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## Faith.

Geo. Edgar Moore, M.A.

The word "faith" is used in the New Testament with varying content. It is used as a synonym for "the truth and righteousness of God," or "Christ and his righteousness." In a limited sense it is used as an equivalent for "a state of mind" or "intellectual conviction." With these interpretations we are familiar, hence it will not be necessary for us to discuss them. But these definitions only express a fragment of the content of the term. Its real meaning lies in regions beyond these. Its full content cannot be seen until it is interpreted in terms of function.

But before proceeding, let us clear away a misapprehension. Men often speak as though the exercise of faith were incompatible with the function of reason. Some people regard it as axiomatic that faith and reason cannot exist in the same man at the same time; that to exercise faith is to abandon the right to think. Consequent upon this divorce, the writers of the nineteenth century found a favorite mode of attack upon the church in contrasting societies governed by "reason" and "faith," exalting the society founded upon reason and moved by principles of justice and liberty as infinitely superior to the society where all men were devout. Such is the theme of Paine's "Age of Reason" and Draper's "Intellectual Development of Europe." Both these writers confuse "faith" with "credulity, superstition and ignorance." Yet it must be admitted that the church (using the word in its widest significance to include all worshippers of God in Christ) well on into the nineteenth century were guilty of the same confusion. But all this is fallacious. Indeed, the opposite is true, although the world is slow to learn its truth. A "faith" which is irrational is irreligious; reason which is unbelieving is illogical. Moreover, the church of the twentieth century is guilty of a serious blunder when it styles a man who rejects everything that cannot be demonstrated a *free-thinker*, or a man who rejects the best part of the New Testament a *liberal Christian*, or *advanced thinker*. Let those who possess such attitudes of mind assume these names if they wish, but never permit the church of God to acquiesce in the claim. For the implications are too great. Once the church admits that the man who rejects all that cannot be demonstrated to the reason is a *free-thinker*, it accepts the implication that he also accepts that for

which there cannot be complete demonstration is a *bound-thinker*! If the infidel is called a *free-thinker by the church*, is not the implication that the church condemns itself to the charge of holding the reason in disdain, just? Seventeenth and eighteenth century infidel philosophers built better than they knew when they assumed the title "Rationalists." For the church immediately acquiesced in the use of the title, leaving themselves open to the implication that those who were not infidels were irrational. The careless use of words by Christians often contains an argument against the belief they are attempting to declare.

But the New Testament never opposes "faith" and "reason." "We walk by faith, not by appearance," says Paul. The antithesis of "faith" is "appearance," not reason. Faith is never opposed to reason. Reason is always conscious of vaster areas than have been apprehended, and is "that intellectual activity which is able, from vantage-ground already gained, to move onward and outward for the inclusion of larger areas." What everyone believes contains deductions including some truth more spacious than reason is able to demonstrate.

With this misapprehension cleared away, let us turn to our New Testament and attempt to catch a glimpse of the *nature* of faith. What is the faith that the New Testament demands? First of all, let me state that in the New Testament the doctrine of salvation by faith implies action. Consulting my Greek New Testament, I find that the true formula of the Scripture includes the proposition *eis* with the accusative case, which always implies *motion into*. Ver. 20: 21 reads, "Repentance *into* God, and faith *into* our Lord Jesus Christ." He that believeth *into* the Son is the suggestive and arresting statement of the Scripture. It has an infinitely richer content than that expressed in a "state of mind" or "intellectual conviction"—it demands an answer of the *will* beyond, and harmonising with, that conviction. Fortunately for us, the reviser of the New Testament have given the content to faith, as more truly expressing the thought of the Greek text. On the margin of my RV, I read the suggestive translation, "Now faith is giving substance to things hoped for." The eleventh chapter of Hebrews can only be understood in the light of this translation. Faith as a creed apprehended by the intellect never saves. Faith

as an action of the will harmonising with God's requirements saves, and is the only thing that saves. It is to this conception that I ask your attention. Analysing the definition as found in the RV, faith resolves itself into two factors: (1) the element of hope, and (2) giving substance, or working out that hope. Faith is "volitional surrender and obedience in spite of appearances" to accomplish an end hoped for. Such a conception of faith has a supreme value and far-reaching meaning. It suggests a field of operation. The first element is hope. The assurance of Christ is that we may be like him. Can we hope for this? If we do not, it means that the warding off of evil has left its stain of moral corruption so deep that we are blind to the malignity of sin, or that we deliberately choose darkness rather than light. And if it is possible for us to hope to be like Christ, to hope to possess his mind and heart, it is also possible for us to approximate our hope. The declaration of the text, then, is that by giving substance, *i.e.*, by determined action, this hope may be realised. It is possible for us to build our lives into the life of the pattern shown even though we may be well-nigh overwhelmed at the thought of infinite possibilities. And every disciple who thus hopes and gives substance to his hope, says the New Testament, is a man of faith. Faith is not merely a "state of mind," but an *energy*. In Biblical terminology it is *doing something*. Its field of operation is human conduct. My own conception of faith may best be illustrated by the spacial relations on the surface of a plane, *i.e.*, length and breadth. In every plane these two dimensions are present and cannot be separated. Now as length and breadth stand related in the surface of a plane, so are the elements, "hope and determined action," inseparable in the surface of the plane—faith.

This conception of faith carries along with it another conception which is also a New Testament conception. Upon the basis of our analysis (when faith is reduced to its lowest terms) we may substitute the ideas of "hope and determined action" in Heb. 11: 1. Then our text will read, "Now faith is attempting to reach something that we believe exists, *i.e.*, we believe without the proof. For when we have the proof we no longer hope (Rom. 8: 24). There are always vaster areas than have been apprehended. Christianity, therefore, on its practical side, follows the order of all man's practical life in placing belief *first* and the proof *second*. A merchant enters a market because he believes it a rising market, *i.e.*, he hopes the market will rise. If he waits

for proof before entering, another merchant who has learned to walk by "faith" and not by "sight" will enter ahead of him. Successful merchants walk by faith. This is also true of invention. Belief that dots and dashes could be sent through a wire preceded the telegraph. Marconi believed that he could dispense with the intervening wire, and the greatest of modern miracles followed. In all things men begin with an hypothesis. Then they experiment, investigate, observe, and come again with the proof.

Now in this lies the principle of faith. As men act in other realms, so are they to act in religion. "All things are possible to those who believe." We cannot know until we first believe. The glory and grandeur of the New Testament is that it asks no unreasonable thing. The reasonable and logical thing is to place belief first. The New Testament asserts things that we take as our hypothesis. We read that "first of all Christ died for our sins." We lay hold upon this as our hypothesis. We make the venture, casting ourselves upon him. Then we experiment. Habits ingrained begin to be erased, temperaments passions ease into a delightful calm, narrowness, bitterness, stunted affections begin to slough off—the germ

of a new man in Christ appears. The ideal life daily glows with a more radiant brightness; the proof is day by day more abounding that Christ can do what he says.

Would you know that Jesus is the Son of God, O man outside of Christ? Assume that he is. Then investigate. Learn more and more about him. Obey more and more his commandments. Give yourself more and more unreservedly to his teaching. Will to do his teaching, and proof abounding will be yours. This will you prove you are a man of faith.

For what are you hoping? To be saved from sin? Yes. Then give substance to your hope. Crucify in your life all the things that united to crucify the Lord, and prove that you are a man of faith. Do you hope to be saved from spiritual immaturity? Yes. Then give substance to your hope. Crucify self—Abide in Christ—put aside all that is trifling, subtle, petty, mean, false, and prove that you are a man of faith. Do you hope that the church of God will prosper? Yes. Then give substance to your hope. Open wide your heart and purse-strings and prove that you are a man of faith. "For faith is giving substance to things hoped for."

