or churches, Principal Holdsworth said that at times he felt inclined to wish that such folk had lived in the days of Noah, and that when the door of the ark was shut they had been left out.

A. B. Chappell says that a white man who would live in the encircling belts of the New Hebrides for several years without a change to a temperate climate, would walk about so slowly that he would find it difficult to get out of his own way.

The visiting brethren from South Australia rendered great assistance, and by their splendid addresses contributed largely to the success of the Conference. Their stories and humorous touches made their speeches none the less acceptable or effective.

The sisters received more than the usual share of appreciation for the splendid manner in which they provided for the creature wants of the members of the Conference. F. M. Ludbrook thanked the sisters for the creation of an "atmosphere." It was a substantial one.

R. Lyall gave a much appreciated *bon mot*. On a discussion regarding one of the committees which confessedly had done nothing, and indeed had held no meeting during the year, Bro. Lyall was ready to move "that the Committee be re-appointed, with power to act!"

In his inimitable vote of thanks, F. M. Ludbrook, thanked the speakers for expressing themselves so beautifully, and also those brethren who on this occasion supported themselves so firmly. He thanked the who told stories in their speeches—those contributing "cheer-stout," and those showing a glimmer of originality.

Hugh Gray told of a great church building which was a splendid structure, but yet possessed a few faults. First, it was impossible to see in its midst, it was impossible to hear in it, and, lastly, it was impossible to breathe in it.

J. A. Wilkie, of Ballarat, whose recent betrayal of his Scotch birth, commended his address with a story, and the story with the words, "There was a Scotchman once." This was too much for a great audience, and for several seconds the speaker had to wait until the laughter and applause subsided.

Attendances as usual were large. Rain interfered somewhat with Friday's address, yet there was a splendid gathering, chiefly of men, from the beginning of the session. It is delightful to see, and a happy augury for the future, that so many are vitally interested even in the business routine of the Conference.

Col. Chaplain Mackay earned the appreciation of the Conference in his declaration that it was a happy thing that Baptist Churches and Churches of Christ were "ready to meet the Christian-ty's half-way—in the hospitalities if they could go down one end, we would be willing to go down the steps at the other end, and meet in the middle."

Some of the pioneers were in evidence. Gen. Exley, in his 80th year—a preacher for over 70 years—received a splendid reception when he rose in the Preacher's Session to utter a few words of counsel to the younger brethren. Then J. W. Webb, of California, and J. Prentiss, of Dartmouth—Conference secretaries of 50 and 40 years—were received with joy on the Friday morning. God bless the pioneers!

Principal Holdsworth made a characteristically happy speech. The greetings which the Baptist Union in such a fraternal spirit proffered were enhanced in value by the fact that they were conveyed through the genial Principal of the Baptist College. Our Baptist brethren were well represented by some of their outstanding leaders—Principal Holdsworth, Col. Chaplain Mackay, Mr. Kirwood, and Dr. Porter. The presence of these was much appreciated.

In answer to many inquiries, permit me to say how much I have enjoyed the recent Conference. The difference between it and the first one, thirty-five years ago, is wonderful. A visitor from "beyond the sea" cannot but be most favorably impressed by the spirit of devotion, freedom of discussion, harmony of spirit and action, the careful preparation for, and the amount of work done; the executive ability, the efficiency of working committees, and the good work put out for the ensuing year. The immense public meetings, temperance and others, unattended and gratified. The sisters' meetings were business-like and inspirational.—J. W. Webb.

### COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 30—Moreland Chapel, Davist-st. A special musical service at 7 p.m. The choir will sing Mauser's "Cantata," "Psalms," "Hymns and Songs." Soloists, Mrs. Row Thompson and Mr. E. Watson. Appropriate address by W. L. Ewers.

MAY 1.—(Monday.) Hawthorn Kinship Club. "Lights and Shades of a Minister's Life" by T. H. Scambler. Entertaining, amusing, informative, inspirational. Soloist, W. H. Clay.

### Healesville.

Come to "Denholme Farm" for a nice holiday. Splendid scenery, fern gullies, cricket air, good table. Bath and piano—Mrs. Chaffer.  
 Tariff: Adults, 2/6 per week, 5/- per day.  
 Children, 1/6-2/- per week, 3/- per day.  
 Trains met when advised.

### EMERALD.

Visitors to "Cardiff Grange" seek in highest terms of the excellence of views, accommodation, cuisine, etc. obtained. 30/- week; 5/6 day—Mrs. Mees.

## Victorian Conference.

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Insurance Premium on Tent	2	0	6
Interest, Bank Charges, Cheque Books	21	10	0
Refunds, etc.	13	11	0
Secretary's Telephone	6	3	5
Rent, Wonthaggi Land	4	0	0
Hymn Books	2	14	8
Board for Preacher	2	11	0
Local Expenses and Fee	2	2	0
Sundries	3	10	6

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W. C. CRAIGIE, Treasurer. March 1, 1916.  
 Audited and found correct.  
 (Signed) J. BARNACLE, A.S.A.A., Eng.

A motion was carried, asking that in their future financial statements the Home Mission Committee be asked to give details of amounts spent in salaries and allowances.

Colonel Chaplain G. J. Mackay, who represents Churches of Christ, Baptist, and Congregational Churches in camp, introduced to the Conference, and gave a brief address. He said that he was endeavouring to represent faithfully the churches which he served. The speaker was able to get into contact with members of all three bodies. It was desirable to have resident chaplains in the camps, representing these bodies, for it showed that national responsibilities were realised. Four chaplains had gone to the front, and two more were about to go.

The reports of the evangelists in the field are always interesting. This year was no exception. A summary of the work follows:—

G. H. Oldfield labored at Boort for the greater part of the year. In February he was succeeded by R. K. Whately. These two are students at Glen Iris. There have been three additions by faith and baptism.

W. G. Crombridge reported regarding his work at Brim, Dummunkle, Warracknabeal, and Sheep Hills. In addition to these places, Birchlip and Lamn are also visited by the preacher. Seven have been added by faith and baptism. Bro. Crombridge has organised a School of Methods at Brim.

At Burnaby, where students have labored (H. G. Henderson followed by C. Young), there were 3 additions.

Clac shows that Bro. Marrows' work has been blessed: 12 additions—to baptisms and 2 restorations. The church has unfortunately suffered by removal.

Graydon is now ministered to by Bro. W. F. Northwell, one of our College students. During the year there were 7 additions—3 by faith and baptism, 3 baptised believers, 1 by restoration.

