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Religion's Expression—"Done" or "Do."

THE alternatives of our heading, supposedly exclusive, are often presented to us. Is salvation to be found by works done in righteousness which we do ourselves, or does it rest upon the finished work of our Lord?

A Colored Doctor Speaks.

In his book of anecdote and biography, "Behind the Brass Plate," Dr. A. T. Schofield tells an interesting story of a conversation in a railway carriage between Dr. Davis, "a coal-black doctor," a most earnest Christian man, and a little lady who, under the impression that he was a benighted heathen, had first talked about him in the mistaken belief that he could not understand English and afterwards talked to him in a feeble endeavor to answer his searching questions. "How can we get to heaven?" the doctor asked. "Why, I have just told you, sir, by being good," she replied; "we all hope to go to heaven, but then if we want to get there we must go to church, say our prayers, give to the poor, be kind to our neighbors, be sorry for our sins." And she went on with a whole string of other duties. The doctor asked to see the Bible answer to his question. No Bible was available, however, except his own, and from it he read John 3: 16. Then he said to the lady: "You have told me what I must do, whereas in the verse I have read I find all has been done for me by Christ. Your religion, ma'am, consists of two letters 'do—do,' mine of four 'done—done' and must precede our own good works." Dr. Schofield's view is that of his colored brother.

One Ground of Salvation.

The intention of both the doctors, the speaker and the narrator, was good, and with that we are in the most cordial agreement. There is a whole universe of difference between the two attitudes indicated. So long as we fancy that salvation is something which is to be procured by good works of ours, we are far removed

from the Christianity of the New Testament. The futility of an endeavor to merit salvation in such a way is shown in several epistles. We are severed from Christ if we seek to be justified by our own works. Those who attempt it are likely to be crushed by the burden of life or by their consciousness of failure; or, on the other hand, to become self-righteous and complacent.

We are saved by the grace of God who loved us even while we were rebel sinners and sent his only begotten Son who gave his life as a ransom for us. That perfect sacrifice made once and for all is the only ground of our salvation, and to put any works of ours side by side with it as if they also were meritorious is to indicate a complete misunderstanding of the revelation which God has given us in the life and work of the incarnate Word as well as in his written word.

So far, "done" and not "do" is the word which expresses our faith. We are building on something so sure and stable

when we trust in the Saviour and the efficacy of his atoning blood that to suggest a foundation of our own good works is to advise an exchange from solid rock to quagmire or shifting sand.

A Danger.

But there is a grave danger to be avoided. It must not be supposed that because salvation is by the grace of God, and comes as his free gift to us, therefore there is nothing which he requires us to do in the matter. The same Scripture which tells us of the work of Christ on our behalf also makes clear what God would have seekers for salvation do in order to receive remission of their sins. That pardon was promised to those who repented of their sins, believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Redeemer, confessed him first in word and then in action as they were buried with him in baptism, is a truth so clearly revealed in the New Testament as to be indisputable. It would be monstrous to waive these conditions aside because of the plea that Christ had finished the work for us. But it would be as sad a thing if we thought of either or all of these conditions as on a level with his saving work. We have to distinguish between procuring and appropriating. Nothing we do merits salvation; Christ procures that for us, and all we do, in believing, confessing or obeying, is but complying with the divinely appointed means of appropriating that which our Lord alone could provide. Salvation is a gift—but a gift has to be received, and all we do in our initial faith and obedience is but the acceptance of the gift of God's grace. That acceptance, however, in God's way, must be made.

Plenty of Working.

There is abundance of working and doing ordained for the Christian. After we accept Christ, we are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. An apostle wrote a letter in order to con-

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vince distorters of the word of God that the faith which we profess must express itself in works of beneficence and mercy, and that, so far from a man's being justified by faith alone, faith without works is dead. "Doing" is only "a deadly thing" when we seek to put our meritorious works in place of the finished work of Christ. Not to do is deadly, when it means that we are content with a mere profession of faith and disregard the implications in living of the faith which we profess.

Where To Begin.

