

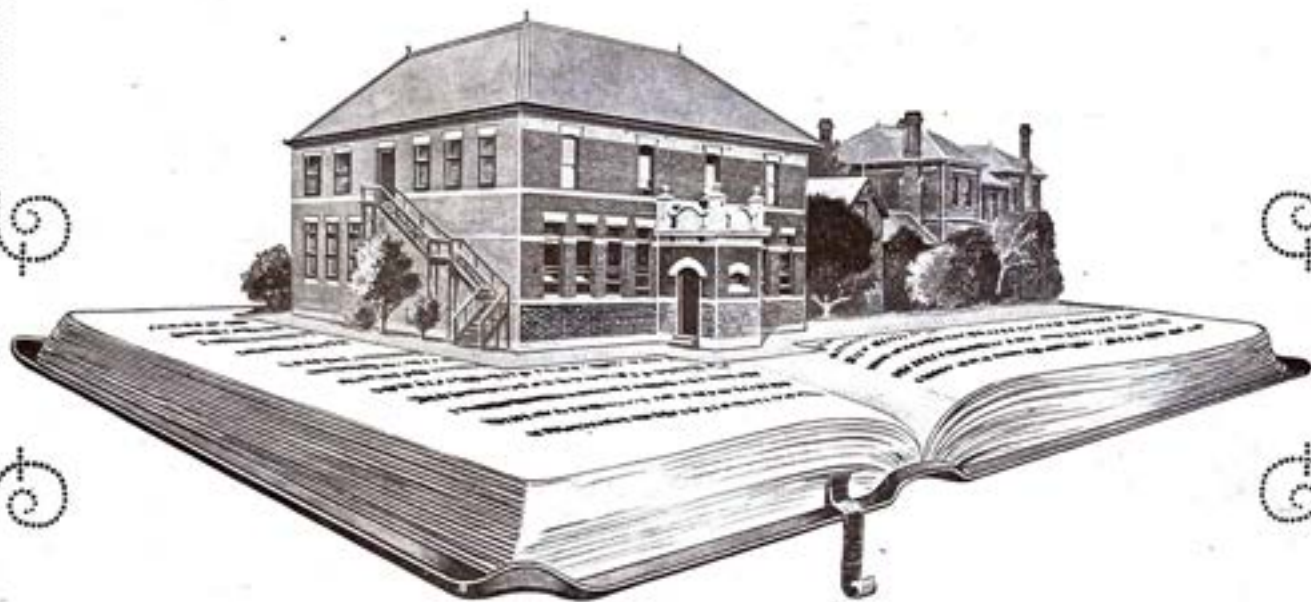
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COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE NUMBER



As in the Beginning, still
The College Stands on the Book

Its Charter and Its Curriculum are in the Master's Commission:—

"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you."—Matt. 28: 19, 20.

"The things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."—2 Timothy 2: 2.

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BUILDING ON GOOD FOUNDATIONS.

SINCE the College of the Bible was established in 1906 almost twenty-five years have passed away. Time's windlass has kept turning, its chains have made many windings, and many changes have come. Looking back we seem to think the time has passed very swiftly. As we get older, "the more we live, more brief appear our life's succeeding stages." Our chief concern should be: What have we done with these passing years with our College, and have we in that time built on good foundations?

"For the structure that we raise,
Time is with materials filled;
Our to-days and yesterdays
Are the blocks with which we build."

Those entrusted with the task of commencing and continuing the work of the College have tried to achieve the objects sought when, at the Federal Conference of 1906, it was resolved "that a College of the Bible be established." We gratefully acknowledge God's gracious leading and help in any success gained. "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

It will be remembered that in some of our States before the year mentioned various training classes had been in existence in which our young men who had a desire to become preachers of the gospel and serve our churches could obtain that special education so essential to the purpose they had in view. Numbers were helped by the means available, but others thought it necessary to go abroad to supplement the instruction received, and there was a continuous departure of bright young men of great promise for the colleges of the United States of America. Many did not return, but remained with the churches, and gave them very distinguished service. The necessity of training men in our own land became a paramount matter, and thus our College was established.

The results have abundantly justified the wisdom of the decision. If we subject the work of our College to the Master's practical test, "By their fruits ye shall know them," we believe a favorable verdict will be assured. On another page of this issue are given the names of men who have been trained in the College, who have served and are still serving churches in Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, Great Britain, the United States of America, and some who are in missionary labors in the "regions beyond." Some sixty per cent. of preachers now with these churches have been students in the College, and it is reasonable to expect that in another few years' time that percentage will largely grow. The well-being and success of our work in the future is bound up and interwoven with the progress and prosperity of our College.

We appreciate the loyalty of past students and the regard which they so often express for the training they received at

the College. We are proud of their excellent and devoted service to the churches, and note with pleasure that some are becoming known far and wide for their prominence in special departments of work. May the blessing of God always accompany their ministry, and may they continue to preach, not themselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord and themselves servants for Jesus' sake. They are engaged in a great work, "helping the Carpenter of Nazareth to repair his shattered globe"; building men and women, boys and girls, into living stones in the temple of God. They are "architects of character." Henry Van Dyke has this encouraging word for preachers in his poem on "The Builders":—



The College Faculty.

Seated, A. R. Main, M.A., Principal.
J. S. Taylor, B.A.; T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed.;
R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed.

and J. S. Taylor, B.A., are accorded very sincere thanks. We look to them for guidance and help in the days to come.

The generous support, financial and moral, given so freely by the members of churches and our whole brotherhood, is very gratefully mentioned, and the thanks of the Board of Management are given wholeheartedly to all. For the extra liberality of those who made gifts and endowments to provide scholarships and other privileges for the students, particular gratitude is expressed.

It is appropriate to mention the assistance given by brethren on the business side of the College. Some who took a deep interest at the beginning of things are not now with us. We record the names of F. G. Dunn, J. T. T. Harding, Charles Hardie, F. M. Ludbrook, and Alfred Millis, who gave much time and effort at the inception, and continued for the time they were spared. A continuous line of brethren generously and capably served the institution down the years, and their help is now thankfully recognised. The same is said of all who have contributed in other ways to the success of the College. Their continued interest and support are confidently asked and expected. The co-operation and assistance of Bro. F. T. Saunders, our organising secretary, is cordially acknowledged.

"There is an architecture grander
far
Than all the fortresses of war,
More inextinguishably bright
Than learning's lonely towers of
light.
Framing its walls of faith and hope
and love
In deathless souls of men, it lifts
above
The frailty of our earthly home
An everlasting dome;
The sanctuary of the human host,
The living temple of the Holy
Ghost."

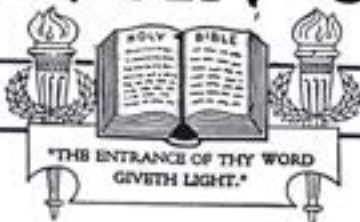
The faithful and distinguished work of our Principal, Bro. A. R. Main, M.A., is specially acknowledged. The help of H. G. Harward, who earlier had the oversight of the College, is remembered. Members of the Faculty during the years, notably T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed., R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed.,

ROBERT LYALL,

Chairman of Board of Management.

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Can the Brethren Help in an Hour of Need?

THE College of the Bible will shortly complete its twenty-fifth year. A quarter of a century seems a long time in the life of a man, but it is only a brief period in the history of an institution, a church, or a nation. In the case of the College, it may be long enough for some fair estimate to be made of its value.

Were the brethren who at the Federal Conference of 1906 decided on the establishment of the College wisely led? Have the hopes expressed when the opening took place in 1907 been realised in any fair degree? We leave others to answer these questions.

A Favorable Verdict.

The verdict of the brethren has on the whole been very favorable. Sympathy, good wishes and willing support have been forthcoming in increasing degree as the years have passed and the work of the College has been evident. In this issue of the "Christian" appear historical reviews, estimates and appreciations to which the attention of all our readers is directed.

Throughout Australasia, to say nothing of other lands, men trained at Glen Iris give themselves to evangelistic, pastoral and educational work. Their efforts in many cases are being crowned with rich blessing and success. What would the situation be had these men not been available? Sixty per cent. of our preachers come from the College of the Bible. They labor side by side with other honored and successful preachers. But imagine that the 40 per cent. had to bear the whole burden of service! Anybody who thinks at all must appreciate the great contribution made to our Brotherhood by the College. Suppose the College activities had now to cease: what a gap would be made! Can anyone doubt that evil results would follow?

As we review our Foreign Missionary work, the importance of the College is even more apparent. We have other excellent representatives than those trained at Glen Iris; but it is manifest that but for the College of the Bible we should have been at a tremendous disadvantage, and the work would have been hindered. If the work of the College be curtailed, what of the future of our missions?

A proportion of those enrolling at the College came with the desire to be better equipped for service in the local church rather than with the will to give themselves to full-time work as preachers. In nearly all the States there are consecrated workers who are able to serve the better because of happy days of training at the College of the Bible.

The present enrolment is somewhat less than that of former years. The reasons for this will be apparent to all. 35 men are in residence at the College, and two women at the Ladies' Hostel. The States are represented as follows: Victoria, 15; South Australia, 10; New South

Wales, 5; Western Australia, 4; Queensland, 3. Of the 37 students, 10 have entered with the desire to prepare for service in foreign fields, if opportunity offers.

Continuity of Service.

One interesting and satisfactory feature of our College work may be noted. Sometimes in educational institutions there is a continuous change of personnel not only in the student body but also in the faculty. To use a familiar colloquialism, our teachers "stay put." We could imagine circumstances in which quick changes might be desirable; but when satisfactory work is being done, and when harmonious relationships exist between faculty and students, there are manifest advantages in continuity of service. Of the four members of the faculty, A. R. Main is in his twenty-fifth year of service with the College, having begun work about three months after the commencement in 1907. He will shortly complete his twenty-first year as principal, having entered upon the duties of this office, in succession to H. G. Barward, in January, 1911. Mr. J. S. Taylor, B.A., commenced his connection with the College in February, 1914, and ever since has enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his classes. Mr. R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip.Ed., was one of the earliest students of the College; he has been absent from it only during the years he spent at Melbourne University preparing himself further for his life's work. In February, 1915, he resumed his association as a teacher. As student and member of faculty he has brought honor to himself and to the College. Mr. T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed., has just entered on his eleventh year as a teacher. He began his work in September, 1921, as successor to Mr. H. E. Knott, M.A. His association, also, has not only been congenial to himself, but has resulted in much profit and help to College and students.

"OUR educational interests are of supreme importance. In a very real sense the future of our people is dependent upon our educational development. Only as we increase in intellectual resources shall we be able to largely influence the world."

These words were written of our American churches, but apply as truly to Australian conditions.

It may be added that continuity of service is also a feature of the household arrangements at Glen Iris. The College housekeeper and her helpers have all given years of happy service. Miss Jermyn will at the end of this term complete her twenty-first year as housekeeper. She has sought not merely to fill a position, but throughout has exerted herself to help the College and make a contribution to the cause of Christ.

It seems both a duty and a pleasure to testify to the consistently happy relationships which throughout all the years have existed between Board of Management, Faculty, students and domestic staff.

A Venture of Faith.

From the first the College has been a venture of faith—faith in God and in his people. It exists to advance the kingdom of God, to honor Christ and to further the proclamation of his Gospel. As at the beginning, so now the College stands upon the Book. In continued faithfulness to Christ and the Scriptures will lie its strength and its security.

Unlike endowed institutions the College depends for its existence upon regular, freewill offerings of sympathetic Christians. Thus has it been sustained for the past twenty-five years. If such offerings cease to be available, the College work must stop. If they are seriously diminished, its usefulness will be greatly curtailed. As readers know, expenditure has been greatly reduced, and considerable economies effected, cuts in allowances being announced as reaching forty per cent. The reduced ability of most brethren to give has to be recognised. But we have many more members now to draw upon for support than when the College was established. For instance, the Victorian membership has grown from less than 7,500 to over 13,000, and that of South Australia from less than 4,500 to about 8,200. This increase of 76 per cent. doubtless harmonises with the general advance in the Commonwealth. Even if a third could not give at all, there would be a greater number left to contribute than we had in 1907. What is needed is to secure the willing co-operation of the whole of the members in the support of the College. So we ask: Can the brethren help us in an hour of great need?

Above all, we must have faith in God. We exist for his glory, and seek to honor his name and cause. Let special prayer be made in all the churches for God's help and blessing. A recent striking article in an English religious journal asked regarding a certain cause: "Why is there such financial stringency? Are we not sure enough about God?" The closing sentence ran: "The money is available—if the mind and heart and will be redeemed." May all his people trust the Lord, and show their faith by rallying to the support of his work.

The College Across the Years.

Reg. Ennis.