Thil recently students have labored at Echuca. E. R. Kilhner has just been succeeded by Bro. Shipway, the new preacher of the Rochester and Echuca district. 5 have been added by faith and baptism, and 1 was a baptised believer.

H. J. Peterson is the student preacher at Emerald township. His work has been blessed, 4 have been added by faith and baptism, and 2 by restoration.

Spindrift work has been done by J. R. Crombridge in Horsham circuit. A fine new site has been secured and paid for in Horsham, and the gospel has also been preached at Polkemmet, Pompton West, and Haven. The additions have been: By faith and baptism, 31; as baptised believers, 9; by restoration, 2; total, 34.

A. R. Bosh represented the Kaniva circuit. This circuit is no charge on the Home Mission funds. Additions for the year were stated in the report as 6, but 3 had been added between the drawing up of the report and Conference. Bro. Bosh has preached in the Kaniva district for 9 years.

Reporting on the work at Maryborough, I. Larson said that the year had been encouraging. The circuit included Bundaly and Het Bet. 31 had been added by faith and baptism when the report was drawn up. Since then 9 others had confessed Christ.

The work at the three places (Taradale, Drummond, and Kyneton) in the Kyneton district has been carried on by J. E. Shipway and a student,

E. W. Spring. A plot of land has been secured. Added in during the year number four by faith and baptism.

Merodiah and Gordon are visited fortnightly by Bro. E. Cornelius.

J. E. Shipway reported concerning Rochester. The spoke of the mission conducted by Bro. G. E. Burns and himself, to which he was added. He reported that a suitable site for a chapel would probably soon be secured. He referred to the fact that Bro. Wilson, of Rochester, had promised to share the work of preaching at Rochester, Echuca, and Rawmawn.

W. H. Clay reported progress at South Melbourne. The church contributed £3 a week to the Home Mission funds. 14 had been added by faith and baptism, 7 as baptised believers, and one by restoration.

Work at St. Arnaud, said L. Johnston, had received a check by reason of commercial failure in the district. Three young men had entered the College this year. The Bible School had been reorganised, and better equipped. Open-air work and work of prayer had brought blessing. 4 had been added during the year.

W. H. Hinrichsen, student, has labored at Shepparton, an important centre. 3 have been restored to fellowship.

At Stawell, H. B. Robbins has continued his work. Open-air and State school work gave good results. There were 15 additions reported.

Miss E. Johnston most sweetly sang a beautiful song.

Thus, Hagger gave a resume of the work. Our first Conference reported 16 churches and 740 members; now there are 106 churches with 6916 members. The speaker emphasised the fact that country missions paid. John R. Mott said 80 per cent. of converts were won in the country. About one-half of the students of the College were from country churches, and 23 of them from Home Mission fields, 23 out of 31 of our preachers.

questioned said they were won for Christ in the country, and 13 of them as the result of Home Missions. In our Victorian Home Missionary fields this year 26 persons were won for Christ, 2 new churches were organised, and a new Sunday school established. Home Missions pay! A strong appeal was made for financial assistance. £100 was asked for. The speaker followed his stirring address with a feeling and appropriate prayer.

The offering amounted to £451 in cash and promises. Last year's offering, which was a record one, was £350.

D. A. Cockerill spoke of the work in the Swan Hill Circuit. The work had been one of expansion. There were now 6 churches in the circuit. W. Wakefield and P. Atrich had assisted in the preaching. 22 were added by faith and baptism.

P. Atrich also spoke in connection with the work at Swan Hill.

At Warrnambool A. J. Fischer succeeded W. L. Jones, to whose work he referred in his report. Good progress had been made in organising. Work in the military camps was also profitable. A big problem was that of isolated members. Additions, 25.

Hugh Gray reported on his work in Warragul. He said that Warragul was the key to Gippsland, and large towns were within comparatively easy reach. The task was difficult, but there was encouragement to continue. 10 had been added by faith and baptism.

At Wonca Park, W. Wakefield, student, labors. 1 addition reported.

In addition to these fields, others had been added, and in these there had been 36 additions.

Summary of additions: by faith and baptism, 215; as baptised believers, 19; by restoration, 32; total, 247.

Cluses relating to special missions, publicity, immigration work, student helpers, and hospital visitation were adopted. J. Pittman's efficient ministrations as hospital visitor were duly recognised in the report.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President: A. R. Main, M.A.  
 Vice-President: J. Tully.  
 Treasurer: W. C. Craigie.

Secretary: T. Hagger.

Assistant-Secretary: W. L. Ewers.

Executive and Home Missionary Committee: R. Emnis, B. J. Kemp, H. E. Knott, M.A., A. R. Lyall, R. Lyall, J. McGregor, M. McLellan, A. Mills, T. W. Smith.

Foreign Mission Committee: F. M. Ladbroke, R. Lyall, L. C. McCallum, D. M. McCracken, H. R. Morris, J. I. Mulford, S. H. Mudge, H. A. Procter, B.A., G. D. Verec, J. Whelan. The following sisters were elected by the Women's Conference: Miss Baker, Mrs. D. Pittman, Mrs. R. Lyall.

Advisory Board: W. C. Craigie, R. Emnis, Thus, Hagger, R. Lyall, A. R. Main, A. Mills, T. W. Smith.

Temperance Committee: J. McE. Abercrombie, J. G. Barrett, A. G. Bennett, W. L. Jones, F. McClean, A. Mills, G. D. Verec. The following ladies were elected to this Committee by the Women's Conference: Mrs. Brown, Miss Darley, Mrs. Sharp.

Church Extension Committee: W. C. Craigie, Church Hardie, R. Lyall, A. Mills.

Christian Endeavor Committee: Miss Hagger, Miss Lever, W. Andrews, R. Coning, C. L. Lang, L. McCallum, R. McGregor, J. H. McKean, F. Pettie, J. Whelan.

Bible Schools Committee: W. C. Beller, J. H. Drummond, B. J. Kemp, W. A. Kemp, C. W. Mitchell, J. C. F. Pittman. Four members will later be appointed by and from the Home Missionary Committee.

Council of Churches: W. C. Craigie, R. Emnis, T. Hagger, H. E. Knott, A. R. Main, A. Mills, J. C. F. Pittman, T. H. Scambler, B.A.

Preacher of Conference Sermon: G. E. Chandler.

