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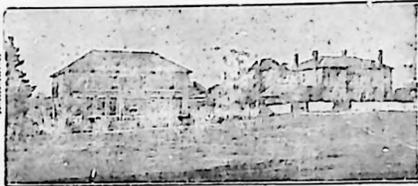
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The Lord's Supper: A Proclamation.

From the evidence which the Supper yields to the death and resurrection of our Lord, which we considered in our last article, it is an easy transition to the witness which Christians to-day, by virtue of their attendance at the feast, give to their fellows. One of the most familiar sentences concerning the institution is found in the Corinthian Epistle: "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come." The word rendered "shew" in the common version and "proclaim" in the revised is elsewhere frequently used by Paul; see, e.g., 1 Cor. 9: 14; Col. 1: 28. Luke in Acts in his account of the preaching of the gospel also uses the word. We gather that the Supper is a means of preaching the gospel. It is "a living sermon, an acted discourse."

"What mean ye by this service?"

In olden time, we are told, when Jewish children saw the Passover service, they inquired, "What mean ye by this service?" The answer thereto was appointed by God: "Ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians and delivered our houses." Again, the stones which Joshua commanded to be taken from the bed of Jordan were to be a witness, so that "when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What mean ye by these stones?' Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off; and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever." In like manner, the Supper remains an abiding witness of the death of the Lord Jesus; the very sight of a table spread for the memorial feast, of a disciple wending his way to the assembly of the saints, is to men a message of the Christ who died to save.

The preaching function of the church.

It has been the Lord's good pleasure to ordain that redeemed men should be the heralds of the message of the gospel. Angels, with all their exalted privilege, are not said to have this joy of witness bearing. It is a commonplace with us that not only did the Lord commit the ministry of reconciliation to his church, but in a true sense every member of that church has both the priv-

ilege and the responsibility of bearing witness. There is no special preaching caste in the church of God. Each Christian, in his own way, according as God has given him grace, should tell the message of love and hope. Some are able to proclaim, from the public platform, the message in an acceptable manner. Such but do their duty when they give this witness. Many are unable to proclaim the message thus; nor is there reason for believing that it was desired or is desirable that a very large proportion or a majority of disciples should testify thus. The greater number must give their witness in a quieter way. There is a harder and probably a more effective ministry, that of quiet, personal work. There is no need to suppose that all the disciples scattered abroad who in apostolic days are said to have gone about preaching the word got into a pulpit to do it! In daily converse with the individuals they met they explained the reason for their exile, and in ordinary talk bore witness to Jesus and his salvation.

There are some who may think that in neither public preaching nor in personal work are they likely to be successful. Probably all could improve in one or other of these particulars; it may be that unwillingness rather than inability is the cause of silence. But in any case the Lord Jesus has provided one means of gospel proclamation in which all those in good health can regularly participate. This is found in the Supper, which has enshrined in it the great facts which procured our redemption. As oft as ye eat the Supper, "ye proclaim the Lord's death."

The Supper for the world's benefit.

We gather that the Lord did not institute the Supper for the benefit of his church alone. True, the lawful partakers are Christian people; but the Supper is intended to be a means of good to others also. And it is so in that it gives them a perpetual reminder of the Saviour. The man out of Christ sees faithful souls on each first day of the week with eager steps hasten to the place of worship; he knows the purpose of their going, and so their faith in Christ preaches to him. Of course the Supper is more than this; the Lord who knew the hearts of his people and their needs instituted it for their spiritual benefit; and we may be absolutely certain that no one can get the same amount of good by even an oc-

casional disobedience to the Lord's wish as he could get by a constant attendance on the first-day to break the memorial loaf. Loving obedience must ever be a channel of blessing. But, alas, some Christians fail to appreciate the Master's provision for the needs of their souls. Would that such, if they will not regard their own spiritual welfare, would realise the harm which by even an occasional wilful absence they are inflicting on those who know not God. The world without Christ is perishing; the needs of men are varied, but the supreme if unconscious need of all is the gospel. The Supper embodies the gospel message, and it is God's will that every Christian should proclaim the Christ by his observance of the feast. Instead of lightly staying at home on any Lord's day, let us reflect that some poor lost soul may on that one day be waiting for the witness which our going would give, and without which he may remain in his darkness and sin.

Carrying the flag.

There is a story told of the American civil war. It is said that a woman followed a regiment carrying a flag. Some jeered at her, as thoughtless people would—for jeering is easy—and asked her what good she supposed she could do. To their scornful inquiry, she made the noble reply: "Well, I may be helpless, and unable to do much good; but at all events I can show which side I am on." God has made it possible for all his children to do a similar thing. In one kind of witness there is no advantage to the rich, the learned, the eloquent; the humblest and most retiring disciple can give it with as much effect as can the wisest Christian philosopher or theologian. There is perfect equality in the witness given in the Supper. Let us constantly show which side we are on.

The Twenty-third Psalm.

In "Pastures Green"? Not always; sometimes
He
Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me
In weary ways, where heavy shadows be
And by "still waters"? No, not always so;
Oh, times the heavy temptings round me blow,
And o'er my soul the waves and billows go.
But when the storms beat hardest, and I cry
Aloud for help, the Master standeth by,
And whispers to my soul, "Lo, I am I!"
So where He leads me, I can safely go,
And in the best hereafter I shall know
Why, in His wisdom, He hath led me so.

Notes on Current Topics.

Jas. E. Thomas.

The Foreign Missionary Vision.

The note of warning sounded by our Foreign Missionary Committee because of the shortage of funds showed that in the minds of these brethren the condition of our finances is serious enough to call for special mention. The fact is that, like most Foreign Missionary Societies, our funds have shown a falling off this last year. This is, of course, due to prevailing conditions and the number of patriotic and other appeals that have been so worthily responded to. This appeal for greater effort has not fallen on deaf ears. Our Victorian Conference expressed a most commendable desire to send out more workers, and felt sure the finances would be forthcoming. This optimistic spirit prevails, too, in other States. We want, therefore, to feel that in our preparation for the forthcoming annual offering on July 2 we are not only making provision for the work we have already in hand, but if possible to send out more of the workers now ready to go. There never was a greater opportunity for the church than to-day. Great and effectual doors are being opened. Millions of our fellow citizens in India and of our Allies in Japan and Africa, as well as those in the great countries of the earth, are waiting for the gospel. Let us commence straightway to make preparations for a worthy response to the call of our Lord on the first Sunday in July.

American Notes.

President Wilson's latest note seems to have been just a little more effective than those previously winked at by Germany. The Kaiser, who is said to have personally written the diplomatic and elusive answer, tries to put Uncle Sam off the scent by sending him after Great Britain in order to stop the blockade in which we are justly engaged. Secretary Lansing says that America refuses to interfere with our policy or to be drawn aside from the intention of the emphatic note to Germany. We do not wish to further the war spirit, for the whole conflict is far-reaching and terrible enough now, but we do feel that the time has about arrived when America should do something more effective than write notes. Germany still goes on sinking unarmed vessels and pursuing a policy of piracy unheard of heretofore. It may not be necessary for America to send an army to Europe, but she could cease supplying arms and provisions to our enemies, and thus assist in bringing an end to the savage practices of a relentless foe. This would be far more effective and dignified than writing notes with the right hand, and taking the profits of neutrality with the left.

Misinterpreting the Liquor Laws in S.A.

There have already been several prosecutions for sly grog selling in South Australia since the bringing in of six o'clock and the new Licensing Bill. A very plausible de-

fence was presented to the magistrate last week. The law says that it is a crime to sell or supply for profit liquor in any unlicensed premises. The counsel for defence submitted that for profit governs "to sell" as well as "supply," and that the police must prove that the accused sells for profit. The magistrate allowed the point, and though he admitted that it was proved that whisky was sold in an unlicensed house, yet it had not been proved that it was sold for profit. Possibly the worthy magistrate considered that this sly grog shop might have been a philanthropic institution for the benefit of thirsty souls. He dismissed the case. Two days after this questionable interpretation, another magistrate in the same court ruled that for profit does not govern sell, and that two offences are evidently provided for, either to sell or supply for profit being a crime. This is obviously the meaning of the Act. It is intended not only to convict those who sell liquor, but those who sell a sandwich for a shilling and supply a bottle of beer free. The Attorney General thinks a comma after sell is all that is needed to place the interpretation beyond doubt. There is to be an appeal to the Supreme Court to settle the matter, and if necessary an amendment of the Act as soon as Parliament meets. This is another sample of how law breakers seek to over ride the intention of the law.

Caring for Our Returned Soldiers.

The awful war that is calling for the sacrifice of the bravest and best men of our Empire, bringing cares and sorrows in its train, is adding to the complex problems of our social and religious life. Men that have willingly gone to do their part are returning to us now in hundreds. Some day, and we pray that it may be soon, thousands will return after an honorable peace has been signed. The effects of camp life and of a sojourn in a country with the vices that Egypt has, has been a great testing to our men. Hundreds of men have fallen into the evils of impurity, gambling, or drink. Many have become careless as to their religious life, and fallen into the ways of an Eastern land. We must not harshly condemn them, for those who have not been able to go or have remained willingly at home might have sinned just as much if they had gone. Still, we must protect society from those who need special treatment and care. We need to be careful that men who have been given special privileges, and whom we so proudly honor, do not, as some unfortunately have, fall into a loose method of life. As far as the churches are concerned, our greatest joy is that thousands of these brave men will return uncontaminated by evil influences, and as honorable and clean in life as when they went upon their noble mission. Thousands have found Christ to be more real, and given their hearts to him. They have learned afresh to read the Book their mothers taught them. For these we must be wait-

ing with a Christian welcome and a church home. They will be just as brave in the service of Christ as they have been in the service of their King and country. Let us give them the welcome of loving hearts.

A Denomination and a Sacrament.

Our friend and one-time neighbor, Fredric C. Spurr, has delivered a characteristic address upon his assuming the office of President of the Marylebone Free Church Council in London. He stated his fears for the religious future of the country if the churches did not come together. He said there was no justification for the denominational isolation from one another, and it was time some of these divisions came to an end by the union of churches. He hinted quite plainly that the Congregationalists and Baptists ought to unite, for "a denomination ought not to be founded on a sacrament." In this last statement Mr. Spurr draws attention to a great common error. Denominations have been founded upon sacraments or upon peculiar views of church polity or doctrine. We trust Mr. Spurr does not mean that he is willing to give up the sacrament of baptism, nor cease to preach its importance as an act of obedience to our Lord. This would be too great a concession to make even for church union. We would rather seek to emphasise the truth he presents as being the cause of division. Churches have emphasised important sacraments or doctrines by their names and divisions. If we are willing to go back to the fundamental basis of union found in the New Testament, we shall accept all the sacraments and doctrines of the apostolic and primitive church, and faithfully practice them, and for the sake of union we shall willingly give up all the names and traditional creeds that now weaken us in our denominationalism.

The Serbian National Hymn.