Of the making of Conference resolutions there is almost no end. Doubtless each resolution is towards some definite and worthwhile end, yet many may be said to die at birth, in that they bring no tangible result. No so with the resolution moved at the Federal Conference at Adelaide on April 16, 1906, which read, "That this Conference approves of steps being taken to establish a College of the Bible."

Great organisations like the British and Foreign Bible Society and the China Inland Mission grew out of resolutions moved by men who little dreamed how great a fire their little match would kindle. It was so with F. G. Denn and M. Wood Green, of honored memory, the mover and seconder of the proposition which led to the establishing of our own College of the Bible. Other honored names are associated with the resolution in the official Conference minutes, which are on record in the familiar handwriting of Charles Hardie, who later served for many years as secretary to the College Board. Spoken to by A. T. Magarey, Joseph Pittman, T. C. Walker, P. A. Dickson and F. W. Greenwood, the resolution was carried unanimously and with enthusiasm. Thus commenced a new epoch in brotherhood history.

The Spirit of the Pioneers.

The writer rarely, if ever, visits Parliament House, that majestic edifice standing at the head of Bourke-st., Melbourne, without an appreciation of the faith and enterprise of the men who, seventy years ago, foresaw a great city, and in that city justification for such a building. Who can look upon the superb public buildings and churches of our Australian capitals, erected long before Australia was a nation, without feeling admiration for the pioneers of such enterprises for God and country? Similar feelings animate us as we recall the brethren who, in days when Churches of Christ were comparatively few, and included but a small membership, had the foresight and courage to launch the College. They had faith to see a great brotherhood gradually develop. They entertained the belief that the training in Australia of Australian men for the Australian churches would speed the development they desired so fervently, and results show how sound was their belief. Further witness to their faith and courage is seen in the fact that at the same time the decision was made to establish an Australian mission station in India, and to found the Preachers' Provident Fund.

The carrying out of the Conference proposal was committed to the then acting executive committee, which consisted of F. G. Dunn, R. Lyall, W. C. Craigie, J. T. T. Harding, F. M. Ludbrook and R. C. Edwards. The first College Board of Management was appointed a year later, the members being F. G. Dunn, Robert Lyall, W. C. Craigie, A. Millis, C. Hardie, R. C. Edwards and J. T. T. Harding. With this issue will be found a group photo of the present Board of Management. Two only of the original Board, Bren Craigie and Lyall, have continued throughout in active association with the College.

Less than a year passed before a commencement was made. Temporary premises having been secured in Rathdown-st., Carlton, the College received its first complement of fifteen day and eighteen evening students on February 19, 1907. Included amongst the number were veterans such as J. E. Allen, W. Gale and H. M. Clipstone.

Fears and Prejudices.

Not all of our people in 1906 or even in later years were fully convinced of the wisdom and

need of a College for preachers. Why train a man specially for the work of the ministry? Have not men done excellent work without such training? These questions were asked frequently twenty years ago; to-day they are seldom heard. Side by side with increased educational advantages for the average school child must go a more complete preparation for those who are to lead in the work of the church.

On the part of some there was fear of the added financial burden. Cautious brethren have been found at every stage of our progress, and their presence and warnings have been providential. There was genuine ground for fear lest an unduly heavy burden was being placed upon a small brotherhood. That fear speedily subsided. An early visit to the churches by a College representative proved that the College idea was popular, and interested brethren readily subscribed for the work. Many of these have continued as regular subscribers through the years. In later years large gifts were made, many of them to found scholarships, in order that promising students might pursue their studies with reduced financial anxiety.

Some feared lest the training of men for the work of the church should develop a special "clergy" class in the brotherhood. This fear, repugnant to our people, proved groundless and gradually disappeared. It was not unnatural that fears were entertained lest erroneous teaching should creep in, or lest in leading students in scientific investigation the Word of God should be discounted. Time has removed all such fear. The Bible to-day is not less, but rather more, precious and authoritative than ever in the lives of our people.

These and other honest questionings belong largely to the past, thanks to the calibre of the men who have controlled the teaching work, and to those who, having trained, have gone out to be the best advertisement of the College.

A New Home and Visions of Yet Another.

The removal to Glen Iris in 1909 represented a notable advance, providing as it did the healthful and quiet surroundings necessary. From that time forward the College and Glen Iris became synonymous terms to our brotherhood. When first acquired, the property at Glen Iris consisted of one large two-storied house standing in splendid isolation, surrounded by open fields. All this has been altered by the march of time. To-day the College buildings, now much increased, look down upon a sea of houses standing on the well-kept boulevards of the progressive cities of Malvern and Camberwell.

For large numbers of ex-students the College and its campus are almost sacred. Yet probably few would regard the present property as fully worthy of a great brotherhood, with an ever-expanding outlook. Some religious bodies are determined to have their colleges and schools in none but elevated and distinctive positions. Should we be less ambitious than they? A property in a more elevated position, undivided in



Western Australian Students.

area, with buildings erected to suit actual needs, and ample room for future expansion, should be more than a mere vision. Opportunities to secure properties of requisite area and in positions easily accessible are becoming rare. Funds permitting, this matter might well engage our serious attention. Fortunately the development adjacent to the present College has enhanced the value of our property, which in favorable times could probably be sold to advantage. Vision, faith and enterprise similar to that displayed a quarter century ago would go far to secure College buildings in a situation of which the brotherhood would always be proud.

Whom We Delight to Honor.

The name of H. G. Harward must ever be associated affectionately with the early days of College work. Afame with love for God, with a kindly sympathy for the struggling student, and with a profound love for and knowledge of the Word of God, he proved invaluable in those formative years. Some three years after the work commenced, A. R. Main, having just completed a brilliant University course, was appointed Principal in succession to H. G. Harward. If God ever in our time raised up a man for a particular work surely A. R. Main is that man. Very few so well combine the many qualifications for successful leadership of a Christian college. The impress of his life and teaching are written indelibly into the work of hundreds of Glen Iris men and women, and through them upon a grateful brotherhood. Thinking of the teaching staff one readily recalls C. M. Gordon and H. E. Knott, both of whom made valuable contributions to the work. R. T. Pittman, J. S. Taylor and T. H. Scambler continue the work they have done so long, and enjoy the complete confidence alike of Board of Management and students. The writer enjoys the distinction of having for a longer period than any other served as financial agent for the College. F. T. Saunders now seeks to beguile the brethren into giving their money for this work. His task is not enviable in these days of financial depression.

The records show that since its inception some three hundred and ninety-seven men and women have enrolled. Many remained only a brief time, and then returned to do useful work in their home churches. Very many others completed the Bible Course, and are located in every State, in New Zealand, in England, America, India, China, Africa, New Hebrides, and elsewhere throughout the world. Not a few men proceeded to University studies, some proving conspicuous students. To-day these men are scattered widely, some as college professors, others as medical practitioners, and many as preachers and missionaries. Should there be in any mind the lingering doubt as to the practical value of the College, be it known that the majority of our Australian preachers and our foreign missionaries were trained at Glen Iris.

The College that Was, That Is, and That Is to Be.

The College That Was.—It existed in fertile, imaginative minds prior to 1906. No words can express adequately the tribute of praise and thanksgiving we would pay to those pioneering spirits.

The College That Is.—It is an object of our humble pride. We are proud of its history, proud of its steady, consistent advocacy of the things that matter most, proud of its teaching staff, of the student body, and of the commissariat officers who through the years have so well cared for the students.

The College That Is to Be.—It is in our hands, and will be what we make it. It needs our careful planning and courageous forethought. We can and we ought in this Silver Jubilee year so to advance its future that twenty-five years hence the brethren will remember with gratitude the vigor with which we carried forward the work of the fathers of twenty-five years ago.

Reasons for the College Deficit.

Fred. T. Saunders, Secretary and Organiser.

Other writers in this issue will supply reasons why the College should have the support of the churches. The purpose of this contribution is to give some facts of the financial situation.

One might employ general terms and say that the deficit in the College funds has been caused by the decreased purchasing power of the sovereign, and the stationary giving of church members. But that would be but a part of the story, and begging the question.

It is true, though, that every item of expenditure has increased for the College as for the local church, the home, and the individual. And at the same time, though church membership has

College at Dunedin, and in preparation for that work, and in consequence, support previously enjoyed from the Dominion was withdrawn from Glen Iris. This meant a loss of from £200 to £300 per annum. The brethren across the Tasman Sea are to be commended for their progressive spirit, and the Dunedin Bible College has the goodwill of all in Australia, and especially of the College of the Bible, but this loss of support made a big difference.

4. Like all other buildings the College properties have required renovations and repairs. It is possible the cost of these was increased because they were deferred. They had to be

were always asking for money; there were too many appeals. Another quietly said, "When my laddie was small he was very costly, always wanting boots, stockings, clothes, books. He was always wearing them out, or growing out of them. I always had my hand in my pocket for my boy. But he doesn't cost me anything now—he died."

Yes. A live church always wants money. Dead churches do not. And the brotherhood would suffer most if the College died.

We simply cannot afford to do without the College now.

LET US SHARE THE SACRIFICE.

Brotherhood! Equality! Such words have stirred the souls of many. Yes, and many of those who have built up the name and the history of our College had visions of a glorious brotherhood within the church of Jesus Christ. They felt called upon to oppose the pretensions of ecclesiasticism and to champion the ideal of a priesthood of all believers. For these and kindred ideals some left behind cherished dreams of some professional career. Others had fared well to homesteads and independence. And what shall we say of those splendid men who have given their years to guide our College and train our students? Space will not permit me to describe as I should—and could—the labors, the sacrifice and the worth of those—our most worthy College teachers.

What heights might they not have attained in some other spheres? Who, that knows their talent, can deny that they have given a mighty contribution to our cause? Now the challenge is to all of us to do a big bit more that we might be sharers in this great work. Equality involves equality of sacrifice, brethren! They have given of their life and talent. It is surely a small matter for us to give of our material wealth, and so share the glory of their work.—Geo. T. Fitzgerald.

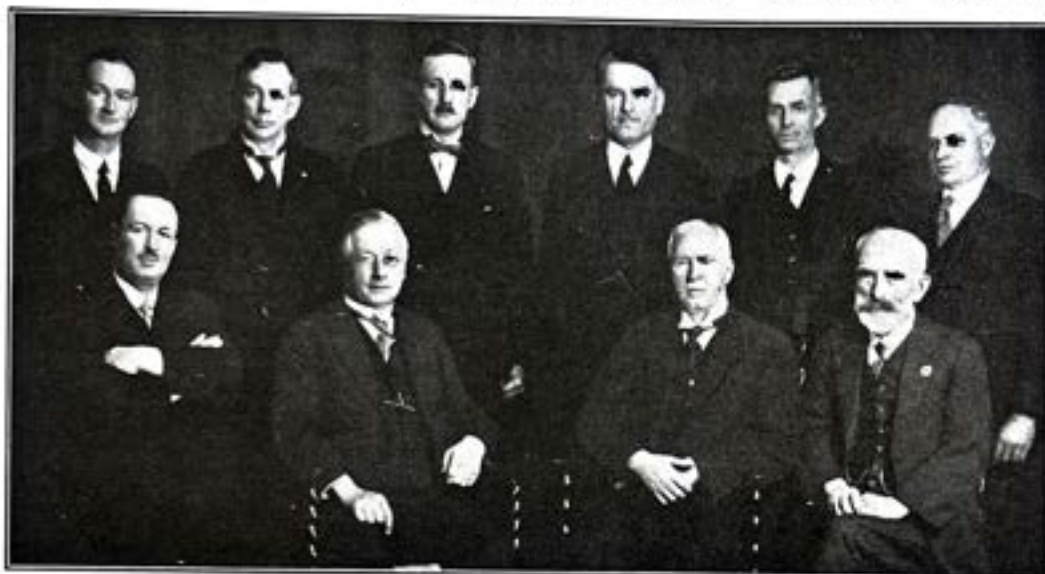
In a small way the glory of their work.—Geo. T. Fitzgerald.

"The Christian college is the manufactory which takes the finest raw material the church can furnish, multiplies its value a hundred-fold, and returns it to the church in a life-giving stream of intelligent faith, trained power, and consecrated leadership."



Jas. E. Thomas,

Member of Board of Management, out of State when group photo, taken.



The Board of Management, College of the Bible.

Back Row.—H. J. Patterson, M.A., R. Gebbie, B.A., Dr. W. A. Kemp, R. Enniss, J. G. Hare, C. T. Anton.

Seated.—F. T. Saunders (Sec. & Org.), A. R. Main, M.A. (Principal), R. Lyall (Chairman), W. C. Craigie (Treasurer).

increased by over 100 per cent. in the past twenty-five years, there has been nothing like a proportionate increase in College support.

There are special factors contributing to the present critical situation, which may be listed.

