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"THOU shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in." (Isaiah lviii. 12.)

## Truth Revealed

The fifty-five years' reign of Manasseh had produced terrible apostasy in the kingdom of Judah. The reforms of his father, the righteous Hezekiah, were forgotten. The worship of Jehovah had given place to the vicious worship of Baal. The coming of Josiah was like a pure breeze in that corrupt atmosphere, for 'he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and turned not to the right hand or to the left.' While young, he began a work destined to have far-reaching results. Part of that work was the repair of the Temple, and while that was in progress Hilkiah discovered the Book of the Law which was hidden there.

The Word of God may suffer partial eclipse, but it can never be blotted out, because it 'liveth and abideth for ever.' (1 Peter i. 23.) About one hundred and fifty years ago, another movement, similar to that of Josiah began. A band of earnest men, conscious that there was much error in Christendom, determined to find the cure. There had been attempts at reform before, as in ancient Israel, but this was quite different, its aim was Restoration. Alexander Campbell examined various creeds, only to realise that the cure was not in them. The Word of God was hidden in what should have been God's dwelling-place, the Church, which was given over to the idolatrous worship of the opinions of men.

Our pioneers came face to face with the 'truth they sought, the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible: there was the cure; and that alone was sufficient.

The work of our pioneers was not foundation but, like that of Josiah, restoration of that which was almost lost. Josiah began with modest changes, and ended by sweeping away all that was false. Campbell tells of the owner of a vine, who, not knowing that an abundance of foliage prevented fruit, refused to prune it. He went away, leaving an expert vine-dresser in charge, who cut back the vine leaving only the naked stems. On his return

the owner accused the man of ruining his vine, but the proof of the man's work was in the abundance of fruit that followed. So the stand taken by the pioneers carried them far beyond what they had foreseen, stripping them of every opinion they had previously held.

If the Church is to take its stand square upon the Word of God there must be pruning, cleansing of the temple, the casting away of all that is false; and continual watch must be kept lest error, creeps in again.

This is the tragedy of sectarianism. The Word is in their midst, but, like Israel, 'their minds are blinded' (2 Cor. iii. 14) by traditionalism, ritualism, sacerdotalism, and modernism. Paul's prophecy is fulfilled: 'They shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.' (2 Timothy iv. 4.)

## Truth Proclaimed

Immediately on the discovery of the Book of the Law, Hilkiah, the High Priest, gave it to Shaphah, the Scribe, who in turn reads from it to the King about the judgment of God upon the nation for its apostasy. This is confirmed by Huldah, the prophetess. This spurs the King on to greater efforts, and he read to the people 'all the words of the book of the covenant.' (2 Kings xxiii. 2.)

Before the Lord departed from His little band of disciples, He laid the most solemn and sacred charge ever given to men: 'Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.' (Matthew xxviii. 19.) Did those eleven men consider this an impossible task? No, they went out, inspired by the Spirit of Truth, and with burning conviction that the gospel was true, proclaimed it fearlessly. Our pioneers, standing for the Bible alone, proclaimed the truth with burning conviction. By every legitimate means, preaching, teaching, discussing, they spread the truth; and it is due to their efforts that we are in our present position. Is there manifest among us to-day the same intense desire to proclaim the truth: Do we realise how unique our position is? Examine the claims of sectarian bodies by the searchlight of truth, and you find they are building on sand.

**For the Church of Christ, the Word of Christ and His apostles is the final com-**

complete, and infallible guide. Our position is unassailable because we build upon the Rock of Truth. This should inspire us with an intense desire to proclaim the truth. We should be thankful that we have been 'called out of darkness into his marvellous light'; and realise our obligation to show "our gratitude by seeking to bring others to share our position, privileges, and blessings.

Josiah and the people entered into a covenant with Jehovah to obey Him. So the apostles were commanded to teach and baptise, thus bringing people into covenant with God. We, as followers of Christ, are responsible for continuation of this work. It is both a duty and a privilege.

### Truth Restored

The finding of the Book of the Law, and the work done, by Josiah, began as a small stream, but soon became a mighty flood which swept away all the apostate worship. The 'Sword of the Spirit is quick and powerful'; the Scriptures are 'profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction: instruction in righteousness.' (2 Timothy iii. 16.) 'Correction' should be emphasised. Josiah swept away the false, but he restored the old faith and worship of Jehovah. (See 2 Kings xxiii. 21-25.) One purpose of the sword is defence, but it is also for offence. Are we prepared to go forth with this mighty weapon to slay error wherever found, and to restore the truth? This requires courage and the facing of opposition, but our Saviour never promised His followers an easy time.