The eyes of the world are now on stricken Serbia, apparently in her death throes as a nation. Relief from Britain and France has come too late. The English translation of the Serbian national hymn given below strikes a peculiar and pathetic chord. It reads:—

God of justice! Thou who saved us
When in deepest bondage cast,
Hear Thy Serbian children's voices,
Be our help as in the past.
With Thy mighty hand sustain us,
Still our rugged pathway trace;
God, our hope, protect and cherish
Serbian crown and Serbian race!

Bind in closest links our kindred,
Teach the love that will not fail,
May the loathed field of discord
Never in our ranks prevail;
Let the golden fruits of union
Our young tree of freedom grace;
God, our Master, guide and prosper
Serbian crown and Serbian race!

On our sepulchre of ages
Breaks the resurrection morn,
From the slough of direst slavery
Serbia anew is born.
Through five hundred years of durance
We have knelt before Thy face,
All our kin, O God, deliver!
Thus treats the Serbian race.

Church Officers and their Duties.

W. L. Ewers.

The great mission which Jesus Christ committed to his church demanded something more than haphazard methods to secure its accomplishment; it could be achieved only by means of the organisation of the forces at the disposal of the church. Jesus was too wise a leader to leave things to chance; and the issues at stake were too great and the work too vast to allow the rapidly increasing bands of disciples to attempt the task of world redemption without some system of organisation.

It is true that during the early years this organisation was neither complete nor perfect; but as the necessity arose, and as ability developed, certain men were chosen as officers whose duty it was to both serve and lead; a duty handed down to officers in these days, and found in the service of leading others and the leadership in serving others. This service and leadership are all the more necessary when we consider the church as a working as well as a worshipping institution, where every Christian is a servant for Christ's sake.

Good leadership is absolutely essential to progress in the church. There is a saying in America, "As goes America, so goes the world," but there is even more truth in the expression, "As go the officers, so goes the church." If the officers don't go, the church doesn't go. G. W. Muckley said, "There are some ministers who don't minister, some elders who don't 'eld,' and some deacons who don't 'deak,'" and we all admit the truth of the statement. There certainly is need of greater efficiency on the part of those called to be the leaders in church work.

It is not our purpose to deal with all the duties of all the church officers, but some duties of some of the officers will be mentioned.

1. The evangelist is a proclaimer of good tidings. In the New Testament church three duties, among others, stand out prominently. (1) To preach the gospel, lead souls to accept Christ and baptise them. (2) When sufficient had been baptised, to form them into a local church, and watch over them, instruct and train them until they were strong enough; and then, after assisting in the appointment of elders and deacons, to pass on to some other field. (3) To have the oversight of all the churches thus organised and visit and assist them when necessary.

The duties of the evangelist of to-day have changed in some respects with the changing years. Too often duties are placed upon him which should be performed by others. Except in very rare instances should it be the duty of the evangelist to open the building, "light up," sweep out, pick up pieces of paper, tidy up hymn books, etc., etc. Yet these things frequently must be attended to by him because others neglect or refuse to do them. Someone has said, "he must carry out his own special work, and then do everything that others leave undone." While it is not practicable for all

our evangelists now to travel from place to place, as did those of the early church; and while it is necessary for many of them to remain with one church and concentrate their efforts for long periods in one community, I make a plea for a little more of the New Testament method of evangelism than we have at the present time. If this State is to be won and new churches are to be established, and weak ones strengthened, it will be necessary for our churches to release their evangelists at times that they may go out to evangelise in other fields, and with an efficient leadership on the part of the officers the local work would not greatly suffer.

II. Elders, whose duty it is to minister in things spiritual, occupy a most important office in the church organised after the New Testament pattern. Their duties can also be classed as threefold.

1. To protect the flock. "Be shepherds to the church of God." This protection should be manifested in many ways. The church should be saved from error in teaching and life, and from spiritual sickness, which is as dangerous to the Christian life as the dreaded sleeping sickness to the African native, and which causes so many to wander from the fold. The elders must protect the flock from illness, caused by overfeeding and lack of exercise, and must endeavor to provide work for all.

2. To feed the flock. The elder must be "apt to teach" both in private, where a few well chosen words may save a soul from death, or in public, that the members may grow in grace and in knowledge. Elders should choose from the members those who have ability, and train them for greater usefulness.

3. To administer discipline. "Obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls as those who must give an account to God." To admonish, reprove, rebuke, correct, and as a last resource, withdraw from the one walking disorderly.

III. To the deacons are left the caring for the secular wants and interests of the church. Truth is the supreme possession of the church, but material means must be used to declare it, and it is to the direction of the material ministries that the duties of deacons apply. It is theirs to assist needy cases, to look after local financial matters, by making a careful estimate of expenditure; submitting plans for raising the necessary money; seeing that each member contributes; and that all accounts are paid promptly and the work conducted on business methods. It is theirs also to look after the church property; see that the building is cleaned, well-ventilated, well lighted, opened up early, beautified and kept in order.

A Few General Suggestions.

1. It is the duty of the church officer to support the decisions of the majority, if there be no principle involved in so doing. Too often some who are not in favor of a certain line of procedure carried by the ma-

ajority not only refuse to assist, but often openly oppose the working of the plan. All honor to the man who can say, "Brethren, I'm not in favor of the plan; I don't think it is the best one, but it's been carried, and I'll do all I can to make it a success."

2. Another important duty frequently overlooked by our leaders in church work is that many matters discussed in officers' meeting should be kept strictly to the officers, and not mentioned even to their wives. Untold harm has often resulted because of the non-observance of this simple duty expected of all who are called to high and responsible office in the church.

3. The formation of committees is often of assistance to the officers in carrying out their work. Have a finance committee, one to look after benevolence, another missionary, building, advertising, Sunday School, etc., according to the number of officers and needs of the church.

4. It is certainly the duty of the officers to keep in touch with every organisation of the church. A frequent complaint, especially by young people's organisations, is that the officers are never present at their meetings, and lack of attendance is attributed to lack of sympathy and interest. The following suggestions may help in overcoming this: (a) Let the officers draw up a plan, so that each organisation may be visited by them in turns each month or quarter. (b) The formation of what is known in America as the "official board," to be composed of the officers and a representative of every department of church activity; S.S. superintendent, choir leader, president Y.P.S.C.E. and Juniors, and the leader of all the other organisations. Let the board meet once a month, or quarterly, when each department can present its needs and report on its work.

5. It is also the duty of the officers to keep the church roll up to date. It is much better for them to go over the roll each quarter, than to wait till the Conference statistics are to be made up, and then hurriedly attempt to revise it.

6. No officers can successfully carry out their duties unless they have the honor, respect and authority due to them by virtue of the positions to which they have been called. How careless some churches are in their election of officers! When nominations are called at the business meeting some altogether unfitted for office are nominated, and many who are suitable decline to act. How much better to have all nominations in writing, with the signature of the nominator and the consent of the nominee, to be in the hands of the secretary at least a week before the election. The church should take as much care in the selection of its leaders as a bank takes in choosing its managers, or a company in selecting its directors. After the election a Sunday morning should be devoted to solemnly setting apart by the church those whom it has chosen. A special address appropriate to the occasion should be given, a solemn charge made to the officers, as they stand together in the front or on the platform, and the church should then unite in prayer on their behalf, and sing a suitable hymn. Surely such a service would be of great assistance to the officers in carrying out their duties.

Auckland, N.Z., Conference.

Conference for 1916 opened in the Ponsonby-road chapel on Thursday, April 20, at 8 pm. There was a good attendance of representatives from the suburban and country churches. The president, Bro. E. Evans, occupied the chair. After a hymn and a few prayers, brethren proceeded at once to business.

Bro. R. J. Dick, F. Pilkington, and J. B. Allen were appointed reporters. Bro. Greenwood was Conference secretary, and Bro. R. J. Dick recording secretary.

Greetings were received from Dominion, Southern District, Middle District, and Victorian Conferences; the president announced that suitable replies had been sent.

Correspondence was received from Bro. Maib, of the "Australian Christian," and from Bro. Langford, of the Dominion Conference. Received, discuss and adjourned.

Bro. E. Vickery, in behalf of the Ponsonby-road church, welcomed the visitors to the Conference, wishing them all a useful and happy time.

Home Mission Committee's Report.—This occasioned considerable discussion, and some criticism, mainly concerning the *locale* of the Committee's premises, but the report was passed almost unanimously.

The balance sheet, showing a deficit of £1, was also freely criticised, and then passed. The statistical register showed a net gain of only four men.

Foreign Mission Committee's Report was also freely discussed, but was carried unanimously.

FRIDAY'S SESSIONS.

At 9 am, Bro. W. E. Vickery presided over a devotional meeting. This served to set the brethren in a good spirit for a long day's work.

At 9 pm Bro. Evans took the chair. He announced that in view of the heavy schedule he would not give the president's address unless there should be time after the business was over.

Conference then proceeded to discuss the Foreign Mission balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of about £10. In connection with the Foreign Mission report, the following resolution was carried: "That this Conference places on record its high appreciation of the concerted labors of our missionaries in Rhodesia, and recommends the brethren to continue to support the work with their prayers and their finances."

The Bible School Advisory Committee's report showed that the schools in the district were in a healthy state, with a largely increased attendance. The report was adopted. In this connection the following resolution was carried: "That this Conference recommends the incoming Advisory Committee to attend and persistently urge all teachers to train the ablest scholars from 12 years upwards in the labor of attending the gospel meetings."

After the adoption of the evangelist's report, a number of recommendations from the late H.M. Committee were considered.

(1) "That a building at Point Chevalier be purchased and used. This was freely discussed, and warmly supported by all who had personally helped in the work in that district, and carried almost unanimously.

(2) "That Bro. Greenwood be re-engaged as Home Mission evangelist." Carried, with one dissent.

(3) "That the principle of amalgamation of the Middle District with Auckland Conference be continued, and that steps be taken to arrange the amalgamation." Carried.

(4) "That the plan secretary be a member of the Home Mission Committee *ex officio*." Carried.

Conference next proceeded to consider a motion of which notice had been given by Bro. R. J. Dick, "That one of the committees set up by Conference be instructed to inaugurate the representation of the churches by delegates for the next Conference." Carried, and the responsibility placed on the Home Mission Committee.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Bro. W. Gyan.

Home Mission Committee: Bro. E. Vickery, R. J. Dick, F. Evans, G. Moyle, W. H. Cannell, W. Donald, and J. Edwards, *senior*, with E. J. Carr as plan secretary.

Foreign Mission Committee: Sisters Morton, Gyan, Hibbert, Bro. Morton, Urquhart, H. Smith, C. Wood, J. Wedding, A. Edwards, and P. H. Cannell.

Bible School Advisory Committee: Bro. Vickery, Perkins, Glabier, Collier, Greenwood, Lomax and Dickson.

Conference Arrangements Committee.—One representative from each of the committees, and Bro. E. J. Carr, W. Taylor, and J. B. Allen (*con-venter*).