1. The unsubscribed capital cost of the Ladies' Hostel. The hostel was needed, and has proved a valuable factor in College life. Originally proposed as a missionary undertaking, it passed to the College control, with joint responsibility for support. The total cost was £2,790, of which, to date, £2,142 has been subscribed, £435 in the last six years. The balance was the beginning of the College overdraft.

2. The College share of the cost of making the road in front of the property. In Victoria the cost of making streets is charged against the owners of property fronting them. As the College property occupies the whole of one side of Elm-rd., half the cost of making that street was charged against the College. After negotiation, the Malvern City Council reduced the charge to £783, allowing the payments to extend over ten years, with an interest charge of 6 per cent. on the outstanding sum. As quarterly payments are made the bank overdraft is increased.

This charge could not be avoided, nor the work postponed. The value of the property has been increased, but so also have been the difficulties of the Board.

3. The New Zealand brethren established a

undertaken or still heavier expense incurred. Nearly £1,000 was expended in four years in this manner.

In view of these special items annual deficits are not hard to understand. Since 1920, there has been a surplus only once—in 1925. The accumulating deficits have been added to the overdraft, or, to use a political term, "funded."

The economic and industrial position has accentuated the need, which already existed, for dealing with the College deficit. This is also the Silver Jubilee year, and it is fitting that the burden should be lifted.

At the time of writing the College debit balance is £3,007. How much this sum should burden the brotherhood is a matter of simple calculation. There are 32,000 members in the Australian churches. Among them are some who have been blessed, and entrusted, with a large share of this world's goods. Here is a call for these brethren to give a lead in restoring the financial stability of the College. Many members are unemployed, and others are carrying extra burdens on account of kith and kin unemployed. We know this, for we carry our share. But if those who can will give a little more, and those who can make larger contributions seize this opportunity, the goal can be attained. Surely it is not too much to ask from so many members.

A group of men were discussing church finance, and one complained, irritably, that the churches

World Consciousness and the College.

Hon. W. Morrow, M.L.C., Chairman Federal Foreign Missions Board.

Changes are taking place in the world to-day of a most spectacular and far-reaching nature. The rapidity with which they are transpiring and the radical alterations they are effecting altogether outstrip the imagination of the past. Never in its wildest flights did it visualise that which is actually taking place before our eyes. National barriers that so long have separated and segregated the peoples of the earth are breaking down. Old lines of demarcation of race, color, caste and custom are being eliminated. The world gradually is contracting, bringing together its divergent parts so that

Surely those words never came with greater meaning to the Christian church than now. Reading these signs aright must bring a fuller realisation of her stupendous task. The knowledge of the intensified needs, of the multiplied numbers yet completely outside Christian influence, imposes a greater weight of responsibility. Never was there a time in the history of Christian missions when the doors of opportunity were so many and flung so widely open than the present. Surely we are justified in believing that we have come to the time of times for which the Christian church has been pray-



"There is a corner of a foreign field. . ."
Missionary Volunteers at Glen Iris.

national isolation is possible no longer. Even those inaccessible places and unknown people which, a few years ago, were regarded as the remotest outposts in the world's affairs, are fast becoming regular highways. Ancient institutions are being swept away. The iconoclast is abroad, smashing down idols that have long ruled and regulated thought and action. There is a spirit that is searching and sifting every system of human society like a refiner's fire with results that emphasize the truth that

"Our little systems have their day,
They have their day and cease to be."

Science and industry have combined for the elimination of space and the extension of both sight and sound. They are taking mankind from the lonely, humble hamlet to mingle with the multitude in the world's metropolis, and to exchange ideas with strange people. Great distances are being traversed in as many hours as once took weeks. Man is being lifted from the lowly valley to high altitudes from which he is able to view the kingdoms of the world. They have put to his lips a magic horn by which he can make his voice resound throughout the earth; and in turn can hear those speaking from distant shores. The globe is being so girdled by the many means of communication that the very ends of the earth can be in almost daily contact with each other. With more rapid and multiplied means of communication will come closer and more constant intercourse, wider and more intimate knowledge, better understandings of the aims and ideals of the races and the removal of those prejudices, suspicions and hostilities bred in isolation and ignorance. In the light of these great changes it is not difficult to visualise the greater challenge presented to the Christian church in her obligation to the regions beyond. Upon her rests the responsibility to seek to understand these great changes that she might respond to the wider opportunities and the more imperative demands they present. To the religious leaders of his day Jesus said, "Can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

ing for centuries. God has heard and answered the prayers of his people so that that Macedonian cry is ringing in our ears with greater insistence than ever. It is coming from the four corners of the earth, and the marvel is that the greatest urge comes from those lands which, at the beginning of this century, were barred and bolted against the heralds of the cross. It is true there is a greater army of missionaries than ever before, and if missionary achievements can be expressed in terms of statistics and multiplied

missionary agencies, then we have reasons to rejoice in the records of the past. We call to mind that a little over a century ago the missionary forces in heathen lands could be counted almost on the fingers of both hands, whereas to-day there is an army of 21,000 missionaries, men and women, with an enrolled Christian community of 5,500,000. In non-Christian lands there are 37,000 Bible Schools with 2,800,000 scholars; 2,000 hospitals, and dispensaries treating over 3,000,000 patients yearly; 250 orphanages; 25 institutions for the blind and deaf mutes; 25 leper asylums; 25 homes for untainted children of lepers; 25 homes for fallen women; 30 medical colleges; 98 nurses-training institutions; while in connection with the education of these people there are over 40,000 schools of every description, including 110 universities and colleges. Here we have a record of missionary progress that anyone might be pardoned for believing to be impossible within a single century. Yet these are only the tangible expressions of a far greater growth that can never be tabulated—the moral and spiritual forces that have been unlocked and set in motion, the extent and value of which only eternity will reveal. Yet how tragic the truth that over all this wonderful record of missionary progress hangs the dark shadow of this stern and solemn fact that two-thirds of the human race are still without Christ, dying without hope; one thousand million have never heard the story of redeeming love; that there are lands with their many millions into whose darkness not one gleam of gospel light has penetrated, and for whose evangelisation the Lord is looking to his church, saying, "I have set thee to be a light unto the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." As we think in terms of the greater challenge that comes by way of wider opportunities and more urgent needs, we see in truer perspective the real value of those educational institutions existing for training men and women for Christian service. It is in this regard that we, as a brotherhood, are made more fully to realise our indebtedness to our own College of the Bible. The magnificent contribution it already has made to our distinctive work in the regions beyond not only invests it with greater importance, but justifies its strongest appeal for the most adequate support from the brotherhood which it serves.

Our Missionary Honor Roll.

Former students of the College who have served in Foreign Mission fields.

India.

Miss V. R. Blake.
H. C. Bolduan.
Mrs. R. C. Bolduan.
H. R. Coventry.
Miss E. M. Caddicott.
Miss E. M. Cole.
Miss L. M. Foreman.
A. A. Hughes.
Mrs. A. A. Hughes.
F. R. Killey.
Mrs. F. R. Killey.
J. R. Leach, B.A.
G. H. Oldfield, M.B., B.S.
Miss L. Redman.
Miss E. D. Vawser.

China.

A. Anderson.
Mrs. A. Anderson.
H. A. G. Clark, M.A., B.D., Dip.Ed.
Mrs. H. A. G. Clark, B.T.V.N.A.
A. C. Garnett, M.A., D.Litt.
E. R. Killmer, M.B., B.S.
Miss P. W. Ludbrook.
W. Waterman.
Mrs. W. Waterman.

Africa.

C. A. Bowen.
Miss M. C. P. Benjamin.
J. R. Hay.
Mrs. J. R. Hay.
Miss R. Hay.
Ross J. Manning (Congo).
W. W. Mansill (Deceased).
S. E. M. Riches.
Mrs. S. E. M. Riches.

New Hebrides.

A. B. Chappell.
F. G. Goodwin (Deceased).
R. J. Sandells.

Australian Aborigines.

W. E. Black.
Miss E. M. Osborne.

Bolivia.

E. F. Smith.

Volunteers Awaiting Appointment.

Miss L. Bryant.
Miss V. M. Callanan.
Miss E. Leeson.

What Place Shall We Give to the College To-day?

Business Men Go On Record.

Twenty-five years of glorious work and achievement in the name of Christ and for the advancement of the church of our Lord and Master is a record which stands to the credit of the College of the Bible.

The College, under Principal A. R. Main, M.A., has earned for itself a place in the educational institutions of the Commonwealth, and its success is shown by the students who are to-day preaching the gospel at many of the churches associated with the brotherhood.

What place then shall we give the College to-day? There is still need for preachers, although some are finding it difficult to get churches. There are always openings for the best men. There is room at the top for men who show their ability to succeed, men who can advance even against adversity.

There is room too for greater evangelisation and the establishment of more churches preaching the plain gospel truths, and it is from the College that we expect young men to fit themselves for this work.

The College has made itself felt in the advancement of our churches during the past twenty-five years, and we expect its efforts to achieve greater success in the future.

There are two things that always strike me in connection with our College.

First, that the churches should support the College to such an extent as to make it possible for the smartest and most intelligent students to continue their studies for a longer period, attending the University with the idea of obtaining their degrees. A University training and degree give a better standing not only in the church in which he preaches, but in the district in which he lives and labors.

Secondly, that students who may not have any intention of becoming ministers of the gospel should be encouraged to take a two years' finishing course to their education at our College. They would get all that any other college could give them plus the advantage of becoming teachers and preachers, which would help them in after-life to serve the Lord in their own church and district.

Thus the splendid work of the College of the past could be extended to greater use in the years yet to be.

But there is a part for each one of us to do. We must see that the finances are not made a burden upon the committee. The difficult time through which we are passing has had a detrimental influence upon the income, and it is up to us to celebrate this Silver Jubilee of our College by liquidating the debt.—T. E. Yelland, Adelaide, Pres. South Australian Conference.

We are living in a difficult time. Not only here but throughout the world conditions have arisen from the effects of which few can escape. Extravagance must cease. Essentials only must be allowed to remain. If we are wise we shall never be the same again, but greater, and with a nobler outlook on the meaning and purpose of life. Material values have failed us, and in future we must give the spiritual its rightful place, and allow it to be a governing factor in all life's problems. What place then shall we give to the College to-day? Do not forget that it is OUR College, and as such should be considered in any plans we may make in our reconstructed living.

We were agreed twenty-five years ago that the College was necessary for the expansion of our work. We have by our sympathetic apprecia-

tion, and to some extent financial support, watched its progress from year to year, and have come in contact with many of the men who have been trained within its walls. There are in our midst to-day excellent pastors, eloquent preachers and successful evangelists who owe in a large measure whatever success they have achieved to their sound training in the College of the Bible. The outstanding success of Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen alone marks the College as having justified its existence.

It is a College of the Bible, and not a theological institution to propagate certain modernistic views concerning the Bible. The staff of lecturers led by Principal Main stand firm in their loyalty to the Book as the Word of God. It has therefore a spiritual value, and should have its rightful place as one that has demands upon our support. Never more than at the



Preachers' Sons at Glen Iris, 1931.

present time has the world needed spiritual direction in all the perplexing experiences of life. Any institution that prepares men for sanctified leadership is worthy of support. Our College is such an institution. It is however not self-supporting. It needs not only moral support, but such financial aid as will place it on a permanently sound basis. This may not be the time for large endowments, but in our great and growing brotherhood there are surely many who can give combined support that will, in this Silver Jubilee year of the College, relieve the Board of Management and the staff of all anxiety regarding the future. We can do it if we will.—D. M. Wilson, Perth.

Many happy returns to the College of the Bible on its attainment of twenty-five years of service should be the earnest wish of every member of the Church of Christ throughout Australia. If this wish is sincere it will be necessary for all to do their best, and if necessary to make sacrifices, so that money will be provided for its maintenance during the coming year.

Having experienced the joy and peace found in Christ Jesus, shall we not by our gifts make it possible for young men and women to be

rightly instructed so they may take the news of salvation to others?

In fitting our children to occupy secular positions we see to it that they receive the best instruction obtainable; no sacrifice on our part is too great to accomplish this. Surely then we are prepared to make at least an equal sacrifice so that the students may continue to have opportunity to further their studies at the College.

A silver wedding is the occasion when those interested show their love and esteem by making special gifts to mark the event. It is the College of the Bible's Jubilee this year, so let us likewise do our utmost by making a gift worthy of this unique occasion.

These are days of conversion. If we have not the ready money to give, let us convert some of our assets into L.s.d. and make an offering as unto the Lord, who will abundantly bless.

The College is in dire need of our help—do not leave it to the other fellow. Let everybody give to make a record offering on October 4.—F. S. Steer, Sydney.

