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## Walk Worthily

(Convention Address)

THE subject we have chosen is from Ephesians, and is the Diaglott rendering of chapter 4:1 “I exhort you, therefore, I, the prisoner for the Lord, to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called.” For a few moments we will enlarge on one word of our text, or rather use that one word as a door to open two other thoughts. Paul was a very logical man; he did not use words unwisely, but with much benefit.

So Paul **says**—”**Therefore**, I exhort you.” Previous to this statement Paul had told the reason why we should walk worthily. If we could see what Paul saw, have the same vision and clarity in depth and see the same joy he saw, it would help us to walk worthily of the vocation wherewith we have been called. So we will go back to a few portions of Ephesians and review some of the high points which Paul makes concerning why he could say, Because of these things walk worthily of the vocation wherewith ye have been called. Remember how Paul did walk worthily under the most adverse circumstances. I think particularly of the time when he was in Philippi and he and Silas were preaching the gospel in that city, and they had evil men turn against them and incite a mob, and Paul and Silas were stripped of their clothing and publicly beaten, and then taken to the inner dungeon, or the lower dungeon, and their feet put in stocks. Yet Paul and Silas in that horrible condition, after having been bruised and beaten, could by midnight that night begin to sing psalms and make melody in their hearts, and after that God released them from their torturous condition. Paul saw something. He saw a wonderful vision of truth that caused him to say, Because of these things let us walk worthily. What are these things that Paul referred to in the first three chapters of Ephesians?

I am going to review just the high spots of what Paul might have seen that could give him such strength and courage and joy in adversity, which we must have; such zeal to perform as God told him he should perform in carrying out the Father’s will.

In the first chapter of Ephesians, verse 8, Paul writes—”Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself.” And in the third chapter Paul speaks of this mystery or secret of God that He purposed in Himself.

To understand our call it is vital that we understand what is this mystery—this mystery of God that He purposed in Himself; this mystery which was in His mind before He created Jesus as the Logos. Back before there was a star in the night, God had this plan in His mind, this great mystery. Now, this mystery He had in His mind would, when it was accomplished, show the diversified wisdom of God, as it says in the Diaglott, or as the King James version says, the manifold wisdom of God. It would show God’s power and wisdom along many lines. What was in God’s mind before Jesus as the Logos was created? I know you all know. You are saying it to yourselves now. I won’t ask you to say it aloud. His mystery, the desire of His heart, was to have a family. God wanted a family on His

plane of existence, Divine beings who could have fellowship with Him as mature Divine beings, so to speak. We know that once God was alone. Then He created the Logos, and we believe Satan and other beings, but even with the Logos God could not have that fellowship that He could have with a family who were Divine beings as He is. Long ago God desired this family. That is His eternal purpose.

This is brought to us in Psa. 132 in a most unique way. The Psalmist is writing how much he wants to build a temple for God, a house for God, and he meant the little temple that Solomon eventually built. He said he wanted to find a place, because the Ark of the Covenant was in the fields. But notice God speaks to David. In verses 13 and 14 He states—”For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.” Think of that! God had desired something in the far reaches of eternity, and that was a Divine

family. This has been His eternal purpose. The permission of evil was allowed by God to provide the proving-ground for this family for their development, as well as demonstrating to all beings to all eternity the exceeding sinfulness of sin as they contrasted that with the majesty and grandeur and perfection of God’s righteous laws in the Kingdom. But God’s eternal purpose was His family. It is overpowering for us to think that this great Creator has looked down to this little earth, such a small object in space, a million of them could be put in the sun, even our own small sun. And from the teeming billions of earth He has called one here, one there, to come to Him, to Jesus by God’s direction, to become part of God’s own family. It is overpowering. And if we did not have the many assurances in His Word that this is true, we could not believe it. But God has kept this a secret from all except those with whom He has been dealing, and they are the prospective members of this marvellous New Creation of God, who will be made like He is and like Jesus is.

