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Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you.

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon earth where moth and rust corrupt and where thieves break through and steal. When riches increase set not your heart upon them. For riches take to themselves wings and fly away. And they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Beware of covetousness, for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things that he possesseth.

Take my yoke upon you and learn of me. Buy of Me gold tried in the fire. Hear and your soul shall live and I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I am the bread that came down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof and not die.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.

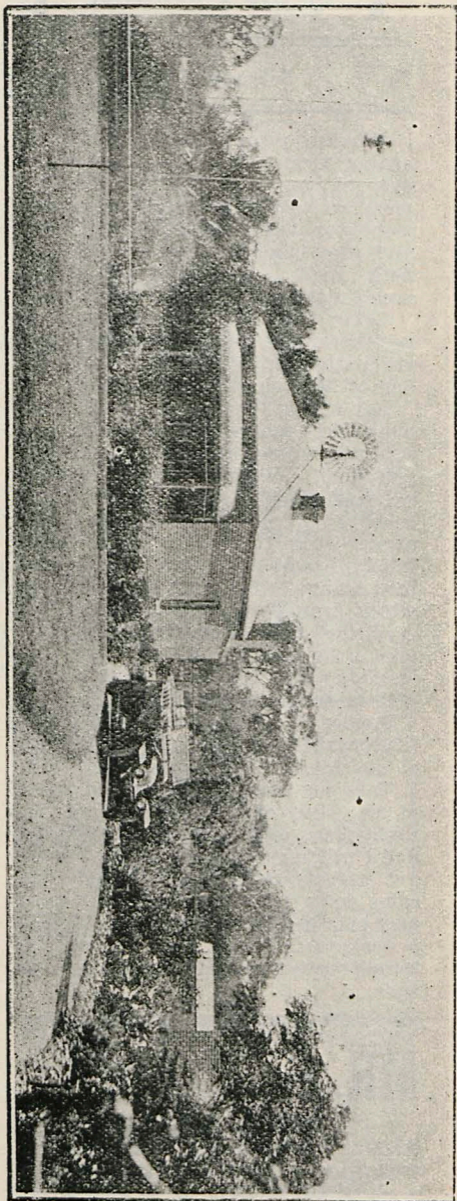
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Notes in Brief.

"Come back, Uncle Jack; don't get shot," was the message sent to a soldier at the front by a little girl. When the letter reached its destination Uncle Jack had been killed in action. It was returned to our address, together with a copy of the August number of the "Drill."

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The ceiling of the Kelscott Church is ant-eaten, and coming down bit by bit. It will cost about £20 to repair it and make it safe. The problem before the recent church meeting was how to raise the money. The pastor thought the money should be obtained by direct giving, and offered to interview the people with a view of getting subscription towards it. This offer was accepted, and the result will be notified later.

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Roleystone Church is behind in its obligations to the chapel building society. £15 is due. At a recent members' meeting it was resolved to collect this amount, also by direct giving. One of the deacons promised a guinea towards it himself, and agreed to try whether he could get others to help him to pay up the arrears.

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Direct giving is by far the most satisfactory method of raising money required for the maintenance of the work of God. The responsibility of finding the funds for the sanctuary belongs to those who believe in Jesus Christ, and if every one faced his responsibility in a prayerful manner and gave his share of the required money regularly and systematically there would be a lot of worry saved. The grace of giving needs cultivating. The absence of it is turning vast districts of our country into famine stricken regions. A famine, none of bread, but of the hearing of the Word of God.

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Some alterations are being made in the services in order to meet changing circumstances. Bedfordale is going to have a fortnightly service. The dates are advertised in the proper place. The pastor will officiate each time.

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Wongong Sunday evening service will be discontinued. The laymen who can take that service have so far to come that it is not fair to them to ask them to preach to the handful that do come. The pastor will preach at Wongong once a fortnight on a week evening. For sometime there has been hardly any one to the service, and once or twice he has gone home without holding any but last Wednesday (19th January), all the seats in Wongong Church were filled.

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This number completes the first year of the existence of the "Drill." It just fits the district to a T, and we have met with much encouragement. We are very grateful to the advertisers who have made it possible for us to publish the paper, and as all our advertisers are people we know personally and can heartily recommend, we hope the readers of the paper will reciprocate and trade with them. Needless to say the subscription to the paper is now due. It is only ONE SHILLING per year, or 1/3 if you want the paper posted. This is only a nominal cost, but by paying it promptly you save the Editor from growing too many grey hairs.