Is such a question necessary? If it is, may that position soon pass away. Evidently all our folk have not given the College its rightful place in their thinking and affections. Probably all our preachers and preaching brethren find that in addition to consecration, piety and a ready use of the word, they must have a wide knowledge of the affairs of our times. They must perforce understand something of the strain and stress, its causes, its extent, and the spiritual needs of folk in such environment as at present exists. The constant strengthening of the preaching force is necessary, and there must be a training ground for formulating promising material right ideas of study, good ideas of values and judgments, and the broadest possible outlook. This provision has been made, and to secure the future of our brotherhood the College must have first place in all the planning of the churches and conferences. In its turn the College will meet the need, and will provide men who not only rightly divide the Word, but men who can meet the members of the congregations with knowledge and training which will inspire, comfort and help others to live the more abundant life. The College covets the opportunity of this service, and will continue to be a wonderful blessing. In its short history the College has surpassed all expectations, and always "the best" is yet in front awaiting attainment.—A. L. Read, Maylands, S.A.



Queensland Students.

"The Highest Paid Profession."

J. Wiltshire.

This is the title of a very excellent article contributed to the "Homiletic Review" for April, by Mr. William Schlessman, of New Albany. After meeting the pardonable curiosity of the reader with the reply that he does not mean any of the many high-salaried popular or public offices, the writer points out that his mind is on the faithful ministry of the Word of God, and the man separated to that ministry. It is not my purpose to review the article further, but rather to amplify it as experience may enable me. Of necessity the personal note will be prominent. In what does the excessive payment of a preacher consist? He is a very unhappy man if it consists in the money he receives week by week, or if that may be regarded as adequate for his services. There are rewards which outweigh and out-measure monetary values. Indeed, to mention money with them is to mar them. They are coined in the mint of a grateful soul and are deposited in the treasury of food inspirational memories.

It is some years now since one evening in a city mission hall I was preaching, and a young man who sat with a group of about thirty young men attracted my attention. After the meeting I made a direct effort to speak with him. He resented my first approach. Next evening he was present again, and my second effort seemed no more fruitful. Before the special services concluded, however, my young friend had acknowledged Christ. He was baptised into Christ, and soon afterwards became a radiant soul-winner. His period of service for Christ was very brief, because one day at work he over-lifted, and being painfully injured, was taken to the Adelaide Hospital. For two weeks he testified to patients and visitors of the Saviour whom he had so recently found, and then this bright life, with happy resignation, restored "its borrowed ray" to the Giver. All through the years, though dead, he has been speaking, and for my payment, which I never really earned; and for my inspiration, I have been listening. Money does not compare with payment of this kind.

The preacher is paid where there is no money, neither silver nor gold, and where life has neither time nor breath to waste. With my dear wife and a little group of friends it is my privilege to hold a fortnightly service at the Consumptive Home, Adelaide. It is difficult to work the service in between the Bible School and evening service, but it is done. The aspect is sad. Our congregation is always changing, but it is the change of a stream—it flows only one way. This is a quay where few people gather to wave their friends on their long journey. How it pays! In addition to expressions of gratitude and love from patients, one is humiliated and embarrassed at times by the grateful recognition of friends and relatives. We feel overpaid, and wages never come down. Above all, what a thrill we have in our own soul; what a growing delight, as we speak amidst such accentuated mortality of the "saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'"

Almost every week I visit an afflicted young man. In the Home where he is confined he is necessarily very lonely. There is nothing attractive about the place. But what a soul that young man has! How responsive to a kindly ministry! The surroundings are forgotten in the evident delight of the patient at seeing one who comes in the name of his Lord. Nobody can say "Thank you" like the young man's mother—this coin is purer than gold, and more precious by far.

We can never fully estimate the worth of the

many kind and generous expressions heard on the doorstep of the chapel. A deep sense of unworthiness, like that which overwhelmed Peter when his Lord gave him a great draught of fishes, comes over us as one and another speaks his or her grateful thanks for the message delivered. It is worth while surrendering everything that appertains to this perishing world to be able to speak out of a full heart that which calls forth this not uncommon expression, "Thank you, that heartens us for our battle."

Then there is a payment almost too sacred to write about: it is that confidence which admits the preacher into the inner circle of many homes. Here we share joys and sorrows as real friends. Our fellowship enhances the home's successes and makes its sorrows lighter. A few evenings ago a gentleman called and invited me to see his daughter, a beautiful girl of twenty years, who was dying. I called as requested, and spoke and prayed with the young woman. In a few days she was called away. The friends told me that as she neared the end she requested them to pray with her as Mr. Wiltshire prayed.

There is nothing rare in the experience of the writer. Every man of a consecrated life who is called to the ministry of the Word will find that God overwhelms him with kindness and reward. But the best is yet to be.

Set in a Large Place.

F. Collins, President, Federal Conference.

When Governor Phillip transferred the capital of New South Wales from Botany Bay to Sydney Cove, he little realised how great a city would one day stand upon those shores. They built the city without regard to the future. "Thou hast set my feet in a large place," may have been applicable to the continent, but not to a mere bush settlement. One hundred years afterwards, the city fathers were spending millions of pounds upon resumptions of slum areas, underground railways, one of the greatest bridges in the world, and widening city streets, because the pioneers had not realised that God had "set (their) feet in a large place." A large country has its heart in the capital, but its means of life are its highways and communications.

When William Stimson and John Hodgson, in New South Wales; John Ingram, Thomas S. Lyle and H. G. Pleton, in Victoria; Thomas Magarey, and others, in South Australia, first preached the primitive gospel, they probably did not realise "whereunto these things (would) grow." How limited is our interpretation of a text like "Thou

hast set my feet in a large place." All honor to the faithful witnesses of those early days; and if they were limited in vision, let us be sure that we enter into their labors worthily.

The Churches of Christ have a message that is big enough for a programme of world-wide evangelism; they have the promise of power adequate to the task; they have the young manhood and womanhood requisite to its accomplishment, but do they realise their call to "attempt great things for God"?

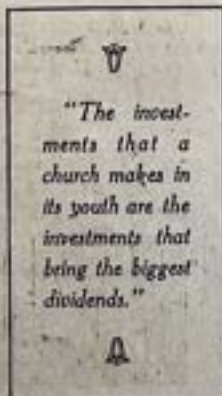
The method of responding to the challenge of the gospel, in those early days, was to encourage young men of ability to go out and preach the Word. The trained preachers gave them the Word. The trained preachers received. The somewhat little training they received. The contribution made, by men who conducted training classes, was immense, but it was not ideal. The New Testament exhorts young men to "give themselves wholly to the work of ministry." The "large place" has revealed that better facilities for training of preachers, than the haphazard methods sometimes employed, must be provided. The "large place" includes the great cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth, Hobart, etc. All of these cities, and many more besides, are intellectual centres, and demand that a reasonably cultured presentation of the message shall be given. As centres of trade, distribution and travel, they are of strategic importance to our churches. Without the College of the Bible we cannot use, much less evangelise, these great centres of population. The growth of the churches in and around Melbourne, since the advent of the College, is astonishing.

India, China, and the New Hebrides contain nearly half of the world's population. With an evangelistic interest in these lands we can say, very truly, "Thou hast set my feet in a large place." Political and social unrest have made the work of evangelism there very difficult. Gandhi, Chiang Kai Chek, and other great leaders of advance movements, are educated men, and their disciples very intelligent. To meet the situation the missionary must be more or less well educated. The College of the Bible will meet that need.

The unrest in India, China, and elsewhere has opened the way for the evangelist as never before. The greater the opportunity, the greater the responsibility. "Thou hast set my feet in a large place."

The Holy Spirit has provided us with a large place. The promise of an endowment with power, given to the Twelve, has never been revoked: "Ye shall be my witnesses, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

A Spirit-filled Faculty, in charge of our College; a Spirit-filled student body, with a passion for souls; and a Spirit-filled brotherhood, will minister the Word of life; and make the annual offering of 1931 so generous that the College will respond to the challenge, and say, "Thou hast set my feet in a large place."



South Australian Students.

Why Invest in the College of the Bible?

Dr. C. A. Verco, President N.S.W. Conference.

A thriving business earning large profits and paying magnificent dividends attracts the person who has money to invest, because he sees in it a means to increase his worldly possessions.

The College of the Bible is a business for the Lord, and though its profits and dividends are not of a financial nature, yet its aim is to provide spiritual results, which, after all, are the real and lasting, as compared with material finance which is unreal and transitory. Are we all interested in the spread of the gospel news,

advise the Home when sending. They will be carried free on the railways.

We are informed that owing to financial stress in the church with which he labors in Hobart, Tas., Bro. J. K. Martin will be open for engagement with any church desiring the services of an evangelist. There have been 23 decisions since Easter.

Bro. Horace Kingsbury received the B.D. degree from Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky, U.S.A., in August. He expects to begin his work with the church at Lanaraster, which is thirty-one miles south of Lexington, on the first Sunday in October.

The West Moreton Churches of Christ, Queensland, will hold their half-yearly conference on Sept. 26 in Rosewood chapel at 2 p.m. The and do we realise that it can only be passed on if we all do our share?

There are many duties to be performed by the members of the Church of Christ: preaching, teaching, serving, healing, and to obtain the best results men and women have either to be

naturally gifted or else educated by some means to fill certain positions.

Only a very few have natural gifts of preaching, teaching, etc., and to have any kind of progress in spreading the gospel, it is evident that there should be a training centre where young men and women may be trained in the knowledge of the Word of God, and in Christian living, fitting themselves for the larger work to come afterwards. To be of use they must search the Scriptures; they must learn the lessons of the Christ, and become like him, before they are fitted to carry the message, with humility and yet in boldness of the Spirit, to the great mass of humanity that needs the words of life.

The very nature of the work flings a challenge to young people; yet how seldom do they see the seriousness and sacrifice needed to make the Master's work successful from his point of view. We must not overlook that in our methods of teaching it is the Lord who sends his Spirit to every man to profit withal, but that the Spirit divides to every man severally as he will.

The enthusiasm of the young, guided by the Holy Spirit, can produce consecrated lives whose main object is to serve the Lord, carrying out his command to go and make disciples of all the nations. We have only to see the work done by those who have passed through our College to realise what results this business produces. Dividends are represented not only by the number of preachers who owe their training to Glen Iris, but also by the great number of souls brought into the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by their preaching and consecrated lives.

The Challenge of the Empty Pulpits.

A. G. Saunders, B.A.

God's challenges recur. They come forth from current circumstances. Amid all changes in world conditions God's word stands firm, firmer than granite. The word itself is a constant challenge to a believer to become Christ's minister, his bond-servant and ambassador. But God has other challenges in the sin and suffering of the passing show.

Every churchless community is a challenge to Christians. Out of that challenge emerge our missionary enterprises.

In keeping with this is the challenge of the preacherless church. Scripture asserts that God has ordained that by the foolishness of preaching men will believe. What sort of a thing is a church with no preaching? When a church stops preaching it endangers its existence. At present we have churches carrying on without a located preacher. No one wishes to depreciate the splendid service done by other brethren. It is priceless. Nevertheless, under such ministry the best impression is impossible, results must be reduced, progress hindered and the pastoral office neglected.

The depression may empty our pockets; we must not let it empty our pulpits. Every vacancy in our preacher ranks is a devil's opportunity. It is not only that. It is a burning challenge to all the church to fill the gap. If we were helpless, we might be excused for letting things slide. But we are not helpless. Only when we lose faith in God shall we be helpless.

Under God the College of the Bible gives us the means to meet the challenge of the preacherless churches. Shallow brethren may dilate upon students who seem to have failed despite their training; or who have gone into business,

politics or a profession. This apparent side-stepping in many cases is the result of God's leading. Such are not all lost. Many are nobly serving the churches. I know of one who is a farmer twenty miles from our nearest congregation. He is at every service, actively engaged. His wife is organist. During long years this faithful couple were among the half-dozen who hung on until at last a home missionary effort lifted the church into new life and vigor. Allowing for all such noble "failures," the College of the Bible has now for a quarter of a century provided us with a body of capable and godly men who have done service of untold value. Today they hold some of our leading pulpits. They

have nothing to fear through comparison with those trained abroad. Only through the College of the Bible have these men and their work been possible. The men are indispensable. That means that the College that trains them is indispensable.

Now and then we seem to have had a glut of graduates. But if ever true, it never can be true while there is one vacant pulpit. Every preacherless church ought to be given a man. Every empty place is a call for a prepared man. God himself waits on the prepared man.

And the question is not, "What does it cost?" It is, "Is the College doing the work?" Its work is first to fill the empty places. None of us can do it alone. All of us together can keep the College going that it may continue preparing worthy men for the waiting work. Doing this in prayer, we shall become co-laborers with God to meet the challenge of the empty pulpits in our midst.