Paul saw that. He saw it with clarity. This became a motivating force in Paul’s life, the fact that in God’s due time Paul and others could awaken on the spirit plane and be a part of God’s own Divine family. Who is worthy? He has made it clear in our text that those whom God has called in the main have been the little people among the children of earth like ourselves, that when it is all over no flesh may glory in God’s sight. We will be to all eternity an exhibit of God’s matchless grace. So as He has revealed Himself to us through His Word, and we see the depth of His plan, it means God is directing our lives for one objective, and that is to become Christlike in this life, crystallised in righteousness, so that by God’s design we may have a part with Him on the Divine plane. And God has desired this, He says. It gives a dignity, a grandeur to the Truth that you cannot get any other way, to realise that the eternal purpose of God was His family.

Getting back to Ephesians, Paul says from verse 16, that because of this—”I cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory (the Diaglott says ‘the glorious Father’) may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.” Paul had emotion when he thought of God. What is it like to be a Divine being? No one knows. We cannot even imagine. But there is one part about the hope of our calling that we can touch and see and understand, and it is real. I thought of that in India. I saw people so poor that though they worked every day, they lived on the sidewalks and slept there every night. The mother with her children lived on the sidewalks, seeking what shade she could get. You would not believe it unless you were there. I saw the poor people with no one to care for them, lepers sticking their stubs of fingers in my face to say, Help me. I saw people with all sorts of deformities and sickness begging me for a coin.

What about our hope? Paul says, I pray God may make you realise what hope we have. Paul thought of this when he walked through the lands of his day and he saw the poverty of those times. We, by God’s grace, will be hands of mercy to reach down and bless and help the whole world of mankind that is now crying for something to help them. This truth we have is something real, not a fanciful dream. If we are faithful and become part of the Bride of Christ, part of God’s own Divine family, to us will be given the matchless privilege of having part in bringing lasting blessings to all the world of mankind. We will see they are not hungry, that they are not wandering hopelessly. We will see the dead come back. These are things that are vital and real to us. That is why Paul says, “I pray that the Father of glory may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; the eyes of your heart being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling.” Paul thought of that, as he

walked around the Mediterranean. Some day, by God's grace, he would be able to help those who needed to come back into their proper stature as glorious sons of God in the kingdom God had planned for them.

Paul prayed for something else. He said—"I pray you may know what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe." Paul prayed that they might realise the power God was exerting on their behalf every day. Then he gave an illustration. He said — "Which power he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places." That was the greatest demonstration of power God ever gave, bringing Jesus to that Divine plane of existence—it was greater than the power displayed in creating the Universe. Paul says that power is being exerted on your behalf. That is why he said in another place—"We know that all things work together for good to them who love God, the called according to his purpose." If God is going to make us like Christ is now in disposition and character, He must suit every experience that we have, and if we believe that God is bringing them to us we will not murmur or complain, but accept those experiences cheerfully, just like Jesus when He said—"The cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?"

I am going down to the second chapter. In Eph. 2:4 Paul says—"God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace ye are saved); and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Why Paul ? Notice what he says—"That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." The Diaglott rendering on that verse reads —"In order that he might exhibit, in those ages which are approaching, the surpassing wealth of his favor, by kindness towards us in Christ Jesus." How will God do that in the ages which are coming? The exceeding riches of His grace. Let us imagine we are in the kingdom, and there are other beings being brought into existence in the ages beyond. And imagine that these beings being brought into existence are being tutored, as it were, at the beginning as angels must be when they are created. They might be told, That glorious Being is the Almighty Father. He has always been. He has existed from eternity to eternity. And that other glorious Being is His Son, the first being God ever created. And they might say, Who are the 144,000? Were they created next? And their tutor will say, No they were not. Look and see that little ball, it is called the Sun. And that small little thing beside it is called the little planet Earth. You can hardly see it. But these 144,000 used to be down there on that little thing called Earth. How did they get where they are now? That is quite a story. That will show the surpassing greatness of God's kindness to us in Christ Jesus. They will learn that we were nothing by this world's standards, but because of the little faith we exercised as God began to draw us, and had faith in God as He revealed things to us by His spirit and began to give us experiences that would develop us as New Creatures if we met them properly, that because we did this, this glorious Father raised from this little planet Earth 144,000 and placed them on His own plane of existence as Divine beings, because He desired to have that family.