## The Tale of Two Rivers.

H. McKerlie.

Glasgow is immensely proud of its river. It is the source of the growth and prosperity for which the city is noted. Clyde-built ships are on all the seas, and are the delight of the mariner, the consolation of the timid voyager, and the pride of master and merchant.

There is, however, a greater cause for the pride of St. Mungo. It is no very ancient history that reveals the Clyde as a shallow stream flowing westward many miles before offering to float anything of deeper draught than the canoes of the primitive Briton. Now there is ample depth to float, right up into the heart of the city, the monster liner and heaviest battleships. Something wonderful happened? Yes and No. Man began to think, then work; and that glittering, gurgling brook deepened and broadened year after year until, at its wharfs and in its docks, it can accommodate dozens of fleets of ocean-going craft. Others may boast of their miles-broad waterways. God made them all, but the Clyde was made by man.

And does not this illustrate the manner in which the "river of water of life . . . proceeding out of the throne of God, and of the Lamb" (Rev. 22: 1) may be deepened and broadened until, as described by Ezekiel, there is not only enough to enable every thirsty perishing one to drink and live, but there be "waters to swim in, a river that cannot be passed through" (Ezek. 47: 5). God supplies the Gospel—"the river of water of life." Christ says to man, "Go . . . preach . . . to every creature"—broaden, deepen, increase in volume, this life-giving rill, until it becomes a mighty river, and the

river shall be a resitless ocean, when "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

The analogy runs on. When the writer's father was a boy, Glasgow's stream was a beautifully clear water; and gentlemen of the rod and stockings would have had difficulty in finding a more favorable spot to make a cast than the confluence of the Kelvin and Clyde. But the River Trust, in their anxiety to utilise the river, broadened and deepened the stream, but took no precautions to preserve its purity. With the result that in my own boyhood, from the very place where the great shining silver salmon leaped and sported, there went up a stench that polluted the atmosphere for miles, in whichever direction the wind happened to be blowing. Every obnoxious matter and liquid was allowed to be poured into the river. The broad, deep stream made money for the city, but all life in its waters was destroyed, and it threatened the health of those who dwelt on its banks.

At last alarm was taken. A great scheme for purifying the river was inaugurated. Works were erected on both sides, in which all the sewage of the city is treated, and the result has been very pleasing. The Clyde is a very different river to-day to what it was about twenty-five years ago. One can now sail on its bosom right up to the city without the dreadful sickening experience that was formerly associated with the trip. We are proud of the improvement, but regret that this great volume of water cannot yet support life. The fish that annually attempt to ascend to the narrower and purer waters

beyond the town invariably sicken and die.

When John saw the River of Water of Life "twas" bright as crystal." On its banks grew the Tree of Life, "whose leaves are for the healing of the nations" (Rev. 22: 2). Surely those leaves are needed now! But alas! they have lost their virtue. The stream of pure religion was soon defiled. And the patronage of Constantine was the signal for the popularising of Christianity. From that time men sought to broaden and deepen the River of the Water of Life; and, like the workers in the case of the Clyde, they took no precautions to preserve the purity of the stream. Pagan feast-days, fast-days, baptisms, indulgences, forms of worship, and modes of priesthood were allowed into the church, until, during the Dark Ages, instead of its worship being a sweet savor of Christ unto God, it must have been offensive to Him as the stench of the putrid river to the citizens of Gehem. Christianity was broadened, and made the source of power and wealth, but its life-giving properties were destroyed; and at times the corrupt religion that passed by that name threatened the extinction of the Truth and those who dared to cleave to it.

Something had to be done. The Reformation was begun, and every great denomination belonging to that movement has been set up, like the works on the banks of Clyde, for the purpose of purifying the river. As a consequence, the stream of Christianity is much purer than in the Dark Ages; but, like the works already referred to, the now popular Churches do not cleanse the stream from every impurity. Multitudes of prospective members, like the fish that come to the Clyde, are lost because they cannot reach the region of purer waters where life is to be found. There remains enough of the old pagan impurities and modern inconsistencies to cause a spiritual sickness and lapse into worldliness on the part of a great number who begin to think, and take note of what is taught, and what God has authorized. The Reformation has ceased, and that before it succeeded in reproducing the original Church of Christ portrayed in Scripture. The broad, popular religion of to-day bears no more resemblance to the crystal river of New Testament time than the muddy river of death at Glasgow bears to the clear, sparkling stream of teaching life which our fathers knew.

Nevertheless one can still get a draught of pure, life-giving water from the Clyde. To do so, it is but necessary to get up beyond the city, the village, and hamlets, which still contaminate its waters. Far up among the hills, where, under the name of Daer Water, the river takes its rise, you may drink with safety. No putrid impurities are there, for man has not yet touched it.

The same line of procedure will take you to the only reaches of the River of Life where it is safe to partake of its savor. Get away back beyond the popular denominations of to-day; pass the beginnings of the "old" churches of the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries; the great schism

of the eleventh; back through the Dark Ages to the clearer stream of the first three hundred years of Christianity, but be careful where you stop. Do not make the mistake of many, and drink from the "Christian Fathers." Go right back to Mount Zion; there, in the city of Jerusalem, from the lips of the appointed apostle (Matt. 10: 19), on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2), the stream of living truth took its rise, and blessed with a new and eternal life the thousands of thirsty, sorrowing sinners who drank it in. You may drink these with safety and benefit to yourself. For from that first sermon by Peter until the closing words in Revelation the River of Water of Life is free from impurities. *As long as it flows within the confines of the New Testament, it is the source and support of spiritual life; and is undefiled, because guarded by Divine Inspiration.* As Peter says, they who preached the Gospel did so "by the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven" (1 Pet. 2: 12).

To distinguish the pure from the impure we call the religion of the New Testament *Primitive Christianity*. To bring this pure stream to the haunts of men everywhere is our ambition. Will you, dear reader, help?—"Gospel Guide."

## NOTES ON CURRENT TOPICS.

Jas. E. Thomas.

### The Coal Strike.

It seems almost a tragedy that in the midst of the great war that has called for so much sacrifice and brought so much sorrow to our Commonwealth and to the world, we should have thrust upon us one of the most far-reaching strikes we have ever had. Mr. Hughes has stated that he quite expected such a strike if conscription had been carried, but under the present conditions it seems unexplainable. There are at least 50,000 out of work as the result of this callantous strike, and the numbers are daily increasing. Industries have been held up and thousands of innocent people are compelled to suffer loss. We can scarcely find an argument to justify such conduct. The worker and master have Arbitration Courts, and ample provision is made for settling equitably any dispute. If men will not abide by the decisions of courts, then such legal machinery is needless. In a young country like ours, so thinly inhabited, we cannot afford to lose money and embitter strife in this manner. We need to do all we can to consolidate our finances and unite for the threatening future. Mr. Ruth delivered a sermon on this strike, and said in effect that what was needed was to win master and men for Jesus Christ, and strikes would be impossible. We have, of course, always believed this principle. It is necessary to win the individual to save the masses. The trouble is that men take so little notice of the ideals of Jesus and enter bitterly into contention themselves. Men seem almost to have lost faith in each other. The worker should get what is fair and just, and likewise act as he would like to be treated. The

master should act as he would like to be treated if he were a workman. All need to act in the true spirit of Jesus Christ. May the spirit of liberation and the love of men enter into the hearts of our leaders and people and lead not only to the settlement of this awful strike, but to the time when such strikes in a Christian country will be impossible.