EVERY Christian wishes to make his life tell for God, to influence for good his fellow men, and in these days especially to make his contribution to world peace. But there seems so little that an individual can do that we are apt to think there is no use making any effort. In this issue we reprint a short article on "Personal Moral Rearmament" from the pen of Miss G. Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Green, of Manchester, England, who recently were welcome visitors to Australia. Even a call for moral, spiritual and Christian rearmament may seem vague to Christians who would wish to do their part. We commend a reading of Miss Green's article to those who would like to make a start. Beyond the merely individual attitude there lie other opportunities and duties. Some will share in public work and join with others in unions, associations or leagues which have for their aim the healing of the ills of the nations and the bringing of the peoples of the world into closer, peaceful relations; but for those who at present think they cannot help thus there is much effective work to be done. With all Christians heeding the suggestions of Miss Green's article, a mighty work would be done.

League of Prayer and Service.

THE editor of "The Christian Advocate" in a recent issue wrote appreciatively of the broadcast messages of Mr. W. H. Elliott, saying that there is some quality which "brings them to the hearts of most of us with a strengthening of faith and a quickening of courage." To be able to speak a word which has this effect is a great thing. "Out of those weekly services," Mr. McCartney continues, "has grown the League of Prayer and Service, which is one of the most significant movements of the day. It has no rules and no officers and no ritual other than that at noon every day a brief prayer for peace is offered by every member. And there are two million members."

"Mr. Elliott told of a group of navvies working on road repairs in Oxford-st., London. At noon the bell of a near-by church rang out. The whole group downed tools for a moment, stood quietly, in the midst of their work, with bared heads, whilst one of the number murmured the prayer for peace.

"The prayer is: Give peace for all time, O Lord, and fill my heart and the hearts of all men everywhere with the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Every Christian will wholeheartedly agree with the editor when he writes: "I believe more and more firmly that in this moment of our extremity, we must rest our spirits upon God; we must lay ourselves open to his influence; and we must be ready, always, to do that bidding which he speaks to our hearts. In these difficult days it is heartening to know that men are praying."

"Christian Action."

AT a meeting of the Congregational Union Council held at Yarmouth, England, last month, it was reported that the Life and Work Committee has under consideration the draft of an appeal for Christian action—which will seek to impress upon the churches the fact that the witness of the gospel in this modern world must concern itself with the actual "baffling problems of living" and the questions which are oppressing the minds and handicapping the lives of men and women. Some of the questions involved, the report stated, were:

1. The persistence of unemployment and malnutrition.
2. The large disregard of human values in industrial life.
3. The growing degradation of labor from the status of craftsmen to that of unskilled labor.
4. The accentuation of class and race consciousness in hostility to other classes and races, issuing in actual war.
5. Tyrannical methods of political influence and power, both at home and abroad.
6. The unrestricted competitive strife which on the one hand drives down the standard of life of the weakest to the edge of destitution, and on the other hand provokes international war.

It is not turning aside from the message of Christ, or suggesting the substitution of a "social Gospel" or any human expedient for the commission given to the church by its Lord, to say that every Christian man, and every one who has caught anything of the spirit of our Master, will not only recognise the evils mentioned in the report as amongst the greatest ills of our day, but will, as opportunity offers, do his best to remove them. Of course behind all efforts of reform lies the necessity of changed hearts and lives. The regenerating influence of the Gospel of Christ is needed now as it always has

been. The application of the principles of Jesus to every human relationship would solve the world's most "baffling problems."

"Our Unworthy Churchmanship."

UNDER the above heading the London "Christian World" for March 23 prints the substance of a very striking manifesto issued by eight distinguished Congregationalists (including Dr. J. D. Jones and five college principals) to their brother ministers of the Congregational Church, every one of whom in England and Wales received a copy. We quote a few of the arresting sentences of the manifesto:

"In the chaos and fear of the present situation the church exists to declare the righteousness and the proffered grace of God. We may hope that in these days when men's hearts fail them and vain is the help of man our message may be heard with a new attention if we can fulfil the conditions necessary for its proclamation. We must not merely restate the gospel in terms of the needs and thoughts of men to-day; restatement, however necessary, is not enough; we must also ourselves more passionately believe it and more effectually embody it in the life of our church fellowship.