THE CALL OF THE COLLEGE.

H. G. Payne.

Some calls for help make an appeal to pure philanthropy; we respond with a benevolence which has no thought of advantage to the helper.

Other calls make a more or less direct appeal to self-interest: in helping others we receive reciprocal benefit.

In some cases the benefit received is derived from the very nature of the assisted object and is direct; in others the advantage is received indirectly.

One cannot help the College without receiving a return on the assistance given. Take Queensland, the land of temporal and spiritual opportunity. The College has provided men who have helped and men who are now helping in using opportunities presented to the church, and is preparing more for the future.

Now in the day of her need we should help Glen Iris, for her sake and ours; for the sake of the preachers and the churches of the future.

Gratitude and self-interest should impel us to do our best for that great educational institution to which we look for an adequate supply of trained preachers; an institution whose twenty-five years' record is ample justification for her appeal to our prayers and pockets.

The College is calling. What shall be our reply on October 4?

HANDLING ARIGHT THE WORD.

My father and mother taught me to love the Bible and encouraged me to commit it to memory. Active church work made me study the Bible, but the College of the Bible taught me how. The teachers of Glen Iris unfolded the sacred writings and made explanation, application, and interpretation easier for me. The Holy Spirit himself has since graciously led me in personal experience. He who wrote the Book dwells within us.—B. W. Manning.

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"Religious education will bear the right fruits when it is in the hands of teachers who do not specialise in doubts."
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Victorian Students.

Pressing On to Our Ideal.

For most of us the call to College first of all meant the giving up of ideals, the shattering of long-dreamed-of castles which were already half realities, and the breaking of friendships and loved associations. But it also brought a new hope, a new ideal, not so glittering yet no less grand, not so defined yet no less real. The former castles had been built of ambition and a desire for fame; the new castles were built of a love for Christ and a desire to help a needy world.

Starting out on our new course many were the changes necessary and varied were the experi-



Exit Students, 1931.

ences. Our progress was aided by the fellowship with others of similar aspirations and by those to whom had been given the task of training us for the ministry of the Word. One of the earliest items of our indebtedness to the College was the "love of learning" we received in the early months at Glen Iris. A few years ago the phrase "love of learning" would have sounded paradoxical to most of us, but since then the love of truth has been so grafted in our minds that learning has become a part of our life.

Another step in our progress has been that of a better understanding of Christian service, and as a consequent a greater love for service. The College gives many opportunities of service both in the duties connected with College life and with the Victorian churches where we are privileged to serve.

The greatest gift, however, has been that of an intensified love for the ideal which first led us to Glen Iris. We came here with a love for Christ and a desire to serve; we leave with a greater love for Christ, a better understanding of Christianity, a clearer vision of the need for New Testament Christianity, a greater confidence in the power of the cross, a deeper knowledge of God's Word and a stronger determination to spend and be spent in Christian service. We came here with a great ideal before us; we leave better equipped for our life work and still pressing on.—Les. E. Snow, Chairman Students' Committee.

"Our College."

A quarter of a century ago a long-felt need of Churches of Christ in Australia was met in the establishing of the College of the Bible. For years faithful brethren had prayed, planned and worked to this end. To-day we thank God for their perseverance and foresight.

Being one of the students of the opening year and one in touch with the College through all the years, it is a joy on behalf of the "Old Boys' Club" to bring greetings to the Australian Brotherhood and bear testimony that the "College

of the Bible" is true to its name. The Bible is its text book, and its faculty are men of the Book, who by their ability and attainments may have commanded more lucrative positions.

If during the past twenty-five years the contribution the College has made justifies its existence, these achievements demand that its services be encouraged and retained. While there is a town or village or hamlet untouched with our glorious message; while there is need of Christian leadership and a right handling of the Word, there is a place for our College. It is not the "cure all" of all our ills; but no one to-day denies its influence or that it has strengthened our movement as it has prepared men for service who have been used of God in the extension of his kingdom. It has trained and saved men for Australia who otherwise would have left our shores. Others, but for the College, would have done a lesser work.

The contribution of the College to Australia, not to mention other lands, cannot be measured by visible results. It emulates the Apostle Paul in the goal it sets the student, and with this same ideal I would greet my brethren: "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."

The College is worthy of our prayers and our best support. God bless "Our College."—G. T. Black, President Old Boys' Club.

A VALUABLE ASSET.

During its 25 years' history the College of the Bible has supplied the churches with many of their preachers, and thus has been a valuable asset to the work. It is to be hoped that, during its next 25 years, if the Lord should tarry, it will render an equally great service. And may the annual offering on Oct. 4 be one worthy of this 25-years-old institution, and the work it has done.—Thos. Hagger, Home Missionary Secretary, N.S.W.

Fallen Asleep.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them."—Rev. 14: 13.

Joseph Binney.
John Turner Clark.
James Joseph Clark.
Stanley Charles Curtis.
John Prith.
Frank Gordon Goodwin.
James Gibson.
William Lethaby Jones.
Cyril Jones.
George Kyme.
Frank M. Moore.
Walter W. Mansill.
Arthur James Moar.
Morton S. Noble.
Joseph Dench Nankivell.
Arthur David Strongman.
Martha Lillian Strongman (Mrs. A. D.).
Norman H. Smith.
Rhoderick Oliver Sherar.
Charles Alexander Wilson.
Allan J. Wedd.

The foregoing, some of whom laid down their lives in the Great War, are kept in affectionate memory. Their names are printed in this Silver Jubilee year, and remind us all how many are marching gallantly into the morning of the endless day.

ADDRESSES.

A. D. Leng (secretary Mildara church, Vic.)—P.O., Merbelm.

W. W. Magor (secretary Hindmarsh church, S.A.)—115 Coombe-rd., Allenby Gardens.

L. A. Sheppard (secretary Bentleigh church, Vic.)—25 Burgess-st., Bentleigh, S.E.14.

COMING EVENTS.

SEPTEMBER 21.—The Annual Concert by the Students of the College of the Bible will be given in Lygon-st. chapel on Monday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m. Friends of the College are requested to reserve the evening.

SEPTEMBER 20 and 27.—Fitzroy (Gore-st.). Special services. Next Sunday, 11 a.m., speaker, Bro. Reg. Sparks; 7 p.m., Church Parade of Protestant Alliance Lodges; speaker, Bro. C. C.

...but it was not ideal. New Testament exhorts young men to "give ourselves wholly to the work of ministry." The "large place" has revealed that better facilities (training of preachers, than the haphazard hods sometimes employed, must be provided. "large place" includes the great cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth, etc. All of these cities, and many more, are intellectual centres, and demand that reasonably cultured presentation of the message shall be given. As centres of trade, education and travel, they are of strategic importance to our churches. Without the College the Bible we cannot use, much less evangelise, in great centres of population. The growth of the churches in and around Melbourne, since advent of the College, is astonishing.

...us for 74th Anniversary. Speaker, Mr. Ralph Gebbie, B.A., Conference President.

IN MEMORIAM.

JOHNSON.—In loving memory of my dear daughter and sister Florrie, who was called to higher life on Sept. 21, 1922.

Blessed hope, the bright star of the morning,
That shall herald his coming to reign;
Oh, the glory that waits its fair dawn;
When we meet with our loved ones again.
—Inserted by her loving mother, brother and sister.

MURDOCH.—In sweetest memory of our dearly loved mother, Elizabeth, who passed away Sept. 21, 1927; also our dear father, Richard, who passed away at Flemington, June 1, 1920. Still living, still loving, still ours.
—Inserted by their loving family.

NIGHTINGALE.—In fond and loving memory of our dear Ian C. L., who passed to be with Jesus on Sept. 11, 1928.

We loved thee long; we love thee yet.
We had to part, but cannot forget.
—Inserted by his loving parents, brother and sisters.

PROBYN.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our loving father, William Henry Arthur, who passed to a higher life at Wedderburn, Vic., Sept. 11, 1930.

Loving and kind in all his ways,
Upright and just to the end of his days;
Sincere and true in heart and mind—
What a beautiful memory he left behind!

WARNER.—In affectionate remembrance of our dear children—Leslie, Lieut. 34th Batt. A.I.F., who gave his life in France, 8/8/17, aged 21 years; and our dear Marjory, who was called home 20/9/30, aged 23 years. "Blessed are the pure in heart." Treasured memories.
—Father, mother and K. Wells.

WARNER.—A token of loving remembrance of our dear brother Les, who gave his life in the cause of freedom in France, 8/8/17; and our dearly loved sister Marjory, who fell asleep on 20/9/30. So sadly missed. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

"It is only till he come."
—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cosh, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cosh.

Here and There.

Bro. N. G. Noble has tendered his resignation to Lismore church, N.S.W., concluding three and a half years of signal success. He will be open for engagement by December of this year.

We are indebted to Bro. F. T. Saunders, organising secretary, for his assistance in the preparation of this issue. The collection of articles and arrangement of material are his work.

The matron of the Burwood Boys' Home, Vic., requests donations of eggs for use next winter. Please send to Surrey Hills railway station, and advise the Home when sending. They will be carried free on the railways.

We are informed that owing to financial stress in the church with which he labors in Hobart, Tas., Bro. J. K. Martin will be open for engagement with any church desiring the services of an evangelist. There have been 23 decisions since Easter.

Bro. Horace Kingsbury received the B.D. degree from Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky, U.S.A., in August. He expects to begin his work with the church at Lancaster, which is thirty-one miles south of Lexington, on the first Sunday in October.

The West Moreton Churches of Christ, Queensland, will hold their half-yearly conference on Sept. 26 in Rosewood chapel at 2 p.m. The united rally at night will also mark Bro. and Sister Larsen's first year's ministry with the circuit churches. Indian mission box gifts will be displayed.

Bren. Hinrichsen and Morris have brought to a victorious conclusion another tent mission in New Zealand. The following cable reached us on Tuesday morning:—"Closed Wellington South Wednesday; one hundred fifty-one confessions; offering four hundred fifty; opened Palmerston yesterday, two confessions."

We regret to report that Mrs. C. Fleming McDonald, matron of the Ladies' Hostel, was in a motor accident last week. She was on her way home from vacation on Monday evening, 7th inst., when another car collided with that in which she was travelling to Shepparton station. Though severely shaken and bruised, Mrs. McDonald was able to journey home. We are glad to learn that after a week in bed she is recovering.

Brethren in Victoria, and especially in the metropolitan area, are asked to keep in mind the opportunity, to be afforded by the garden fete to be held at the end of the school year, to become more closely acquainted with the equipment and work of the College. This function should provide an occasion for real fellowship, and that objective is a dominant factor in the effort of the Women's Conference to help the College. Every church in Victoria will be given an opportunity to share in this fellowship.

From Aug. 30 to Sept. 3 the church at Preston, Vic., held a series of special spiritual meetings, as a fitting conclusion to a course of studies on Bible history which covered a period of four months. The aid of the church auxiliaries was sought to undertake the task of house-to-house visitation. To the call for help they readily responded. Each service was commenced with a song service conducted by Bro. F. J. Lang. Bro. Ralph Gebbie held the attention of the congregation with his addresses on the epistles of Paul to Philipppians, Jude, Philemon and James, dealing with one epistle each night. His messages were full of inspiration and spiritual blessing. On the concluding night Bro. T. Salisbury, church treasurer, presented Bro. Gebbie with a token of appreciation for his services. Bro. Gebbie suitably replied.

In this issue various ways of helping the College of the Bible are suggested. Members of Melbourne and metropolitan churches are reminded of the students' annual concert to be held in Lygon-st. chapel next Monday evening. Their presence and support would be greatly appreciated.

The churches at Tumby Bay, Ungarra and Butler, S.A., held a combined meeting at Lipson on Sunday, Aug. 30. This annual event was a marked success. Nearly 200 people gathered in the afternoon to the worship service. Greetings from the various churches were given. Bro. Gilbert Hammond presided over the Lord's Supper, and Bro. Ross Graham, the circuit preacher, gave an

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interesting address on "The Reality of Religion." The sisters provided tea, after which about 300 assembled to hear the gospel message. The choir from Tumby rendered a beautiful anthem. An anthem from members at Butler and a solo from Miss Nell Lawrie, of Ungarra, were appreciated. Bro. Graham spoke on "The Church." The work locally is in good heart. Bro. and Sister Graham are attending the State Conference.

For the first time in many years Bro. W. C. Craigie was unable to attend the College this year for the annual "photo. day." His absence was a keen disappointment to the students, who hold the treasurer in high esteem. But his goodwill and desire to help were expressed in the provision of his cameras and equipment in order that the pictures in this special issue might be provided as usual. In his absence Bro. W. Gale, Home Missions secretary, and one of the first students enrolled, acted as operator, and both are very cordially thanked for the help thus given.