### The Call for Leadership.

As we contemplate the great and momentous crisis through which we are passing in our nation, and especially the condition of things in our own beloved Australia, we are impressed with the fact that our great need is for leadership. It has always been so. The greatest transforming elements in the world have been individuals moved by high and lofty ideals that have been outstanding as leaders among their fellows. British history has been adorned by men like Beaconsfield, Gladstone, Pitt and Shaftesbury, who have unselfishly given their highest for their land, and whose brilliant leadership

has brought the ship of state weathering through the storm. American national life has been blessed, too, with great men like Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Garfield, who have given their best to their native land. Our own young country needs state-manlike, unselfish, intelligent, masterly leaders, who have a vision of something better than the uninformative spectacle of party bickerings that prevail today. We need men with a vision of great national reforms, who will, like Lloyd George, never rest till they have achieved under God their noble end; men who are bigger than party, or any love of personal gain, who for the sake of all that is dear to our country and for the glorious future that may be ours, will sacrifice self for the people's hopes and lasting good. Just as our national hopes depend on leaders in the great strife of nations under God, so in the State and in the church, we need men who have seen the vision and follow the gleam. May our prayer for our country and the church of God be, "Lord, give us men!"

## Foreign Missions.

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### Visiting the Fields.

Today the Federal President and Secretary leave Adelaide at the request of the Committee to visit the workers in India, and possibly China. It is necessary from time to time to get first-hand information of the fields, and the problems which confront the missionary.

During the absence of the Commission, the duties of Secretary will be carried out by Mr. A. G. Saunders, Southampton, S.A., and all correspondence for the Federal Committee should be addressed to him until further notice.

### Plague Outbreak.

H. H. Stratton.

The work at Dilak is at present very much delayed on account of the outbreak of plague there. At Bhuvan, only a mile away from the Bungalow, out of a population of about 1,000 people, 150 have died during the past month. While I was at Dilak a week or two ago, the Railway driver came along for the day to inspect all of the Railway servants at the station. They all looked ill, and would not let him inoculate them, so I had all of the Christians done with the serum that he had brought along. Since that day, there have been 14 deaths amongst the railway people, and almost everyone has left their houses, so that the Christians are about the only ones living on as usual. Rats have been coming into the compound and dropping dead, and even our people are in a great deal, but so far, no cases have occurred amongst them. The school is closed, as all of the children are living with their parents right out in the fields in grass-huts. I visit there again tomorrow.

We shall advise the new workers to be inoculated soon after their arrival, as plague is very bad in Poonja just now, as it also is in several of the centres from which it comes.

It is very remarkable that Baranatti has not yet been affected by plague, as it is bad at Dilak, 26 miles north, and the head of the Railway system; Dilak is the main road entrance, and people continue only come here from Poonja and Ahmednagar, where it is raging, and I still we are free. It is probably due to the fact that as a municipality we have been carrying on a road on rats for two or three months, and have killed thousands, hav-

ing put a special gang of men on this work; as it is well proved that the rat flea is the only carrier of this disease. Still it will be a marvel if we remain free in the face of such an outbreak.

### Prayer Topics.

That the terrible plague, of which Mr. Stratton speaks, may prove the opening of many doors to the missionary.

That the President and Secretary may be given safe passage, and the work they go to do may be successfully accomplished.

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 4th prize, Dabine Sampson, Lygon-st., 92  
 Certificates—Helen Grace Finch, Collins, Barker; Grace Taylor, Bertha Davies, Middle Park; Isabel Richards, Malvern, Elsie Rodgers, Warrnambool; Percy Jordan, Merland; Dorothy Purnell, Dara Hewitt, Stanley Ratten, David Kailton, Brighton; Geoffrey Beard, Dumbilly; Thos. Easton, Footscray; Marjorie Smith, North Fitzroy; Luby Thorburn, Bendigo; Raymond Upstill, William Allen, Surrey Hills; Myrtle Pederson, Warrnambool; Vera Lancelot, Harold Peake, Mary Egan, Montrose; Bobby Meyer, Berwick; Campbell Edwards, East Camberwell; Keith Griggs, Ballarat; Mavis Porter, South Yarra; Edith Wrench, Stanley Jones, South Richmond; Ernest Hooding, Brunswick; Ettie Herbert, South Melbourne.

Certificates—Charles Priety, Lawrence Finger, Charles Ford, Hawthorn; Myrtle Hagg, Ernest Manoppert, South Richmond; Cathleen Armstrong, Amy Craig, Marjorie Noble, Hazel Arden, May Smith, Maizie Josephs, Dorothy Patterson, South Melbourne; Thomas Haines, John Wray, Cliff, Whitney, Alma Tapsett, Elizabeth McQueen, Lygon-st.; Lilian Dillon, Middle Park; Olive Renner, Malvern; Joseph Hilton, Jean Lang, Dorothy Rudd, Rupert Zehn, Doncaster; Mark Dudley, Jack McCleary, Shepparton; Mervyn Byall, Mavis Moffatt, Thura Dixon, Carnegie; George Sanders, Blackburn; John Noble, Esabel Vaele, Irene Legg, Emerald; Bessie Davis, Lionel Beattie, Moreland; Beryl Youngs, Marjory Morris, Ernest Taylor, Gwen Reals, James Mackay, Brighton; Henry Triplett, Norman Hiron, North Fitzroy; Arthur Porter, Stawell; Alan Smith, North Richmond; May Beth, Middle Park; Ada Dartnell, Dan Glenn, Alan Wain, North Carlton; Eric Legg, Lawrence Maguire, Gordon Chandler, Montrose; Grace Cowe, Berwick; Clifton Swain, Llewellyn Edwards, East Camberwell; Willie Patten, Ballarat; Alfred Holmes, Roy Henley, Box Hill; Roy Johnston, Cheltenham; William Wright, Stanley Johnston; George Cowie, North Melbourne; Harold Williams, Kambay; George Wilson, Surrey Hills; Herbert McLean, North Melbourne; William Muir, George McEwan, Lily Greenhill, South Yarra.

## DIVISION III. 11 and 12 years.

1st prize, Violet Woodhead, Surrey Hills, 100  
 2nd prize, Nellie Brown, Footscray, 98  
 3rd prize, Emily Taylor, Box Hill, 97  
 4th prize, Elly Wrench, South Richmond, 95  
 Certificates of Merit—Albert McGill, Rose McGill, Harry Sampson, Alex. McQueen, Lygon-st.; Hazel Wines, Jack Wright, Middle Park; Alison Murray, Malvern; Elma Jackson, Hazel Crisp, Alice Gregson, Wedderburn; Gladys Dudley, Shepparton; Elizabeth Sanders, Blackburn; Elizabeth Hughes, Ascot Vale; Violet Mees, Emerald; Charles Murray, Ronald White, Elsie Withers, Moreland; Edwin Hewitt, Priscilla Lindbrook,