## HOME MISSIONARY RALLY.

The very sight of the great gathering in the Masonic Hall was inspiring. The tone was given as the attendance. A fine preliminary song service was conducted by W. L. Gray. By Prayer by Col. Chaplain Mackay, and a Scripture reading by R. Emnis, gave the key-note to a deeply spiritual gathering.

The speeches were of a very high order.

J. A. Wilkie, of Ballarat, delivered an address on the theme, "Our Twofold Mission." Out of the present war was coming a time of great opportunity. This especially was true of the higher life. Our mission was one, said the speaker, but it was two-fold. Some sad antagonism between the two aspects—the saving of men and the mission to the religious world. The aspects were not antagonistic. By the faithfulness of the church to the plea for the restoration of the doctrine and spirit of the New Testament, unity would be fostered. The unity of the Spirit must first be realised to a fuller extent in our churches. Christ gave us the opportunity to be his fellow-workers in saving the world. It was a glorious thing to hear a great orator rendered by a trained choir and orchestra. Christ was yearning to hear the mighty outburst of harmony which would eventually come when the host of the redeemed should sing, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain." Let each make himself an instrument perfectly tuned to hear that melodious song.

H. Scambler, B.A., of Hawthorn, had as his theme, "The Religious Needs of the State." The needs of this State are the needs of all States. The trinity of evils—drink, gambling, impurity—constituted a grave problem. The war crisis furnished a great need. Again, democracy gives rise to great and stirring questions. We must regard the social needs of the times. Men need supreme regenerate men. We need a new vision of the kingdom of God in the earth.

Hon. W. Morrow, M.L.C., spoke on "Christianity and the Development of Australia." The speaker first outlined the features which distinguished Australia, its resources, and opportunities, its freedom, social and religious. The people of Australia had entered into a rich heritage. Christianity alone could supply Australia with the moral force by which the country was to be developed. The church must act as a power-house of that force. The first point of contact was the

individual. What was to be worked out in the future, of the nation must first have been woven into the fibre of the individual.

The musical items on the programme gave great enjoyment. The Lagon's Ladies' Quartette Party, Mrs. Barber, Miss Jessie Jolly, and Mrs. A. T. Eaton, helped in this way by their beautiful voices.

**SATURDAY**

Very hearty appreciation was shown of the work accomplished by the Organising Secretary of Home Missions, T. Hazzer.

A resolution was carried expressing thanks to "The Herald" for its publication of religious news.

The report of the Temperance and Social Questions Committee, the adoption of which was moved by A. G. Bennett, and seconded by F. McClean, showed that in June last, the "Follow the King" pledge-taking was emphasised in a series of King's Birthday meetings held in several of our churches. 430 pledges were thus gained. Dr. McKeddie had given an instructive lecture to a meeting of representative brethren. The Committee decided to appeal for £500 as a "Campaign Fund." It was also recommended that one of our preachers be set apart to the State under the direction of the Victorian Alliance.

In support of this strong appeal, messages were made by D. M. McCracken and J. Larsen.

The report of the Christian Endeavor department showed that there is a slight decrease in membership, owing chiefly to quite a number of Endeavorers ceasing for active service. There are 63 Societies under the direction of the Department, 31 Young Men's Societies, with a membership of 1,010; 1 Intermediate Societies with 78 members and 26 Junior Societies with 1248 members. Under the able leadership of Bro. J. H. McKean, the Junior Department has been very active during the past year. An effort has been made to give an impetus to the Foreign Mission work, and the Foreign Missions Committee asked if all societies dominated by C.E. Societies could be used in some definite work. As a result of this, Miss Toke was appointed as the living link of this department in the foreign field, and during the year the sum of £27/15/0 has been donated for her support. W. Butler, president of the department, moved the adoption of the report, and complimented the work of the Endeavorers. C. S. Lang, secretary, J. H. McKean, leader of the Junior Department, and A. J. Fischer, also spoke to the report, which was adopted.

A very interesting time was spent in discussing the valuable work of the Church Extension Committee. The report stated that loans had been granted to two churches, and that further calls would soon be made on the Committee.

The financial statement shows liabilities and assets to be as follows:—Liabilities: Loans to Committee, £650; Balance, Nett Capital of Church Extension Fund, £100/2/11; total, £1409/2/11. Assets: Amounts Due by Churches, £609/5/11; Balance on hand, £118/17/11; total, £1497/9/11.

R. Lyall, treasurer, moved the adoption of the report, and gave an explanatory speech. He spoke of the Model Trust Deed which the Committee was able to supply to churches for a small charge. This Model Deed could well be adopted by all, as it would save much trouble. W. C. Craigie, in seconding the motion, urged brethren who contemplated the erection of new buildings, or choosing sites, to consult the Extension Committee at an early stage of their arrangements, as the Committee could give valuable advice.

T. Hazzer, J. E. Thomas, A. R. Main, and J. W. Webb also spoke in terms of commendation of the work of the department.

On the motion of F. W. Clary, seconded by R. Lyall, it was resolved: "That the Conference recommends the Church Extension Committee to make an appeal to the Churches of Christ in Victoria, urging each church to contribute at least one shilling per week towards such Committee's fund."

The motion by W. C. Craigie, seconded by J. Telfer, "That the money so collected be used for the purpose of assisting churches to secure suitable buildings by means of loans or otherwise as may be deemed advisable," was carried.

A further motion by Bro. Clary and Lyall, "That the Committee be requested to obtain all information concerning existing mortgages (amounts and due dates) with the object of arranging if possible for their extinction or reduction," was also carried.

An interesting and animated discussion on the above motion was contributed to by A. Mills, A. R. Lyall, R. G. Cameron, R. Ennis, A. G. Bennett, and D. M. McCracken.

Bro. Crisp, Eaton, Nankivell, and Warren rendered a quartette, which was much appreciated.

A motion was submitted by R. Ennis, "That the continuing and Home Missionary Committee be empowered to continue into the desirability of combining the Home Mission work of Victoria and Tasmania, and report to next Conference, but in the meantime, if necessary, afford any assistance possible." It was pointed out that Tasmania was much in need of help in organising and evangelistic work. T. South seconded the motion. L. Johnston and J. Willie supported the proposal. The motion was carried unanimously.

W. C. Craigie moved the adoption of the Advisory Board report. The Board was doing good work, and the advantage of its advice was being taken by an increasing number of churches and preachers. The report was adopted.

The report of the Bible School Department was presented, and W. A. Kemp moved its adoption. The following are some facts taken from the report:—

Four new schools have been started, and a net gain of 37 scholars has been made. The teaching ranks have been augmented to the number of 87.