"The condition of our churches, as they actually exist to-day, in great cities, in country towns and in villages, is itself often almost desperate. . . . We are short of men and money, but this is not our most serious need, for God is able to take the weak things of the world to confound the strong. Our dreadful weakness is religious. We are not declaring the gospel with power to a dispirited and disillusioned age; we are not living in the discipline of gospel fellowship; only in a very imperfect degree are our churches God's resting place and holy habitation.

"In view of this we believe that God's call to our churches to-day is that we repent: repent of our wavering faith, our lukewarm love of Christ, our unworthy churchmanship. There must be multiplied in our churches the number of those who greatly believe and greatly love, of those for whom the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ is not only the instrument of our redemption but the principle of the life to which we are called in grace, of those who devoutly and conscientiously use the means of grace: Bible sacrament, public worship, church meeting."

A man can not say that he was honest if his life dried up, and the seed of God withered away in the scorching heat; it was possible to deepen the soil.—Dr. F. J. McConnell.

Personal Moral Rearmament.

OUR urgent need is a new quality of spiritual life within the churches.

This can only begin to come when you, personally, and I, personally, take complete responsibility for the low spiritual level of the churches to-day. It is not the fault of bad organisation, circumstances or the changing times. It is personal sin and compromise in the lives of individuals. If you and I had been the vital life-changing Christians that God intended (and still intends) us to be, the churches to-day would be aflame. By changing the hearts of men and women, it would be solving from within the critical situations which to-day are striking fear into the hearts of all and paralysing constructive thought and action.

But "you don't stand much chance of curing a sick world if you are an infectious case of the disease yourself." For the conflicts and instability of a diseased world are but an expression of the fear, resentment, self-indulgence, pride and indiscipline, to be found in the lives of individual church members.

I believe it is just here where the call to moral rearmament can give new meaning to the spiritual life of our churches.

The devotional side of our spiritual lives has been carefully nurtured.

But "impression without expression leads to depression"—and what we have missed in the specific moral application of Christ's teaching in every personal detail of life.

"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Doing the will of my Father does not necessarily mean busying ourselves with church activities, however good these may be in themselves. And it means more than a superficial application of Christ's principles to our everyday life.

It means letting God search through the inmost and darkest part of ourselves, and with implicit faith and obedience doing all in our power to make wrong things right.

It means righting wrong relationships, apologising for temper, impatience, and talking behind another's back. It means letting God release us from hates, jealousies, inferiorities and resentments; it means trusting God so utterly that we do not fear, nor worry, about the present or the future.

When, in the strength of God we are each rearmored morally, then God can use us for changing and remaking men and nations, and the church will be ablaze with spiritual vitality.

I have been realising that I cannot take

part in a campaign for moral rearmament unless I know what moral rearmament means for me personally. And so I have written this below. I have given it in detail because I am convinced that transparent honesty one with another, and a common knowledge of each other's weakness and strength, are the only means of welding ourselves into an effective team for God:

(a) Discipline in rising for an early morning quiet time.

(b) Discipline through the day, cutting out self-indulgence and procrastination.

(c) Being adequately prepared for each day's teaching.

(d) Surrendering covetousness of other people's ability, looks, *savoir faire* and popularity; being willing to be what God wants me to be.

(e) Surrendering fear of what people may think when witnessing to them or approaching them on moral rearmament; either God guides me to speak to them or he does not.

(f) Being prepared to remove the mote from my own eye first.

(g) Giving my future over entirely to God, so cutting out fear, worry and day-dreams.

Through individual church members making a new stand and a new start, I am convinced that a miracle can happen.—Margaret E. Green in "The Christian Advocate."

Did You Pray?

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DID you think of me this morning
As you breathed a word of prayer?
Did you ask for strength to help me
All my heavy burdens bear?
Did you speak of faith and courage
For the trials I must meet?
Did you ask that God might keep me
As you bowed before his feet?

Some one prayed, and strength was given
For the long and weary road;
Some one prayed, and faith grew stronger
As I bent beneath the load;
Some one prayed, the way grew brighter,
And I walked all unafraid,
In my heart a song of gladness—
Tell me, was it you who prayed?

—Ruth Lees Olson.

Apostolic Authority.

Thos. Hagger.