The Temperance Committee reported very little work done, and a suggestion was made that no temperance committee be elected this year, but a vigorous speech by Sister Miss settled the matter, and Conference proceeded to elect Sisters Maslin and Macdermott, and Bro. Perkins, Dewar, Noyce, Morton, and G. Lovett.

The Sisters' Executive Council report was carried, with a vote of thanks to the sisters for the splendid work done.

A vote of thanks to Sister H. D. Waney, the corresponding to isolated members, was carried by acclamation.

At 12.45 Conference adjourned to discuss a beautiful lunch, prepared by the sisters.

About 2 o'clock, the formal business having been transacted, Conference settled down to discuss "Our Forward Movement." Bro. P. D. McCallum led off with a very fine paper on "The Deepening of Spiritual Life." The speaker mentioned prayer, the altar in the home, and public worship as leading factors in deepening the spiritual life of the laity. The paper was freely and appreciatively discussed.

Bro. R. J. Dick followed with a paper on Home Missions—maturity, scope, and local failure. During a lengthy discussion of the subject, it was clearly shown that the Home Mission Committee could only work so far as their efforts were supported by the brotherhood. The value of personal work was also strongly emphasised.

"How the Bible School Can Best Help the Church" was the subject of a paper by Bro. E. A. Perkins. The subsequent discussion revealed the presence of a keen interest in Bible School work, and high appreciation of the present condition of our schools about Auckland. While the church rolls show a total of 886 names, the Bible Schools show 1313.

Bro. H. R. Urquhart took the annual Foreign Mission report from the field as the text for a very fine address in the work of our missionaries in Rhodesia. This was followed by a solo beautifully rendered by Sister M. Evans. The discussion on Bro. Urquhart's address showed that both the address and the work were appreciated by the brethren.

At the president's suggestion, Conference decided to send a message of sympathy to certain very faithful members, who by reason of age and infirmity had been unable to attend this Conference. These names were: Bro. Wallis, Pakarua; Sisters Easton, Pakarua; Burns, *senior*, R. Downey, Boffe, and Turner. Sister Downey passed away about 24 hours later.

As there was still half an hour to spare, the president's address was delivered. It was a fine exhortation to the brethren to make this Conference a stepping-stone to greater harmony and usefulness.

At six o'clock a fine old-fashioned gathering sat down to a fine old-fashioned tea. Half an hour later there was a fine array of empty plates and contented faces.

At 7 pm a packed meeting sat down to listen to the cantata "Esther," rendered by the united choir. Bro. Hyden was the conductor; Sister

Olive Hyden, accompanist; the soloists were Sisters Evans, J. Welch, and G. Pryne, and Bro. J. Bell and J. Buchanan. The rendering was most enjoyable. During an interval Bro. Dick, on behalf of the choir, made a presentation to Bro. Bell, who is shortly going into camp.

CLOSING MEETINGS.

On Saturday evening a good meeting of teachers and others interested in Bible School work listened to a very fine address by Bro. Urquhart on "The Teacher as a Visionary."

On Lord's day morning there was a fine gathering at the meeting for worship, when Bro. McCallum gave a stirring address. In the afternoon the same speaker addressed the Bible School, using a number of war relics by way of illustration. In the evening Bro. Greenwood preached a forceful Conference sermon on "The Church of the Future."

Unsettled weather interfered with the Conference picnic, but some fifty people spent a pleasant day at Heide-on.—J. B. Allen.

Auckland District Conference Jottings.

Bro. Gyan, our new president. Well done, Onewhanga!

"The secret of spirituality is being true to God."—P. D. McCallum.

Bro. F. W. Greenwood was re-engaged as Home Mission evangelist for another year.

A fine devotional meeting led by Bro. W. Vickery lent a helpful tone to the meeting.

After holding an open Conference for thirty-three years, it was decided to inaugurate representation by delegates.

The claims of the Sunday School were ably brought before Conference by Bro. E. A. Perkins, our Sunday School enthusiast.

A note of progress was struck when the Home Mission Committee was directed to proceed with the erection of a building at Point Chevalier.

The Auckland Foreign Mission Committee placed on record an expression of its confidence in the existing constitution of the Foreign Mission Council.

Storms which were brewing at the earlier stages of the Conference vanished before the gentleness of the brethren and the tactfulness of the president, Bro. E. Evans.

Bro. Edwin Carr and Bro. Laing, *senior*, our esteemed veterans, in spite of advancing years and physical weakness, were present. The former took a keen and vigorous interest in the proceedings.

The report of the Home Mission Committee did not give complete satisfaction, the progress was not in keeping with the desire of the brethren. This leads us to hope for better things in the future.

Friday's meetings were brought to a close by the rendering of the cantata "Esther," by the united choir, under the leadership of Bro. A. M. Bryden. Sisters Evans, Pryne, and Welch, and Bro. Buchanan and Bell, as soloists, contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.—D.

Two Sayings.

Two sayings of the Holy Scriptures beat
Like pulses in the Church's brow and breast;
And by them we find rest in our unrest,
And heart-deep in salt tears, do yet entreat
God's fellowship as if on heavenly seat.
The first is, "Jesu, woe!"—admission to rest.
Full many a sinner, when the record's best,
And sweetest waters on the record sweet—
And one is where the Christ, denied and scorned,
Looked upon Peter. Oh, to render plain,
By help of having loved a little and mourned,
That look of sorrow love and sorrow pain,
Which He, who could not sin, yet suffered, turned
On him who could reject but not sustain.

—Mrs. Brownrigg

West Australian Conference.

From as far as 400 miles away the brethren went to Conference at Easter time in West Australia. The meetings were held in the Lake-st. chapel, Perth. The attendances generally were good, and the interest throughout was well maintained. Confidence in the future was a dominant note, and the spirit of self-help was prominent. Bro. E. G. Warren, president, made a breezy yet business-like chairman. Delegates were present from each of the suburban churches, and from Brookton, Bunbury, Collier, East, Collier, Harvey, Kalgoorlie, Kellmerrait, and Northam. The Executive Committee's report was adopted. The report included the following paragraphs on

STATISTICS AND FINANCE.

Statistics.

The total number of additions by faith and baptism, formerly immersed, and restoration since last Conference has been 245. The present total membership is 1250, an increase of 126.

The Bible School figures are not at all satisfactory. We now have in all our schools 1420 scholars, a decrease of 108. The additions to the church from the schools were 78.

The gains and losses in the statistical table on page 8 are—Additions—By faith and baptism, 187; formerly immersed and restoration, 58; letter, 58—Total, 303. Losses—By death, 12; discipline and revision of roll, 90; letter, 79. Total, 181. Bible Schools, 16; teachers, 223; scholars, 1420; a decrease of 108 scholars and an increase of 1 teacher.

Finance.

The work in hand at the beginning of the year has been maintained, and our estimated requirements for the past year, "of at least £1250," have in consequence had to be met. On referring to the statement of receipts and expenditure, you will see that through the ordinary channels the contributions received amounted to £1200/11/4, and the special contributions through the Sisters' Conference—Christmas and Christmas gift—brought the total up to £1231/11/4. This establishes a record, being just on £150 in excess of the previous, and best, year. We opened the year with a debit balance of £114/10/3, and nearly the whole of this was still with us at the close of the year, viz. £105/1/1.

A. W. Connor, evangelist at Subiaco, moved: "That this Conference sends to those of our young men in the field of active service, connected with the various churches, greetings expressing the hope that they will be able, by their lives, to witness for the King of kings, and that God's protection will be given them; also that the Conference extends its deep sympathy to those who have been bereaved."

It was decided that a printed souvenir embodying the foregoing resolution should be sent to every member of the various churches and Sunday Schools who is known to be at the front, church secretaries, and others interested through the State being asked to help the chairman in the compilation of a complete list for that purpose.

HOME MISSION REPORTS.

As usual, a deal of interest centred round the reports from the various Home Mission fields. The work at Northam continues to grow. Bro. D. R. Stirling has served there throughout the year. There have been 50 additions. The church has contributed £54/10/- towards the support of their preacher.

Brookton and Pingelly reported another year of hard work. The evangelist, Bro. F. E. Alcorn, travels over 130 miles per month to keep his appointments.

The delegate, Bro. Brooker, left the brethren in no doubt as to the desire of the Kalgoorlie brethren to have Bro. Marsden back there again. Kalgoorlie gave a hint that it hoped to be self-supporting before very long. During the year a new school-room had been erected, and they contributed £17/13/8 towards the preacher's salary.

Bunbury, the principal port of the south-west, has lost its evangelist, Bro. H. U. Rodger, who

appeared at the Conference in uniform—the A.M.C. Bridgetown and Manjimup had been taken into his work during the year, and an application is in the hands of the Church Building Extension Committee for funds to help build a church home.

The brethren at Harvey recently purchased a block of land, and, with the help of the Church Extension Fund, have now erected a church home for themselves. Bro. Geo. Charman has shown great fidelity to the cause in the years gone by, and is still among the active workers there.

The Collier brethren desire to open five new stations round Collier. Unless they get evangelistic assistance they intend to pool their funds this year and engage a preacher themselves next year.

A subsidy of £13 was all that Fremantle church received during the past year, and it is hoped they will soon be able to carry on without further assistance. Bro. Warren proposes leaving for the Eastern States at the end of his term, in August next, so that a new position will have to be faced.

Mayland's evangelist, T. H. Scambler, left just after the half-year. The church had been subsidised at the rate of £2 weekly till then. The platform had been recently filled by Bro. C. A. G. Payne, T. P. Cook, S. Taylor, and others. The brethren here are progressive Sunday School enthusiasts. No request for evangelistic assistance was made.

The devoted zeal of their preacher, Bro. E. East, in the church at Claremont, owes much. For about ten years, a few faithful brethren have always been found who "held the fort," sometimes in a private house, sometimes in a hired hall. Now they have their own building and the prospects have continued to improve during the past twelve months.

Substantial progress was reported at West Guildford, and the work in a most promising condition. Fine interest in the Sunday evening meetings. A mission had been conducted in October last by Bro. Banks. There had been 41 additions for the year. A while back they struggled (and were assisted by the Extension Building Fund), to get a church home of their own. Now they talk of enlargement. The Conference felt deep regret owing to the fact that Bro. G. T. Fitzgerald, the evangelist at West Guildford, was seriously

ill in hospital after an operation for appendicitis. They passed an unanimous vote of sympathy with him.

North Perth.—"The church is in a better condition than ever before in her history." So said Bro. H. J. Banks. He is the evangelist there, and the organising secretary of the State. "During the year we have had 12 by faith and baptism, and another 11 through the mission," so he reported. "In two years from now the church will be entirely self-supporting."

SUMMARY.

The total additions from all the fields, including the special missions at Claremont and Collier, were 167 for the year. What progress has been made in connection with the reports of the various churches this year was the confidence of the brethren in the various causes with which they are identified, and the evident spirit of self-help manifested. Quite a contrast was this to the phasing, about three years back, of about six churches for the services of half that number of available evangelists. Bunbury, Collier, and Mandurah, however, are all needing help, as well as other inviting fields, and the Home Mission Committee anticipates a year of progressive work.