So we can see what Paul means when he says that in those ages approaching God would show the surpassing wealth of His favor by His kindness towards us who are in Christ Jesus. And dear brethren, we have been the recipients of that greatest blessing that God gave to any being on the earth or anywhere in creation. God has drawn us to Himself by Christ, by His power, has revealed the secret of His will to us, and the Almighty God, the Everlasting Father, has been dealing with you and with me as His children. May we realise how wonderful is our glorious Father, and may we be faithful in serving Him acceptably until He says, Enough, my child; come up higher.

# Convention News

THE Easter Convention at Adelaide, S.A., was a season of helpful spiritual fellowship. Our hearts are stirred to thankfulness and praise to our gracious and loving Heavenly Father, for the many blessings bestowed upon us during the four days of happy fellowship.

It was a pleasure to welcome a number of brethren from the Melbourne and Geelong Classes, and we were favoured by having in our midst five dear brethren from the U.S.A., and two from Canada. These visiting brethren helped us much with their constructive talks and wholesome fellowship, by the Lord's grace.

We enjoyed the teaching of two Bible Studies in Eph. 1:3-10; and Col. 1:16-23. We thank God for the helpful instructions of His Word, and we ask for His grace to assist us to put into our hearts and lives the wholesome truths revealed so that we may be built up in Christian knowledge and grace.—2 Tim. 3:16, 17.

The addresses given by the brethren were as follows—"Walk Worthily"; "In the Name of"; "A Rendezvous with God"; "Renewal of the Mind"; "A Covenant of Promise"; "Our Faithful Counsel"; "Mirrors of God's Glory"; "Watch Israel—It is Fulfilling Prophecy"; "The Commandment of God"; "God's Work to Usward"; "Teach Us to Pray"; "The Strong Sceptre"; "If Christ be not Risen"; "Christian Apprenticeship"; and "Eternal Life and Immortality."

Many messages of Christian love and greetings were received from several Bible Classes and individual brethren throughout Australia, and also from brethren in U.S.A., England and India. These messages of Christian love and assurances of the prayers of the brethren were much appreciated. The Christian love and greetings from the Convention were sent to all brethren who kindly remembered us, and to all brethren everywhere, together with the Scripture found in 1 John 4:12-16.

The "Hymns we Love and Why" session was much appreciated, and so also were the Praise and Testimony sessions. The Lord's spirit of loving, humble service was much in evidence, being reflected in the efforts of the brethren who spoke to us words of encouragement and loving exhortation. Much appreciation was also expressed for the loving services of the sisters who attended so efficiently to our temporal needs by supplying refreshments.

The Convention closed with the Love Feast, during which all members file around shaking hands while singing "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." Then the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again" was sung, followed by the closing prayer of thanks and praise to God for all His goodness and mercies so abundantly bestowed, and asking also for His grace and wisdom to enable us to serve Him faithfully and joyfully in the days ahead. "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

Convention at Nambour, Q1d.

A Convention has been arranged for Nambour, Queensland, to be held July 20th and 21st (D.V.) in the Cane Growers Hall (First Floor), 38 Lowe Street, Nambour. All friends able to attend will receive a cordial welcome.

# The Institute's Work

THE privileges of service have been granted to us for another year for the Berean Bible Institute, the twelve months' period ending with the close of April. It is with thankfulness to the Lord that this brief review of the efforts for the Lord's cause is presented at this time. The continued co-operation of the dear friends throughout Australia and also overseas has been most encouraging, realising that all efforts of our brethren are gladly undertaken as to the Lord Himself. The work has been of a similar nature as in past years, and for the blessings realised from the Lord much gratitude is expressed to the Giver of every good thing.