JESUS did not reveal all pertaining to his holy religion while on earth. On one occasion he said, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now," and he said it to his apostles. That statement was followed by the promise of "guidance into all truth" (John 16: 12, 13).

The Holy Spirit who was to teach and guide those apostles came on the day of Pentecost, and then he began to "bring all things to their remembrance" that the Lord had told them, and to "show them things to come" (John 14: 26; 15: 26, 27; 16: 13).

You will remember that Jesus had told those apostles that they would have the power of binding and loosing (Matt. 16: 19), that they would have the power to remit and retain sins (John 20: 23). This they could not have in themselves; it must have been because of the Holy Spirit that they were to receive. Those men were to be the authoritative representatives of our Lord; they were to speak with divine authority on matters pertaining to human salvation, and this very necessary work of the Holy Spirit was to be done in them because of this.

There are men to-day who mistakenly

depreciate what the apostles have said and taught, and when their attention is called to some statement made by one of those representatives of the Christ they will say, "Oh! but he was only an apostle." And perhaps an effort will be made to put the personal teaching of the Lord, and his teaching through the apostles, against each other. Surely such men have overlooked the promised guidance of the apostles by the Holy Spirit.

Those apostles were ambassadors for Christ, and as such they administered the affairs of the kingdom for the King. They taught with the authority delegated to them, and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Paul was very careful to distinguish between that which the Lord said and that which he said of himself (1 Corinthians 7: 10-12).

Those apostles have never had successors and could not. They are still teaching the church through their writings which we have in the New Testament, hence the New Testament is authoritative in the things of the soul, and nothing we believe or practise should be out of harmony with those sacred writings. We should continue "stedfastly in the apostles' teaching," and so be faithful to our Lord.

Hebridean Missions.

Chas. C. S. Rush, B.A.

No. 1.

WE had nine missionaries and the usual questionable weather associated with same on board the s.s. "Morinda." During nearly a month we talked to and were enthused by these Christian workers. Some were optimistic "first-timers"; also did we hear seasoned wisdom from those who were returning from furlough. Some of the latter were born on the mission field, and were the third generation engaged in work.

During a visit to three hospitals and nine mission stations on the islands, we yarned, supped and worshipped with the salt of the earth; but be it said that the preservative was in most diversely colored cartons—which in some ways added to the interest. Also did we visit many trading points and plantations; hospitality was generously provided, or perhaps it would have poured upon us had we so desired. There are some big buyers and sellers up in the Hebrides. All the foregoing is in case someone should ask how does this man speak seeing that he is unlearned, and also to provide a modicum of authority when the outside looks inside and tells what he sees and thinks.

Shall we keep our observations modern by raising the usual "problem"?

As we sailed the reef-infested waters of the group, and made many calls on islands with difficult and more difficult landing-places, continually did we hear from Christian workers about "mission problems," and not for a moment could they be underestimated. Yet the big problem in our mind was not the difficulty of the white trying to understand the native customs, processes of thinking, and religion, if any; but this outsider wonders, as he peeps inside, what the New Hebrides man really thinks of the white invader, be he trader or missionary, and if this does not really constitute the big problem of missionary work. And have we always been sympathetic to a race whose ideas are more indelibly impressed because they have a longer ancestry than our own?

Ask two alleged murderers that journeyed with us to Vila to receive the white man's justice, why they should not use firearms provided by white traders. We found these boys both congenial spirits, but our crude sign language could provide little explanation why they should be chained to the rail of the boat. However, if they ever do return to their native village no doubt honors will be generously bestowed on the heroes. Your sympathy can be moderated because they were proud of their police escort, and seemed to be quite happy about everything. If the white teaches his black brother a more expedient way to kill, and the Hebrides boy effectually learns the lesson, why punish him? Is there not more blame attached to the teacher than the pupil? When "him feller, the Gubmint," steps in to adjust matters it's very poor business to try and reverse the principle of cause and effect. If the same effort was made to catch the trader who sold the gun, as was manifested in rounding up a poor benighted heathen who naturally found a gun more effective than a club or spear, then Justice could wear that bandage round her eyes with more becoming grace.