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The Congregational Union requested our churches to allow the Rev. John Beukers to visit the preaching stations along the Wongan-Mullewa line during the last weeks of January and March. Rev. Geo. H. Wright agreed to do the pastor's work in the district during his absence, and Rev. Sydney H. Cox will do the same in March. Arrangements will be made for a series of lectures by Mr. Cox which will be made known later. His preaching appointments will be found on the preaching plan.

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The District Committee will meet on Friday, 11th February, at 8 p.m. in the Armadale Church.

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The Armadale Boy Scouts had a camp at Mandurah for a fortnight. They travelled to Pinjarrah by train and then walked to Mandurah. Mr. J. Richards was in charge; he fed, disciplined, and worked them so well that the boys consider they had the time of their life. The visitors and residents

of Mandurah did all they could for the boys, so that their camp was most enjoyable, pleasant, and happy. They were motored back to Pinjarrah free of charge.

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Mrs. Beukers should have gone with the scouts, but illness prevented her. She adjourned for three weeks in the quiet and seclusion of Busselton and returned very much braced up by that salubrious sea-air.

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Mrs. Millard met with a nasty accident. She was thrown out of a sulky and very much shaken and bruised. We are glad to report that she is recovering.

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Mr. E. Uren has left Kelmscott for a permanent position near York. He is a great loss to our churches. Edgar Uren was one of those unobtrusive church workers who can be relied upon to do their task well; who do it quietly and for Christ's sake. Among those who come regularly to church he was looked upon as one of our best lay-preachers. His sermons revealed spiritual insight, intimate biblical knowledge and evangelistic fervour. They were couched in clear language and delivered in a pleasing manner.

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The annual picnic of the Roleystone S.S. was held on Saturday, December 4. The social and prize-giving took place in the Church the same evening. Since the departure of Frank Graham to the front and the removal of Miss Mary Parker, Mrs. H. Buckingham and Miss Mabel Parker have carried on the work. Their homes are three miles distant from the school. Mr. Bettany has lately taken on the duty as organist. The S.S. has 14 children on the roll, and for the year the average attendance was 7. Mr. A. Reed trained the children for the singing, and the result was very gratifying.

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Mr. B. V. Cross has reason to be proud of the Sunday school in his charge. It gathers in all the children available in the Bedforddale Valley, and their attendance is surprisingly regular considering the distances they have to travel.

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Only two children live within a mile of the school. Some others come as

far as four miles. Lessons are well learned, and the children bid fair to do their duty as citizens. Their brothers are serving king and country at the front, and themselves collect for the Red Cross Fund and have taken shares in the ammunition company recently formed in this State.



The decorations of the hall, on the occasion of the anniversary, were a beautiful sight. There was a fine display of carnations, sweet peas, and roses. Rev. John Beukers preached on the Sunday (December 12), and on the Friday following the hall was again filled to overflowing. The children's tea preceded the social, and for this the table was set in the open. Mr. Champion presided over the meeting. He makes an ideal chairman, starts out with the assurance that he hasn't got a speech, and is glad there are plenty present to speak in his stead, and then he not alone succeeds in extracting a speech from every one he can see, but gives two himself, and yet the speaking was not of the wearisome variety.



Mrs. Beukers had been invited to distribute the prizes, but illness obliged her to relinquish that duty. It was ably discharged by Mrs. Saunders. Miss Champion selected the prizes. Rose Livingstone won the essay prize for the second time.



The Armadale Girls' Time and Talent Club had a very successful concert and sale of work on Saturday December 18. Notwithstanding the fact that it was a week of concerts the Armadale Hall was well filled, and the proceeds exceeded expectations. Mesdames Linham and Mahood were in charge of the work still and sold out completely. The boys did the catering, sold ice-creams, soft drinks, tea and cakes and managed the business so well that there was little or nothing left over. Mr. S. Turner was master of ceremonies, and in due time received a message that Father Christmas was coming. Next he got a wire to say that Father Christmas couldn't come because there were measles at his house, but the old gentleman made his appearance in due time and distributed several bags of parcels. Among

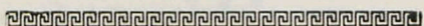
the functions were some tableaux in which several girls placed eggs, cocoa and condensed milk on a table to be sent to the base hospital at Fremantle for the wounded soldiers as Christmas gifts.

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Songs and carols were sung by the Girls' Club under the conductorship of Mrs. Groom. She herself sang the "Star of Bethlehem"; Miss Richards, with her sister, played a duet, and accompanied the singing, providing a most entertaining evening and demonstrating in a peculiarly effective manner the valuable work done by the Girls' Club. Illness prevented the president, Mrs. Beukers, from being present. She received a handworked cushion as a present from the club.