The tent mission at East Kew, Vic., continues with growing attendances and increased local interest. Over 160 were present last Sunday night, many of whom walked through the rain to the chapel after the tent service to witness the baptism of some who had confessed Christ. Bren. Searle and Forbes are doing splendid work in leading the singing and preaching the mes-

sage. Up to Monday last there had been six decisions, and two came to rededicate their lives to the Lord. The presence of groups from sister churches during last week was greatly appreciated, and visiting brethren and sisters helped with messages in song on most nights. The church asks for continued prayer, and will welcome further visits. On Monday last the strong wind blew the tent down, but it was ready for use the same evening.

For over twelve months a Sunday School has been in existence at Wargan, some ten miles from Merbein, Vic. In May last a church service was held. Now a church has been organised, meetings being held every alternate Sunday morning at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Henderson, ssnr., Boy Creek, Wargan. Appreciated assistance is rendered by a band of young people from Merbein. Interest has been created in the district and visitors are frequent.

The Victorian Social Service Department expects to crowd Melbourne Town Hall to capacity for the Fellowship Rally on Monday, Sept. 28. One thousand are coming for tea, and every seat will be occupied for the meeting to follow. Remarkable interest is being taken by many churches. The sisters are combining enthusiastically to make necessary preparations. Bro. Tippett and his choir of two hundred voices are doing well. Accompanied on the grand organ by the City Organist, and broadcast throughout the Commonwealth, the choir alone will serve to advertise our brotherhood work. Bright one-minute greetings from brethren throughout the world will strengthen the ties of brotherhood. The Conference President's message on "The Tonic of Heaven" will gladden every heart. The money gained will bring cheer to brethren and sisters who are suffering severely through the depression.

The following paragraph is culled from "Cheltenham Church Times," the little monthly paper issued by Cheltenham Church of Christ, Vic.:—"All who have studied the new Hymn Book of the Churches of Christ agree that it is a worthy production—at this date probably the best published collection of hymns in the world. The old Hymn Book has faithfully served the churches for 44 years; the new Hymn Book will prove a very worthy successor. It was at first suggested to introduce the new book to the Cheltenham church services next year, but growing congregations and the need for more books have caused the officers to act earlier. Satisfactory financial arrangements having been made, the new Hymn Book will be used at all services from November 1, 1931. Members desiring to purchase their own books may do so immediately from the secretary. Prices range from 3/6 each. Perhaps we could begin making early Christmas gifts."

"The Christian Advocate" of August 7 contains a report of the Conference of British Churches of Christ held at Liverpool. Amongst Australian visitors were Mr. Hendry and Mr. Coward. Dr. and Mrs. Hill were present as fraternal delegates from America. The Conference by an almost unanimous decision confirmed the provisional invitation given by British delegates at Washington last year to hold the next World Conference of Churches of Christ in Leicester in 1935. The editor of "The Christian Advocate" closes his article on the Conference with the following paragraph relating to evangelism:—"Another decision taken this afternoon must be extremely gratifying to all of us who are impatient at the slowness of the progress which we are making as churches (actually we are down in membership by something over 700 this year). I refer to the invitation which is to be sent to a well-known Australian missionary, Mr. Hinrichsen, to come over and direct our special evangelistic efforts for a period. The warmth with which this suggestion was accepted by Conference seemed to indicate the desperate keenness of the brotherhood for a lead forward."

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HONORS LIST, SECOND TERM, 1931.

The following students, having a grade of at least 80 per cent., passed with honors. For a pass a grade of 60 per cent. is necessary.

New Testament.—H. G. Norris, 85; A. O. Baker, 83; F. C. Hunting and T. V. Weir (equal), 82; T. D. Maiden, 81; L. G. Burgin and R. M. Wilson (equal), 80. 9 others passed.

Old Testament.—T. D. Maiden, H. G. Norris and R. M. Wilson (equal), 87; T. V. Weir, 86;

French (Intermediate).—F. A. Stewart and R. P. Williams (equal), 85. 5 others passed.

French (Leaving).—1 passed.

History and Civics (Intermediate).—R. P. Williams, 93; A. W. C. Candy, 88; Miss M. W. G. Payne, 80. 3 others passed.

Geography (Intermediate).—R. P. Williams, 90; A. W. C. Candy, 82. 6 others passed.

—A. R. Main.



Students' Committee of Management.

A. O. Baker, 85; F. C. Hunting, 84; J. Methven, 80. 13 others passed.

Christian Doctrine.—5 passed.

Church History I.—T. D. Maiden, 83. 1 other passed.

Church History II.—E. J. Waters, 96; K. A. M. Macnaughtan, 89; R. W. L. Crosby, 82; L. E. Snow, 81. 3 others passed.

Homiletics I.—T. V. Weir and R. M. Wilson (equal), 85; A. O. Baker, 83; F. C. Hunting and H. G. Norris (equal), 82; C. W. Hart, 80. 6 others passed.

Homiletics II. and Practical Church Work.—T. D. Maiden, 93; J. E. Brooke, 82. 2 others passed.

Homiletics III.—E. J. Waters, 90; R. W. L. Crosby, 88; K. A. M. Macnaughtan, 80. 4 others passed.

Elocution I.—K. Dyster, 92; R. M. Wilson, 88; H. G. Norris, 87; A. O. Baker, D. C. Ritchie and A. C. Thurroogood (equal), 81. 6 others passed.

Elocution II.—J. E. Brooke, 81; L. G. Burgin, 80. 3 others passed.

Missions and Comparative Religion.—H. G. Norris, 94; R. M. Wilson, 93; F. C. Hunting, 91; T. V. Weir, 89; A. O. Baker, 84; J. Methven, 80. 6 others passed.

Missions.—J. E. Brooke and T. D. Maiden (equal), 98; L. G. Burgin, 82. 3 others passed.

N.T. Greek.—R. M. Wilson, 99; F. C. Hunting and J. Methven (equal), 89; T. V. Weir, 87; A. O. Baker, 80. 5 others passed.

Hermeneutics and Exegesis.—E. J. Waters, 94; L. E. Snow, 89; R. W. L. Crosby and K. A. M. Macnaughtan (equal), 88. 3 others passed.

Logic.—L. E. Snow, 95; K. A. M. Macnaughtan, 94; E. J. Waters, 90. 2 others passed.

Apologetics.—L. E. Snow and E. J. Waters (equal), 97; K. A. M. Macnaughtan, 96; R. W. L. Crosby, 91; A. E. Brown, 83. 1 other passed.

Ancient History.—T. V. Weir, 96; H. G. Norris, 93; F. C. Hunting, 92; A. O. Baker, 90; R. M. Wilson, 82. 3 others passed.

Algebra (Intermediate).—C. W. Hart, 90; R. P. Williams, 89; F. Stewart, 86; M. T. Lawrie, 80. 7 others passed.

English (Intermediate).—R. P. Williams, 86. 8 others passed.

English (Leaving).—4 passed.

Economics (Leaving).—R. P. Williams, 92; Miss M. W. G. Payne, 88; A. W. C. Candy, 85. 8 others passed.

Of Interest to Intending Students.

SECULAR SUBJECTS, 1932.

J. S. Taylor, B.A.

Students are expected to pass in three or more subjects, including English, at the Intermediate Examination at the University of Melbourne, or at a similar examination at any other University, before commencing the work of the Biblical Course at the College of the Bible.

The Principal urges all intending students to commence study before they enter the College, and to enable them to do this the following partial details are now given. The books included in the list will be used in class in 1932.

1. British History—

(a) The English-speaking Nations.—Morris and Wood.

(b) History of Australia.—Scott.

(c) Civics for Australian Schools.—Hoy.

2. Geography—

(a) Intermediate Geography.—James.

Page 151, Europe, to Page 212 (Irrigation).

(b) Junior Geography.—James.

Page 41 (Great Britain) to Page 110 (India), also United States.

3. English—

(a) The Poets' Commonwealth.—Murdoch.

Parts II, V, VI, pp. 37-98, 145-181.

(b) Ivanhoe.—Scott.

(c) Shakespeare.—The Tempest.

(d) English Grammar, Grades VII. and VIII.—Lawson and Elijah.

(e) Study of Poetry.—Blackwood and Osborn.

4. Algebra.—Hall and Knight.

5. French.—Siepmann, Parts I. and II.

Students are advised that they can best help themselves by beginning with the following subjects:—

(a) British History.

(b) Geography.

(c) English.

(d) Algebra. (In this subject endeavor at once to obtain any tuition available.)

In English the following poems in "The Poets' Commonwealth" (Murdoch) are to be learnt by heart:—

Wordsworth.—"It is not to be thought of—"

Henley.—England, my England!

Gordon.—A Dedication.

Gay.—Australian Federation.

Burns.—For England.

Jonson.—Hymn to Diana.

Kingsley.—Young and Old.

Shakespeare.—The Songs in The Tempest.

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I will remember the early days of the College. (1) Its first great need then, and still is, brotherhood support. The College has proved its worth—God has blessed it. (2) Spirit-filled students were, and still are, a great need. Students who feel the burden of souls. Who can say, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel." (3) The third great need—teachers. Teachers of the Word. We had them in the early days. We have them still. Such teachers will always grace our College.—Lars Larsen.

When the widening influence of the College is considered, it is hard to believe it is only 25 years old. At home and abroad men and women trained at Glen Iris are doing their best to extend the kingdom of God. The College is a vital force in brotherhood enterprises, and deserves the loyal support of all the churches. Money invested in the College will pay large dividends, and those investing need never fear the loss of capital.—L. C. McCallum.

My association with the College began in 1909 and continued four years. To study the Bible with such splendid teachers as Bren. H. G. Howard, A. R. Main and C. M. Gordon proved a great help. I enjoyed happy fellowship with the students also. Some of them have gone before; others are giving the best in life and service for Christ and the church. Truly the College has been worth while. May the effort to lift the debt be successful.—W. H. Nightingale.

My association with the College has been intimate. For five years a student, commencing in 1907, and since 1915 a member of the Faculty, I can testify with gratitude to the value of that association. It has given an ever-widening circle of friends, a deeper realisation of the riches in the Bible, an intense admiration for the skill, zeal and toil expended in Biblical scholarship, and a more exalted conception of the kingdom of God.—Randall T. Pittman.

Silver Jubilee greetings and good wishes. Though many years lie between the present moment and the happy period spent at Glen Iris, experience constantly causes sincere appreciation of the equipment received at the College of the Bible. Let us strive to render extra support to the College which so faithfully assists those who seek to be set apart to dispense the gospel of the great Physician.—Chas. Schwab.

What a romantic story those years have written of men and women of heroic heart, who have gone to many lands to witness for Christ!

What a marvellous contribution the College has made to the cause of Christ in Australia! What memories of happy fellowship come to some of us across the years that have flown!

What prayers of thankfulness rise from those who have been blessed by its ministry! What hopes are expressed for a successful future!—Ehelbert Davis.

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The normal expression of the Church of Christ should be an instructed membership, manifesting Christian graces and a holy passion for winning souls. That some churches are subnormal may be due to faulty leadership. Our aim must be a cultured ministry fired by holy evangelistic zeal. We all desire our brotherhood to make the most valuable contribution toward solving the complex problems of modern society. A consecrated cultured evangelism will accomplish much. The College of the Bible has laid splendid foundations for Christian efficiency and ever nurtures evangelistic zeal. A rightly informed church becomes self-propagating.—Joseph Whelan.

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News of the Churches.

Western Australia.

Kalgoorlie.—On Sept. 6 Bro. Berridge gave the morning message. Bro. Waterman preached at night. The young men of the church rendered a concerted item. Bro. Livingstone has accepted the position of choir-master. The Sunday School picnic at Coolgardie on Sept. 2 was a marked success. Deepest sympathy is extended to Misses Melba and Jean Stahl in the passing away of their mother.

Perth (Lake-st.).—Thursday night prayer services have appreciative congregations. On Aug. 20 Bro. Schwab gave an address on the prophets. On Aug. 27 he baptised a brother who had passed his eightieth birthday. Bro. Schwab took both services on Aug. 23. On Aug. 30 the H.M. organiser (C. H. Hunt) spoke on "Feeding the Five Thousand," and Bro. Schwab at night upon "Cornelius." At the morning service the aged brother mentioned was welcomed into fellowship. Bro. and Sister Schwab contemplate a brief visit to the country.

Maylands.—On Aug. 30 Bro. Lang, from Claremont, exhorted the church. Bro. W. Wakefield conducted the gospel service. Fair attendances. Bible School is progressing steadily under Bro. Wakefield, superintendent. All auxiliaries are fairly well attended. The women's guild is making clothing for unemployed, and working a talent scheme. Wednesday night prayer meetings provide a spiritual uplift. Bro. Wakefield's subject for past three weeks being "The Prophecy Concerning the Jews." On Sept. 2 Miss Alice McGuire was baptised; she confessed Christ the previous Wednesday.