Bro. Banks gave a talk about the work of the State generally. At Manjimup, Bridgetown, and Harvey, good fields were waiting to be developed, but we had not the men to send. During the two years he had acted as organising secretary, the churches had increased their gifts to Home Missions £108/14/6. The assisted churches have increased to £287/8/1, and the unassisted churches have increased £127/7/5. Looking backward, he found that out of 184 additions, 108 had come by means of Home Mission work. The total additions from all the fields during the past year, including the special missions at Claremont and Collier, were 167.

It was decided to appoint a committee to inaugurate a class for men desiring to qualify for preaching, and it was also resolved to reorganise the Home Mission Committee to arrange that preachers engaged in the country should change with city preachers on two Sundays in each quarter.

At the temperance demonstration J. A. Simons, the leader of the Young Australia League Boys on their recent trip to America, gave a breezy address, in which he said many good things. A

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W.A. CONFERENCE DELEGATES AND VISITORS

(Photo, T. H. Banks)

Reports from the Field.

Queensland.

BRISBANE.—On the 8th inst. the Young People's Association's evening night took the form of musical and social evening. There were 35 present, and a nice evening was passed. Yesterday morning W. Trudgill spoke. Amongst the visitors was Miss Solomon, of Enmore, N.S.W. Sisters L. Mitchell and D. Collins, who were baptised during the week, were welcomed into the church. Good attendance at the gospel service, Bro. A. C. Rankine preaching.—H.C.S.

ALBION.—Since Bro. Graham began to work with the church the attendance has shown a marked improvement. Our brother's evening addresses are forcible and convincing. On May 1, our annual Bible School picnic was held at Kalunga Park, a most enjoyable day being spent. A society has been formed called the "Company of Friends" to develop the social life of the young people, Bro. Graham being manager.—H.W.H., May 14.

MARYBOROUGH.—The meetings are well attended, and the interest is well sustained. Another young man recently was immersed upon the confession of his faith, this making eight additions by faith and baptism since evangelist Heather commenced his ministry. We regret losing Sister Miss Stiler, who was for a number of years our organist, but was recently married, and is residing in Brisbane. Our best wishes follow her and her husband.—A.V.H.

West Australia.

FREMANTLE.—On Lord's day morning our evangelist exchanged platforms with W. H. Blakemore, B.A., who gave an excellent address. The Bible School are getting ready for their anniversary next month. The Senior Endeavorers visited the Baptist Church last Monday night. At this meeting our Baptist brethren welcomed their new preacher, Mr. Gilmore. The work is going along quite here.—May 13.

PERTH.—E. E. Alcorn, evangelist at Brookton, was the morning speaker on April 23. Several Conference visitors were present. At night we held a special service in honor of Anzac. In the place of the usual address, Bro. Blakemore read Scripture passages bearing on heaven and the future life, whilst solos were rendered by Bro. H. Wright, Miss Wright, Mrs. Horn, Miss Davidson, and Private J. Higgs, a returned soldier. Last Lord's day morning, Bro. Blakemore gave an interesting review of the Conference meetings, and spoke of the bright prospects that awaited the churches here in the coming years. He paid a tribute to the splendid services rendered by H. J. Banks, the organising secretary. Our evangelist spoke at night on "The Resurrection Here and Now," and two young ladies took their stand for Christ.—W.A., May 5.

New Zealand.

HASTINGS.—It is twelve months since my wife and I arrived here, where we found some 10 or so church members meeting for the breaking of bread only. We are just holding the fort. However, the church has a section bought and paid for, in which we propose to build very soon, and then we hope to make a forward move. Bro. J. Miller is away, owing to his health, but we expect him back by end of week, we hope the better for his trip.—G.L.

CHRISTCHURCH.—"It is high time to awake," was the text of last Sunday morning's exhortation, while "Worthless and Worthy" referred to Onesimus and Pilaten at night. On Tuesday night the anniversary social and prize distribution was held at S. J. Albans Bible School, when a large number were present to enjoy the usual programme on "The Day of Wrath" and "The Day of Hope." On Thursday the Band of Hope gave a very good programme at its monthly meeting.—P.S.N., May 13.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Since Bro. Bolton's arrival the meetings have shown marked improvement. Owing to insufficient workers the sisters did not hold a public sale of work, but disposed of goods privately, realising the amount of £10, which was handed to the church treasurer for the Home Mission fund. Last Lord's day there were fair attendances, and one young man confessed Christ.—L.H.

SOUTH WELLINGTON.—The meetings today were very well attended, especially the gospel service. Bro. R. A. Wright spoke morning and evening. We regret that another of our number has been called away by the person of Sister Mrs. Jones, daughter of our esteemed Sister Westley. Our sister was a faithful soldier of the Cross, and was greatly loved by all the brotherhood. She had not been ailing very long.—A.L., May 7.

Tasmania.

LAUNCESTON.—Five number met on May 14 for worship. Bro. Day continued his address on "The Christian's Vision." Impressed attendance at Bible School, with two new scholars. A large number assembled at the gospel service. Our preacher made special reference to Mother's Day, and solos bearing on the subject and the gospel sermon were feelingly rendered by Bren. Adams and Arnot, assisted by the choir. The devotional meetings held on four week-nights last week proved helpful and inspiring. The average attendance was 36. The subjects were splendidly taken up, and the discussion, together with praise and prayer, made the sessions very successful. Lord's day services were again well attended. Bro. Day concluded his series of addresses on "The Obscured Vision." A splendid address on "The Rich Young Man" was delivered by Bro. Day at the gospel service.—J.P.F.

South Australia.

PORT PRIDE.—Bro. Steward finished his labors with us at the end of January, and has proceeded to the East-West Railway to labor among the men. Our Bible School has been re-organised, and we now have a well-equipped, well attended graded school, with primary, junior, and senior departments. During the first two months of a new member competition with the Pirie South church school, we gained 22 scholars, and Pirie South 21. On March 20, the members of our Y.P.S.C.E. entertained the other young people attendants at our church meetings at a mock banquet. During the evening £1/10/- was collected towards our society's living link fund. We have tendered farewells to two more of our brethren, Harry Peck and Bert Westley, who have left for the front. W. E. Arnold has also entered camp in Adelaide. Bro. A. G. Saunders, of Semaphore, has been a welcome visitor, being the chief speaker in connection with the North-Western C.E. Union Convention held here on May 7, 8 and 9, and of which the writer was secretary. Last Sunday Bro. D. S. Harvey, who is succeeding Bro. Steward as assistant to Bro. Johnston, commenced his labors. Bro. Johnston gave an inspiring Home Missionary address in the morning, and at night to a good congregation Bro. Harvey preached a fine sermon on "The Cross." On May 10, a well attended public welcome was tendered our brother, ours and Pirie South churches united. Meetings were extended by Bro. J. Rusingbridge and G. Fletcher, Pirie South, and Bro. C. McDodd, E. Arnold, W. Hamp, and Bro. Johnston. Supper was provided by our deaconesses. E. Arnold, May 11.

LONG PLAIN.—Fair attendance this morning. Bro. Goodwin gave a helpful exhortation on "Guidance." A fair attendance of scholars at the school. This evening the building was nearly full, when Bro. Goodwin gave a profitable address on "The Design of Baptism." The two young men made the good confession. The two young men (one who confessed Christ last Lord's day) were afterwards baptised.—D. J. Daniel, May 14.

MURRAY BRIDGE.—On April 22 the members met in the chapel to have a social tea with Signaller Bro. H. Heyer, and a presentation of a gold C.E. pin was made to him. On April 23 the meetings were good. Bro. Heyer addressed the church acceptably. On May 7, one of the elder scholars from the Bible School made the confession. Yesterday Bro. J. J. Gore spoke morning and evening to good meetings, the writer being absent at Enalla and Lamerton, where good meetings were held. We are continuing our usual, necessary prayer meetings, but members do not attend very well.—J.T.T., May 5.

BALAKLAVA.—May 7 was Children's Day. Good attendance at worship. Bro. Taylor exhorted on "The Value of the Bible School to the Community." Four scholars who had been baptised were received into fellowship. The afternoon and evening services were somewhat interfered with owing to Bro. Taylor being indisposed, Bro. G. Bridgman taking his place at the gospel service. May 14, in the morning, Bro. Taylor not being sufficiently recovered, Bro. Tuck exhorted. At night Bro. S. C. Curtis preached to a large congregation. Bro. Taylor spoke a few words as a farewell message. Bro. and Sister Taylor leave for Wallaroo this week. We wish them God's richest blessing in their new sphere of labor.—P.H.R., May 12.

BYRE PENINSULA.—Since last report the writer has visited each preaching centre in this district, and the outlook is encouraging. Ungarra has now a training for service class, which meets tri-weekly under the writer's supervision. The Bible School is preparing for its anniversary on May 28, Sister N. Lawrie being musical conductor. Brother has made a forward step, as we are now conducting a tri-weekly gospel service there, having commenced on May 7, when good attendances were in order. Cummins and Pillana brethren have been encouraged by a three days' visitation in their end of the district. A helpful service was held in Sister Black, senr's, home on May 14. We were pleased to welcome Bro. B. C. Hackett, who will do the work at that place, which lies thirty miles from our base at Tumby Bay. Bro. G. Hammond and J. Nankivell conducted the services at Tumby Bay during the writer's absence, their discourses being keenly appreciated. At Lipson the meeting in Sister Gale's home is overcrowding the room in which we meet. The dry season is greatly affecting the prospects of the coming harvest.—C. H. Hunt.

HERBY.—On May 7 we had good meetings. On May 14, Bro. H. Cole of Renmark, presided. Bro. Clarke, immersed last Wednesday, was received into fellowship. One new scholar at Bible Class. Good meeting at night. The treasurer's books show income for all purposes for quarter ending May 14, average 1/7 per member per week. In three instances three and four come out of one home. Our great need here is a building. Cannot we, our worshipping brother, help these self-sacrificing disciples who are doing so much to realise this? Send a donation to S. W. Edwards—Roy Raymond.

CROYDON.—Good meetings. In the morning H. J. Horsell exhorted. Bible School attendance 161 scholars. At the gospel service W. Uren preached on "Victory." May 21, E. R. Manning exhorted. At the Bible School Signaller C. S. Tomkins gave a splendid talk to the children on "Signalling Across the Ganges." Bro. H. Horsell preached to a splendid congregation on "A Universal Gospel." The School of Methods training class is being held. A no. teachers of York, Humberston and Croydon meet here. Bren. H. J. Horsell and H. Bennett are the teachers.

MILE END.—Last Sunday we received into fellowship Sister Rowett, from Semaphore. On our mid-week meeting Thelma Eldridge was baptised. Afterwards a very interesting illustrated lecture on "The Exile of Brother China" by a returned missionary, Mr. Robt. Powell, of the C.M., who has spent 20 years in the interior of China, was listened to by a full audience. At 6:30 morning's meeting Sister Eldridge was welcomed into fellowship. To-night two more Bible School scholars made the good confession—Katie Pillar and Violet Brooks.—M., May 21.