And what can the native think about the diverse forms of Christian teaching, manner of worship, days for worship, qualifications for church membership, high or low church, different status of church leaders, the frocked and the unfrocked, the meat eaters and the

"grass eaters," etc., etc. If these things bother home folks, let us try and get behind the keen brown eyes of a native on Ambrim, Malekula, Oba, or Pentecost, or fifty other mission stations, and try and see and think as he is doing this very day. God is confined to the many patterns of tiny sectarianism spread like patchwork quilt over the islands. We learned that some natives have words for these things which "make him feller different" and so has the Bible. Divisions among Christians in the homeland are pitiable; but when in our ignorance, pride and selfishness the church exploits the helpless natives with this vicious thing, we can only bow in shame—some day, maybe, we shall have to ask their forgiveness. On one small island we saw four sections of the church struggling for a foothold. Because one competitor offered an extra Sunday, the natives, who are partial to much rest, seemed to agree that this orthodoxy and their nature had much in common; the remnant were divided on the question whether to wear beads



Natives Coming to Meet New Missionary.

or a cross. Again we ask, Who has the problem, the native or missionary?

Then there is the trading business. The native asks, "Which fashion him go?" as he wonders whether a man is a missionary or a trader. We do not know to what extent this unfortunate thing exists to-day, yet it has certainly happened, and again the missionary problem was left to the native to solve. The theological knowledge of a native may not comprehend a text which tells of a laborer being worthy of his hire, nevertheless he believes in it. It is more than dangerous for a missionary to attempt anything in addition to his own calling on the islands; if he does disaster must follow—history proves it. If all missionary boards could pay adequate salaries, this temptation would be largely removed.

Who first conceived the idea that a doctor, nurse or preacher on the foreign field should receive less than these same kind of folk in the homeland, especially when they need more when working in the islands? Why have we practised this fallacy so long? We watched a nurse treat a leg covered in the most fearful festering sores; great gaping putrid holes they were. She was on call the round of the clock, and her salary was so pitifully small that she seemed ashamed to tell what it was. We met other workers who were shamefully underpaid. Private virtue for public good is a vitamin of the soul; this stoic ideal is not easy to attain, but in comparison with its reward no other ideal is worth attaining. But it must not be easy and convenient for the church to seek shelter behind this philosophy when it employs its servants, especially when they labor where arbitration courts, wages

boards and unions cannot protect them. Yes, we heard what you are thinking. "We can't give any more than the churches give us to use." Missionary boards must know that under most favorable conditions work in the islands is most self-sacrificing and dangerous to health. It is our opinion that the representatives of the church up there definitely need more money than workers at home—and perhaps deserve it. If a mission board cannot give adequate support it would be far better to curtail, or even withdraw workers. Anyhow the desire to make ends meet by doing some trading must be one of the difficulties removed from the missionary and the native.

We are convinced that it is only worth while to send the very best prepared workers to the group, spiritually and intellectually brilliant people. The highest degree of training will not only find full scope, but be tested to the limit, otherwise money is wasted, men are discouraged, and the native has another problem on his hands. In a most helpful mission service at Vila we heard a native worker pray fervently for a "soft heart"; it is quite necessary to confine this qualification to that organ. There are some very cheery spots of constructive Christian work up in the islands. Space permitting, we will visit them in some other articles.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

REGARDING the Directory of churches which he has been asked to supervise, F. T. Saunders wishes to apologise to brethren who have ordered copies, because of the delay in publication. It was hoped that the book would have gone to press this week, but unfortunately much-needed information is not to hand. A suggestion to print, making a note against some churches that no information had been received, was rejected because of the number and importance of churches involved. With one-third of the churches so marked the value of the book would be reduced very greatly. Consequently this week a further letter has been sent to 114 church secretaries (N.S.W., 30; Qld., 11; S.A., 23; Tas., 8; Vic., 31, and W.A., 11) asking for the information, and it is hoped that this will be given prompt attention. In the meantime other matters will be pushed forward, and publication made at the earliest possible date. Over 500 copies of the book have been ordered in advance, and brethren desiring copies may order through church secretaries or direct to F. T. Saunders, 99 Queen-st., Melbourne.

JOHN STUART MILL.