Cornelius Styles, Rowley Morris, Brighton; Eveline Cox, Footscray; Doris Miller, North Fitzroy; Albert Smith, John Smith, North Richmond; Emma Johnston, Bendigo; Arthur Greaves, Lawrance Upstill, Lygon-st.; Sealman, Elvia Price, Surrey Hills; Wreldand Chandler, Lucy Price, Montrose; Rita Dowell, Berwick; Henry Johnston, Jack Camberwell; Elvia Price, Mollie McGregor, Keith Price, Clarence Pittock, Ballarat; Kenneth White, Ada Chapman, Box Hill; Minnie Hayden, Wm. Lr., Mary Morris, Northcote; Kathleen Hunter, Marjorie Searle, Norman Porter, South Yarra; Malv Edwards, Esther Woodbridge, Ruby Gill, Newmarket; Mona Hogg, Hawthorn; Dorothy Davies, Mildura; Emily Armstrong, South Melbourne; Nina Christie, Maryborough.  
 Certificates—Alex. Tippett, Lygon-st.; Grace Hall, Laura Morris, Middle Park; Doris Cunningham, Ivy Letts, Horsham; Nellie Miller, Eda Johnson, Malvern; John Lacey, Rupert Clay, Conie Tully, Donald Petty, Doncaster; Emily Dudley, Emily Drummond, Emma McPherson, Shepparton; Jessie Paul, Ivy Gray, Carnegie; Elsie Burgess, St. Kilda; William Wolstenhull, Melbourne; Violet Peters, Lynda Campbell, Ascot Vale; Robert Aitken, Robert Gillespie, Emerald; Victor Hunter, Clara Lovell, Clarice Powell, Pearl Kellow, Moreland; Lily Pritchard, Madge McNece, Brighton; Alwyn Beard, Dan Hill, Dorothy Giam, Emily McSivian, Alice Hutton, May McSivian, Edna Mitchell, Brighton; Wats-n, Nth Fitzroy; Herman Schmolling, Elsie Finger, Bayswater; Arthur Pitt, George Jones, North Richmond; Clarice Shepherd, Bendigo; Arthur Johnson, Bet Bet, Alma Fort, Middle Park; Walter Scott, Warrnambool; Leslie White, St. Kilda; John Gray, Warragool; Arthur Lander, Montrose; Alice Judd, Lorna Ferguson, Ernest Long, Ballarat; Kenneth Meiers, Box Hill; Lily Johnston, Cheltenham; Leila Tuck, Windsor; Reia Williams, Colac; Roy Wright, Stanley Woodbridge, Amelia Fordham, North Melbourne; Allan Colby, Bernie Billings, Wonga Park; Rae, Norman, Northcote; Ethel Davey, Hawthorn; Olive Rutherford, Dorothy French, South Richmond; Myrtle Myers, Allen Bewick, Berwick; Horace Finny, Jean Northcote, Hilda Craig, Florence McLaughlan, Rosie Graham, Evelyn Clark, South Melbourne; Hilda Everett, Elsie Mildren, Fitzroy; John Berry, Bayswater; Winnie Ross, Kenneth Andrews, Castlemaine.

1st prize, Florie White, Footscray, 100  
 2nd prize, Dorothy Lawson, Surrey Hills, 99  
 3rd prize, Cecil Thompson, Footscray, 98  
 4th prize, Gladys Enderby, Middle Park; Maizie Thompson, Northcote, 96  
 Certificates of Merit—Leonard McGill, Florence Haines, Philip Sampson, Isabel Buchanan, Lygon-st.; Nellie Sargent, Taradale; Victor Wright, Lexie Downs, Middle Park; Hilda Lees, Horsham; Edna Gregson, Wedderburn; Elsie Dudley, Frederick Bellis, Cecil McCleary, D. Ave, Porter, Verdon Dudley, Shepparton; Charles Sanders, Blackburn; Edmund Sparks, Emerald; Rose Rodgers, Warrnambool; Doris Anderson, Annie Gillespie, Essendon; Arthur Withers, Moreland; Nellie Morris, Janet Hayes, Brighton; Norman Angus, Timmins; Irene Lightowers, Collingwood; John Smith, North Fitzroy; Thelma Porter, Stawell; Alice Bamer, Alfred Pitt, Esna Johnston, Richard Jullon, North Richmond; Esna Stephenson; Hector Thorburn, Bendigo; Alma Stephenson, Elba Augustine, Bet Bet; Fay Ballinger, Havelock, William Gray, North Carlton; Leslie Allen, Surrey Hills; Alice Russell, Warragool; Inez Lander, Hauger, St. Clair; Leitch, East Camberwell; Olive Bax, Northcote; Joseph Morrison, Muriel Box Hill; E. Hedden, Ballarat; Harry Hines, Doris Hutchings, Cheltenham; Emma Howard, abeth Woodbridge, North Melbourne; Clifford Le Page, Ruby Sutch, Northcote; Alma Porter, Sil,

## DIVISION IV. 13 and 14 years.

1st prize, Florie White, Footscray, 100  
 2nd prize, Dorothy Lawson, Surrey Hills, 99  
 3rd prize, Cecil Thompson, Footscray, 98  
 4th prize, Gladys Enderby, Middle Park; Maizie Thompson, Northcote, 96  
 Certificates of Merit—Leonard McGill, Florence Haines, Philip Sampson, Isabel Buchanan, Lygon-st.; Nellie Sargent, Taradale; Victor Wright, Lexie Downs, Middle Park; Hilda Lees, Horsham; Edna Gregson, Wedderburn; Elsie Dudley, Frederick Bellis, Cecil McCleary, D. Ave, Porter, Verdon Dudley, Shepparton; Charles Sanders, Blackburn; Edmund Sparks, Emerald; Rose Rodgers, Warrnambool; Doris Anderson, Annie Gillespie, Essendon; Arthur Withers, Moreland; Nellie Morris, Janet Hayes, Brighton; Norman Angus, Timmins; Irene Lightowers, Collingwood; John Smith, North Fitzroy; Thelma Porter, Stawell; Alice Bamer, Alfred Pitt, Esna Johnston, Richard Jullon, North Richmond; Esna Stephenson; Hector Thorburn, Bendigo; Alma Stephenson, Elba Augustine, Bet Bet; Fay Ballinger, Havelock, William Gray, North Carlton; Leslie Allen, Surrey Hills; Alice Russell, Warragool; Inez Lander, Hauger, St. Clair; Leitch, East Camberwell; Olive Bax, Northcote; Joseph Morrison, Muriel Box Hill; E. Hedden, Ballarat; Harry Hines, Doris Hutchings, Cheltenham; Emma Howard, abeth Woodbridge, North Melbourne; Clifford Le Page, Ruby Sutch, Northcote; Alma Porter, Sil,

Yarra; Ivy Gill, Newmarket; George Peters, Hawthorn; Elsie Rutherford, Elsie Curry, South Richmond; Alex. Lewis, Esther Shelton, Evelyn Lewis, Mildura; Leah Myers, Brunswick; Evelyn Young, South Melbourne; Robert Haro, Florence Everett, Fitzroy; Isabel Barrett, Surrey Hills.  
 Certificates—Isabel Clark, May Ball, South Melbourne; Violet Herbert, Fitzroy; Gladys Brown, Marybeth, Lyolia Lacey, Croydon; Ingha McQueen, Lygon-st.; Jack Davies, Keith Lough, Beatrice Freeman, Middle Park; Ethel Gray, Horsham; Doreen Himes, Malvern; Shirley Haase, Wedderburn; Myrtle Crouch, Gordon Petty, Doncaster; Robert Dudley, Claude Purton, Shepparton; Silas Harding, Claude Purton, Larsen, James Hensley, Jessie Ferguson, Ruby Clark, Essend; Arthur Martin, George Young, Brighton; Ruth Mathart, Walter Wyatt, Jean Timmins, North Fitzroy; Annie Martin, Bayswater, Catherine Hayward, Daniel Parsington, Cecil Reilly, North Richmond; Garnet Hades, Bendigo; Ruby Patters, North Melbourne; David Milvogue, North Carlton; Claude Dawson, Elsie Stewart, Guelph; Sarah Helyar, Ballarat; Robert Victor, Cheltenham; Ivy Wheaton, Colac; Victor Warner, North Melbourne; William Elydwan, Wonga Park; Leah Collins, Northcote; Irene Boxall, Clara Graham, South Yarra; Allan Stewart, Newmarket; Max Will Morrison, Reg. Hogg, Ernest Tidd, Arthur Tidd, Alex. Black, May Bryce, Hawthorn; Lily Drewett, North Kingsford, Mildura.