Queensland.

Fernvale.—There is a good average attendance at the Lord's table. The work is in good heart. Messages from Bro. Larsen are of a high order. He and Sister Larsen are doing a magnificent work. The Sunday School is making good progress. Superintendent and teachers are untiring in their efforts.

Toowoomba.—On Aug. 16 Bro. and Sister Squires were welcomed by transfer from Roma. Bro. Anderson, in his 78th year, was called home on Sept. 4. Bible School reports eight new scholars in last two weeks. Bro. Lewis (converted Jew) addressed morning service on Aug. 30. One confession at Harlaxton on Sept. 6; Bro. Gould was the speaker.

Kingaroy.—The Women's Christian League held a successful missionary night on Sept. 1. £6/6/9 was raised, and Kingaroy's first missionary box was prepared. It is to be sent to the New Hebrides. Gordon Hayden is in hospital. Mrs. Tease is progressing after serious operation. The gospel meeting held at the home of Bro. Alf Latham (Wooloolin) on Sept. 6 was well attended. The Y.P.S.C.E. cup and saucer social held in the chapel on Sept. 9 was a very happy gathering. Sympathy is expressed to Bro. and Sister Horn and family, whose homestead was destroyed by fire on Aug. 29.

Boonah.—Interest is maintained. At a recent service one young man made the good confession. A farewell social was tendered Bro. and Sister G. Alcorn and family, who have left the district to go into business in Brisbane. The large attendance went to prove the high esteem in which they were held. Concert and social evening at Silverdale on Sept. 2 were successful; proceeds £5. Bro. G. Faulkner and Sister Gibson, who have been in hospital, have returned home. The marriage of Bro. Muller and Miss Gerchow was celebrated on Aug. 19, and on Sept. 5 Bro. C. Stubbin and Miss O. Walker, of Ipswich, were united. Bro. Jenner officiated on both occasions.

Annerley.—The work under leadership of Bro. C. Young continues to make progress. There have been three confessions of late. Sunday morning addresses from Bren. Caldecoat, Payne and Sanders have been appreciated. A choir under leadership of Bro. C. Boettcher has been formed. Bible School at Moorooka reached the century mark on Sept. 6. The church has supplied over 3,000 meals on Sunday evenings to unemployed.

Victoria.

Hampton.—On Sept. 13, earnest messages were given by Bren. J. I. Mudford and K. A. Jones. At night Mrs. Woods' solo and a choir selection were appreciated.

Noble Park.—All departments are progressing favorably. Full attendances at I.C.E. and J.C.E. Both services on Sept. 13 were conducted by Bro. Brooke and appreciated.

Warracknabeal.—Meetings were well attended on Sept. 6. Bro. Earle gave a helpful address in the morning, and Bro. Hughes in the evening. A meeting of the carpet bowls club was held on Sept. 8 to finalise matters for the year.

Bentleigh.—Four made the good confession on Sept. 6. On Aug. 30 three were baptised by Bro. Andrew at Ormond chapel. Sister Mrs. Mitchell has been appointed superintendent of the Young Worshipers' League. Bible School is well attended. Miss Ruby Morse is home after four months in hospital.

Geelong.—Last Sunday morning Bro. Clipstone commenced a series of talks on "For Christ and the Church." His message in the evening service was "Why You Should Join the Church." Mr. Piper was soloist. The services of Bro. Les. Brooker have been secured as song-leader for the mission in November.

Carnegie.—On Sept. 7 a lantern lecture, "The Hands of Jesus," presented by young men's training class, proved interesting and instructive. On Sept. 13, 112 broke bread. Bro. Stevenson (Parkdale) addressed the morning service. Special "hymnal" service in evening, solo, quartettes and choral items being rendered.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Splendid meetings on Sunday, second week of loyalty month. At night a young men's service was held. Bro. Kerrigan sang "Babylon." The male quartette rendered "Who is He?" Young men took other parts in the service. Bro. Southgate also sang immediately preceding his address on "The Chance of a Lifetime."

South Melbourne.—Last Sunday morning Bro. Jas. R. Waterman spoke on "The Books of the Bible." The evening service was in memory of Sister Van, who passed away recently. Bro. H. B. Robbins in beautiful terms outlined the characteristics of our sister's Christian life. Sister Armstrong rendered an enjoyable solo. Many sick brethren and sisters are recovering.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—On Sept. 7 the Y.P.C.E. meeting had 32 present. The consecration address was given by Mr. T. R. Marriott. On Sept. 9 one of the elders, Bro. F. J. Potter, was called to higher service. At the prayer meeting 41 were present. On Sept. 13 there were good attendances, Bro. Yomans giving helpful addresses. In the evening service Bro. W. McNair sang a solo.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—Meetings last Lord's day were enjoyable and helpful. Bro. Moore's sermon in the morning dealt with the message of "Obadiah," and in the evening "Christ Walking Through the Cornfields" was the topic. These were very interesting, and both were appreciated. Last Lord's day morning week Mrs. Horne was baptised and received into membership.

Colac.—On Sept. 6 Bro. Baker, of Middle Park, was the speaker for the day. Mrs. Baker's solo at evening service was much appreciated. The young people's club gave a fine concert on Sept. 1. Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—Special services commenced on Sept. 13. The address of Bro. W. W. Saunders in the morning was much appreciated. The evening meeting was ably conducted by the Mutual Improvement Society. Bro. Roy L. Rough spoke on "The Folly of Youth." Good attendances marked these meetings.

Middle Park.—On Sept. 6 Bro. Baker exchanged with Bro. Candy, of Colac, whose messages were enjoyed. At the morning service a young lady was received into membership. After the gospel address a married lady made the good confession. On Sept. 13 Bro. Baker gave stirring addresses. The Bible School has commenced practice for anniversary under leadership of Bro. Cecil Watson.

Brighton.—On Sept. 13 Bro. S. R. Baker was the morning speaker. One sister was received into fellowship. Bible School attendance was 219. While returning home by car from Ormond, where he had preached at the morning service, Bro. J. E. Webb met with a slight accident, and was consequently unable to speak at the gospel service. Bro. Fred. T. Saunders gave an appreciated address at night.

Ormond.—Sept. 6, good meetings. Splendid message at night by Bro. Baker. A man was baptised. 130 at Bible School; five new teachers. 17 present at first meeting of C.E. society. Sept. 13, Bro. Webb gave an inspiring message at breaking of bread. One man was welcomed to fellowship. Bro. Baker spoke at night on "The Living Word." Two senior scholars (M. and A. Milne) rendered a duet.

Newport.—Messages from Bren. Rasmussen, Robb and Hutson have been helpful. A fine work is being done by the ladies' Dorcas. Sister Nellie Kendall has been appointed kindergarten superintendent. Bro. V. Cole, of the College, is now secretary of the Bible School. On Sept. 13 Bro. Weir, of the College, commenced work with the church. His messages on the Bible were appreciated. Good response to Y.W.L. appeal for groceries.

Yarravonga.—A very fine tea meeting and conference on Sept. 8 celebrated the sixth anniversary of the church.—Bro. Gale was present, also Wangaratta brethren and the local Congregational church minister. Splendid response to appeal, amounting to £54/10/- in cash and promises, towards interest on building debt. Fine meetings last Lord's day. One received into fellowship at worship service. Bro. Searle gave fine messages.

Meredith.—Keen interest is maintained in gospel services. Bro. Goldsworthy preached to an attentive gathering on Aug. 30. Bro. and Sister Boreham were received into fellowship, also Bro. and Sister Laird by letter from Warragul. Bro. R. Lowne is back from Camperdown. There is a splendid attendance at Sunday School, and ready help is given by the brethren. Sister Combridge is in Melbourne, having undergone an operation, but is making rapid progress. Sister Lowne has been ordered away for rest. A class of men is being formed to increase efficiency in church work.

Malvern-Caulfield.—At a lantern lecture entitled "Modern Miracles Amongst Lepers," by W. J. Eddy on Sept. 9, £1/19/- was raised for leper mission work. On Sept. 12 a "play afternoon" was given to members of Junior and intermediate departments of Bible School. About 50 had tea in the school room, and afterwards enjoyed a lantern lecture on "The Effect of Alcohol on the Body" by Mr. Gilder. Sunday, Sept. 13, was "Pioneers' Day," some of the older brethren taking part in the service. W. G. Graham's topics, "Looking Back" and "The Troubled Heart," were of especial help and encouragement to those of declining years. Sister Mrs. Bremner and Bro. Conning, who have been absent through illness, were welcomed.

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Dunolly.—On morning of Sept. 6 Bro. Bolduan gave a helpful morning message. At night a special F.M. service was held, the children of the Bible School taking part. On Sept. 13 a number of local unemployed were present at morning worship. In the evening tea was provided for them by the ladies of the church. Bible School Guild for a sale of work.

Northcote.—On Sept. 8 an excellent concert, organised by Sister Mrs. Graham for sale of work grocery stall, realised about £12. On Sept. 12 a social was held in the home of Mr. Buzzard to aid cricket team to buy material. On Sept. 13 Bro. Rough spoke in the morning, and Bro. Saunders at night, when three young men and one young lady were baptised. After gospel services a number of young people adjourn to homes of members for singing; this is much enjoyed.

Gardiner.—Bro. Jas. E. Thomas gave a delightful address on morning of Sept. 13. At night Bro. Gebbie preached on the Bible, an offering being taken for the B. and F. Bible Society. Six who recently confessed Christ were baptised. There was a good attendance at competitions on Saturday evening, a very fine programme being presented. The church regrets the removal of Bro. Percy Jordan to Boronia. He has rendered excellent service in different ways, notably as leader of the J.C.E. society and secretary of the Bible School.

Glenferrie.—On Aug. 30 and Sept. 6 Bible School anniversary services were held with splendid attendances. Beautiful singing was rendered by scholars, trained by Bro. W. Bowers. At morning service on Aug. 30 Bro. Williams continued his talks on the "Parables." Under leadership of superintendent Sister Finger, an interesting demonstration of kindergarten work was given by teachers and scholars in the afternoon. Bro. Williams spoke on "In a Boy's Pocket" at evening service. A splendid talk was given by Bro. Webb in the afternoon of Sept. 6, when members of cradle roll received certificates. At evening service Bro. Williams' subject was "Investment." The chapel was packed on Sept. 8, a fine programme being given by scholars and teachers. Prizes were distributed. Bro. Les. Cameron has resigned as superintendent of Bible School after two years' service. On Sept. 12 the C.E. society held a picnic at Boronia. Bro. F. T. Saunders spoke on the College of the Bible at morning service on Sept. 13. Sister Ennis and Bro. Tidd have made good recovery, and Sister Collings is making a little progress. The church regrets losing Sister Mrs. H. and Miss Florence Watson, who have removed to Pakenham.

South Australia.

Queenstown.—On Sept. 13 Bro. Brooker gave the exhortation. Bro. and Sister Brown were welcomed by transfer from Semaphore. In the evening Bro. Brooker's subject was, "One Thing Needful." Bro. Stokes is leaving for a few weeks on doctor's instructions.

Hindmarsh.—On Sept. 13 Bro. Illingworth addressed both services. The sympathy of the church is extended to Sisters Goodall in their recent bereavement. All regret the resignation of the church secretary, Bro. G. Doley, consequent on his having left the district. Bro. W. W. Magor has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—On Sept. 7 a prayer meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ellis in preparation for the mission. J. Wiltshire called a special meeting and reception of all church members on Sept. 9. There was a splendid response, about 300 being present. After the devotional meeting supper was served, and a social time was held. Bro. Wiltshire gave a splendid message on the evening of Sept. 13 on "The Flooding Jordan." Sister Miss Leedham has returned to her duties after attending the C.E. Convention in Sydney.

Mill End.—Good meetings on Sept. 6. Two confessions at evening service. At the mid-week meeting on Sept. 9 six persons were immersed. Splendid morning meeting on Sept. 13, and several were welcomed into fellowship. Bro. Manning preached on the second advent of Christ at night, and two more came forward. Tennis and cricket clubs have re-commenced activities.

Semaphore.—On Sept. 6 Bro. J. C. Stanley gave the morning exhortation. Bro. A. P. Mann preached at night. Both messages were appreciated. On Sept. 13 all were pleased to have the preacher back after his illness. Bro. Beller spoke in the morning on "The Benefits of Encouragement," and at night, after his message on "The Love of Life," a young lady and a young man made the good confession.