The restoration under Josiah did not last. There were those who, after his death, were ready to bring idolatry back again. This is a solemn warning for us. There is apostasy and division in the Churches. Some are trying to lead us back into sectarianism, and to bring the Word of God under the opinions and doctrine of men. Is the work of our pioneers to be in vain? God forbid! Of the Church which He built, Christ said: 'The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' It is for us to continue the work of the restoration with more zeal than ever, and in the power of truth to purge ourselves of all that would hinder that work.

We pray that men may look back to this time, and say: 'Never was there such a mighty restoration; never such a return to Christianity as it was at the beginning!' 'And thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.'

[Substance of an address at the Morley Conference evening meeting, by Bro. L. Channing, Kentish Town, London.]

## Bro, John Straiton.

BRO. STRAITON, who is well known to many in Britain, completes his eightieth year on June 26th. Many will, join us in congratulations and good wishes. • He would appreciate a line from any of his old friends. Address: 2212 Huntington Lane, Forth Worth, Texas, U.S.A. The following is from 'World Vision,' a missionary magazine published in U.S.A.:—

### A FAITHFUL SOLDIER

Every Christian should know Bro. John Straiton, of 2212 Huntington Lane, Forth Worth, Texas. You would enjoy visiting him because of his lovable Christian character. He is as humble as a little child but a leader among men in friendliness and hospitality. One can hardly be associated with him long without observing that he is a close student of the Bible, and that he has an unusual knowledge of various subjects relating to the sacred volume. \*•\*

John Straiton was born June 26th, 1864, in Slamannan, Stirlingshire, Scotland. He became obedient to the gospel in September of 1882. His teacher and helper was Bso. James Anderson, a Scottish evangelist. Bro. Anderson would often take young converts and other Christians with him when he was visiting in order to teach them, by example, how to do personal work. With the encouragement of his teacher, Bro. Straiton began making talks soon after becoming a Christian. With the Bible in his hand he would preach to groups assembled on street corners, in public parks or wherever he could get an audience. As he could find opportunities, he would preach or conduct Bible classes in the homes.

During this period of his life he was engaged in secular work but was instrumental in leading many souls to obey Christ and in establishing congregations near his home. He was married on May 18th, 1888.

In 1891 the Churches in Scotland decided to send Bro. Anderson to Belfast, Ireland, to strengthen the small congregation at that place. But Bro. Anderson needed a young Christian who was capable and enthusiastic to help him in this work. Bro. Straiton was selected and resigned his job to go.

When these two men reached Belfast, they found twenty-two members of the Church. Within twelve months time the number was three times as great. Besides the services conducted at their regular meeting place, these men taught in the homes and preached each Sunday afternoon on the Custom House steps. These meetings led to many interesting discussions and Bro. Straiton met the 'Christadelphians' and the 'Brethren' in debate Bro. Straiton stayed on after

Bro. Anderson, left and worked with Bro. Mortimer.

Bro. Straiten came to Forth Worth, Texas, in 1906, and has lived there ever since. He has travelled over much of Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, as a business man but has preached somewhere almost very Lord's Day.

He retired from business in 1936, but continues to be very active in the work of the Lord. For several years he supervised a vacation Bible school each summer among the Churches of Christ in Forth Worth. He taught the adult class and usually had more in his class than all the other classes combined. He now appears to be much younger than his actual age, and gets around as readily as men who are many years his junior. His life is rich and mellow from more than sixty years' experience in preaching and practising simple New Testament Christianity. He has encouraged many Christians, and has been a great inspiration to many young teachers

WESLIE MICKEY.

## *Holiday Reflections.*

WE were on holiday. It was the Lord's Day The nearest Breaking of Bread meeting was miles away and transport bad. It was the hour of worship, what should we do? Go to a sectarian service or not? Previously, such services had done us more harm than good. Usually, there is so much formality, so much error, so little in keeping with the New Testament.