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On the last day of 1915 the Bedfordale Sunday School travelled to the South Fremantle Beach for its annual picnic. The day was beautifully clear, but blistering hot, and as most of the scholars spent the greater part of the day in the salt sea water they got most beautifully sunburnt and presented all imaginable shades and varieties of pink and red. One little girl had very red cheeks and swollen as well when she stood waiting for the train. "Well, miss, cheeks hurting a bit?" and instantly came the reply: "I don't care if they do hurt; I've enjoyed myself and had a good time."



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Sunday School: J. Serls, superintendent; E. Serls, secretary; Miss Cornish, treasurer; teachers, Mrs. Serls, Mrs. Orton, and Miss Kerrison.

Ladies' Guild: Mrs. Beukers, president; Mrs. T. Skewes and Mrs. J. Serls, vice-presidents; Mrs. Coasdale, secretary; Mrs. Burgess, treasurer.

Services every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Sunday School 3 p.m.

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Preaching Plan.

Feb. 6,	11	a.m.—John Beukers
		7.30 p.m.—S. Turner
Feb. 13,	11	a.m.—P. Nairn
		7.30 p.m.—John Beukers
Feb. 20,	11	a.m.—John Beukers
		7.30 p.m.—J. Keaughran
Feb. 27,	11	a.m.—J. Serls
		7.30 p.m.—John Beukers
Mar. 5,	11	a.m.—John Beukers
		7.30 p.m.—F. S. Groom
Mar. 12,	11	a.m.—T. Savage
		7.30 p.m.—John Beukers
Mar. 19,	11	a.m.—John Beukers
		7.30 p.m.—W. Nairn
Mar. 26,	11	a.m.—A. Nock
		7.30 p.m.—Rev. Sydney H. Cox

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This time I'm on the road."

Thus on the fields of Flanders
Before the grey dawn broke,
A badly wounded soldier,
To his old comrade spoke;
They had been out on duty
And tripping on a wire,
The German foe rained on them
Their concentrated fire.

They struggled in the darkness,
The British lines to gain,
Each moment growing weaker,
Each footstep fraught with pain.
At length the bloodstained bundle,
With pack and rifle by,
Was laid with gentle fingers
Upon the earth to die.

Faint in the Eastern heaven
The day began to show;
It roused the wounded soldier,
Whose sands were running low.
With superhuman effort
He turned towards his mate;
'Old man I'm getting nearer,
I'm almost at the gate.

"I hear a glorious rustling,
Of creatures on the wing,
The strains of distant music,
Voices of those that sing;
And some one shouts the challenge,
The tones are loud and clear,
'Halt, not a footstep farther,
Speak! Answer! Who goes there?'"

Then with another effort
He staggered to his feet;
In soldierlike position,
The challenger to meet.
And answered,—shouting clearly,
As only soldiers can,—
"A bloke what did his duty,
A common Englishman."

—John Beukers.

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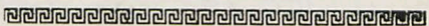
Sunday School: Mrs. Ruckingham,
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and Mabel Parker, secretary and
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Organist, Mrs. Hawkins.

The Sunday School meets every
Sunday at 2.30 p.m., and the Church at
3.30 p.m.

Preaching Plan.

February 6—S. Turner
February 13—J. Beukers
February 20—J. Keaughran
February 27—J. Beukers
March 5—A. Nock
March 12—J. Beukers
March 19—Mr. Meller
March 26—E. Cecil.



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Sunday School: Superintendent, Mr. H. Fancote; secretary, Miss Turner; teachers, Mrs. Croasdale, Mrs. Bromfield, Misses Marsh, Pascoe and Bell.

Choir, Mr. N. Uren; organist, Miss Pascoe.

The monthly church meeting is held on the Wednesday before the first Sunday in each month.

Services 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m., and Sunday School at 3 p.m.

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	7.30 p.m.—John Beukers
Mar. 26, 11	a.m.—Rev. Sydney H. Cox
	7.30 p.m.—E. Cecil.

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Preaching Plan.

Rev. John Beukers will preach on the following dates:—

Wednesday, 2 and 16 February.

Wednesday, 1, 15 and 29 March.

Bedfordale Congregational Church.

Meets in Bedford Hall.

Diaconate: H. Saunders, secretary; G. F. Marsh, treasurer; A. V. Cross, B. V. Cross, J. H. Champion.

Organist: Miss Champion.