1st prize, Lilian White, Preston, 97  
 2nd prize, Bessie Lowen, Blackburn; Bertha Hill, Hill-st., Footscray, 97  
 3rd prize, Dorothy Gibson, Lygon-st., 95  
 Certificates of Merit—Alice McKean, Lygon-st.; Pearl Hall, Middle Park; Maizie Mitchell, Malvern; James Drummond, Shepparton; Ralph Robinson, Blackburn; Vera Hutton, Yna Ward, Warrnambool, North Fitzroy; Leslie Dring, Geo. Teasdale, Thomas Hughes, Blith Brodie, Pearl Johnston, Dorothy Campbell, North Richmond; Sydney Johnston, Middle Park; Albert Gibb, Surrey Hills; Clarence Peterson, Warragool; Nellie Lee, South Yarra; Elizabeth Cheltenham; Jean Jones, North Melbourne; Jessie Clark, Newmarket; Smiley Parkes, Lilian Tucker, Hawthorn; Spas Murray, South Richmond; Heather Reynolds, Colac; Carrie Davies, Middle Park.  
 Certificates—Clary Miller, Taradale; Jean O'Neill, Gerlie Clegg, Middle Park; Charles Morris, Elsie Field, Brighton; Alice Welling, Dorothy Williams, Footscray; Myrtle Mill, Mayfield, James Mackay, North Fitzroy; Edith Mather, Emily Prentice, Irene Newman, North Richmond; Eugenie Turner, Bendigo; Lavinia Bryant, Bet Bet; Pearl Long, Warrnambool; Elsie Reid, Bet Haven; Florence Pam, Helen Leitch, East Camberwell; Eva Fera, Box Hill; Myrtle Hayes, Carice Judd, Cheltenham; Inez Hill, Norman Brown, North Melbourne; Joan Cucking, Wonga Park; Hazel Coppard, Milton Gray, Hawthorn; Hilda Davies, Mildura; Myrtle Himes, Clarence M. ody, Dore White, Elsie Baylis, Brunswick; Florence Salmon, Fitzroy.

## DIVISION V. 15 and 16 years.

1st prize, Irene McCormack, Shepparton, 97  
 2nd prize, Rose Batch, Ballarat, 95  
 3rd prize, Doris Booth, Surrey Hills, 93  
 4th prize, George Burdett, Colac, 92  
 Certificates of Merit—Daisy O'Neill, Middle Park; Stella Haines, Lygon-st.; Winifred Hughes, Essendon; Edith Wilkinson, Bayswater; Conley, Essendon; Irene Mackay, North Carlton; Alice Hughes, Caroline Brodie, North Richmond; Susan Damm, Bendigo; Vera Clewett, Middle Park; Surrey Hills; Elizabeth Cunningham, Warrnambool; Elly M. K., Dorothy Johnston, Box Hill; E. Peters, St. Kilda; Seymour, Cheltenham; Ernest, Box Hill; Nellie Scott, Mary Black, Hawthorn; Inez Barral, South Melbourne; Elzize Trubeger, Fitzroy; Inez Dumbilly, Preston.  
 Certificates—Aubrey Jackel, Taradale; Thomas Stevenson, Malvern; Hazel Crouch, Doncaster; Leonard Martin, Bayswater; Ireta Jane Richmond; Reta McKellar, Warrnambool; Elsie Hallam, Haven; Dorothy Smart, Berwick; Betty Morrison, Ballarat; Rene Henlon, Lyolia Taylor, Box Hill.

## DIVISION VI. 17 and 18 years.

1st prize, Irene McCormack, Shepparton, 97  
 2nd prize, Rose Batch, Ballarat, 95  
 3rd prize, Doris Booth, Surrey Hills, 93  
 4th prize, George Burdett, Colac, 92  
 Certificates of Merit—Daisy O'Neill, Middle Park; Stella Haines, Lygon-st.; Winifred Hughes, Essendon; Edith Wilkinson, Bayswater; Conley, Essendon; Irene Mackay, North Carlton; Alice Hughes, Caroline Brodie, North Richmond; Susan Damm, Bendigo; Vera Clewett, Middle Park; Surrey Hills; Elizabeth Cunningham, Warrnambool; Elly M. K., Dorothy Johnston, Box Hill; E. Peters, St. Kilda; Seymour, Cheltenham; Ernest, Box Hill; Nellie Scott, Mary Black, Hawthorn; Inez Barral, South Melbourne; Elzize Trubeger, Fitzroy; Inez Dumbilly, Preston.  
 Certificates—Aubrey Jackel, Taradale; Thomas Stevenson, Malvern; Hazel Crouch, Doncaster; Leonard Martin, Bayswater; Ireta Jane Richmond; Reta McKellar, Warrnambool; Elsie Hallam, Haven; Dorothy Smart, Berwick; Betty Morrison, Ballarat; Rene Henlon, Lyolia Taylor, Box Hill.

**DIVISION VII. 19 years and Over.**

1st prize, Jessie Dahl, Lagn-on-st., 92  
2nd prize, Violet Cameron, Lagn-on-st., 86  
3rd prize, William Fielding, Hawthorn, 357.  
4th prize, Margretta Nellison, Bayswater, 85.  
Certificates of Merit—Elsie Wilkinson, Bayswater; Elvina Barnack, Sarah Neilson, Hawthorn; James Smith, Mildura; Ewart Beasy, Danby.

Certificates—Myrtle Parker, Croydon; Minnie Taylor, Gladys Davey, St. Kilda; Maude Hansen, Bayswater; Emma Bennett, Colac.

**TEACHERS.**

**DIVISION VII. Under 25 years.**

1st prize, Miss Isabel Mitchell, Melbourne, 95  
2nd prize, Miss Helen Baylis, Brunswick, 92  
3rd prize, Miss Susan Gay, Emerald, 87.  
Certificate of Merit—Mr. Reg. Sparks, Emerald.

Certificates—Miss Annie Peters, Ass't Vale; Mr. Michael Seab, Brighton; Miss Ruby Taylor, Melbourne; Mr. L. E. Hiler, South Melbourne.

**DIVISION VIII. Over 25 years.**

1st prize, Mrs. Emma Flood, Ass't Vale, 92  
2nd prize, Mrs. A. H. Taylor, North Richmond, 86  
Certificates of Merit—Mr. H. Peters, Stawell; Mrs. E. Graham, Mrs. Ida Hillbrick, Berwick.

Certificates—Mr. T. W. Smith, Lagn-on-st., Mr. T. L. R. W., Stawell; Miss Annie Mox, Emerald.

**TEACHERS IX.**

1st prize, Mr. J. A. Webb, Balfarat, 95.  
Certificate of Merit—Miss Thyra Perry, M.I. v. v. v.

Certificates—Mr. J. H. McKean, Melbourne; Mr. S. Northcutt, South Melbourne.

# College of the Bible.

The tenth annual demonstration of the College of the Bible took place on Thursday, November 24, in the Lagn-on-st. church, and was well attended by representatives of many churches.

R. Lyall, Chairman of the College Board, presided over the meeting. Opportunity was taken by the chairman to express the thanks of the Board of Management to the brethren throughout the Commonwealth and New Zealand for their continued loyal support. The year had been phenomenal, world conditions making the year difficult yet substantial support had been forthcoming, and splendid work had been done.

The Principal, A. R. Main, presented a brief report of the year's work. 1916 had been a good year for the College, and we had worked diligently and successfully both in their studies and in church work. Some of the students were leaving to take up regular ministerial work, and in all probability some others would, ere College resumed for 1917, be serving the Empire abroad.

Principal Main presented the College Diploma to A. C. Garnett, of Port Pirie, S.A., and a certificate to Messrs A. C. Crisp (Dandenong, Vic.), W. R. Hibbard (Auckland, N.Z.), and J. E. Webb (Balaklava, S.A.). Mr. A. J. Ingham had been prevented through sickness from sitting for an examination necessary to complete the Bible Course.