To the Methodist chapel we went. The writer found great difficulty in asking God to bless what was to take place as is the custom. There was instrumental music, neither desirable nor necessary; for such has no place in the New Testament scheme of things. The singing was good, tuneful, with light and shade. A contralto behind the writer proved that there is nothing like the human voice. In worship this is all God requires. "

A glance at the hymns reminded us that it was what is usually called 'Whit-Sunday.' Christmas, Easter, Whit-Sunday find no place in the New Testament. We look in vain for any reference to 'White Sunday' or that the 'newly baptised wore white from Easter to Pentecost,' etc. The service proceeded, the preacher prayed that God would 'cleanse the different denominations of the Church from everything which would hinder the unity of the spirit, that there may be one fold and one Shepherd.' This obtained at the beginning, men have intruded in God's plan, the one fold has been rent asunder by sectarianism, which is sin. The way back is plainly revealed in the written Word,

that is the final court of appeal, and not what men think or desire. It was then announced that the 'church would open for private prayer during the week.' No doubt the 'meeting-house was meant. The Church can gather at the meeting-house, but one cannot go into a church. The preacher said some good things, one point was that God Often answers our prayers by hindering us doing the things we want to do. During the service, God was asked to do strange things in the hymns sung. The last verse of the last hymn was:

Grant this, O holy God, and true;

The ancient seers Thou didst inspire;

To us perform the promise due:

Descend and crown us now with fire.

What did they really mean? I confess I was at a loss to know.

Later that day, we travelled many miles to attend one of our gospel services. The day was hot no refreshment was to be had. We, finished up a long journey by walking three miles. The service was in progress. Here also there was the 'Whit-Sunday' atmosphere. Two lessons were read after the manner of the sects, the second much too long on a hot evening, in a building with the windows<sup>^</sup> closed. During the hymn before the address the preacher sat. He rose, folded his arms, and leaned nonchalantly on the reading desk.' No subject, text, or passage was announced. Some true things were said, but the service was dull and uninspiring, and we came empty away. After the service a poster was handed to the writer announcing that, at a certain place, one of our preachers would, on 'Whit-Sunday' 'preach in the Baptist Church at 6 p.m.' The language of Ashdod! We need another Nehemiah!  
A. L. FRITH.

### FORTHCOMING EVENT

**Beulah Road, East Kirkby.**—The sixteenth anniversary of the opening of our meeting-house will take place (D.V.) during the week ending July 29th and 30th. A tea and social meeting will be held on Saturday, the 29th. Tea, 4.30; meeting, 6.30. Speakers: Brethren A. L. Frith, of Fleetwood, and C. Limb, of Eastwood. Brethren and sisters are invited from far and near to come over and help us in our witness, and share with us this happy fellowship.

### NEW ADDRESS

**BRO. AND SISTER EDMUND HILL** have moved from Loughborough to 118 Gertrude Road, West Bridgford, Notts., and will be pleased to make contact with all interested in the old cause.

**BIRTH.**—On May 31st, to Bro. and Sister Leonard Morgan, a son—John.

FAITH has to do with things that are not seen. We often say faith is the belief of testimony, and so it is, but we know it is more than that. We cannot see God, but we can believe that He is, and that He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. He is revealed in the Scriptures, and we can see His handiwork in nature. By faith, we believe that the worlds were formed by the word of God. By faith, we believe that God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. He is a creature of God, richly endowed with faculties that enable him to believe in his Creator, and render to Him the homage and obedience He requires. God has so endowed man, and his relationships are such, that his short life on earth does not meet the full capacity of his nature. Physical enjoyments do not satisfy him, he hungers for spiritual comfort and satisfaction, and it is only when his affections are directed to God and towards his fellow-men that he finds the true secret of life and the satisfaction for which he craves. Life without God is life without hope, and man needs the comfort and inspiration of faith.

Life cannot have the necessary sense of purpose and completeness without faith, for it raises questions that cannot be satisfactorily answered apart from revelation. Whence we came, and whither we are bound, are questions that call for an answer. The Scriptures answer both. God made man in His own image. Man sinned against God; he is a sinner but God loves him, and sent Jesus Christ into this world to save him. In his life, Jesus Christ, revealed to us the way of life. By His death, He made atonement for sin, and by His resurrection revealed His power over sin and death. He is now exalted a Prince and a Saviour, able to save to the uttermost all who come to Him in faith.