Sunday School: B. V. Cross, superintendent; Miss C. Jones, secretary; A. Nock, treasurer.

Sunday School meets every Sunday at 2.30 p.m. Church service at 3.30 p.m.

Preaching Plan.

Sunday, Feb. 6—Rev. John Beukers

Sunday, Feb. 20—Rev. John Beukers.

Sunday, Mar. 5—Rev. John Beukers

Sunday, Mar. 19—Rev. John Beukers

Sunday, Mar. 26—Rev. Sydney H. Cox

Baynup Plan.

Sunday, Feb. 6—John Richards

Sunday, Feb. 20—A. Nock.

Sunday, Mar. 5—Supply

Sunday, Mar. 19—F. S. Groom

Thursday, Feb. 17, and Thursday, Mar. 16—Rev. John Beukers

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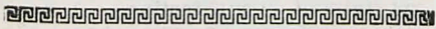
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Once upon a time—and it is not so very long ago, either—I ate my dinner from the same table in a refreshment room as our worthy Archbishop. It was in Lent, and the Bishop and I got talking about fasting. I asked him at last why he fasted, and I suppose he knew very well I was not asking for information, so he fixed those kindly eyes of his on me and said as simple as he could: “Oh, to make me a better Christian, I suppose.” Now I have always been of opinion that it is much easier to be a Christian when you’re not fasting, and I have also come to the conclusion that the possession of a little ready cash helps one wonderfully to bear the ills of life philosophically.

I had only a sovereign or two to take when I left the permanent way, but I was a much happier passenger on my way to Perth than I had been on my way to Southern Cross.

Except a willingness to work and health and strength to do it, I had nothing for sale in the labor market. A day’s tramp around Perth yielded me the exhilarating occupation of carrying bricks and mortar for a mason. I did my best for a week, but my soul was in revolt, and when my first pay was in my pocket I made the self-denying resolution to abstain from carrying bricks.

My lodgings were not too comfortable either. I had paid a week’s board at a coffee palace, but the place was anything but palatial. It was infested with the *Cimex* or *Acanthia lectularia*, a little being of wonderful activity that won’t let people sleep. Nor were my room mates agreeable companions. They belonged to the swearing, foul-mouthed type of working men, whose only conversation is about races and odds and tips, whom every little incident served as an occasion to reel off a string of vile epithets and who had no consideration for anyone but themselves. I didn’t

think it good enough to pay a pound a week for the constant annoyance of their abominable talk with only the option of wandering the streets to escape it; I sighed for the quiet and seclusion of the bush, and when I noticed from an advertisement that a brickmaker at Guildford wanted a man to cut wood for him I took the train in quest of the job.

When I alighted at the Guildford railway station a man got out who walked up the same road, made enquiries the same way as I did, and it struck me that he, too, perhaps was after the wood-cutting. My surmise was correct. We were after the same billet, and decided to go together. He had a tent and some cooking utensils; it was as easy to cook for two as for one and more congenial in company than by oneself, so we entered into a kind of partnership. It didn't last long. The other fellow got it into his head that he was doing most of the work, and I left. This time I secured a position as chain man at a survey camp at Point Walter. Wages were thirty shillings a week and everything found. This was a delightful job. The surveyors were gentleman from whom one could learn something, my mates were decent, non-swearing chaps, the camp was situated in a picturesque spot, the cooking was good, and when my work was done I had leisure for some reading.

We kept in touch of the Perth office by way of Claremont, had a couple of boats to carry us to and fro over Freshwater bay, and as I knew all about the handling of boats, their care was confided to me.

The cook was an old salt, and his meals were the best I had tasted in the country. I chummed up with him. It is sound wisdom to be on good terms with the cook, and as we had sailed over the same kind of seas we swapped yarns sometimes and got real friendly. Once the cook and I were often left alone on the camp, the rest being away on a distant job. Cook wanted to go over the bay, and asked me if I could manage for myself for a day or so. I was agreeable, and he went. When he did not return on the third day I grew anxious. I was rather helpless, for he

had taken the only boat, and I did not know enough to go round by Fremantle. A passing boat put me over the water, and I started to hunt for the cook.

I found our boat high and dry on the beach, with the sail and tackling scattered about. I collected all the boat's belongings, put them to rights and launched her. Then I took a stroll, and was met by a man who volunteered the information that there was a hatless, bootless and dishevelled old fellow wandering about the bush; he didn't care to go near him, for he looked wild and dangerous.