Our bi-monthly "Peoples Paper" has been the means of continued regular contact with many brethren and friends throughout this continent and overseas. Subscriptions have been maintained on a similar level as in former years, and appreciation of the contents of the "Paper" has also been received from various localities. Sincere thanks is extended again to all who have contributed to the pages of the "Peoples Paper"; the assistance in this way being greatly appreciated.

Over the past year publishing costs have been steady, and while the postage rate has not increased, the lower weight allowed for the same postage does increase some costs, especially for books weighing just over 500 gr. For instance, postage on papers or books to Queensland or Western Australia increases from 30c to \$1.00 immediately the weight passes 500 gr.

The postage on our "Peoples Paper" remained the same throughout the year, but the annual subscription of 75c does not cover the cost of production. As in previous years the deficiency is made up from the General Tract Fund, from which copies of the "Paper" are supplied free to new cases of interest. Copies of our "Peoples Paper" are also supplied to the brethren in India, as well as "Voice" tracts, for distribution there where English is read, as seems good by our Indian friends. Sincere appreciation is expressed at this time again for the helpful service of some of our Melbourne friends who gladly assist with shorthand for articles, proof reading and folding, as well as other work in the production of the "Peoples Paper".

Distribution of tracts has continued in various localities throughout the year. A new "Voice" tract—"God Has a Plan and You Are In It"—has been used along with other subjects, and a good supply of the small "Do You Know?" slips are available for witnessing to the truths of the kingdom. All friends are advised to have a supply of these tracts on hand for wise distribution, especially for special opportunities. All tracts are supplied free, being provided through the General Tract Fund.

The truths of the kingdom have been proclaimed throughout the year again over the radio of 3GL Geelong. The response to these broadcasts continues to be encouraging; quite often a number of phone calls are received immediately the session ends, and the mails bring further requests for the printed copies of broadcasts which are always offered, as well as free booklets appropriate to each subject. To all who respond to the broadcasts the "Peoples Paper" is sent free for a number of months to encourage the interest.

There can be no doubt that Sunday mornings is the most suitable time for broadcasting, but so few radio stations allow time on Sunday mornings for religious sessions. Commencing last February, a trial period of six months was accepted for 7.15 p.m. on Sundays on 4GY Gympie, Queensland, this being the only time available. While our friends in that area have appreciated hearing the messages of Frank and Ernest, the response from the public has been most disappointing. Apparently, as with 2QN Deniliquin last year, the time on Sunday evenings is not at all suitable. We can only trust that some message of truth has got through to some hearing ears unknown, and which will bring forth some fruit in due time, as the Lord sees good.

The response to newspaper adverts has been moderate on such subjects as "Life After Death", and "Israel in History and Prophecy", the brethren in Western Australia having obtained the best results over the past year. To all who respond to these adverts, in addition to the particular literature supplied, the "Peoples Paper" is sent free for some months to encourage the interest.

The balance sheets for the General Tract Fund and Radio Fund reveal the financial position of the work over the past year. In the Lord's providence, the voluntary contributions of our brethren and friends have enabled the work to continue as formerly, for which we are thankful. Sincere thanks is expressed to all who have sacrificed earthly good things to support the Lord's work so well, all of which is no doubt rendered as to the Lord Himself. The prayers of all our dear friends are requested for the Lord's blessing and guidance in the days before us, that all may be undertaken in faith and humility in the service of our Lord and His truth.

World events continue to reveal the progression of God's Plan for His taking over of this present order of things on earth in the not too distant future. Deterioration of world governments truly shows that the "distress of nations with perplexity" has developed considerably in the past twelve months. How wonderful then is the hope of Christ's Kingdom to the Lord's own

people. What a privilege it will be to be entrusted with the kingdom work as associates of Christ, to bring blessings to all the families of the earth. In the meantime, all who have this hope are also favored in being entrusted with the work of the last days of the Gospel harvest here on earth. Our Lord's words are fitting—"He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together"—John 4:36.