But you may ask, how can I come to the Saviour, and how shall I know that my sins are forgiven and that He will receive me in glory? That I shall be one of those for whom He prayed that they should be with Him, that they might behold His glory, the glory He had with the Father, before the world was? To those who think that Jesus while He was here on the earth spoke in a very general way—laying down general principles for our guidance, the answer to these questions may seem difficult, or even presumptuous. But Jesus did more than lay down general principles. When the subject demanded it, He was most specific in His teaching. As regards the gospel and its varied reception, the parable of the Sower is a good example. Here we have four different states of heart described—the hard unresponsive

heart; the heart that lacks depth and understanding; the divided heart that would pay homage to Christ but will not fully surrender to His claims; and the honest heart that receives the Word and brings forth fruit.

The gospel comes to us with its offer of forgiveness and its promise of eternal life, but our response to it must be voluntary. There are no conscripts in the service of Jesus Christ. 'With the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.' Repentance and remission of sins were to be preached in His name among all nations, 'he that believeth and is baptised shall be saved.' The passages quoted are not the enunciation of general principles; they state the conditions of forgiveness, and of our acceptance as His children. Faith lays hold of the grace of God revealed in Jesus' Christ, and feels the power of His constraining love; the power of His resurrection and triumph over sin; and the dignity and glory of His exalted position in heaven. Jesus died that we might live. Hence it behoves us that we should not live to ourselves but to Him who died for us. This decision to live for Christ is what is known in the scriptures as repentance. Having decided to live for Christ the next step is to confess Him, and be baptised into His name for the remission of sins. Thus we enter into the family of the redeemed, into that fellowship of love and service which gives life its true meaning, and a hope that is an anchor to the soul. 'This is eternal life, to know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent.\*

THOMAS MILLER.

## *Correspondence,*

Dear Brother Crosthwaite,

For several months the Church of Christ in Kentish Town, North-West London, has been making an effort to keep in touch with members of American Churches of Christ now serving in Britain. So quickly has this work developed it has become necessary to circulate duplicated letters in order to maintain the correspondence with the eighty brethren now on our list.

We now see in this work the opportunity of circulating news bulletins among British brethren also, including those in the British Forces. We therefore propose to issue a news-letter as frequently as incoming news will allow—probably every ten or fourteen days—but restricted to those unsectarian Churches having no other news medium of that kind.

We should like you to confirm in the 'Scripture Standard' our assurance that this is not to compete with the 'S.S.' but merely to provide more frequently an-

nouncement of (1) forthcoming events; (2) important news; and (3) a list of loyal Churches not listed in any other directory. We shall be only too glad for you to reproduce in the 'S.S.' any items contained in our bulletins, and will immediately despatch such items for that purpose.

Corresponding secretaries of most Churches of Christ have been contacted, but if any have been missed this is a definite appeal to them also to send reports of events of a scriptural character, especially baptisms, as soon as they have occurred. SUCH personal news as births, marriages or deaths, and information on the progress of sick brethren, would be mutually appreciated.

This is an opportunity for fellowship in the sharing of our joys (and sorrows)' which we cannot afford to miss, but it will need co-operation of the right "kind."

R. A. HILL.

All communications should be addressed to R. A. Hill, 16 Pulham Park Gardens, London, S.W.6.

## *Gems of Truths.*

THIS informal little anthology is intended to stimulate interest in the sacred Scriptures. If its contents can be used to emphasise the word of preaching, to provoke discussion of truth, or to deepen private meditation and so lead a soul to Christ prayer will have been answered.

R.A.H.

'Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.'—Prayer of Jesus.

True religion affords government its surest support. The perpetuity of this nation depends upon the religious training of the young. It is impossible to govern the world without the Bible.,  
George Washington.

Since the outbreak of war, the troops alone have bought, or have had issued to them 1,750,000 copies of the Scriptures. Booksellers report that religious books are always in demand by uniformed men and women. 'Evening Standard.'

If there is a passage in the Bible that you do not like—that you skip or hasten over in your reading; on which you do not like to dwell; to which you do not want attention called; about which you would rather hear nothing—rest assured it is the very passage you need.

Selected.

The Scriptures contain the whole revealed will of God, and therefore we ought to seek to read from time to time through the whole of the revealed will.