KADINA.—This morning the exhortation was given by Bro. Stanley, "The Primes of God." Bro. Stanley, who has been ill for two weeks, is now on the road to recovery. Sister Mrs. Williamson is also recovering. Sister Mrs. Pannell, who has been absent for some time, and Sister Mrs. Eno. Reed, met with us this morning. Great interest is being taken in the Bible Class on Sunday afternoon in the Bible Study on "The Life of Christ." Good attendance this evening, when Bro. Pannell gave the address. A collection was taken up for the poor fund, when we received £1/5. The Girls' Guild held the opening meeting of this winter's session on May 9. Officers elected for the ensuing year are: Mrs. Wedd, president; Miss Ruby Martin, vice-president; Miss A. Wright, treasurer. Miss Ruby Champion, secretary. A programme of work is arranged, and the first is for our soldiers, to be held this month. Preparations are being made for a concert to raise money for the Returned Soldiers' Fund.

MOONTA.—We enjoyed all meetings on May 14. In the morning Bro. Allan addressed the church. Bible School started to practice for the anniversary. We had a special service in honor of mother, the chapel being decorated with white flowers. A joyous gathering assembled to hear Bro. Allan deliver a powerful and appropriate address. At the close the man who confessed Christ the previous Lord's day was baptised—H. Nancarrow.

BORDERTOWN.—We have recently celebrated our Bible School anniversary, which was very successful. The school is now the largest in the town and still growing, under the leadership of Bro. Fred Milne and his staff of teachers. On Sunday, 21st, a young lad, the eldest son of our Bro. and Sister Tilley, confessed his faith in Jesus, and was baptised the same hour—E.E.

PROSPECT.—This morning one of our young men, Bro. Edgar Stevens, in a very acceptable manner addressed the church. In the afternoon practice commenced for our anniversary, which will be held at the close of our tent mission. At 7.15 in the evening, the daughter of our secretary, confessed Christ. The tent mission will commence on June 11, the Home Mission tent being used. W. C. Brooker, of Queenstown, will be the missionary. A great time is expected, and eagerly prepared for by the church. Bro. W. Banks, our treasurer, was called upon to part with his wife last week, after a brief but painful illness she passed away—P.

LOCHIEL.—Since last report Mt. Templeton Bible School has held its anniversary services, which proved a pronounced success. Bro. Clive Taylor, of Balhahva, was the speaker for the day. On Wednesday, 12th, the public tea and meeting were held. Speakers for the evening were: P. Underwood (Methodist), H. M. Tuck, Clive Taylor and F. Hollans (Church of Christ). We have been favored with visits from Bro. Curtis an Neill. These brethren took charge of our meetings on April 21 and 30 in the absence of the writer. Several of our young men have enlisted; amongst these is our late secretary, Bro. W. McGregg. All future communications should be sent to A. D. Prillman, Lochiel—F. Hollans, May 17.

QUEENSTOWN.—On May 17, a special meeting was held to bid farewell and God-speed to Bro. and Sister J. E. Thomas, of Grete-st, and Chap. Capt. Bro. G. P. Cuttriss, of Hindmarsh. Bro. Brooker presided. Members of the choir rendered a male quartette. The choir sang two anthems under the leadership of Bro. A. Morphett. The various societies and auxiliaries of the church were represented as follows: Bro. C. E. Lawton, officers; Bro. R. Harris, church; Bro. Walter, Q.M.B.C.; Bro. J. Hall, Sunday School; Bro. J. Filmeroff, prayer meeting; Bro. A. Coint the sisters; Bro. G. Cox, W.C.T.U.; Sister D. Watkins, Aberdeen Branch, W.C.T.U.; Bro. J. Thompson, school choir. All spoke words of appreciation. Bro. A. Morphett represented the choir, and sang a solo; Bro. Brooker presented both brethren with a silver tonerang suitably inscribed. Bro. Cuttriss and Bro. Thomas responded feelingly in their addresses. A collection was taken up, and

resulted in £1/6/- being obtained towards Bro. Cuttriss' equipment. Refreshments were handed round. To-day, good services. P.Q.M. Mr. R. E. Stoney, minister of the P. Methodist, addressed the young people's worship, and had attendance. Bro. Brooker presided. We were pleased to have Bro. T. J. Gore and his daughter and Bro. Allison present with us. Bro. Gore's address was helpful and inspiring. Evening a large prayer meeting preceded the service. Crawled at 11.30. Bro. Brooker delivered a powerful sermon. A married woman, a soldier in the King's uniform, and a Sunday School girl, made the good confession—D.L.W.

HINDMARSH.—On Monday evening the C.E. Society paid a visit to North Adelaide Society. The subject for the evening, "Incidents in the Life of Christ," proved very successful. On Wednesday afternoon the annual meeting of the Dorcas Society was held. This report showed good work done during the year. Musical items and refreshments were provided. On Wednesday evening the quarterly church business meeting was held. Reports given showed good work done. On Thursday evening the choir tendered a farewell social to Bro. Morrison, who will leave shortly for the front. Bro. G. Godall, who is leaving for Mt. Compass. Small presentations in recognition of their services were given. Sunday services were good. Mr. Lockhart Morton is taking charge of the Sunday work for a period, and his addresses are much appreciated. On Children's Day Mr. Morton promised to put prizes for the best essay on his subject "Come." These were won by two Sunday School scholars, Thelma Hatt and Gwen Fraser.

New South Wales.

MANNING RIVER DISTRICT.—The writer paid a pastoral visit to Killbakh on Saturday last, and stayed for Sunday services. Seven to breaking of bread in the morning, and a fair number to the gospel meeting in the afternoon. Two Baptist families have come to reside in the locality, and will be coming into our fellowship. At night we had a Mothers' Day meeting, when a godly number gathered to hear the gospel. Bro. G. Macaulay, of Melbourne, and brother of Bro. W. Macaulay, of Taree, spoke impressively from Mark 10:16. The writer said a few words about "Jesus' Care for His Mother," and gave the gospel invitation. Two young ladies responded to the call. We have been glad of Bro. Macaulay's help during the last two Sundays, though grieved at the sad cause of his coming—G.E.B.

ERSKINEVILLE.—Splendid attendance of parents and scholars at prize giving demonstration on May 10. An interesting event on this occasion was the burning of note of indebtedness, and handing keys of school hall to trustees, free of debt. Sunday, May 14, Bro. Collins addressed the church, and expressed congratulations at the marked growth in attendance, and the clearance of debt of school hall. In the afternoon, four new scholars were enrolled. Baptismal service at night, and two others confessed Christ. Sunday, May 21, good meetings. In the morning one young man was received into fellowship. In the afternoon three new scholars were added to the school. At night two were baptised, and two more confessed Christ. We are busy in the campaign for the closing of liquor bars at 6 p.m. The writer's second anniversary here is to be celebrated on June 4—P. J. Pond, May 22.

NORTH AUBURN.—To-day we had glorious help from Bro. Straw, from Lidcombe, evening meetings all day, and we all felt lifted up. We had much pleasure in welcoming Sister Saxby, from Taree, at the Lord's table. Bro. Morton, of Belmont, gave the gospel address, which was much enjoyed. Our building fund is doing splendidly.—A. S. Horsfall.

LILYVILLE.—Meetings were well attended yesterday. Bro. Garden being the preacher, and both services at night. The subject was "A Mother's Love." Our school is making good progress; a number of new scholars. We are endeavoring to have every member present next Lord's day at the anniversary services, when the roll of the church will be called—A.S.

HORNSHY.—Elder Crosswhite presided. Bro. Linky Gordon exhorted on "The Church and the Home." At the gospel service Bro. Gordon gave a splendid address to the children on "Honor to God." We are making great preparation for our church anniversary on June 11th, and had meeting on the 7th—J. E. Reid.

AUBURN.—Fair attendance at breaking of bread on May 14. Bro. Saxby exhorted, it being Mothers' Day, the scholars rendered special items. A number of mothers and fathers were present, two of our oldest sisters receiving bouquets of white flowers. One sister was born on this day. In the evening Bro. Saunders spoke on "Memories of Mother," some of the senior scholars singing. On the following Thursday afternoon a pleasing function took place among the Dorcas sisters, when they presented to Sister Crosswhite, their secretary, as a token of love and esteem, a purse bag, and a Bible, on the occasion of her birthday. May 21, good meeting at breaking of bread, Bro. F. T. Saunders ably exhorting. Good attendance in the evening. Bro. Saunders taking as his text, "Whosoever Will"—G. Stich.

PETERSHAM.—On May 14, we had a nice morning service. Bro. Armit gave a splendid address. Sister Miss Pugh, Frost, was favoured by the presence of her mother. Bro. Armit's mother is very severe ill. Our evening meeting was a record one, Bro. Armit gave the gospel address on "Blind Bartimaeus" to a comparatively attentive congregation. Sister Mrs. Marshall and her daughter were received in at the after meeting—A.G.T.

LISMORE.—On May 14, we had beautiful help for meetings. Sister Alberta Brown, from Tyngum, was received in by letter. At night Bro. Taylor spoke on "Mother" to an appreciative audience. We are losing more faithful workers in Bro. and Sister G. Riley, also Sister Miriam Riley, whose work will be greatly missed in our kindergarten department. Bro. Riley has been appointed sales manager of Lister's, his residence in the vicinity of many who have been ill for some time, among whom are Sister Carter, and Bro. and Sister J. P. E. Walker—E.A.S.

MARRAR.—Notwithstanding the prevailing influenza epidemic, which sent our secretary to the hospital for an anxious period, and has since visited most of our homes, the attendance at all the meetings continues good. We are holding a service 42 to-day, with a few new names. We were able to have with us Bro. Charles Morton, of the Hornsby Mortons, who has come to reside in the district. The voluntary efforts of our field preachers who want a chance of occupation in a lively country church will be welcome largely—A.P.

ENMORE.—Bro. A. F. Bligney presided over our morning meeting on Lord's day, May 21. Bro. J. Saxby addressed the church, taking as the basis of his discourse "Love never faileth." In the afternoon the Bible School claimed the attention of our young people. The attendances at the school of late have been very good. Bro. Conroy, from Lannestown, visited the school, and spent the afternoon with the Bible Class. Bro. Bligney presided over a large congregation at our evening meeting. The subject of his gospel address was "The Conversion of Lydia." Sister Davis, from Paddington, and Bro. Horley, from North Sydney, sang solos. Bro. Bligney had the joy of receiving two converts from a number of the A.T.F.E. At the close of the meeting two ladies were baptised.