The income increased so largely that quite early in the year the Committee was able to release the Home Missionary Committee from financial responsibility. The year closed with a credit balance of £25/10/8. There is also in hand the sum of £12/10/0 which is available for loans to schools desiring kindergarten equipment.

Bible School Day was observed in most of the churches on the first Lord's day in May.

On Foreign Mission Day the special service arranged by Bro. Procter was carried out in a large number of schools, and the sum of £106/19/2 contributed.

Arrangements are complete for the second Melbourne School of Methods, which will commence in May. For this school the course mapped out by the College of the Bible will be taken. The same series of lectures are also to be given in several country centres. Teachers everywhere are urged to secure the advantages thus offered.

Efforts have been made to form Young People's Church Attendance Leagues in the churches.

After careful investigation it was decided to recommend the Graded Lessons of the International Sunday School Association, and the use of the literature produced by the Standard Publishing Co. Already a large number of schools have decided to introduce the new system, and orders for supplies have been placed with the Austral Publishing Co.

Valuable help has again been rendered by Miss Gladstone and J. H. Drummond in the work of Visitation.

During the year R. Ennis has acted as Organiser of the Department. It is but right to state that it is to the untiring labors of our organiser that we owe the happy fact that this year the Department became self-supporting.

In the discussion of the report several brethren emphasised various items of importance. The report was adopted.

R. Ennis delivered an address on "Pressing Need in Bible School." The Churches of Christ, said he, were not behind-hand; but there were important needs. Chief among these were the need for teachers and officers equipped for their work, for a system of organisation and a curriculum which would best fit the children of the present times, and for a Bible School vision and conscience in the churches. The address was a forceful presentation of this important subject.

A solo was rendered by Miss Stella Wallace. An address by the Principal of the College of

the Bible, prepared for this session, was dispensed with.

The secretary of the Victorian F.M. Conference, J. I. Mulford, read a letter from Miss Thompson. He also spoke to the report, calling attention to the fact that "by dint of careful planning and strict economy, the Federal Committee have kept the flag flying in every field in which it had been planted. Not an inch of territory has been surrendered to the enemy. It was not the case that all had been done which the Committee felt should have been accomplished."

A. R. Main, in speaking to the following paragraph, referred to those now in training at Glen Iris:—

"As far as the Committee is concerned, it can have no reasonable hope of being able to send out any one (other than those to whom we are already committed), for some time, or until the finances are materially increased."

J. E. Thomas, President of the Federal Executive, A. R. Lyall, Hon. W. Morrison, M.L.C., and R. Ennis also dealt with the conditions existing. The hope was expressed that ere long the Federal Committee would cease to be hampered in its work of expansion because of lack of funds.

A. R. Chappell, our missionary home on far-tough from the New Hebrides, gave a most interesting address on the saved with keen attention by a large audience.

The report contained appreciative words regarding assistance given by the Women's Conference, Endeavorers, Mission Band, and Bible School. Miss Tilley is the sisters' "living link." Children's Day receipts were £108, an increase over the previous record of last year of over 30 per cent.

J. Pittman spoke briefly on the clause concerning work among the Chinese in Australia.

Attention was drawn to various facts in the report by R. Lyall.

The financial statement showed that total receipts for the year were £128/1/4, compared with £132/1/2 for 1915. This slight decrease was not unexpected, owing to the numerous calls on the liberality of the brethren.

**VICTORIAN FOREIGN MISSION STATEMENT.**

Receipts.		
Contributions Received to March, 1916—		
From Churches and Members	1,615	6 5
From Sunday Schools	108	2 2
From Endeavor Societies	27	15 10
From Mission Bands and Bible Classes	75	0 0
From Chinese Brethren	51	10 4
From Victorian Sisters (collected by Mrs. Zelius)		
For Miss Thompson's Bible Women	2,111	0 0
For Mrs. Stratton's Bible Women	8	0 0
For Miss Tonkin's Bible Women	15	0 0
From Victorian Sisters (special offering towards support of Miss Tilley, in India)	23	15 4
	1238	1 1

Expenditure.		
Expended to March, 1916—		
Chinese Mission, Melbourne		
Expenses of Mission	45	11 9
Interest, Money owing on Mission Building	39	0 0
Allowance, W. James, Chinese Evangelist	150	0 0
Allowance for Expenses (especially contributed)	10	0 0
	210	11 9
India—		
Miss Thompson, for Bible Women (2)	13	0 0
Mrs. Stratton, for Bible Women	8	0 0
	21	0 0
China—		
Miss Tonkin, for Bible Women	15	0 0
For Native Helper	15	0 0
	30	0 0

Charges—	
Allowance to Secretary . . . . .	42 0 0
Telephone, Postage, Printing, and Other Expenses. . . . .	33 10 0
Proportion, Conf. Expenses . . . . .	4 2 3
	79 12 3
Balance remitted to Federal Treasurer . . . . .	£296 17 1

Note.—The following special contributions are being remitted through the Federal E.M. Executive Committee, having been subscribed during this Conference year by Victoria:—

India.	
From Victorian Sisters—	
For Bible Woman, Baranatti . . . . .	£8 0 0
For Bible Woman, Harda . . . . .	8 0 0
Towards Support of Miss Tilley . . . . .	23 16 4
From Girls' Mission Band, Ballarat, support Rowage (two years) . . . . .	30 0 0
Support Rucknuma . . . . .	5 0 0
From Bible College, support Wamanra . . . . .	7 0 0
Virginia Club, Swanston-st., support Nera . . . . .	6 0 0
Bel Bet Church (for Ruthion) . . . . .	8 7 0
Kaniva Church (for Waylin) . . . . .	9 12 6
Newmarket Church (for Malura Sahay) . . . . .	10 0 0
Doncaster Mission Band (for Mr. and Mrs. Shah) . . . . .	11 0 0
Footscray Church (for Sudeba) . . . . .	16 0 0
"Gratitude" (for Hurrece) . . . . .	6 0 0
"Faith" (for Shandlar) . . . . .	5 0 0
Cheltenham Bible School (for Smit) . . . . .	5 8 0
Junior C.E. Societies (for John and Vito) . . . . .	5 18 0
Vic. C.E. Dept. (for Miss Toles) . . . . .	6 17 10
Preston J.C.E. (for Chimerite) . . . . .	5 0 0
Brighton Girls' Mission Band (for Chan. deWang) . . . . .	5 0 0
Box Hill C.E. (for Krupp) . . . . .	5 0 0
Swanston-st. Church (support Bro. Watson) . . . . .	123 0 0
China.	
Victorian Sisters (for Bible Woman) . . . . .	15 0 0
New Hebrides.	
Doncaster Bible Class (for Native Teacher) . . . . .	6 0 0
Mr. and Mrs. Bowman (for Abraham) . . . . .	6 0 0
Berwick Bible Class (for Isaac Torres) . . . . .	6 0 0
Kinas . . . . .	6 0 0