An excellent programme was provided, the students having a large part of the work. Brief and bright valedictory speeches were made by A. C. Crisp and J. E. Webb. W. R. Hibbard presented a thoughtful essay entitled "Invading the Impassible." W. R. Nankivell evoked hearty applause for his fine speaking of "The Transports." In a beautiful speech A. C. Crisp responded for those granting Diplomas and Certificates. A. J. Ingham, pastor-elect of the Bendigo church, interested the audience greatly with his address on "Glorious Father." Valedictory addresses by the Lagn-on-st. church, by Miss Jessie Filly, and by a number of students of the College, contributed immensely to the enjoyment of what was perhaps the best demonstration yet held in connection with this institution.

**SPEECH DAY.**

Speech Day follows immediately upon the annual demonstration, and is one of the delightful gatherings of the College year.

Friday morning, at 9.30, formal Faculty and students assembled for worship. The departing students, through W. Wakefield, gave expression of their appreciation of help received. H. J. Patterson, for those expecting to return in 1917, wished the out-going men success as they entered upon a larger service. Speeches were made by each member of the Faculty, and a most happy and entertaining function closed with prayer for those who go and those who remain.—R. Emise.

**REPORT, 1916.**

The following report of the Principal was presented at the Demonstration:—

The first decade of our College history draws to a close. As we review the period, we realize

our great debt of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His constant guidance and manifold blessings. While in all of our hopes have been realized, yet in many ways our progress has been greater than we dared to anticipate. The sympathetic interest and liberality of the brethren have been vouchsafed to us in a remarkable degree.

Since last College Demonstration we have had striking proof of the manner in which the College is growing into favour. Thanks to the splendid initiative of Mr. J. Huddle, of Emore, New South Wales, cash and promises for the reduction of the College debt by about £2000 have been received. This lightens the burden of the Board of Management considerably, and will make possible an extension of our work when the war cloud lifts.

With all similar institutions, but to a smaller extent than most, we have suffered because of the war. Fourteen formally with us have gone to the front. Of these, Mr. E. Martin, of NSW, was wounded at Gallipoli, so that he was later discharged. Two or three of the present students expect to offer for service ere College reopens in February next. Very many who had hoped to be with us in 1917 or 1918 have given themselves to the service of the Empire. At present we have thirty-six students, three of whom are ladies preparing for Foreign Missionary work. We shall doubtless have a reduced enrolment next year.

We are glad once again to be able to record that the relations existing between College Board, Faculty and students, have ever been of the most cordial nature. The resident students are as a true band of brothers. All feel that the splendid fellowship with one another is one of the greatest blessings of College life. Teachers are able to report that students on the whole have done very satisfactory work. For a little while there was a considerable amount of interruption in studies, the reason being to report to be examined under the recent Defence Proclamation. Later, all theological students were declared to be exempt from military service.

**TEACHERS.**

The teaching staff was unaltered during the year.

The Principal and Mr. H. E. Knott, M.A., take Biblical subjects. The former during the year lectured in Apostolic History, Church History, and Christian Doctrine, Logic, and Psychology; the latter in Old Testament History, Hebraic Literature, Exegesis, Missions and Comparative Religion, and Apologetics.

Miss Sims, B.A., and Messrs J. S. Taylor, B.A., and R. T. Pittman, Dip. Ed., have charge of secular work. Under our new requirements for College certificates, more of the students have been preparing for the University. Mr. Pittman is laboring on their Biblical studies. Mr. Pittman renders very valuable services in the Literary Society, of which he regularly acts as Orator.

Mr. J. Huddle Ross, F.S.S. A.F.I.A., attends weekly and conducts classes in English.

Mr. Reg. Emise, in addition to acting as Organizing Secretary for the College, delivers lec-

tures on Bible School and Practical Church Work. Lieut. Johns has continued to act as drill instructor. The liberality of a Victorian brother makes this class possible. It has not been felt wise at this time to proceed with the erection of a gymnasium; the class in physical drill serves as a substitute.

**DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATES.**

The following, having completed courses at the College, are receiving diploma or certificates: *Diploma.*

A. C. Garnett, of Port Pirie church, S.A., who has completed Bible Course, and qualified for matriculation at Melbourne University. Mr. Garnett hopes to continue studies at the University next year.

*Certificates for Bible Course:*

A. C. Crisp, Dandenong, Vic.  
W. R. Hibbard, Auckland, N.Z.  
J. E. Webb, Balaklava, S.A.  
Mr. Webb takes up work at Collingwood in December.

Mr. A. J. Ingham, who shortly enters upon an engagement with the church at Bendigo, may well have missed an examination through illness. Eric Ling he hopes to sit for, and then he should qualify for certificate.

Messrs. W. Wakefield and C. Young are about to enter on engagements at Brim and Burnley respectively.

Twenty-four of the men have regular work and engagements. Most of the students have church appointments for vacation.

**UNIVERSITY RESULTS, 1915-1916.**

**SENIOR PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.**

Passed in English—Obtained Honours: A. C. Crisp, R. K. Whately. Passed: H. G. Henderson, G. H. Oldfield.

Passed in History.—E. P. Mermann, V. R. Bible, A. C. Crisp.

**JUNIOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION.**

Passed in Five Subjects.—E. P. Mermann.  
Passed in Four Subjects.—V. R. Bible, H. Crowden, E. R. Killbrier.

At this examination five distinctions were gained, of which E. R. Killbrier secured two. H. Crowden is now on active service abroad.

Note.—We have succeeded on our recent partial passes of six able students, now out of College, whose secular course has been interrupted for different reasons. It is anticipated that four at least of these will return to qualify for matriculation.

Other students have qualified for matriculation, as previously reported.

The Public Examinations for this year begin next week. We have a fair number of entries.

As our College examinations only finished yesterday, we cannot now report results.

For the first time, the E. G. Doring Scholarship and the Old Boys' Scholarship will be presented this year. In a few days we hope to be able to announce the names of the successful candidates.

Several former students are now taking University courses at Melbourne and Sydney.

Miss Blake, who last year received her certificate on the completion of her prescribed College course, is now receiving hospital training in Queen's Home, Adelaide.

**SPORTS.**

Attention is given to the physical well-being of the men. A vigorous Sports Union exists, the secretary of which, Mr. H. J. Patterson, reports as follows:—

"Interest in sport has greatly increased during the year through the presentation of a fine shield by the Faculty to the students.

"The student scoring the highest aggregate of points in the various events is declared 'Sports Champion' for that particular year, and has his name inscribed on the shield.

"Mr. W. Nankivell is the champion for this year. He scored fifteen points, defeating Mr. H. Davie by one point."

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**

The 1917 session is due to begin on Thursday, February 15. Candidates' students should apply for admission as early in December as possible.

A. R. Main.

## Reports from the Field.

### Victoria.

**NORTHAM.**—On Sunday Bro. Manning exhorted in the morning. Gal. 2: 20. He made mention of the devoted life of Bro. H. J. Banks. Gospel services for the past three Sundays in the absence of Bro. Stirling, who is helping in Perth, have been taken by Bro. Paul Pallott. Last week one young woman made the good confession.—S. Paine, Nov. 12.

**MAYLANDS.**—On the 16th a large number came together in the church to welcome Bro. Chappell, our new evangelist, and Sister Chappell, who have come to take up the work. Bro. Connor as acting president, welcomed them on behalf of the churches. Bro. Fitzgerald, Manning, and Lightfoot also spoke.—C.K., Nov. 21.

### Tasmania.

**HOBART.**—On Nov. 12 Sister Miss Storey, of Nubeena, was welcomed. The sabbier recently baptised was given the hand of fellowship. Bro. Woolnough exhorted. A man was baptised at the close of the service. Good attendance at the breaking of bread on the 10th. Amongst others, the Sisters Reife, of Emuwa, and Sister Chapman, of Sydney, were welcomed. The quarterly social of the Y.P.S.C.E. was held on the 21st. Bro. Way was with us, and gave a very helpful address. The meeting was one of the best of its kind that we have known at Collins-st.—G.W.