This old fellow was our cook, who, ever since he had left camp had been drinking, and was now verging on the condition known as delirium tremens. He fancied himself pursued by police, robbers, soldiers; he approached each bush with care lest it should have an enemy behind it, and when he saw me he fell crying at my feet. I had saved him just in the nick of time, for he declared that he was about to be murdered.

I took in the situation at a glance. It was not the first time that I had seen a man out of his mind through drink. My sympathy for such is not overwhelming as a rule, but I had a strong regard for our cook, and realised that I must do what I could for him. "Alright, cooky, I've sent all the troopers about their business; they won't take you. The boat is ready, the wind is fair, come quick and I'll take you to camp in next to no time." Then the old sinner got obstinate and wouldn't budge. He didn't want to go back to camp. Hang the camp. He wanted another drink, and wouldn't come till I got it for him.

I knew that I should have my hands full even if I had him in camp, and I had an idea that I could best cure him by giving him homoeopathic doses of his enemy. So I got some grog, and told him he should have some when we got home, and moreover promised to deliver him into the hands of the soldiers if he didn't jump in the boat at once.

I got him in the boat at last and shoved off. The breeze was more than fresh, and I should have put a reef in the sail, but anxiety over my

passenger made me omit it. Cooky had now got the soldiers out of his head and was seeing snakes. The way over the bay is not long, and my craft was easy enough to handle, but a passenger who will not sit still complicates the steersman's task. Cook, I say, was seeing snakes, and in the effort to escape them he got into all sorts of places where he ought not to be. He saw snakes in the rigging and snakes in the bow, and when I put him alongside of me he was afraid the mainsheet would bite him. All my eloquence could not persuade him that the rope was harmless; and just as he was leaving his seat to go to leeward an extra gust of wind made the boat put her side under and only by going smartly through the wind was the catastrophe of being spilled in the water averted.

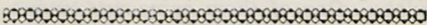
My swimming is not worth mentioning, and I had no desire to be drowned, so as soon as I had things to rights again I set that cook once more beside me and threatened him in the language a Nova Scotia second mate would use without actually swearing, that if he shifted again, I would pitch him overboard. Providence favored me in the shape of a shoal of porpoises. One of them came up under our lee, and I said: "My word, Cooky, there's Old Nick himself, but you sit still; I won't let him take you." This made the cook go to windward so far that the boat had a fine trim, but a porpoise appearing immediately astern, cook got to leeward once more, and once again I had to go through the wind. This time I refused to run any more risks, and took the sail down, and while I was occupied with that cook got overboard. This put a little sense into him, and when I had fished him out he lay shivering in the bottom of the boat, and gave me no further bother. So it came to pass that we got safe to land.

Then I had trouble of another kind. He wanted drink. He would not eat, he wouldn't go to bed, he wouldn't keep in his tent, he wouldn't sit down, he wouldn't leave me; drink was what he wanted, and he followed me about for it like a dog. He got in a rage and swore, uttering the most horrible blisphemies; he commanded me, he stamped, he fumed, and when his rage

was over he entreated me, he wept, and once he actually got down on his knees and prayed for drink. I remained as firm as a jarrah post, and he only got small drops at intervals till my supply was exhausted. I believe now that if I had been without grog he would have got over it quicker, for once it was gone and he realised the fact, he got quiet and gradually recovered.

When he was normal again he was a walking wreck, humble, and penitent. Then he told me that drink, and drink alone, was his enemy. But for it he might have any position he chose in his own line, but this fatal craving obliged him to seek his occupation far from the places where drink could be got.

Except this episode nothing startling happened on this survey camp. The work was pleasant and regular, and when the day's task was done a little walk in either direction placed me alone with God in that most suggestive of temples, the virgin forest as yea unmarred by civilised man; and by waiting upon God my strength was renewed and my rebellious mood, occasioned by the breaking up of my first home, passed away.



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It has not occurred to anybody that the two tracks might be united.

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The visit of Rev. Geo. H. Wright, M.A., to this district has been much appreciated. In addition to taking the Sunday services for the pastor, he lectured at Armadale and Kelmscott. He was advertised to do the same in Bedforddale, but owing to some misunderstanding or misapprehension Bedforddale was left out in the cold and wet. Mr. Wright had his loins girt all about, his slides and machine packed and his lecture at his finger's ends and he burned with eagerness to deliver it but no one came to fetch him and now. . . .

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Well there will be a lot of explaining.

Mr. Mellor had an interesting walk to Wongong. The pastor had forgotten to inform him that Wongong Sunday evening services were discontinued, and so when he and the pastor's son came to the church they found no congregation. They thought a lot about the evil of forgetfulness.

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