General Tract Fund

To Credit Balance, 1/5/73	\$245.50	
<i>„ Donation</i>		2,378.96 \$2,624.46
By Free Tracts and Deficiency "Peoples Paper" ..		. \$449.73
<i>„ Advertisements, Convention Notes, etc.</i>	51.19	
<i>„ General Expenses (Office, Telephone, etc.) ....</i>		..315.80
<i>„ Towards Personal and Household Expenses .</i>		917.64
<i>„ Postage</i>		377.20
<i>„ Assistance to Brethren</i>		120.00
Travel and Sundries		127.70
<i>„ Credit Balance, 1/5/74</i>		265.20
		\$2,624.46

Radio Fund

To Credit Balance, 1/5/73		\$135.75
<i>„ Donations</i>		1,326.57
		\$1,462.32
By Radio Stations 3GL and 4GY .		\$970.56
Microphone		46.50
Recording Tapes		81.18
Printing Dialogues		55.19
Travel and Sundries....	....	3 2.31
Bank Charges Credit Balance, .1 /5/74		266.58
		\$1,462.32

# Memorial Observances

## Melbourne

WITH thankful hearts the brethren of the Melbourne Class gladly observed the Memorial of Christ's death as the annual anniversary came around again. Each year seems to add appreciation in our hearts of the great sacrifice of our Saviour, and also the great love of our Heavenly Father in providing His dear Son to be the propitiation (satisfaction) for our sins: and not for our's only, but for the sins of the whole world—1 John 2:2.

Two previous studies in 1 John 3:1-3, and 1 Cor. 11:23-28 refreshed our minds and hearts respecting the great love of God in calling the members of Christ's Bride to be joint-heirs with our Redeemer in the heavenly kingdom, as they gladly sacrifice in the steps of their Lord throughout the earthly pilgrimage.

During the Service prayers of thankfulness to God were offered, first for the gift of our dear Saviour, and also on behalf of all the Lord's people in every place who were likewise observing the Memorial in spirit and in truth. The appropriate hymns 166, 42, 18, 2 and 438 from "Bible Students' Hymnal" were sung, and the Scripture readings in Mark 14; 12-46; John 18:10-40; 19:1-30 impressed again, the great courage and willingness of our Saviour to do the Father's will in becoming the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world. A helpful address further impressed the graciousness of God in providing the "so great salvation" for those who walk faithfully in the steps of Christ, and also the general salvation for all mankind in due time.

Following the blessing of the emblems, all the consecrated gladly partook of these symbols of our Lord's broken body and shed blood, thus demonstrating our hearts' desire to be followers of our Lord, faithful unto death, by His grace. It is felt that the annual celebration of Christ's Memorial, which includes our covenant to be dead with Him, if so be that we may live with Him, is a means of much blessing and stimulating of faith to fulfil our course with joy in the steps of our Master.

## Geelong

A very small number of Bible Students met to remember our Lord's sacrifice, as He requested on the evening preceding His crucifixion. We were not a band of academic students, according to this world's standards, but of those referred to in 1 Cor. 1:26, 27. We thank our Heavenly Father that we should be so favored as to be able to appreciate the significance of His Son's sacrifice—what it accomplishes for us, and what it will accomplish for every man in due time.

A simple service consisted of prayers, hymns, readings from the Scripture—Luke 22:39-53; Matt. 27:11-37; John 13:117; Heb. 3:1-6, 1419; 4:1, 2—and an address, after which we reverently partook of the emblems.

## Adelaide

In our preparation for keeping the Memorial of our Saviour's death the Adelaide Class spent three Sunday afternoons considering the Scripture portion in 1 Cor. 11:20-34. Also we read the accounts of our Lord's last hours found in each of the four Gospels, including also Psa. 22 and Ise. 53.