### New Zealand.

**WANGANUI.**—On Nov. 10, a very successful entertainment was held in aid of choir books and Bible Class room. On Nov. 17, Bro. N. G. Noble, evangelist, presided over a farewell meeting to Corporal Archie Sharp, Trooper Alfred Furnell, and Private Carl Purser. Presentations were made. Bro. Noble is a keen worker among young people. The Sunday School has been regraded. Sunday meetings are well attended. Last Sunday night Bro. Noble delivered a powerful address on "Who Can Forgive Sin?"—A.T., Nov. 20.

**TEWYHARIGILL.**—All services are well attended. For six weeks the average attendance at our prayer meeting has been 70. Yesterday morning Bro. Moore continued his address on Romans. Two were welcomed to our fellowship who had been immersed on Thursday. Last night Bro. Moore spoke on "The Difficulty of Unbelief."—P., Nov. 13.

### Queensland.

**ROSEWOOD.**—The annual business meeting was held here on Nov. 11. The treasurer's balance showed total receipts, 262/10/8, and expenditure, 162/1/1. The following brethren were elected deacons: Ben Tribble, Bulise, Zoring, Horne, and O. Adernann. Bro. O. Adernann was re-elected secretary and Bible School superintendent, and Bro. Horne, treasurer. A fund was established to reduce the debt on the chapel. It was decided that an evangelistic fund be commenced, also that we introduce the Graded Lesson system in the Bible School. The Children's Day Exercise, "John for Christ," was nicely given by scholars on Lord's day evening, Nov. 13. The collection amounted to £2/1/5. Bro. Pratt assisted at the service.—O. Adernann, Nov. 19.

**ALHON.**—Sunday, 12th, Bro. Rankine exhorted. Tuesday, 14th, the children of the Lord's day School gave the Children's Day Exercise. The contributions from the school and the evenings offering amounted to £5/10/0.—H.W.H.

**BRISBANE.**—Owing to the coal strike, no trams were run yesterday; consequently attendances were smaller. Bro. Rankine spoke at both services. Eleven of our Bible School scholars sat for the Union Exams, and six of them secured over 90 per cent. marks. Further particulars next week.—H.C.S.

**MARYBOROUGH.**—Sunday, 19th, good attendance. Our State evangelist, Bro. A. G. Day, was with us. His subjects were respectively "God's Plan," and "A Changed Life." Bro. Day also gave an address to the Bible School. The H.M.C. are arranging to place a preacher in the circuit as soon as possible, and we hope very soon to report good progress.—D.W.E.

**BOONMILL.**—Good meetings and record offerings at Boonah and Mt. Alford on Sunday. Preparing for Children's Day at Boonah, and anniversary at Mt. Alford.—W.H.N.

### South Australia.

**GLENELG.**—Last night one young lady made the good confession. The attendances at all meetings continue good. Interest is being well maintained.—Chas. Ferris, Nov. 20.

**HERRI.**—Good meetings continue. On Sunday, Nov. 13, we held our first S.S. anniversary. On Sunday, 19th, we had ten new scholars, bringing the total up to 24.—W.H.G.M., Nov. 20.

**UNGARRA.**—We had a combined C.E. meeting on Nov. 13, when we had with us members of the Stokes C.E. Society. An enjoyable time was spent. Bro. Horsell gave us a helpful address. On November 12, at a splendid worship meeting Bro. Horsell gave an inspiring address on "The Joy of Christian Service." Bro. Hunt is doing a fine work.—N. Lawrie, Nov. 20.

**COTTONVILLE.**—Good address by Bro. Batchelor this morning. One received into fellowship. Bible School attendance, highest on record. One new scholar. To-night's meeting, splendid address by three confessions, a married couple, and a young woman.—H., Nov. 20.

**HINDMARSH.**—Sunday, Nov. 26, morning services. Bro. Warren addressed the church. Ten new scholars in the Bible School, and four in the kindergarten. Evening service. Bro. Warren took for his subject, "The Cure for Blindness."—?

**YORK.**—Wednesday, a successful F. & M. social and annual meeting was held. Mrs. Pengelly was the speaker. Musical items and refreshments. To-day, good meetings. Writer spoke on "The Sin of Schism" in the morning. Evening, a good meeting. Subject, "A Big Question." Two baptisms at close. Writer finished labor with the church here to-day.—E. J. Paternoster, Nov. 26.

**BALAKLAVA.**—J. E. Alan was with us at our C.E. anniversary, and gave a stirring address. On Nov. 19, a memorial service for our late Sister Ruby Woodgate was held; the large audience indicated the high esteem in which our sister was held. Bro. Beiler made feeling reference to our late sister's life. To-day the sad news came to hand of the death through accident of Stanley Lindner, the 14-year-old boy of Bro. and Sister Lindner, of Hoyleton. Fair attendance to-day. At the close of Bro. Beiler's address two adults—lady and gentleman—made the good confession.—G.H.E., Nov. 26.

**UNLEY.**—The Sunday School picnic was held at Ridge Park on Nov. 18. Our school has again been successful in gaining the greatest number of prizes and certificates at the annual S.S. examination. This morning we received into fellowship Bro. and Sister John Anderson and their three daughters, from Henley Beach, who were members with us some years ago.—O.V.M., Nov. 26.

**SEMAPHORE.**—Splendid meetings to-day, A. G. Saunders speaking both morning and evening. Very encouraging. To-night we had a fine meeting. Preparations are well in hand for our proceeds of the church grounds, on Dec. 6, the tentions. All auxiliaries are in good condition. Our Y.P.S.C.E. Society gained the honor banner in the local District Union contest this year.—E.C.M., Nov. 26.

**BOX HILL.**—Meetings continue good. This morning Bro. Tucker exhorted most acceptably. One married lady baptised during the week and received into fellowship. To-night Bro. Clark delivered a powerful gospel sermon to a good congregation on "A Vision of a Christian World." Our Bible School is busy preparing for Children's Day. Our J.C.E. Society is active in practical service.—Nov. 19.

**BLACKBURN.**—On Nov. 18, we welcomed Bro. Leccc, who is taking up the work, and bid farewell to Bro. Webb, who was presented with a small token of esteem by the church. We were pleased to have a splendid number of students and Box Hill members. Sunday, 19th, we successfully celebrated Children's Day. 11/12/16 was attended.—A. T. Edwards, Nov. 20.

**SHEEP HILLS.**—On Dec. 10, Bro. W. G. C. bridge was unable to conduct his farewell service, sad bereavement: visiting his family. The service conducted the service, over forty being present, subject being "Realising the Second Advent." The Bible School shows a marked increase of scholars. Bro. Parsons, secretary, is a great help. A church has been formed here shortly.—W. V. G.

**GORDON.**—The meeting for worship was well attended yesterday. Bro. Gordon addressed the church in his usual time manner, it being our brother's final meeting with us for some time. After conclusion Bro. Chapman presented Bro. Gordon with a watch on behalf of the members of the Ian and Gordon church. Bro. Gordon really responded. In the evening his address, Luke 18: 11-13, was much appreciated.—J. G. Lucy, Nov. 21.

**FOOTSCRAY.**—Good meetings on Nov. 12. At Junior Endeavor 62 were present. Some 500 expressed at the departure of the late superintendent, Bro. J. Young, who sailed on Thursday for active service. Bro. Kim addressed the church. In the evening, Bro. Whelan preaching, three confessions were received, and three were baptized. Good meetings on Nov. 26. Two baptisms during the evening service. The Bible Class is still going ahead with the rally. Monthly tea for the Class, on present.—A.J.T.