MARICKVILLE.—Good meeting this morning, when Bro. Rush gave a helpful and interesting address on "The Twelve Apostles." Crossed meeting this afternoon to commemorate Mothers' Day, when Bro. Hayward gave an address which was much appreciated. 122 scholars present at the Bible School, including four new ones. A number of Bro. Way, from Queensland, gave a service address on "Are thou he who shall come?" We regret to report that Miss Hazel Gordon, one of our most faithful workers, is in the hospital, and has just undergone an operation for cancer of the breast. J. J. Taylor, May 21.

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Foreign Missions.

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

Isaiah 42: 6-8.

"I Jehovah have called thee in righteousness, and shall hold my hand, and shall keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles, to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison-house. I am Jehovah, that is my name, and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise unto graven images."

A. B. Chappell.

During the past months Bro. Chappell has been very busy visiting the churches in South Australia, New South Wales, Tasmania, and he is now visiting in Victoria. These visits have all been helpful, and there have come to us many words of appreciation of the splendid work done.

While in South Australia Bro. Chappell visited the Northern Conference, which was held at Mooma. He quite won the hearts of the people with his earnest story. From here he went to Albury, and was present at the Conference there. Returning to Melbourne in time for the Foreign Mission meeting of the Victorian Conference, he was again well received.

We are not able just yet to announce what will be Bro. Chappell's plans for the future, but the Federal Committee expect to be able to meet him and Bro. Waters in Melbourne soon, when the question of the Island work will be thoroughly considered. The furlough of Bro. Waters is due, and it was felt this would be an opportune time to meet these two workers and learn more of the work in the New Hebrides. Our Island work is decidedly encouraging, for here we have the splendid training of Bro. Hillier, who, as the natives are sosted in their efforts to become teachers of their own people, at the same time receiving help in their knowledge of land cultivation on the coconut and cotton growing land of the mission. We also have a strong native church, and Bro. Filmer tells now of the possibility of doing some further work in the care of the children of European fathers. There are many of these children there, and their fathers desire to have them helped; Bro. Filmer has been approached in this direction. Then on Oba we have a splendid church and efficient staff of native teachers led by Bro. Waters, who to the best of their ability are instructing their brethren in the way of the truth. The work of Bro. Chappell on Maewo is young, but is most promising, and we in Australia should feel a deep and growing interest in this difficult yet exceedingly necessary work.

Return of Miss Tilley.

It is with deep regret we note the cause of the return of Miss Rosa Tilley to Australia. The mother of Miss Tilley is not at all strong, and our sister feels called to return to be of help to her. Miss Tilley arrived by the "Morea," which reached Adelaide last week. She is well, and hopes some time to return to Shrigonda and the work there. We shall miss her very interesting descriptions of her work which we have received from time to time, and our prayer is that God will use her and bless her, also strengthen her mother at this time.

Miss Tilley reports all well with the work in India, when she left. It was the best season, when workers are forced into the hills; consequently, Mr. and Mrs. Strutton, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Miss Cameron, and Mr. Coventry were away at Mahabeshwar. Miss Cameron, who has successfully passed her first year examination in the language, and Mr. Coventry are busy at study.

Thus by the return of Miss Tilley we are a worker short, so it becomes necessary to hurry reinforcements to the help of these brethren. Already they are doing the work of two, and no one

can long endure that, especially under the trying conditions in India. It is false economy on our part to make it necessary for a missionary to over work, yet we are a slow in sending others out work, that this becomes necessary. Both Bren, Strutton and Watson find it necessary at times to "go slow" because of the great demands made upon their strength. Let us speedily fill the gaps.

C.I.M. Annual Meeting.

We take pleasure in congratulating the workers of the China Inland Mission upon completing another year of service. The annual meeting will be held in the Collins-st. Baptist Church, Melbourne, on Tuesday, May 30. We note that among the speakers expected is Mr. R. E. Powell, who has spent over 25 years in China. Mr. Powell is in the Adelaide office of the C.I.M., and together with Mrs. Powell, his cultured wife, has done much to deepen the missionary sentiment of our churches. These good people have always been very willing to assist wherever invited, and their visits have been a great inspiration.

It is pleasing to note the continued growth of this remarkable society, which counts among its workers some of the most successful missionaries of China. The representatives of this society have gone forth into many parts of the Celestial Empire where a missionary has never before gone, and had there on the very frontiers of heathendom laid the foundation for an aggressive and effective work. Our prayer is that God will lead them on during the coming year to larger things for him.

Prayer.

Yes, we believe in prayer. The Bible tells us about praying, so to must be right! But surely this is not the extent of our understanding of what it means to pray. Many people have never entered into the joy of Christian discipleship because they have never learned to pray. Oh, yes! they have said their prayers. Never once had they gone to sleep without repeating them. But these prayers are only vain repetition, and we know how Jesus spoke of that. Many a young Christian would have been saved to a life of usefulness if he had been directed in his prayers right from the beginning. It is our purpose to suggest special needs in connection with our great and mighty task that from week to week we may as a church unitedly pray over. Just now we are convinced that our Foreign Mission work needs in a peculiar way the prayers of the brethren, and there are two things we ask the churches to pray about this coming week.

1. That we in the home land may be helped to

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realise more clearly our duty, our responsibility, and our privilege.

2. That God will give to our committee wisdom to deal with the situation arising before them.

These requests are made, realising that after all, whatever success there is in this great and holy business it is a God-given success, and due to his leading and our being willing to follow.

We especially ask our young Christians in their Endeavor meetings, in the Bible Schools, Mission Bands, and in the privacy of their own homes to unite with us in prayer over these two important matters.

West Australian Conference.

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graphic description of the temperance situation in U.S.A. was given.

CHURCH BUILDING EXTENSION FUND.

The report stated that the amount received for this fund through the year from church and individual contributions, was £15/2/4, and £13/4/- 4/9 interest in advances made for erection of church buildings. The committee granted one application of £100 to the church at Harvey, of which £75 has been advanced. Also £48, being balance of £148 granted during the previous year to the church at Claremont, was met.

Delegates from Claremont, North Perth, and other places testified to the help afforded by this fund. A suggestion was made by Bro. Johnston that as soon as any church so assisted succeeded in reducing the amount owing on the building to a point where the margin of security would be sufficient, the brethren concerned should endeavor to raise the balance by mortgage in the ordinary way, and so make available again to the committee the original money to assist another small cause.

THE WAR AND SACRIFICE.

Bro. Albany Bell, the newly-elected president for the ensuing year, was introduced to a large gathering by the retiring president, Mr. E. G. Warren. After thanking the members of the church throughout the State for the honor done him, he pointed out that the ensuing year was likely to be one of much sacrifice on the part of the people of this and the other States of Australasia. When he was on his tour of the world last year he could not help being struck with the selfishness of the people in the lands of the old world. More especially in France, was that noticeable. There the demand of the people was one of intense seriousness, and the attitude of the women more especially was that of dependence upon the soldiers, whom they regarded as their heroes and the means of salvation from the unprincipled foe. They realized clearly that we were engaged in a life and death struggle. This was a year in which, if they were to do their duty to the church and to their God, they must be prepared to make sacrifices. It would be a year of sacrifice whether they wished it or not. When they got the right conception of what sacrifice meant, they would be prepared to do their duty to their country and their God. This war would leave every one of them with burdens which they had never borne before. The one thing the people would be told they would have to do would be to go through the year looking for God. Then, and then only, would they be right. They had a special responsibility throughout the crisis. Christian people, if they were going to do their duty, would have to see the example of dependence upon God. It was necessary to trust in God, and all to lead the nation to trust in their cause—the cause of righteous men. It was necessary to cleanse themselves from the things which were defiling them. If that were accomplished the nation would not have lived a year of sacrifice and its faith in vain.

THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE.

The retiring president, Bro. Warren, delivered an address on "The Church of the Future." He said that the church of the future must be built

upon the foundation of the New Testament. The church was not doing all that it should do. Some were seeking to put aside the church in favor of other institutions. However good these other organizations might be, they could never take the place of the church. The church, as God intended it, was his means of lifting men and women out of the darkness and misery of a sinful life. The church could be likened to a great moral hospital with spiritual sanatorium of the world. In the New Testament divine wisdom had revealed all that was needed concerning this great and wonderful institution. It would need to be characterized by several things. It must be a praying church. It must also be a literal church. God loved the cheerful giver, and it must be remembered that the Saviour gave up all for the redemption of His mission. This was not merely social, political, or moral. It might be those; but it must be more. It might affect all those; but that was not its only mission. Its mission was to save the world by the preaching of the gospel. Further, it must be a united church, and also a spiritual church. If it were spiritual it would be active, it would be missionary, it would be powerful, and its influence would be felt in every city, town, and village.

THE CALL OF THE HOUR.

II J. Banks delivered a stirring address on the above subject. The speaker said they were living in a time of world crisis. Sin had convulsed the world in a war of unexampled magnitude. There were broken hearts among all the nations. Everywhere men's hearts were failing them for fear. The faith of many was in peril. With the dark clouds of doubt hanging low, anxious souls were questioning the truth of the Book, the power of Christianity, the vitality of the gospel, and the very being of God. These must be helped.

The church of God is the one divine institution on this earth, and she has the only message which will regenerate men and usher in the reign of peace. We have formed our societies for the amelioration of the woes of mankind. We have brought to bear upon this task human reason, philosophy and culture. We have put a large percentage of our money and time and education and strength into fighting evil with weak fashioned after man's wisdom, and failed, because we started from wrong premises and neglected to use the means ordained of God.

To feed men's bodies and house the poor, to take gambling illegal, and restrict the sale of intoxicants; to legislate for social purity, and the culture of the mind, are all good, but they are not enough—they do not reach to the root of the matter. There is but one remedy for the ills of the race. It is the gospel of the Son of God. And the call of the hour is for men and women who, with singleness of purpose, purity of principle, and oneness of aim, will toil to make it known unto the uttermost ends of the earth.

DIRECT GIVING.

The principle of direct giving to charitable and public funds received support at the Conference in Lake St. church, W. A., when the following resolution was carried:—"This Conference views with abhorrence the prostitution of the sacrifice of giving to the spirit of gain, by the use of such methods as spinning jennies, art unions, and other gambling methods, in raising funds for patriotic purposes, which is and has become so prevalent. It affirms the principle of direct giving for charitable and patriotic purposes, and of taxation to provide the funds needed for our forces on their return."

Following upon this a practical turn was given to the principle enunciated by the passing of a resolution to the effect that it be a recommendation to the Executive Committee of the Conference that they make provision for direct giving by means of special envelopes in all the churches of Christ throughout the land to be made available to the public; and further, that all members of the church be asked to confine their direct giving to the channel thus created.

Farewell to Chaplain-Captain G. P. Cuttriss.

A well-attended meeting was held in Robert-st. chapel, Hindmarsh, S.A., on the evening of Wednesday, May 10, for the purpose of bidding farewell to Bro. G. P. Cuttriss, who, as Chaplain of the Forty-third Battalion, will shortly leave for the front. The South Australian Home Mission Committee combined in this gathering with the local church. The Conference president, Chaplain Captain E. W. Pittman, presided.