After suitable hymns and prayer we listened to a helpful address on the Memorial by one of our brethren, and then with thankful hearts we partook of the emblems which represent our Lord's body broken for us, and for all mankind; and His blood—His perfect life sacrificed to secure our ransom from the curse of sin and death.

We are thankful to our gracious Heavenly Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ for the privilege of observing the Memorial of our dear Redeemer's death on its annual occurrence. It reminds us of God's great love for us, also of the great love of our Lord Jesus; and it provides opportunity to renew our pledge of consecration to be "dead with Christ"—that we may also "live with him"—2 Tim. 2:11,12.

What an occasion is this for prayers of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the "unspeakable Gift" of the Son of His love—2 Cor. 9:15—and what an opportunity for prayer on behalf of all our brethren, fellow-members of Christ's body, that we may have grace to enable us to "make our calling and election sure"—"looking unto Jesus"—2 Pet. 1:5-11; Heb. 12:1-3—"Considering Him attentively"—Diaglott.

## Perth

Following our Saviour's injunction to "keep the feast" in memory of His death, we brethren solemnly partook of the emblems which so graphically emphasize His broken body and shed blood on our behalf.

The chairman reviewed the details of the sufferings of our dear Redeemer who "poured out his soul unto death" on behalf of us all. Then the reminder that Christians must follow in His footsteps; to be dead with Christ that they may later drink anew in the kingdom with their dear Lord and Saviour, in the first resurrection.

With heartsearching we renewed our dedication to our Lord as we participated in the emblems and resolved that we would follow our Lord into sacrificial death.

## Sydney

Domestic necessities caused some of the local brethren to celebrate this year's Memorial away from home. Nevertheless those present, together with visiting brethren, commemorated Christ's death with the customary service that characterizes the 14th Nisan—a service which was instituted the night our Lord was betrayed and has been carried on to the present day by the Lord's goodness.

An appropriate address was given, pointing out that the "first-fruits" of God's creation are the ones being delivered today from the power of sin and death through Christ's redemptive sacrifice. We were reminded also that only those who have made a covenant of sacrifice are really "first-fruits". It was also emphasized that there will be "after-fruits" which will be delivered from the same snares in God's own good time.

We ate the bread and drank the wine in unison of spirit with all God's dear children everywhere. Needless to say, the Lord was in our midst, blessing our service which was free from artificialism, simple in every aspect, and praise God, solemn! The Lord was very mindful of us, blessing and comforting us. The service was closed with a hymn and each one left with a surety that we shall drink a new cup of joy in the coming kingdom.

## Queensland—Nambour

Our meeting together for the Memorial was firstly helped by a study in 1 Cor. 11, where we are told the Lord Jesus said, through the apostle, "This do in remembrance of me." Also the apostle tells us that the cup and the bread is our communion with Christ, or as the Diaglott expresses it—"our participation of the body of the anointed one . . . for we all partake of the one loaf."

Then a brother gave a helpful talk on the original Passover and how it was a type of the Church of the firstborns, with Christ our Passover Lamb slain for us. With thankful and appreciative hearts and minds we then partook of the emblems as our Master asked. May each of us be ever mindful of our great privilege and responsibility, by the Lord's help.

## Queensland—Toowoomba

A very brief report from Toowoomba states that a small group accepted the privilege of honouring the Memorial of our Lord's death, and remembering what it means to us. Also, all of like precious faith who were observing the Memorial were remembered in prayer.

## Visiting Brethren

DURING the month of April we were favored in Australia with a visit by some brethren from North America. From Perth, W.A., the following brief report is to hand—In the Lord's providential leadings our Class has had the joy of the fellowship of five brethren from U.S.A. Brother Fay spent some 6 1/2 days with us, and Sister Fay, Brother and Sister Brown, and Sister Davis 3 days. A small Convention was organised and we feel that we were treated to a real spiritual feast. We had 3 Bible

Studies, a Question Meeting, and 2 addresses, as well as a Public Lecture. We had two very stimulating addresses; one

by Brother Brown of Portland, and one by Brother Fay of San Francisco. We were given much good spiritual advice and edification and what with the thoughts and expressions from all the brethren attending, it added up to real spiritual refreshing.