There are many believers, I fear, in our day, who have not read even once through the whole of the Scriptures; and

yet in a few months, by reading only a few chapters every day, they might accomplish it.

George Muller.

What we gain by righteousness is a blessing to be enjoyed. What we gain by unrighteousness is a curse to be avoided. Some are still selling their souls for a mess of pottage.'

F. E. Dennis.

O purblind race of miserable men,  
How many among us at this present hour  
DO forge a lifelong trouble for ourselves,  
By taking true for false, or false for true!  
Selected.

A little philosophy inclineth men's minds to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds to religion.

Francis Bacon.

'Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.'

Proverbs xxiii. 22.

It is in old men that reason and judgment are found, and had it not been for old men no state would have existed at all.

Cicero.

Where love is, God is. He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God. God is Love. Therefore love. Without distinction, without calculation, without procrastination—love. Henry Drummond.

'If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments.'

Jesus.

Whatever other excellent things we may do, none can supplant the necessity of obedience. All else that we can do that is commendable in itself is sanctified to our good by the spirit of obedience to God. However great sacrifice may be, obedience is better.

John T. Hinds.

We are assured that the progress of scepticism is neither owing to the weakness nor to the paucity of the evidences of Christianity; but to a profession of it unauthorised by, and incompatible with, the Christian Scriptures. A. Campbell.

'As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.'

Jesus.

## MARRIAGE

ON June 3rd, in the Meetinghouse, Blackburn, Lanes., Bro. Alexander Allen (Bathgate) to Sister Violet Wilson (Blackburn), by Bro. Slater Wilson.

WANTED.—A copy of 'A Doubter's Doubts. About Science and Religion.' by Sir Robert Anderson, and any other books on similar topics by the same writer. Bro. R. A. Hill, 16 Fulham Park Gardens, London, S.W.6.

## Baptism

DR. F. LUKE WISEMAN, In a sermon on 'Why Jesus was baptised?' said: 'When Jesus came to John, John's baptism reverted to its original intent: It was to prepare men for the kingdom, it was to be to them the way into the new kingdom. You can see the figure at once. Going down into the water you leave your old self, so to speak, in the water, and come out on the other side into the new life or purpose for which you have gone down into the water. Paul makes that the reason of our baptism. "We are buried with Christ in baptism, and with Him rise into newness of life." Jesus had come to establish the kingdom, and although there was no repentance for Him, and it was not a washing away of sin in order that He might be prepared for His work, it was a washing away of the former things (we won't call them old, but former). "The former things have passed away

Behold I make all things new . . . ." It was a great lesson for us. If you have not been baptised, seek baptism. But having been baptised I am not suggesting to you that you should go down into the waters again.'—'Christian Herald.'

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## News,

**Bedminster, Bristol.**—On April 22nd and 23rd, the Lord's Day school celebrated their anniversary, the speaker for the occasion being Bro. C. Melling (Wigan), and we are indebted to him for his services. On the Saturday, we were able to provide tea for about eighty children, and the meeting which followed, during which the prizes were distributed, was a good meeting, the chapel being full with scholars, parents, and friends.

The Lord's day was equally helpful, the Church being uplifted' by our brother's exhortation. K. J. COWXEY.

**Nelson, Lanes.**—The Church here has recently concluded a great event in its history. In the view of the majority of the members, the greatest. This was on the occasion of our usual Spring Mission, held during May 20th and 25th. It is a deep pleasure to record the conversion of four: Olga Webster, Annie Savage, Beatrice Roberts, and Nellie Metcalfe. The two first-named are girls in their 'teens. We are sure all brethren and sisters will rejoice with us in this extension of God's kingdom. Not only were these successes achieved, but those of us who have been in the Church many

years were uplifted and inspired in a really wonderful way by the ministrations of the evangelist who served us so magnificently. The man responsible for this glorious time was Bro. Sam Mason, of Liverpool. He combines a deep insight into the truths of Holy Scripture with the Spirit of God working in him. His addresses were exceptionally brought out, and an instance of his great power as a preacher lies in the fact that numbers increased at each meeting held. This is a tribute to his soundness and eloquence as an evangelist. If our Churches generally possessed more men of the fine calibre of Sam Mason, more conversions and fuller buildings would result. Those who attended the Mission were distinctly fortunate in that they heard a really remarkable series of sermons, and quite a large number confessed they had never listened previously to such powerful and convincing addresses. Each address was a step towards the climax on the Thursday. This meeting was reserved for the finest sermon we have had the pleasure of hearing, and had for a title, 'Enemy No. 1.' This set forth the Cross and all that it means in such a manner that any attempt to describe it as it was expounded would be beggarly. All our brother's addresses had to be heard literally to be fully appreciated, as examples of what the preaching of the gospel is. We invoke God's blessing on Sam Mason in his ministry as an evangelist. If any Church desires to hear sound and great preaching, they will be well advised to engage Bro. Sam Mason.