The report was adopted as a whole, on the motion of J. J. Muddford.  
 A. R. Lyall moved that it be a recommendation that Federal Foreign Mission balance sheets be presented at State Conferences. Carried.  
 Greetings were sent to the churches in America from which Bro. Webb brought messages.  
 F. M. Ludbrook moved a comprehensive vote of thanks in his usual happy style.  
 During the sessions, Miss Jeannie Dickens acted as pianiste, S. H. Pittman as organist, and W. H. Clay as leader of song.

**FOREIGN MISSION DEMONSTRATION.**  
 A line gathering was held in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening, the Conference President occupying the chair. F. M. Ludbrook read the Scriptures, and Bro. Morrow led in prayer.  
 Mrs. Roy Thompson contributed a beautiful and appropriate solo.

A. B. Chappell gave a short address, dealing chiefly with native teachers, their work, and their training in Bro. Finlay's training school. This school, it was said, may in some years be self-supporting because of the economical plantation, which even now has the additional advantage of providing labor for the students.  
 Twelve girls from Swanston-st. school rendered a dialogue entitled, "Round the Clock."

J. E. Thomas, President of the Federal E.M. Executive Committee, delivered an address on "The Healing of the Nations." He prefaced his speech with some eulogistic remarks regarding the splendid service rendered by Bro. Chappell and other workers. Rev. 22 suggested the subject of the address. The great redemptive work of God and the healing power of Christ were emphasized in four things, were dwelt upon: (1) The world without the Gospel lies in darkness. (2) All human religions are insufficient to satisfy the needs of the sin-stricken continents. Millions

wait for the healing of the broken hearts in the lands where fetishism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Mohammedanism, hold sway. (3) Christianity has abundantly proved that it can heal. Some very striking instances of this were effectively given. (4) We are the people to whom has been entrusted this healing power. It was a magnificent address, full of power and intense feeling.  
 Mr. E. A. Kinwood, minister of South Yarra Baptist Church, received a cordial welcome, and delivered an earnest address on "The Easter Message and the Missionary Advance." The sacred associations of the season were tenderly dealt with. These were linked with the missionary obligations. Our incentive was found in Christ's sacrifice of love.

An offering amounting to £57/10/3 in cash and promises was taken up.  
 Mr. A. W. Stevens favored with a beautiful solo, which led to a recall.  
 On the motion of Bro. R. Lyall, the following resolution was carried enthusiastically: "That this Conference at its Foreign Missionary meeting sends greetings to all our missionaries in the field, assuring them of our continued Christian love and personal interest in their work in distant lands on our behalf."  
 The meeting closed with a hymn, the benediction, and the National Anthem.

**CONFERENCE SERMON.**

A very large number assembled on Lord's day afternoon in the Masonic Hall to hear the Conference Sermon. E. Pittman and J. J. Franklyn led in prayer. A. R. Main read a portion of Matt. 24. The solo, "Does Jesus Care?" was rendered by Mrs. A. T. Eaton.  
 Bro. J. E. Thomas delivered a splendid sermon on the subject, "A Changeless Message for a Changing World." As we hope to publish this in the near future, we need say no more here than that it was a weighty and timely message, and was much appreciated by the audience.

**PICNIC.**

A successful picnic was held in the Horticultural

Grounds, Burnley, on Monday. During the afternoon an important meeting of the Executive and Home Missionary Committee with the missionaries in the field and delegates from assisted churches was held.

**C.E. DEMONSTRATION.**

On the evening of Easter Monday, in the Masonic Hall, the Endeavor Union held its annual rally. H. E. Knott presided. After a brief song service led by W. H. Clay, the chairman called upon J. Whelan to lead in prayer. A reading from the Juniors of South Australia was conveyed by J. E. Thomas. Attractive and appropriate selections were rendered by a Junior choir (conducted by Fred. J. Lang), and by the Juniors from Moreland and Northcote.  
 An address was given by J. W. Webb on the subject "The Young People, a Tremendous Factor." The implied statement was true from the standpoint of the numbers of young people enrolled in the service of Christ. Witness to its truth was given also by the fact that the Endeavor pledge strengthened the young Christian life.  
 It was resolved that greetings be sent to Miss Toles, the "living link" between the Endeavor Society and the Foreign Missionary work.

The banner was presented by J. H. McKean to the winning Junior Society, Moreland.

**BIBLE SCHOOL DEMONSTRATION.**

Despite inclement weather, the Bible School Demonstration in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening was a splendid success. It was apparent that a programme of lighter fare had no less attraction than had the more serious business sessions of the Conference. A very good programme had been carefully prepared, and was effectively presented. Essendon, Collingwood, Prahran, Surrey Hills, Cheltenham, Lygon-st., Box Hill, Hawthorn, Swanston-st., North Fitzroy Bible Schools took part. A choir under the leadership of Mr. Nat Hadlow rendered good service, Miss Jeannie Dickens acted as accompanist. The Organizing Secretary and his band of helpers deserve much credit for the standard of excellence reached.

**Reports from the Field.**

**New Zealand.**

**New Zealand Annual Bible College Offering First Sunday in May.**

**CHRISTCHURCH.**—"Pray, plod, pay" was the exhortation of Bro. Gebbie's address last Sunday morning on "God's Husbandry." "What is a Christian?" was treated at night, emphasis being laid on the necessity of heart religion. On Wednesday Bro. Nelson spoke on "Encouragement," while on Thursday the Band of Hope had a good meeting—P.S.N., April 15.

**WELLINGTON SOUTH.**—Attendances at the various meetings keeping up very well. Splendid audiences the last two Sunday nights, when Bro. Phillips spoke on the conversion of Cornelius and the Philippian jailer respectively. There is a keen interest in the 6.30 prayer meeting on Sunday evenings. We regret that Sister Mrs. Napier, who has been very ill for some time, is not showing any signs of improvement; we pray that God may restore her. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Dominion Conference will be held in our chapel.—A.L., April 17.