**SHEPPARTON.**—Last Sunday services were well attended. About 40 were at the Junior Endeavor. At the gospel service the chapel was well filled. We are glad to have Bro. and Sister Woodard, from Melbourne, back in our midst. Last Monday a pretty wedding was celebrated in the chapel, when the daughter of Bro. and Sister Woodard was united to Mr. Chedden. Bro. Howard sang, fascinating. Next Sunday will be Mr. Howard's last Sunday with us. We are all very glad he is leaving.—Elsie Dunley.

**MARYBOROUGH.**—Last Thursday we had our usual Y.P.S. morning gave way to a farewell social to Bro. and Sister Southgate, who are leaving Maryborough and are returning to work in the Home Missionary and are returning to the Bible School and the church. Bro. and Sister Southgate, on behalf of the members of the Bible School, made a suitable gift of books to the School and a handbag to Sister Southgate. Bro. and Sister have been good workers here, and meetings again on Sunday. Since the opening of our Bible School rally the rolls have had 1000 day and the blues next.—A.P.A.B., Nov. 26.

**CARLTON.**—(Lyons-st.)—Sunday, 19th, school anniversary. In the morning Bro. and Sister Smith, who presided, thanked the members and half of the church for their noble work and prayer was offered by the church, and by the teachers. It was a splendid service. In the afternoon, F. H. Scambler, B.A., gave a fine sermon while Col. S. Price Weir, who is visiting, presented his return from the front, was welcomed by Bro. Thomas, and gave a happy greeting. Bro. Thomas preached to a full meeting at the school. "Stragglers for Our Children" and evening service for school boys, led by Bro. and Sister, and assisted by a magnificent orchestra. Several beautiful selections. It was a most helpful day.—Nov. 20.



## Here and There

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

A paragraph in our last issue would prepare our readers for a slight reduction in the size of "The Christian" this week, and for the announcement that pending the settlement of the coal strike it is most improbable that we shall be allowed to publish other issues of the paper.

Until Monday afternoon, it seemed probable that we should be unable to issue this present number, for power was cut off from Friday till Monday inclusive; but a temporary exemption was granted to the Austral Company, which permitted the publication of this week's number, since work had already been begun on it.

The manager of the Austral assures our readers that everything possible will be done to facilitate publication and to lessen the inconvenience caused to our readers and the churches generally.

We deeply regret having to write this, but we are sure that all our subscribers will understand that we are bound by the Government regulations. We may all hope and pray for a speedy settlement of the industrial crisis which has interrupted our work and, alas, is causing great misery to a very large number of our fellow citizens.

— Editor.

Three confessions at Gading last Lord's day evening.

Brs. Garfield Roster's address is "Prestonia," William st., Hornby.

H. E. Kneet, M.A., is planned to conduct a gospel mission at Cavestide, Tas., from Dec. 3 to 13.

There have been seven confessions during the past three Sundays at Morland, Vic., where W. L. Hayes preaches.

A. C. Garnett closed his labors with the church at Montrose, Vic., last Lord's day. There were two confessions at the evening service.

J. E. Webb, from the College of the Bible, will take the work at Cullingwood, Vic., under the Home Missionary Committee, from next Sunday.

"Diffusing the Membership" will be the subject for discussion at the quarterly men's meeting on Monday, December 14th, in Swanston-st. Lecture hall.

Victorian Bible School annual demonstration is fixed for Monday, December 18. As in former years the event will take place in the Lygon-st. chapel.

Victorian disciples are reminded of the special appeal made by the Home Missionary committee of that State. Please send your offering as soon as you read this.

S. J. Southgate has accepted an engagement under the Victorian Home Missionary Committee to labor in the Kyneton Circuit; he will commence work there next Sunday.

We hear that Bro. W. L. Ewers, evangelist of Morland church, Vic., has accepted an invitation to help the churches in West Australia. He closes his Victorian ministry at the end of the year.

It is hoped that the winning side is in the Victorian Spring Attendance Campaign can be announced in our next issue. Should any school have failed to send returns, the matter should receive immediate attention.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Management of the College of the Bible, the following brethren were re-appointed to office: Chairman, Mr. R. Lyall; Treasurer, Mr. W. C. Craigie; Secretary, Mr. Chas. Harbidge.

Bren. Hingwirth, Harward, and Rush, of Sydney, were the examiners for the Victorian Bible School Examination. A glance at the award list on another page will satisfy readers that the task must have been a very heavy one.

The secretary of the Brunswick church, Vic., is W. J. S. Thompson, 179 Pearson-st., West Brunswick.

Will these Victorian members who intend making a special contribution to the Home Missionary Fund of that State, please forward as soon as possible? The month of November, during which it was asked that the special gifts should be made, has now expired.

On S. P. Weir met with Melbourne churches last Lord's day. We are glad to know that our brother has returned home safely from the war. He was at the landing at Gallipoli, and also had a strenuous campaign in France. His many friendships are in the goodness of God who has spared him to us.

W. G. Conbridge has closed three years' successful work in the Brim, Vic., district, under the State Home Missionary Committee. He is forced to refrain from preaching during the next six months, owing to ill health. He will be succeeded by Rev. W. Wilkinson, of the C. I. Church of the Bible.

Some of our retail departments are curtailed this week. We regret that "The Family Star" is held over. The explanation is found in the fact that with the limited time at our disposal we had to reduce the number of pages, and also had to use matter already in type in preference to other contributions. Many church reports had to be omitted for a similar reason.

Churches in Queensland note: The Queensland preachers decided at their annual conference to again offer their services to the Home Missionary Committee, subject to the approval of the churches where they exist, for the purpose of holding short missions with the churches during this conference year. Let all the churches write the Home Missionary Committee, and plan for a forward movement.—W. H. Nightingale, Secretary.

To the dreadful evils of international warfare are now added the horrors of industrial strife. It is possible that such a spectacle as Australia now presents should be possible in a time of national crisis. Surely a spirit of mutual help should prevail on such a time. The need of the gospel of Christ as the cure for the world's ills is increasingly apparent. Men's hearts must be changed. We deeply sympathize with those who will at once face a very and want. See the nation at large most suffer, if the strife continues. Let us pray for peace on earth and goodwill among men.

It is with much regret that we learn that some of our New South Wales and Queensland agents and subscribers are having trouble through the late arrival of the "Australian." We wish to assure such that the Austral Publishing Co. is in no way to blame for this. Repeated representations have been made to the postal authorities in Melbourne. The paper is left at the G.P.O., pre-stamped, in abundance of time to catch Thursday afternoon's train. The officials tell us that the delay is not caused at Melbourne end. We should esteem it a favor if agents would lodge a complaint, giving details of some specific cases of delay, at the G.P.O.'s in Sydney and Brisbane. Some good would probably result.

### IN MEMORIAM.

**BINNEY.**—In loving memory of Joseph Binney, who closed his life of consecrated service on December 20, 1914.

His patient showed us the wise course to steer, A dual comrade, and a friend sincere, He taught us how to live, and (oh! too high, The price of knowledge) taught us how to die."—H. G. Harward.

**FORDHAM.**—In loving memory of Lillian Myrtle, who fell asleep on the 28th of November, 1912, aged 19 years and 8 months; also our beloved father, Walter Montague Fordham, who passed away on the 31st July, 1910.

Father and sister, gone to that clime, Wait for the others coming some time; Watch for the boatman, wait for the sail, Enter the harbor, safe in the vale.—Inserted by mother, sisters and brothers, North Melbourne.

### S. A. CHURCH EXTENSION OFFERING

Sunday, December 3rd, 1910.

Owing to an oversight of the secretary, the matter of the Collection was overlooked, and the necessary envelopes were not to hand in the churches for the collection until the date fixed for the taking of the offering.

Will the churches kindly arrange that, if it is not convenient to take the offering on the date fixed, the same be taken up on Sunday, December 10th?

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