Our visitors then attended the Adelaide Easter Convention, reference to which is made elsewhere in this issue of "Peoples Paper." Two days were then spent with the friends in Sydney, one of our brethren reporting as follows—The brethren in Sydney and those who came from surrounding districts will long remember the visit of Brother and Sister Fay, Brother and Sister Brown and Sister Davis. The precious time spent together still echoes; the memories are so sweet that we look forward to the General Assembly of the Church of the Firstborns in heaven above, when eternity will allow us to fellowship without ceasing. The meetings held while the brethren were with us proved to be exceptionally blessed. We are aware that ours is a hard fight, and every chance of a word of comfort, every chance of a tender reproach, every assurance of the brethren's love is a boost that lightens the load of care. We praise and thank our heavenly Father for granting us these opportunities and the pleasure to welcome these brethren. Our prayer is that they returned home with the same amount and more of the blessings they have left behind.

For the two full days of our visitors' stay in Melbourne, very helpful gatherings were enjoyed, and we give thanks to the Lord for His favors granted to all able to attend. As Brother Fay had spent the month of March with the brethren in India, it was most interesting and helpful to hear of the welfare of our Indian brethren and how well they seek to let their light shine in these last days of the harvest of the Gospel Age. A printed report of Brother Fay's remarks on his Indian visit will be available on application. The same evening two addresses were given by our visiting brethren which proved very encouraging to us. The second day of the visit, being Sunday, a Public Lecture was arranged on the important and timely subject—"Watch Israel—It Is Fulfilling Prophecy." This lecture was very well received by an attendance of about 100, a number of whom were from the public. Our Brother Fay's helpful presentation on this subject is also being printed for distribution to readers of "Peoples Papefi" on application. Two further addresses by Brother Brown and Brother Fay in the evening of this second day added further encouragement and spiritual enjoyment for all in attendance. The fellowship with our brethren was also most valuable, in addition to the meetings, and with the observance of the Love Feast on the Sunday evening, the strains of "Blest be the Tie" and "God be with You" were very much in our hearts, as well as in our voices. The next morning a little group of our local brethren wished our visitors God's blessing in goodbye, as they left for New Zealand to spend about a week amongst the scattered brethren there before returning home to U.S.A.

## Pilgrimages Ended

ON Tuesday, 9th April last, the earthly course was finished for our dear Brother Warren, of Canberra, at the age of 87. Brother Warren embraced the Truth at Queanbeyan, N.S.W., some 63 years ago, in the early days of the Truth movement in Australia. He learned the glad tidings through Brother Percival, who some time earlier had purchased the Volumes from a Sister Poole from Canada, who was colporteur in Australia.

Brother Warren engaged in colporteur work in the Queanbeyan-Yass districts for some time, then joined with other brethren in such work in Victoria and southern N.S.W.; one with whom he worked being Brother R. Martin of Adelaide, in those days. He was in contact with Brother Nicholson of the Melbourne office, and attended Conventions in both Sydney and Melbourne before and during the First World War, and is remembered by some of the more elderly brethren from those days. He was one of the small band instrumental in having the Photo Drama of Creation shown in Queanbeyan in 1915.

Amidst the siftings which took place after the passing of Brother Russell, Brother Warren remained loyal to the Truth, but for years refrained from meeting with brethren other than those like-minded ones in his home town. However, he received the first copies of the "Peoples Paper" when the Berean Bible Institute commenced in 1918, and let his light shine on every appropriate occasion, and the spirit of the Truth in his heart was recognised by all with whom he came in contact.