**Queensland.**

**BOONAH.**—We have just had a visit from our State evangelist, Bro. Wasy, who has held a two weeks' mission. We have been spiritually built up. Bro. Nightingale, who has been very ill with dengue fever, is quite recovered again. Many of our members also have been laid up with it. Our district has quite recovered from the effects of the drought. We are pleased to have back with us

again our Bro. A. McKay, who has returned from the front.—W.A.C.W.

**BRISBANE.**—A number of visitors who are in town for Easter were shipped with us yesterday. A young woman recently arrived from Scotland was welcomed into fellowship. It being the Bible School anniversary, Bro. Rankine exhorted the church on "Nails," illustrating the thoughts by useful and unselfish examples of that article. The evening meeting was particularly well attended. Bro. Rankine's address on "Jesus" was very appropriate. An offering was taken up for the prize fund. We are sorry to record the death of one of our esteemed members, Mrs. J. Cunningham of Taringa. Although our sister had been ailing for some time, the end came with unexpected suddenness.—H.C.S.

**West Australia.**

**FREMANTLE.**—Wednesday evening, April 13, we had a quarterly business meeting. Good reports were received from the following societies: Dorcas, Young Women, Bible Band, Junior C.E., Senior C.E., Bible School, Chinese Mission, Temperance. Our preacher notified us that it was his intention to return to the Eastern States at the end of his three years' engagement, which will be August 27 of this year. At present the work is going along nicely. We are pleased to have Sister Leach home again.—April 15.

**COLLIE.**—The half-yearly meeting of the S.W. Conference was held at Harvey on April 8. It was also the opening of the new chapel and the commencement of an eight-day mission. Thirteen of us went and spent a happy day. Eulogistic speeches were given by Bro. Blackburn, Bro. Johnson, Whiteaker, and Raisbeck. The Harvey

sters prepared a splendid repast. We trust that the mission will prove a great help to the faithful disciples at Harvey.—L. J. McIgnard, April 13.

**New South Wales.**

**HOKNSHY.**—C. J. Lee, president, L. J. Thompson, exhorted on "The Church of the Living God." The gospel message at night was delivered by Bro. Orin, of the North Auckland Church of Christ, on "The Love of God" (John 3: 16). His address was much appreciated. We were pleased to have Sister Orin, of the same church, sing "The Love of God."

**PETERSHAM.**—On morning of April 16, Bro. Roe, president, and Bro. Arnott, addressed a good meeting on Phil. 4: 8. Bro. and Sister Marley, from Enmore, were welcomed into membership. In the evening we had an increased congregation; Bro. Arnott spoke from Luke 24: 49. Miss Flora McKenzie was baptized. On Monday evening Bro. Chappell, from Ohio, gave a mission lecture on his work in the New Hebrides. Our brother gave his lecture in a plain, homely, and graphic manner. We would advise our brethren to hear him when opportunity offers.—A. G. Tindall, April 19.

**INVERELL.**—Meetings have been poor at Inverell, but country centers have been very good. Last Lord's day, April 16, we celebrated our Bible School anniversary. The prayers were rendered splendidly by the children; those in charge deserve great credit. At meeting for worship, Bro. Cust, president, and Bro. Waters exhorted. We received into fellowship Bro. Bell, who was at one time associated with the Baptists, and later with the Methodists. In the evening Bro. Waters gave an excellent gospel address on "That they all may be one"; this was much appreciated. On Monday evening, April 17, the prizes were awarded to the successful scholars.—G.B., April 18.

**AUBURN.**—Splendid meetings to-day, Bro. Stowe presiding at the Lord's table, 46 being present. Bro. Warhurst, of Narrabri, ably exhorted. This evening we had a most enjoyable time, Bro. and Sister Taylor, from Lumore, being with us. Sister Taylor sang. All present enjoyed her lovely singing. Bro. Taylor gave a splendid gospel address from 2 Cor. 5: 21. About 100 persons were present, all listening most attentively. We had a most enjoyable time. We are indebted to Bro. F. T. Saunders for the visit of our brethren and sister, Bro. Saunders being our evangelist.—G. Stieh.

**South Australia.**

**BERRI.**—Since last report interest in all meetings has been maintained. Two more of our young men have enlisted. On April 9, our kindergarten was organised, under the instruction of Mrs. Jarvis; it should prove a success. On Saturday, April 8, about ten members and friends, enjoyed a lovely day, and with the help of a grubbing machine, cleared and grubbed the church block. The ladies kindly provided refreshments. Last Lord's day we had good meetings. Lord's day, April 23, we celebrate our second anniversary. We expect to have J. Wiltshire, of Mile End, with us.—R.R., April 18.

**MILANG.**—We had good meetings to-day, Bro. Porter preaching at 10:30 A.M. Bro. Peter, from Pt. Stuart, exhorted, and in the afternoon took charge of the Bible Classes in place of Bro. Stoner, who was preaching at Goolwa. We have had to say farewell to our Sunday School treasurer, Bro. Walter Allison, who was also a worker in the Endeavor Society. He left for the front on April 11. We are proud that he will have a speedy and safe return.—S.H.G., April 16.

**HARDMARSH.**—Sunday morning, April 16, Bro. Culliver, of Kerribrook, gave a splendid address, which was highly appreciated. Geo. Wilson took charge of the evening service, Sunday, April 23. T. J. Gore addressed the church in the morning. Bro. Les, Godden, of the Baptist Church, took charge of the evening service. Sunday, April 16, Bro. Cuttriss was away in the country, and on the 23rd, in Melbourne, attending the Conference.

**NORTH ADELAIDE.**—On Wednesday afternoon, April 12, the Durgas Society held their annual social. Mrs. Haverland presided over a good

meeting. The secretary, Miss Thompson, read an encouraging report, and extended a hearty welcome to visitors. Guests were given by delegation in nearly all the churches around Adelaide. The writer said a few words about woman's sphere and work in the church. The evening meeting of the Mutual Improvement Society took place last Thursday evening. It took the form of a social. The opportunity was taken to say good-bye to the retiring secretary, Bro. G. Hays, who is leaving as a soldier of the Empire. The writer, on behalf of the Society, presented him with a New Testament, and some khaki handkerchiefs. Reference was also made to two other of our boys who are shortly leaving for the front, Bro. Tamlyn and Moody. One of our aged sisters, Mrs. Presgrave, who for many years was a member at Kerribrook, has recently been called to her long home. She had for some years lived at the Semaphore.—R.H.