The Forty-third Battalion band, of which Bro. Cuttriss is the secretary, was present, and prior to the meeting discoursed sweet music in front of the chapel. The band also accompanied the hymns sung during the service. The presence of the band was a splendid compliment to Bro. Cuttriss, as the men had to forego their weekly evening's leave in order to be present.

Bro. E. J. Paternoster led the meeting in prayer. The Rev. J. Blair entertained two fine selections.



Chaplain-Captain G. P. Cuttriss.

Chaplain Coland Metters (Baptist) spoke on behalf of the Chaplains' Association. He told of the good fellowship existing between the chaplains of all denominations in connection with their military work. He spoke of Bro. Cuttriss' splendid influence among the soldiers. T. H. Brooker followed with an address on behalf of the church, and made presentations to Bro. Cuttriss and three other church members, Lieut. C. Muldern, and Privates W. Glastbury and A. Dowling. At a later stage Bro. C. Tronah made a presentation to Bro. Cuttriss on behalf of the C. E. Society, G. Wilson spoke on behalf of the church auxiliaries. W. J. Manning represented the Home Mission Committee, and T. J. Gore said farewell for the preachers. The Mayor of Hindmarsh, W. Wood, Esq., made our brother his *royale*, a season of great usefulness among the troops, and a safe return on behalf of the townpeople.

Bro. Cuttriss, who met with an unfortunate accident during a recent parade, was at a disadvantage in replying, but notwithstanding that, he made a fine speech. He expressed his appreciation of the unflinching support he had received from the officers and members of Hindmarsh. He said that he was at the church's opportunity, and that it was an indictment against a divided Christendom. He would make no promises, but he undertook to do his best.

A collection, amounting to £4/10/6, was taken up. This amount will be donated to Chaplain-Captain Cuttriss, to help in defraying the cost of his equipment as a chaplain. We trust that our beloved evangelist and the other soldiers who were present will carry the memory of a happy evening with them to cheer them amidst the hardships that are before them.

S.A. Bible School Notes.

There was a good attendance at the Executive meeting on Friday evening, 12th inst. Reports that have come to hand concerning Sunday School Day, observed on May 7, show that there were 50 professors from the schools in the district, and 1474 eleven schools contributed £18/10/6 to Children's Hospital (Ct. Fund); and seven Churches gave £17/7/0; towards the work of the central Executive.

An order for a second edition of Supplemental Lessons in First Principles has been placed in the hands of the printer. The Secretary of the S.A. Bible College, stating that it had been decided to donate £15 towards the expense of the School of Methods.

The arrangements made for the Workers' Conference, June 25 (public holiday), are well in hand. Special teams; Junior Demonstration at the afternoon session by the Norwood School, and an address by R. Harkness, B.A.; "Round Table" discussion at 6.20, led by H. R. Taylor; and at the night meeting addresses by two of the leading city preachers, F. W. Norwood (North Adelaide Baptist Church), and probably J. E. James, H.D. (Marshall Memorial Congregational Church).

Details were fixed for the annual scriptural examination, to be held at the end of August. The lessons for special study are taken from Acts of Apostles.—H. R. Taylor.

Tasmanian Home Missions.

N. J. Warnebraun, Hon. Secy.

Since last report the annual Conference has been held, which proved most successful. Our late treasurer, W. W. Ling, was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year; while the writer was again re-elected as secretary. Bro. Wroolough, of Hobart, was elected as vice-president, and Bro. P. Butt, as treasurer, with Bro. P. Orr, E. Nicholls, and R. C. Tule as committee men.

During last month Bro. J. P. Seymour finished his labors with the Committee, and returned to Victoria.

It is with regret we have also to report that Bro. J. D. Byard tendered his resignation as co-worker in Honon, owing to having accepted a position at Geveston with a business firm; still we are glad to know he will still live in the district, and help the church as much as possible.

We are very pleased to be in the position to say that the services of Bro. W. E. Way, of Queensland, have been secured for this district; and we are looking for brighter and greater things on his arrival in the Honon, early in June.

At Geveston, we are glad to report one confession and one restoration, Bro. Byard preaching.

It is also with some degree of joy we have to report that Bro. J. D. Byard has accepted the Executive's offer to labor in the Honon, and in at least one district, both places having been without a resident preacher for some time. We ask all to pray for Bro. Byard, as he goes forward this month on his new sphere of labors. May he prove the right man in the right place.

At Conference a resolution was unanimously carried, "see-announcing that every member of the church throughout Tasmania, be asked to give at least one penny per week towards Home Missions." Surely, brethren, this small sum shall be given, which will enable your committee to do greater things during the new year upon which we have just entered.

Let "G" be our motto for the year. Shall you shall I, "G" or not "G"?

"If one looks up in the bright side,

It is sure to be the right side. At least that's how I've found it as I've journeyed through each day;

And it's queer how shadows vanish,

And how easy 'tis to banish

From a bright-side sort of nature every delfful thing away."

—Mary D. Brim

E. Smith, of the College, assisted with the violin. From the annual business meeting is to be held, and at the same time, Emma's is to address the church, and also on Tuesday, Bro. Main will conduct evangelistic services in the Mechanics' Hall. We feel very grateful to these brethren, and believe their efforts will be a power for good in this town and district.—A.L.

GEELEONG—Three were immersed at the close of the mid-week prayer meeting on May 18. On the 21st, Bro. Chandler exhorted, and welcomed five into the church, four who were recently baptised and one from a sister church. A fine audience at the gospel service. Bro. Chandler preached, and two young women made the good confession.—W.H.L., May 22.

SOUTH RICHMOND—On May 14, Bro. Edwards exhorted. At the gospel meeting Bro. Jones gave a stirring address on "Home and Mother." One brother was welcomed in on the 21st. At the evening service Bro. Jones' remarks were addressed principally to men. Bro. Scambler will be the speaker at our tea and public meeting on May 31.—A.B., May 22.

consequences. His horse was affrighted by the waving of a flag by a thoughtless and excited by-stander. It slipped, and crushed his leg. If it had rolled a little more the accident might possibly have been dangerous or fatal. We are thankful to know that it is no worse, and that our brother is making good recovery.

The Victorian Home Missionary Secretary spent the last week end with the church at Galah. Vic. There were good meetings and three confessions.

The largest audience thus far in Prahran Town Hall last Sunday night. Reverence and attention perfect. Four confessions. Meetings continue through June. Interest keen.

The Committee of the Victorian General Dorcas appeal to the members of the churches for help, as the winter months are approaching, and they will be called upon to render much assistance among the poor and needy of city and suburbs. All donations of clothing (new or clean second-hand) or cash, addressed to Superintendent of General Dorcas, Church of Christ, Swanston-st., Melbourne, or Mrs. Mayoy, 16 Margaret-st., Canterbury, will be thankfully received and acknowledged. Every little will help.

In refusing an application from the secretary of the Spiritualistic Association of Victoria, that he be appointed a minister of religion to enable him to celebrate marriages, the Chief Secretary said that, from the State point of view, marriage was a civil contract. There was nothing to prevent those who had decided to marry going to the registrar first, and then having the marriage performed according to their belief. If the State were not careful in dealing with applications for the appointment of ministers to celebrate marriages, any group of 20 or 30 persons might form themselves into a denomination and make an application.

The brethren throughout Australia will be delighted to know that the response to the appeal made on behalf of our beloved veteran T. J. Gore has made it possible for the South Australian Home Mission Committee to place about £120 to the credit of our brother in the Old Age Preachers' Fund. The committee of this fund have generously subsidised this pound for pound, and made provision for a helpful sum to be paid monthly to Bro. Gore. It is also pleasing to know that arrangements have been made for Bro. Gore to work under the Home Mission Committee as hospital visitor, and in speaking in the churches whenever he is able to serve. We pray that our worthy brother may be abundantly blessed and increasingly happy in the evening time of his useful life.

The students of the College of the Bible gratefully acknowledge receipt of numerous goods during the last few months from some who are showing the best interest in the College in a very practical way. Fruit: 8 cases, Mr. Hillbrieh; 2 cases, Mr. Shields; 3 cases, Mr. A. Clements; 4 cases, Mr. Broderick; 4 cases, Mr. W. Kner; 6 cases, A Country Friend; 3 cases, Mr. Johansen; 3 cases, Mr. Macquire; 4 cases, Mr. R. G. Cameron; 1 case, Mr. Richards; 1 case, Mr. T. Kner; 2 cases, Mr. Hooper; 4 cases, Mr. J. W. Webb; 4 cases, Messrs. A. N. and B. Meyer; 2 cases and 2 bags, Herwick Church; 3 cases, Mr. Tully. Dried and Preserved Fruits: 3 cases, Messrs. T. Leng, J. Halliday, R. Skelton, A. Smith, J. Smith, and W. Lawson. Goods from Harvest Festivals: Emerald, Shepparton, and Carnegie. Eggs: Herwick Church; 2 cases, Mr. H. E. South Yarra. C. E. Dandelion J.C.E.; Bet Bet Church; Miss Williamson. Vegetables: Windor C.E.; Mr. Brown; Messrs. A. N. and B. Meyer. Jam: Mrs. Webb; Mrs. Emmett; Mrs. Larsen; Mrs. Nightingale. Other Goods: Mr. Richardson; Mrs. Lawson; Mrs. Briggs; Mrs. Bellis; Mr. Hillbrieh.

MARRIAGE.

ABERCROMBIE—RIVERS—On Feb. 14, at Swanston-st. chapel, by Mr. A. R. Main, James McGregor, third son of A. T. Abercrombie, of Hawthorn, and adopted son of James McGregor, of Armadale, to Violet Mary, fourth daughter of Mr. Harry Rivers, of Essendon. Address, 23 Rose-st., Kardinie.

IN MEMORIAM.

BRVAN—In loving memory of my dear husband, who fell asleep on May 24, 1906, aged 83.

Thou hast gone to the grave, but I were wrong to deplore thee,
For God was thy ransom, thy guardian and guide;

He gave thee, he took thee, and he will restore thee.

And death has no sting, since the Saviour has died,
—Inserted by his loving wife.

MUNZEL—In loving and affectionate memory of our dear mother, who fell asleep in Jesus on May 25, 1915.

When the weary ones we love
Enter on their rest above,
Seeing the earth so poor and vast,
All our life joy overcast?
(Has't he every nurturer dumb—
It is only till He come.

COMING EVENTS.

JUNE 5 (King's Birthday).—All-day Meeting in Swanston-st. chapel. Reserve the day for this event.

MAY 28—JUNE 4—Church of Christ, Raleigh-st., Footscray, Bible School anniversary. Sunday, May 28, 11, Bro. Whelan; 3, T. Hagger; 7, T. Hagger. Tuesday, May 30, Concert at 8 p.m. Admission songs, dialogues, etc. Saturday, June 4, tea meeting and distribution of prizes. Tea at 5.30; concert at 7.45. Sunday, June 4, 11 Bro. Verco; 3, Bro. Swain; 7 Bro. Verco. All welcome. Full orchestra. Special singing. Collection at Sunday services. Tickets, 6d. each.—A. J. Tomkins, Hon. Sec.