It was a pleasure to hear regularly from Brother Warren at the Melbourne office up to the present time, and from the mid-1940's from time to time he attended Conventions in Melbourne and Adelaide, and paid frequent visits to Sydney to encourage the diminishing numbers of brethren living in that area. While failing health forced him to curtail such visits of late, he was nevertheless able to travel to Sydney to meet with others for the last celebration of the Memorial, just four days before his passing.

Having a deep love of the beauties of nature, Brother Warren was happy in his work as a gardener, and loved nothing better than to busy himself with the pruning of trees for friends and neighbours, giving a quiet witness for the Truth here and there; and he indulged in this task to the last. For 26 years he was head gardener at the Prime Minister's Lodge, and the beautiful layout of the gardens there was due to his care and foresight. Six Prime Ministers enjoyed the fruits of his labours, and during Sir Robert Menzies' term of office he was honoured by the Queen with The Imperial Service Medal, and also the Coronation Medal.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Brother Warren's three children, and grandchildren, in the loss of a most devoted father and grandfather, and also to other members of his family to whom his sterling character had shone as a light in all circumstances. We have every confidence in our dear Brother Warren having entered into the joys of the Lord, by His grace. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

On March 22nd our dear Sister Baker of Nhill, Victoria, finished the earthly way after a brief but severe illness in hospital. Sister Baker came to appreciate the truth through an elder sister, and had rejoiced particularly in the wonderful hope of the kingdom for about 15 years.

Sister Baker was known mainly by the brethren in Melbourne and Adelaide, having attended Conventions in both places in more recent years, and became attached in Christian love to those friends in whose homes she resided at Convention times. The loss of her husband some years earlier stimulated her love for the truth, as she felt consoled in the knowledge that the kingdom would compensate for all earth's griefs and sorrows, and was the only solution for all earth's ills. Sincere sympathy is extended to the members of our Sister's family in the loss they have sustained. We rejoice that the Lord knows those who are His, and that our dear Sister will receive a fitting reward for her faith and confidence in the Lord, by His grace.

# Bible Studies

THE method of conducting Bible studies and the "co-operation given by the members of a Bible Class has much to do with the benefits and blessings received by each member of an assembly.

It is very noticeable that the tendency of chairmen generally is to speak too much when conducting a Bible Class. This may result from various causes, one of which is, that the members of a class may not be sufficiently alert in giving their thoughts, thus leaving too much time for the chairman who feels he must speak to prevent a lull in the meeting. Another reason may be that the chairman becomes so absorbed in a subject that at times he leaves little opportunity for members to take part.

This is noticeable at some Conventions when there is much in a study to be brought out in a limited time, but this tendency is something to be overcome by class leaders, thus preventing a habit of giving short addresses, so to speak, after each remark by a class member.

In introducing a class study the leader should seek to be brief and to the point in giving a resume of the previous study. No doubt very often much could be said that would be very helpful, but at a Bible Class anything approaching a short address should be avoided, so that the study can proceed. Other meetings for addresses can be arranged.

The successful class leader will seek to draw out the thoughts from all members in the gathering. The members have their responsibility in being prepared to take part, which means that the lesson should be well studied at home; this is a most important point for profitable Bible study in class. Lengthy expressions are not required; indeed, the most helpful remarks are usually short and directly on the subject, with Scriptural support.

Class members can assist greatly by keeping to the subject under discussion; this is really essential to make a Bible Study the blessing it should be to all, and makes the task of the leader so much easier. Above all the Lord's spirit should be invoked so that the guidance and blessing from above may be fully realised by all, the one desire being to be built up by the truths of God's Word to His praise.

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In such a self-forgetful way  
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My prayers will be for others.

Help me, in all the work I do,  
To ever be sincere and true,  
And know that all I do for You  
Must needs be done for others.

Let self be crucified and slain,  
And buried deep, and all in vain  
May efforts be to rise again,  
Unless to live for others.

And when my work on earth is done  
And my new work in heaven begun,  
May I forget the crown I've won  
While thinking still of others.

Others, yes, Lord, others:  
Let this my motto be,  
Help me to live for others  
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