**QUEENSTOWN.**—O.Y.P.M. Bro. Brooker addressed the young people on "Possibilities of Girlhood." Worship, good attendance. Bro. Brooker presided. Bro. A. Wilson gave a good exhortation. Evening, splendid attendance. Amongst our visitors we were delighted to have Bro. and Sister's ably and mission. Bro. and Sister O. Finlayson, from Bakklava, rendered a very sweet duet. Bro. Brooker presented Bro. F. Mitchell, on behalf of the church, with a copy of the New Testament and Psalms, bound in khaki, on the eve of his departure for the front. Bro. Brooker delivered an inspiring and helpful address, "The Judgment of Christ upon the World."—D.L.W., April 23.

**COTTONVILLE.**—Splendid meetings again to-day. Large attendance in morning. Fine address by Bro. Manning on "The Hope of the Church." Three more new scholars at the Bible School, making the total for present rolls, 200—100 boys and 100 girls. Keen interest in school still continues. Building again packed at the gospel service. Splendid sermon on "The Story of the Cross" by Bro. Manning. A man and his wife made the good confession. Interest in our meetings is growing week by week. The two who came forward to-night are the parents of a young man who recently joined our Bible School as the result of our increase campaign. They were persuaded by their son to attend the gospel meetings.—H., April 23.

**UNLEY.**—We were pleased to have Sister Grace Burns with us again this morning, after 18 months on active service. Sister Burns gave an interesting talk on her work and experiences at the Adult Bible Class this afternoon, which was largely attended. We are called upon to say farewell to three more of our number—L. S. Messer, J. D. Blackwell, and P. Bennett, who are leaving shortly for the front. The Sunday School welcomed them a social, and presented each with a pocket Testament. The evening collection for the S.A. Temperance Alliance amounted to £26/0/0.—O.V.M., April 23.

**GOOLWA.**—We were pleased to have a visit from Bro. T. J. Gore, who conducted services on both nights, also Bro. Cameron and Stoner, who recently supplied here. It was our pleasure this morning to welcome Bro. L. Vergo, who has been engaged by the Home Mission Committee as our preacher until Conference.—H., April 23.

**Victoria.**

**Bible School Day and Annual Bible School Offering, Sunday, May 7.**

**SHEPPARTON.**—Today our meetings have been well attended, especially the gospel service. Several visitors were present to break bread with us. At the evening service several members of the Bible School took part; the readings were read by Bro. and Sister. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Vernon, Dudley, and Victoria Howes rendered a solo.—M.C.

**EMERALD.**—Our anniversary services were held on 16th and 17th inst, and they were a great

success. On the Lord's day morning Bro. Warren presided, and Bro. Hanger exhorted. At the afternoon session Bro. Hagger addressed the young, taking as his subject, "Pins." Again in the evening Bro. Hagger spoke on an attractive discourse. In the afternoon, Bro. Geller, in the choir on Monday night, our anniversary services were brought to a close; the form of the service being the distribution of prizes, an address by Bro. F. Hagger, and the usual social. A collection was taken up for Church of Christ in the Australia Home Mission. Amongst the speakers at the dinner to Bro. E. Hammond and Mr. Rena Lang for their able help.—R.L.S., April 24.

**SOUTH MELLEOURNE.**—Meetings were well attended on 16th. Bro. Northeast presided at worship; Bro. Clay exhorted. Full house at the gospel meeting. We were delighted with two solo by Bro. Buckley, of Swanston. Our mid-week prayer meetings are well attended. Lord's day, 23rd, our meetings were not so good. Bro. Clay presided. The address by Bro. Robbins, of Stawell, at the gospel meeting, was very impressive, his text being "The Will of God." Cecil McLaughlin, a young man who previously considered Christ, was baptized and added to the congregation. Bro. J. J. Hill has returned from the front, gave a very interesting talk to the scholars of our Bible School, on his travels and experiences. He has promised in the near future to relate his experience in handling, and the time he spent at Gallipoli.—P.C., April 24.

**HICHESTER.**—The first business meeting of the newly organized church at Rosherville was held on the 16th inst. There was a fine attendance presided over by Bro. Shipway, who clearly explained the New Testament position in relation to the diaconate of the church. The following members were unanimously appointed to fill office as deacons for the ensuing 12 months: Bro. B. Turnbull, P. McKenzie, J. Henson, J. B. Murray, J. Weisinfeld, and A. J. Wilson. In the office of treasurer Bro. Turnbull was elected, and Bro. A. J. Wilson was appointed secretary, while Sister G. Robbins was selected as organist to the church and school. The church decided to adopt the duplex envelope, and the secretary was instructed to procure same.—J.A.W., April 23.

**CARLTON.** (Lygon-st.)—Conference, Sunday, three ladies from the Bible School reported last week were added to the church. As usual at this time of the year, we were pleased to have a goodly number of visiting brethren, who met with us. Amongst these were Bro. and Sister J.E. Thomas, of Adelaide. Bro. Thomas, who is shortly to take up the work amongst us, gave an inspiring address upon the "Resurrection." We had another treat at night, when Hon W. Morgan, M.L.C., delivered a splendid discourse, "J. W. Webb and Reg. Emiss also took part. The choir rendered a beautiful anthem. Geo. Wright, of Norwood, S.A., also favored us with a solo, and Bro. Selwyn Paterson, officiating at the altar, presented an offering amounting to £6 was taken up for the "Captain, Chaplain G. P. Cuttriss' Equipment Fund." The sisters, as usual, provided dinner and tea for the visitors. The fellowship of kindred minds made the day a happy one.—J.M.C.

**WARRNAMBOOL.**—On Tuesday, April 18, our C.E. Society held an Endeavor social, when greetings were given by individuals from each local society. The social took the form of a hymn night, each item dealing with some well-known hymn. Mr. S. Harrison welcomed our society into the local union. A presentation on behalf of the Endeavorers was made to Miss L. Tompson, who was leaving the district. Last week lectures were delivered at the Lygon-st. Congreg. for the British and Foreign Bible Society, resulting in £2/11/- going to them.—A. J. Finlay.

**NORTH RICHMOND.**—Splendid gatherings marked our Easter Day services, both morning and evening. Bro. H. A. Procter commenced his fourth year of ministry with the church last Lord's day, and in the morning preached on "Christianity in History." The gospel service was well attended. Bro. Procter taking as his subject "Christ in the Coming Age." All the church auxiliaries are in a healthy and flourishing condition.—A.H.T.