Our converts have now been baptised and received-in, and we pray God will bless them greatly because we are certain they will prove to be loyal members of the Church.

We send our Christian greetings to all our brethren and sisters and may they be blessed and mightily used of God.

FRED SYKES.

**Capetown, Woodstock.**—We are glad to report that a Young People's Meeting, which was started more than a month ago, is proving a great success. The object of this meeting is to get the young brethren and sisters interested in subjects concerning their spiritual welfare, their duties as members of that 'one body'—the Church, and also to train the young brethren to do service for the Master. The procedure of this meeting and the subjects discussed, are causing great enthusiasm among those who are attending. The meeting at present is conducted by Bro. Hartle, and assisted by singing, prayer, and instruction by other brethren.

Our other meetings for Bible study (Thursday evenings), and Breaking of Bread, gospel service, and Bible school, are all fairly well attended. May God grant us, one and all, to realise that we

are 'God's building,' we are 'God's husbandry,' we are the 'house of God,' and living stones.' May we then, by God's grace, hold fast our confidence, firm and steadfast with patience awaiting the return of the Bridegroom.

**Rose Street, Kirkcaldy.**—On Wednesday, May 31st, the Lord's Day school and 'Sunshine Corner' meetings held a Parents' Night! A letter of invitation had been sent to the home of each, scholar, and many parents were present. It was good to see the meeting-house well filled, with some hundred and thirty children and adults enjoying a delightful meeting.

Our object in holding this meeting was two-fold. We desired to let the parents see and hear the children taking part in their very own meeting; and, by giving them an interest in our work among the boys and girls, to make a definite contact between them and the Church of Christ. Many of the parents had not been to any of our meetings previously.

The first part of our object was more than realised. With their variety of hymns, songs, recitations, and Scripture readings, the children excelled themselves and delighted all present. The children's choruses were a special attraction and greatly appealed to the 'older children.' Bro. A. H. Odd (Glasgow) spoke in his characteristically attractive way.

All present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and many expressed their gratitude and pleasure for the work being done among the boys and girls. The writer conducted the meeting, being assisted by Bro. Mellis, superintendent of the Lord's Day school.

A. E. WINSTANLEY.

**Slamannan Distrct.**—7-A Conference of Sunday school teachers and others interested in that department, was held on Saturday, June 3rd, in the meeting-house, Bathgate, Bro. James Robertson presiding.

Tea over, the chairman expressed his great pleasure at seeing so many present, and hoped that an interest would be created for work among the young. He emphasised that the right time to sow the seed is the time the children attend Sunday school, as the mind is more receptive at that time than any other in one's life.

A most appropriate address on 'The Curriculum of Sunday School Work,' which was listened to with rapt attention, was given by Sister Agnes Whyte. She outlined a very fine scheme for getting through the Bible in two years' time. A very interesting discussion followed. All came to the same conclusion that the object of teaching, in the Sunday school is to win the children for **Christ and His Church.**

These conferences are of a varied and very helpful character, and are greatly relished by all who attend.

A vote of thanks to those who had provided the tea under such difficult circumstances, and to all who had taken part, brought a very profitable and enjoyable meeting to a close. j. NEILSON.

## Obituary.

**Blackburn, Hamilton Street.**—We regret to record the passing, very suddenly, on June 7th, of our dear Sister E. Holden, daughter of our late Bro. John Wilson, at the age of sixty-one years. Her call to higher service came as a great shock to us. She attended our mid-week meeting, apparently in her usual good health, but in less than twenty-four hours she had gone to be with Him whom she loved and served so loyally.

'She did what she could' in a quiet unassuming way, and the esteem in which she was held was amply evidenced by the large numbers of her brethren and sisters in Christ and her friends who saw her laid to rest in New Row Cemetery on June 12th.