Cottonville.—On Saturday afternoon 40 junior Endeavorers had a great time at the chapel, when Bro. Butler and Miss Stevenson (co-supt.) provided a party for the J.C.E. Bro. Riches on the morning of Sept. 13 continued his helpful studies from the New Testament lessons. Bible School gained two new scholars. The "thermometer" contest between boys and girls is proving a great success. At the gospel service Bro. Riches baptised a young lady who confessed Christ the previous Sunday.

Henley Beach.—Special services were held on Sept. 6 to celebrate the fortieth church anniversary. Splendid attendance in the morning, when Bro. Illingworth exhorted. Special singing in the evening. Bro. John Turner delivered the gospel message, and one man confessed Christ. The anniversary tea on Sept. 9 was largely attended. Bro. H. Gray delivered a fine message at the evening meeting. The secretary read a most encouraging report. On Sept. 13 Bro. Pascoe spoke morning and evening in the absence of Bro. Manning at Wallaroo.

Broadview.—Two have been added since last report. The first anniversary was a great success. Reports for the year, and attendances on Sept. 6 and 16, were gratifying. On the Sunday morning Bro. Whalland gave a message on "The Church and the Child." The Bible School children in the afternoon sang beautifully, and Bro. Russell gave a striking illustrated message. In the evening Bro. Hudd spoke on "Service." On Thursday evening, at a united meeting of church and Bible School, Bro. B. W. Manning spoke to the children on mission work in Rockhampton, and to the older folk on "Hope." A prize was given to each child as a memento of the first year. The children again sang. Mrs. Perriam was congratulated on training the children, and Miss Bristow thanked for playing. Reports from secretaries Y.P. meeting, Bible School and church showed good progress. 15 additions to church during the year. Thanks were extended to brethren from Prospect, Maylands, Mill End and Brooklyn Park for help with gospel meetings.

New South Wales.

Gilgandra.—The three weeks' mission conducted by Bro. Roy Acland, of Mosman, concluded on Sept. 4. During the mission four made the good confession, and three were received into fellowship on Sept. 6. Open-air meetings conducted by Bro. Lloyd are well attended.

Emmore.—Two men who confessed Christ on Sept. 6 were baptised on 13th, when Bro. Paternoster gave an address on "Flowers." On Sept. 10 a concert given in aid of the cricket club was a great success. A recent visit of over 40 young people from South Kensington to a social evening was much enjoyed.

Wagga.—On Sept. 6 Bro. Scambler, from Box Hill, Vic., preached the gospel. On Sept. 13 Bro. Brown spoke in the morning and preached at night. A men's church association has been formed, and meetings are held fortnightly. Bro. Methven is visiting isolated members in Ganmain and Narrandera districts.

Mosman.—Bro. and Sister Acland were welcomed back from Gilgandra on Sept. 6. Bro. Acland preached at night, and J. L. Stimson addressed morning meeting. Bro. Acland spoke morning and evening on 13th; two from young men's Bible Class confessed Christ. Bro. Davis, of City Temple, spoke at the monthly men's meeting in the afternoon. Bible School secured 19 passes, mostly with honors, in annual examination; these included four prizes and one highly commended.

Lidcombe.—There has been a decision for Christ each Sunday for past three weeks. One who thus decided was welcomed into fellowship on 6th. On Sept. 13, two—a mother and daughter—were received into membership, the one previously baptised in Victoria and the other after confession and baptism. There are good attendances at all meetings. A six-weeks' evangelistic campaign is in progress, with W. J. Crossman as evangelist. On Sept. 13 the Bible School had a record attendance of 103.

Broken Hill.—Bible School anniversary was celebrated on Sept. 6. At 11 a.m. Bro. T. A. Button, of Mosman church, presided. Bro. Les. Warren gave a helpful exhortation. At 3 p.m. Mr. E. W. Weymouth gave an address to the scholars, who did well in their singing. Mrs. A. Clark presided at the organ; Bren. Thurgood and Smith, violins; E. G. Warren, conductor. At 7 p.m. Bro. Alexander gave a good address on "Nails." The kindergarten did well under care of Mrs. Read and Miss Walkley. On Thursday evening prizes were distributed, and the singing of the scholars was excellent. Bro. E. G. Warren was at Railwaytown on morning of Sept. 6. Bro. Thomas presided, he and his wife being on a visit from York, W.A.

Lismore.—The forty-seventh anniversary on Sept. 5 and 6 was a great success. On 5th tea was held; Bro. J. G. Snow and Bro. K. G. Noble spoke at a fine public meeting. There were also good attendances on the Lord's day. In the morning Bro. Snow, of Bangalow, spoke on "The Mission of Christ." The anniversary thank-offering was £10/12/-. The men's brotherhood was greatly augmented by the presence of ladies. Bro. W. E. Volkman gave echoes from the C.E. Convention. Bro. N. G. Noble's gospel sermon was "A Pentecostal Anniversary." A young man confessed Christ. This also was a fine service. A splendid choir was under the baton of Bro. E. C. Savill. Their excellent items, and those of other helpers, were much enjoyed. Practice has begun for school anniversary. The decision of Bro. N. G. Noble to relinquish the work by December is deeply regretted by church and district.

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SANDELLS.—On Sept. 9, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sandells, of Pentecost, New Hebrides—a daughter.

DEATH.

CARLOS.—On Aug. 27 (result of accident), Charles Ernest (of Oakleigh), beloved fourth son of William Shaw and Mary Esther, loved brother of Henry, Arthur, William, Pearl (Mrs. P. Crowley, Preston), Violet and George. "Sleeping."

He stoops to hear the faintest call;
Your burden on him rest;
We know in part; he knoweth all;
What is, is therefore best.

On behalf of the Victorian Social Service Department, Will H. Clay gratefully acknowledges receipt of £1 from "A.B.C." and for the S.O.S. appeal, A. Sister, £1; E. Ryland, £1; R. Lyall, £1/10/-; Mrs. J. Thomas's class, Malvern-Caulfield, £1.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

September 23.

LIFE AS A BUSINESS.

(Mark 8: 34-38.)

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

What shall it profit? Only an arrant fool would take over a business without asking the question. Treating life as a business, what shall it profit if on the credit side one is able to write, "The whole world," but on the debit side appear the words, "My own soul"? The reality of it cannot appear in words, for that is reserved for actual experience.

The World as an Investment.

I suppose a part of it may be reckoned in terms of estates, buildings, cars, bonds, etc. The getting of these is a part of business which sometimes does not mix too well with the Christian teaching. "Seek first the kingdom of God," said Jesus, but in the business world this is often an after-thought. For a certain course of conduct one has to provide for conscience and the rather too personal inquiry of the preacher, maybe, certain excuses, often very similar to those of Luke 14: 16-24. In the term "world" must be reckoned also its pleasures. Too often we hear of the young man or young woman who uses the arts of the world to attract those of the opposite sex. Infatuated, beguiled, fascinated, the soul is forfeit. There is a legitimate pleasure, but there is that which spoils and degrades the soul. In gaining the world we gather about us dark shadows and ghosts and devils to haunt us while we live, and to mock us as we enter the valley of the shadow of death.

Its Real Value.

Let me say at the outset its real value is nothing. How much is a man worth? It all depends on his depth of character, and his own soul's contribution to the welfare of his fellow-men and the kingdom of God. Your titles to the things of this world are all very uncertain. You've paid for them, and sometimes very dearly, but death comes along and cancels all. No insurance can be had by way of cover. "In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom" (Dan. 5: 30, 31). "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" (Luke 12: 20).

All Gain is Loss.

When it ruins the soul. The best machinery is silent in its working, and so in the higher realms of the ego, the self, we come to that which is best. Allied with my inner self are memory, conscience, judgment, God. At death I throw aside the body, and the riches, the honors and fame of this world are gone. My soul leaps across chasms of infinity to God. I must give account, and according to the account so is the judgment. Has the price paid for the world been too great? Is it worth the loss of one's manhood, character, virtue, eternal hope? Who dares to say that it is? But here is another thought. Is it possible to use some of the temporal things of this world for the advancement of the kingdom of God? I believe it is. R. W. Dale once wrote, "If a man who was an effective Sunday School teacher at twenty is only a bank director or a town councillor at fifty, if he has no spiritual gift, and can do no spiritual work, honorable and Christian as his present function is if fulfilled in a spirit of loyalty to Christ, he has suffered loss of life, loss of rank. If, however, with the public functions he still possesses and exercises the spiritual gift, and exercises it faithfully, then it is well with him; his life is fuller and richer than before."

TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER 30.—THE HEART OF A GREAT MAN.—Romans 8: 35—9: 5.

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

Monday.

Every word of God is pure; he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.—Prov. 30: 5.

This verse and the following remind us we should give constant heed to the inspired word. Men neglect to do so, or add to what is divinely revealed, at their peril. Safety lies in heeding and obeying the word of God.

Reading—Proverbs 30.

Tuesday.

Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.—Eccles. 1: 2.

Scholars tell us that "vanity of vanities" is literally "breath of breaths." The same figure is used elsewhere (see Psa. 62: 9; 144: 4) to indicate the brevity of human existence. It is used thirty-eight times in this book, and may be said to be its key-note. Everything living upon the earth bears the stamp of the transitory.

Reading—Ecclesiastes 1.

Wednesday.

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few.—Eccles. 5: 2.

It is better to say nothing than to utter thoughtless words when offering our prayers to God. Few and well-chosen words, expressive of the heart's deepest emotions, are infinitely preferable to loose, rambling, unmeditated language.

Reading—Ecclesiastes 5.

Thursday.

Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him.—Eccles. 8: 12.

God-fearing men may not always live long, but living well, they may rest assured that ultimately all shall be well with them. It is only godless men who have need to quake with fear for the future.

Reading—Ecclesiastes 8.

Friday.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.—Eccles. 12: 1.

Better far to remember God in youth, than to postpone so doing till old age comes, with its attendant failing of the powers of mind and body. With the dulling of mental powers it is more difficult to concentrate one's attention upon anything unless meditated upon when in the full enjoyment of one's faculties.

Reading—Ecclesiastes 12.

Saturday.

He brought me into the banquetting place, and his banner over me was love.—Song of Sol. 2: 4.

Never could we have come into Christ's banquetting house, or tasted the sweet viands of grace, had not our Lord opened up for us a new and living way and guided our footsteps thither. Never could we have become acquainted with pleasures unknown to the world, or gained any victories in the struggle against sin and error, had not our Lord enlisted us under the banner of infinite and everlasting love.

Reading—Song of Solomon 4.

Sunday.

What is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among women? What is thy beloved more than another beloved, that thou dost so charge us?—Song of Sol. 5: 9.

"Our Lord Jesus makes his spouse truly amiable, not only in his eyes, but in the eyes of all the daughters of Jerusalem. The church is the most excellent society in the world, the communion of saints the best communion, and the beauty of the sanctuary a transcendent beauty."

Reading—Song of Solomon 5.

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Our Australian College of the Bible and Its Grave Need.

[Recently we reprinted from the "Christian Evangelist," U.S.A., a kindly reference to the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, made by F. D. Kershner. The following short article by C. R. L. Vawter, who last year returned to America after conducting a series of missions in Australia, appeared in the "Christian Standard" and the "Christian Evangelist." The College Board appreciates the interest shown by the writers and papers concerned.—Ed.]

I have just read of the serious financial situation confronting the College of the Bible at Glen Iris, Melbourne, Australia. I hasten to add a word to the plea made by the college authorities. In all the brotherhood I know of no work more worthy or more needed. Nearly twenty years ago, when the college was comparatively new, I visited there, and I was there recently. I know President Main, and I know every teacher. I have met and addressed the students in their class-rooms. Out among the churches in every capital city of Australia, and in other cities, too. I have met and often worked with the graduates of the College of the Bible. Have never yet met a man of them who doubted God's word or who relied on anything so much as the gospel. They are men of faith and men of right training. The Church of Christ in Australia must have the services of these men or retrench. I can conceive of no greater hurt to the cause in Australia than for the College of the Bible to close its doors. It must do so unless money is given. It is the only college we have on that great continent.

Some may ask: "Why do not the Christian people of Australia give?" They do. For their number and their means, they are not surpassed anywhere. Their purse is open but empty. Australia is a country of wonderful resources and potentialities, but is terribly hard hit by the world depression, by licensed liquor and by bad political leadership. But the membership of the Church of Christ has sacrificed and kept going. We Americans complain of hard times, but we don't know a thing about it. Australians do, but they don't complain. Now they are faced by the necessity of receiving funds or closing the doors of the most needed and one of the most loyal and important colleges among us.

Some men of means can do a mighty work by sending \$1,000 or \$10,000 to A. R. Main, president, or to Fred. T. Saunders, secretary of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Melbourne, Vict. If you can't send \$1,000 or more, send \$100, more or less. You will win the thanks of the most grateful people I have ever known, and will do more for the Restoration movement than you can realise, unless you go to Australia to see what I have seen.

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