# The Family Altar.

## "DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

In the home of a Christian travelling-man there was a precious baby boy just old enough to begin to recognize its father. But the father had to make a trip of a month, and he was afraid his little son would forget him during his long absence. And so he went to the photographer and had a new picture made, and told the wife to show it to the child every day. Is not this the thought of our Saviour in the sacred emblems of the Supper? He does not want to be forgotten. No one does. And dealing with us as little children he has us once every week to look upon his picture lest we forget him. And this morning while we partake of these emblems, let us close the eyes of the body and open those of the soul, and for the moment see "Jesus only." If we do this reverently, the soul will feast on spiritual manna, and we will not forget our dearest Friend.

### SUNDAY, MAY 7.

Gems of Thought—"Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Cor. 11: 24).

Blest feast of love divine!

'Tis grace that makes us free,

To feed upon this bread and wine.

In memory, Lord, of thee.

—Edward Denny.

It is not to be a mournful service. Solemn it is, but for the Christian, not sad. It was not the meat of the paschal lamb that was taken, but the bodiless bread of the table, the communion staff of life. It is a feast, and not a funeral, to which Christians gather. The Passover of solemnity, but a festival still, and a festival of rejoicing. Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us, and our grief for the slain Lamb does not prevent rejoicing that our God has passed over his people, and led them forth into a larger place.—W. E. Haxton.

Bible Reading.—1 Cor. 11: 17-30: Our great feast.

### MONDAY, MAY 8.

Gems of Thought—"To the spirits of just men made perfect" (Heb. 12: 23).

It is not necessary to grind a watch to fragments to ruin it. A little particle of dust in the wheels and the watch is useless for keeping time. It is not necessary that a man should be invaded, debilitated and broken to miss the fruition of his career. One little clot of blood, one inflamed nerve and the intellect just falls short. But these occasional needs and luminous hours that come to every person are intimations of what, in the far-off land, shall be a stable condition. Then the intellect is filled with light, like a perfect day. Then the memory will forget no fact, even as a life holds all the gems and jewels committed to it there. Then the judgment will be as perfect as the needle pointing to the pole. Then the creative mind shall be the habitual mood, and every morning shall be a beaker filled with the wine of life, and the soul will walk among the hours like a young, exultant god.—Newell Dwight Hillis.

Bible Reading.—Heb. 12: 18-24: A contrast.

### TUESDAY, MAY 9.

Gems of Thought—"Not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think" (Rom. 12: 3).

The true way to be deceived is to think oneself more knowing than others.—L. Rochefoucauld.

Wind puffs up empty bladders; opinion, fools.—Socrates.

Bible Reading.—Rom. 12: 1-8: Self-conceit.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10.

Gems of Thought—"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows" (Isaiah 53: 4).

A station agent at Bloomington, N.J., saw a man walking on the tracks of the Loh Valley Railroad. On his back he carried a huge package, apparently containing household utensils as well

as clothes. He seemed tired. The agent stopped him and ordered him off the track, telling him that he was liable to arrest for trespass, besides incurring the risk of being killed by a train. The man, who was a Hungarian, demurred, and produced a railroad ticket, good from Jersey City to Scranton, Pa. The agent looked at him in amazement, and asked him why he was walking when he might ride. The Hungarian replied that he thought the ticket gave him only the privilege of walking over the road. His right eye explained to him, and the tired man delightedly boarded the first train that stopped. How many of us Christians make the same mistake! Our Lord wants to bear all our burdens, and hold us in continual freedom from care and from the power of sin.—"The Christian Herald."

Bible Reading.—Isa. 53: 1-9: Our great Friend.  
THURSDAY, MAY 11.

Gems of Thought—"To be conformed to the image of his Son" (Rom. 8: 29).

To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently and act frankly; to listen to stars and birds, babes and sages with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual, unhidden and unconscious, grow up through the common—this is to be in sympathy.—Channing.

Bible Reading.—Rom. 8: 28-31: Heaven's tonic.

### FRIDAY, MAY 12.

Gems of Thought—"We shall all stand before the judgment-seat of Christ" (Rom. 14: 10).

The glance that doth thy neighbor doubt,  
Turn thou, O man, within,

And see if it will not bring out  
Some unsuspected sin.

To hide from shame the branded brow,  
Make broad thy charity.

And judge no man except as thou  
Wouldst have him judge of thee.

—Alice Cary.

Bible Reading.—Rom. 14: 1-10: Just judgment at last.

### SATURDAY, MAY 13.

Gems of Thought—"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6: 2).

If there be some weaker one,  
Give me strength to help him on;  
If a hinder soul there be,

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Let me be the things I meant;  
Let me find, in Thy employ,  
Peace that dearer is than joy;  
Out of self to have he led,  
And to heaven acclimated,  
Until all things sweet and good  
Seem my natural habitude.

—Whittier.

Bible Reading.—Gal. 6: 1-10: Helping others.—From "The Christian Standard."

## Chaplaincy in Queensland.

The Queensland Home Mission Committee have, for a long time, felt the need of helping our men in the military camps in this State, but were unable to do so until a chaplain was appointed. Bro. W. H. Nightingale, our chaplain, is now attending to this very important duty, and we expect to have a second chaplain in the near future. In order to cover the expenses involved, the Home Mission Committee decided to inaugurate a special "Chaplain's Fund," and hereby appeal to the brotherhood in Queensland for support. All monies for such fund to be sent to the State Treasurer, Bro. H. C. Stitt, Whycellcleft, Albion. Will all churches having members in camp kindly send name, number, company, battalion, camp, etc., to Chaplain-Captain W. H. Nightingale, Park-st., Boomah, Qld.

## Heroism of Army Chaplain.

The Victoria Cross has been awarded to Rev. E. W. Mellish, Church of England army chaplain. He repeatedly crossed ground swept by shell and machine gun fire, and brought in ten killed and wounded soldiers, of whom three were killed while he was dressing their wounds. Next day he brought in another twelve, and returned with 50-wounded, and on the third day he rescued the remaining wounded. Mr. Mellish was commissioned as acting chaplain on May 5, 1915.

[The only other chaplain who has won the V.C. was the late Rev. James Williams Adams, of the Bengal Establishment (Church of England), who won his cross during the operations in December, 1874, by his efforts to prevent the Afghans from closing in upon Kabul and besieging Lord Roberts in the Sherpur entrenchments.]—"The Age."

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