Along with her three sons and brothers, we grieve her loss, but look forward to that great day when we shall meet again. We thank very sincerely Churches and friends for flowers and letters of condolence received.

Bro. A. Carson, of Nelson; conducted the service, both in the chapel and at the graveside, assisted by Bro. Frith, of Fleetwood. j. PRITT.

**Beulah Road, East Kirkby.**—Only one month ago the Church here were rejoicing in the addition of one to the number of those being saved. Now we have to report a grievous loss in the sudden departure from this life, at the early age of thirty-seven, of our dear Sister Elsie Jackson, wife of Bro. Alfred Jackr son. Our sister had not been well for some time, and after seeing a specialist, was advised to enter the hospital for an operation, which she underwent, but passed away before regaining consciousness. The news came as a very great shock to us all.

Sister Jackson was immersed into the ever-blessed Name fourteen years ago; and has lived an exemplary Christian life, and endeared herself to all our hearts. Of a quiet, unassuming, loveable, disposition, she has faithfully followed in the footsteps of our Master, and in precept and example filled her niche in the Church, leaving behind very happy memories of years of helpful fellowship. The Church feels most keenly this sad loss, and our hearts go out to our beloved brother, her husband, who is stricken down with grief, and needs the prayers of the brethren.

Amid many manifestations of sympathy, our sister was laid to rest, on Saturday, June 10th, the writer officiating.

'To God and duty wed, Whose deeds,  
both great and small, Are close-knit  
strands of an unbroken  
thread with love ennobling all

Our brother wishes to thank all who have written letters of sympathy, which have been most helpful to him in his great sorrow.  
W. B. JEPSON.

Glasgow, Shettleston— Sister Mary Jane Huggins passed away, after a long and trying illness, on Friday, June 2nd. She was a member of a family long connected with Churches of Christ in the Slamannan District. She was immersed more than fifty years ago, and lived to see her children, and some of her children's children, in the Church. She was truly a mother in Israel. Although suffering much for about thirty years, she was able, to the last, to direct her home. She bore her affliction with courage and patience, and met the end with a fortitude which is theirs who trust implicitly in the Saviour. Her faith is enshrined in the words she repeated a short time before she died:

There's a land that is fairer than day,  
And by faith we can see it afar;  
For the Father waits over the way,

To prepare us a dwelling-place there.  
In the sweet by-and-by, we shall meet on  
that beautiful shore.

Her mortal remains were laid to rest on June 5th, the service at the home being conducted by Bro. W. Crosthwaite; and at the grave by Bro. J. C. Drummond.  
A. GARDINER, JON.

**Motherwell**,—We have lost another of our aged members, in the death of Sister Marion Crawford, aged eighty-two years, the beloved wife of Bro. John Crawford.

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Our sister was in Hamilton when baptised over fifty years ago. Bro and Sister Crawford became members at Motherwell after the Hamilton Church (many years ago) ceased to exist, and have been faithful members all along. Bro. Crawford, who is older than his departed partner, will deeply feel his loss. In our declining years we still require a companion with a sympathetic interest in all the incidents of our life, and whose encouraging presence and gentle guidance bring a comfort all their own. We pray that God may bless our brother.

Bro. Joseph Black, aged seventy-eight, died on April 27th. He was for a number of years in Motherwell, and after removing to Glasgow, was often amongst us when visiting his son, William. He was baptised in Slamannan over fifty years ago, and has ever been an interested, faithful member of the Church. He lived latterly with his daughter, Mrs. Ross, in Govan, and was buried at Cardonald.  
J. ANDERSON.

**Pittenweem**.—We regret to intimate the death of Sister Jean Reekie, at the age of eighty-two years, on Saturday, May 27th.

Sister Reekie was one of the pioneers of the Church in Pittenweem, and was well known to Fred Cowan, James, Hoggan, and T. E. Entwistle, who laboured here as evangelists in the service of the Lord. She was a faithful follower of the Lord Jesus, and though for some years past was unable to Break Bread with the brethren, she retained a keen interest in the affairs of the Church.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and all those who sorrow because of this separation.

Bro. Albert Winstanley conducted the service on May 30th, when she was laid to rest to await the glorious resurrection unto life eternal.  
J.M. WOOD.