MAY 28—JUNE 5—May 28—Jubilee meetings. 11 a.m., J. J. Franklin will speak; 3 p.m., Thanksgiving service; 7 p.m., G.-sp. meeting conducted by A. R. Main. May 30, 8 p.m., Public gathering; good programme arranged; addresses by pioneer members and our preacher. The above meetings are to be held in the chapel, St Leonard's Road. June 4, Bible school anniversary, 3 p.m., Special address, 7 p.m., G. sp. meeting, conducted by J. C. F. Brittan. Special singing at both services by the scholars. June 5, 7.45 a.m., Public Demonstration; special items and special singing will be rendered by the children. The Bible School meetings will be held in the Temperance Hall, below the chapel. This being our 25th anniversary, the officers of Apsot Vale church extend to all past members a cordial invitation to attend these gatherings. Reserve dates, and come.

WANTED.

Church of Christ Sewing Class require good second-hand sewing machine. State price. Terms preferred—20 "Machine," 6/0 Austral Office.

The Church at Warragul desire to obtain an Organ, and will be glad to hear from anyone able to recommend a good instrument in perfect order. New or otherwise. Particulars to R. W. Judd, Warragul, Vic.

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J. W. Webb took the confession of another Sunday School scholar, at Lygon-st., last Sunday night.

The address of S. H. Mudge, evangelist of the church at Cheltenham, Vic., is now Tulp-road, Cheltenham.

The Hawthorn church has placed a phone in the home of the minister, T. H. Scambler. The number is Hawthorn 2169.

Melbourne disciples are reminded of the all-day meeting for the deepening of spiritual life in the Swanston-st. chapel on King's Birthday, June 5. It will be good to be there.

The Federal Treasurer, Bro. T. E. Rofe, acknowledges receipt of following money: ex Captain Chaplain G. T. Cuttriss Fund; Lygon-st., Melbourne, 40; City Temple, Sydney, 41; Emure Tabernacle, 41/1.

Miss Henry, of the China Inland Mission, will address the South Melbourne Bible School on Lord's day, June 4, at 3 o'clock. This will be a splendid opportunity to hear this devoted missioner before her departure.

The Bible Schools Committee in N.S.W. is planning to inaugurate School of Methods course with a tea and public meeting in the City Temple, Sydney, the last Thursday in June. It is hoped to have quite a number of classes in full swing the beginning of July.

The School of Methods conducted by Bro. R. P. Arnold had a successful start at Peterham, N.S.W. There were 15 teachers present. Pending the arrival of a fresh supply from America, economic distribution of the books available is being made. There is every prospect of a successful and profitable school at Peterham.

The sad news of the death of Cyril James, of Brunswick, a lovely character and a consistent member of Lygon-st. church, has been received, after a distressing suspense of many months, during which no word was heard. Bro. Webb will speak on the subject, "Not lost, but gone before," next Sunday night, in Lygon-st. chapel.

The brethren of the Mildura district, Vic., are to be congratulated on now having two resident evangelists in that great and promising part of the State. Bro. A. H. Wilson is supported by the Mildura church, and Bro. A. E. Marler by the churches at Merbein, Galah, and Carwarp. The Victorian Home Missionary Committee simply supplies a small subsidy to pay the travelling expenses of the preachers to and from Galah.

While the accident to Chaplain Captain Cuttriss was apparently not serious, we understand that it was a providential escape from far more serious

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N.S.W. Sisters' Conference.

The sisters met for the 22nd year of Conference at the Tabernacle, Enmore, on Tuesday, April 18. The weather was beautiful, and there was a large attendance throughout the three sessions. Everything passed off harmoniously, and the sisters had a happy and profitable Conference.

Devotional session opened with Mrs. Marshallman presiding, after which the president, Mrs. Fox, took the chair, and presided at all the meetings.

Minutes of last year's Conference were read and received. At the roll call of delegates, 17 churches responded.

Election of Officers.—President, Mrs. Corbett; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Collins, Ashwood and Andrews. A resolution that Mrs. Jones, late president and vice-president, one of our oldest and loved members, on passing out of office through illness, be made a life member of the Executive, was carried unanimously. Secretary, Mrs. L. Rossell; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. E. Morris; Treasurer, Mrs. Ball. Resolved that a vote of thanks and appreciation for past services be sent to Mrs. Morrison, late treasurer.

Superintendents of Departments are as follows: Hospital, Mrs. Potter; Foreign Missions, Mrs. Hindle; Home Missions, Mrs. Fox; Obituary, Mrs. Jones; Temperance, Mrs. Temple; Dorcas, Mrs. Gordon; Isolated Members, Miss Marshallman; Social, Mrs. G. Logan; City Missions, Mrs. Morris. During lunch hour superintendents to arrange their committees for election at afternoon session.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional taken by Mrs. Corbett, which was devoted to prayer and intercession to God for his many blessings during the past year, and for our young men at the front. Minutes of morning session.

The welcome greetings were given by Mrs. H. Kingworth, who in a happy strain expressed the pleasure of another day of reunion with the visiting sisters. It was responded to by Mrs. Burroughs, Sister, Mrs. Smith, Holbart, Mrs. and Mrs. Rossell, Uram. Election of Committees was then proceeded with.

The president's address on "A New Testament Woman" was then given, a beautiful subject, well dealt with by Sister Fox, and listened to with appreciation and attention by the sisters present.

The Executive report was read by Mrs. Rossell. The most particular part of the year's work was the taking over of the penny-per-week collection for Home and Foreign Missions; and as this did not come into operation till June, we are really in the experimental stage, so that it can hardly be proved a failure or a success; but we are hoping and praying for a greater blessing during the present year.

Treasurer's report.—Receipts, £9/10/2; expenditure, £12/15/0; balance in hand, £7/14/4. Rescue work, £5/3/.

Roll-call of Churches, 18 responding. Free-will offering, £10/7.

An essay by our young Sister Miss Oldfield was read, "The Christian Home." This has already appeared in the "Christian."

Superintendents' Reports. Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Corbett recorded a year of blessing, during which four quarterly meetings were held, and a number of others connected with church prayer meetings. Hospital, Mrs. Potter and her committee reported a year's work among the different hospitals, and home—a labor of love now to be reckoned in words, "for Jesus' sake." 45 visits to R.P.A. Hospital, distributing a very large number of books, tracts, Testaments, and other comforts. Sydney Hospital, 163 visits. Coast Hospital, 11 visits. Institutions for Old Men and homes of sick people, distributing books, Testaments, etc. Newington Home for Women, 12 visits, with an average attendance of 12 sisters and brethren who take the gospel services. This work takes up a whole day each month, and a vast amount of comforts in the way of sugar, tea, books, tracts, etc., is given. Behnere sisters also visited the various hospitals, some 36 visits being paid, and flowers and letters sent. Cash received for hospital work,

£10/9/6; expenditure, £9/19/6; balance in hand, 10/.

Foreign Missions.—Mrs. Hindle reported letters sent and received from missionaries; holding drawing room meetings for same, etc.

Home Mission Superintendent reported monies received, and drawing room meeting; also social to Home and Foreign Mission collectors.

Obituary.—Mrs. Hart reported it her sad duty to write twenty-one letters to dear ones bereaved. A beautiful solo was rendered here by Mrs. James.

Temperance.—Mrs. Hall had attended a number of meetings.

Dorcas.—Mrs. Farr read the reports from eleven Dorcas classes, showing a most satisfactory attendance and work accomplished. A number are working for Red Cross and comfort depots, also visiting the different societies during the year.

Isolated Members.—Miss Marshallman reported a number of letters written during the year. By this means we keep in touch with our isolated sisters.

Resolutions, etc.—That letters be sent to Sisters Ewors and Mangin, in the absence of husband and father. Votes of thanks to officers of City Temple and Enmore for use of buildings for meetings during the past year. Greeting to Sister Mrs. Clapham in Brisbane. Special thanks to Mesdames Logan, A. Morris, and Fox, Social and Catering Superintendents, and late president.

Mrs. Gifford reminded sisters of the Mission Study Circles now being held, and asked the sisters' co-operation.

Greetings to be sent to General Conference assembling on Friday.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional service was led by Mrs. Collins. Greetings from Victoria, W.A., Queensland, and General Conference Committee. Anthems, Enmore choir; solos, Miss Baines and Mr. T. Morris; recitation by Mrs. Lewis, and a stirring address from Mrs. Touchel on the closing of hotels at six o'clock. A resolution by Mrs. Rossell, "That we go on more determined than ever with the early closing movement," was carried.

Votes of thanks were given to Mrs. Touchel for her fine address, and to all who helped to make the social part of the programme a success. Mrs. Fox introduced the new officers for the year. Conference announcements by Mr. Hayward, and closing prayer by Bro. Steves, who brought another Conference day to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.—M. A. Morris.

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VICTORIAN F.M. FUND.

Church, Emerald, 5/-; Church, Pakenham, 12/6; Victorian Sisters, 48/6/-; "A Sister Disciple," 1/-; J.C.F. Society, Preston, 11/5/-; L. E. Verco, 4/-; H. Gray, 4/-; "Sister," Woodend, 5/-; Mrs. E. Nichol, 10/-; Church, Northcote, 19/6/-; Mrs. L. 12/1/-; Church, South Melbourne, 11/9/6; Offering, F.M. Conference, Melbourne, £21 12/-; Bible School, Fitzroy, 41/3/-; Hampton Kindergarten Class, 41; Church, Bel. Bel, 43.—Gratefully received.

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Churches, per Collectors: Lillimur, £1/8/2; Moreland, £1/8/10; Surrey Hills, £6/19/1; Burnley, £1/6/8; Essendon, £2/2/1; French Island, 11/8; North Melbourne, £2/10/4; South Yarra, £2 10/8; Croydon, 13/8; Merburn, 15/8; North Fitzroy, £9/3/8; Swan Hill, £1/8/8; Blackburn, 16/8; Gardiner, 16/8; Collingwood, £2/3/10; Cheltenham, £1/1/6; North Carlton, 12/1; Northcote, 18/5; per League of Willing Helpers, Miss Warne, North Melbourne, 16/8; E. G. H. Rowe, Kaniva, 1/8.

Individual Gifts: Bro. and Sister Davis, Fairfield, 5/8; Miss K. Moody, Prahran, £1/2/8; A. and E. Bremmell, Brighton, £1; A. Jeremy, Castlemaine, 5/8; D. McCrackent, North Melbourne, 6/8; Sister Woodend, 5/8; A. Colter, North Fitzroy, £1; W. L. Jones, South Richmond, 5/8.

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Miscellaneous: Women's Conference Mission Bonds, £10/8/8; Year Book Sales, £2/10/1; Refund Ticket, 15/7; East Camberwell Sunday School, 5/8; St. Kilda C.E., 5/8; Aged Evangelists' Trust, £4/0/8. Total, £215/0/10.
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