"The Christian Evangelist" (U.S.A.) for March 16 contains a good photograph of John Stuart Mill, a Victorian now in the United States, and the following report regarding his work: "John Stuart Mill, general secretary of our Missouri churches, completes 23 years of secretarial work on April 21. For five years he was national secretary of our churches in Canada, and for the other 23 years he has led our churches in this state both as a district and state superintendent. Our able secretary is a young man, an executive, one who knows the state from river to river and line to line, a man of vigor, and one who loves the work in which he faithfully leads. During his 28 years of executive work he has attended 24 of the 27 International Conventions. Mr. Mill is now promoting the one hundred first Missouri State Convention which meets at Sedalia, April 26-30."

Duty stands for the most part close at hand, unobscured, simple, immediate. If any man has the will to hear her voice, to him is the willing to enter and be his ready guest.—Francis Peabody.

Here and There.

Bro. C. R. Hall, of Chatswood church, has arrived in New York. He is an official representative at the great World's Fair which was opened this week.

Bro. W. J. Crossman (chaplain) was speaker at Anzac commemoration services held at Rockdale Town Hall, N.S.W., on April 23, and Cahramatta Park on April 30.

In this issue we print the first of a series of four interesting travel articles dealing with Hebridean Missions from the pen of Bro. C. C. S. Rush, B.A., who recently visited the islands.

Bro. F. A. Youens has arrived in Chatswood, N.S.W., from Auckland, N.Z. He is due to begin his new ministry on May 7, on which date the church will commence its silver anniversary services.

We learn that a Sunday school will be opened at East Preston, Vic. Attempts to secure a hall having failed, it has been decided to make a venture of faith and buy a block of land and put up a building.

It is hoped that in the churches on Pentecost Sunday special attention will be given to the subject of Christian union. In next issue we hope to publish some special articles on the theme by representative writers from each State of the Commonwealth.

We regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Edith Warren, wife of Bro. E. G. Warren, late evangelist of Broken Hill church. Our sister had been in ill-health for a considerable time. She passed away at her home in Kensington, S.A., on April 28. Loving sympathy is extended to Bro. Warren in his sad bereavement.

After five years' devoted service Miss V. Callanan has relinquished her work with our Victorian Social Service Department. A paragraph appreciative of her work appears on page 285. Our sister left on Friday last for a few weeks' holiday and rest in Queensland, after which she expects to return to Victoria.

On Sunday, June 18 next, the Australian Student Christian Movement as a constituent part of the World's Student Christian Federation invites all churches in Australia to join with it in observing a Day of Prayer for students, and requests ministers to bring the matter before their congregations in the services of that day.

At North Sydney, N.S.W., following a visit by Bro. Coventry on Apr. 13 on behalf of Christian Fellowship Association, a number of members were enrolled and an agent was appointed. Sisters Wright and Grocott, from Enmore, have been welcomed into fellowship. On April 30 visitors included Sister Mrs. Parker and Bro. and Sister Tilley, from Norwood, S.A. Bro. Paternoster's messages were appreciated by improved meetings.

Good interest has been taken in the Macnaughtan-Fawcett mission at Kedron, Qld. A baptismal service was held on afternoon of April 20. On morning of April 23 two were received into fellowship. At night the tent was full, and there were two confessions, making six for the week. The mission closed on April 27 with twelve decisions. The members have been helped. Auxiliaries are preparing for a forward move following six weeks' recess. Bro. Taylor, church secretary, is in the country working; during his absence Bro. A. Cane is filling the position.

Bro. F. C. Hunting, of Blackburn church, Vic., has for the past two weeks conducted a remarkable spiritual campaign at Gardiner. It was a "mission" of a type not usual with us, and one of great helpfulness and spiritual power. Our brother's addresses all dealt with "victori-

ous living" and were primarily intended to lead Christians to more complete surrender and consecration of life. In a wonderful way the services gripped young and old alike. Attendance increased as the campaign advanced, until on Sunday evening last extra seating had to be provided. Four young people made initial confession of faith in Christ, and a large number confessed to receiving a great help and stimulus.

Many brethren read with great sorrow the following paragraph in the Melbourne "Argus" of Wednesday last: "Struck by another car while he was mending a punctured tyre of his own car near Malmsbury last evening, Alfred Ernest Streader, aged 63 years, bootmaker, of Barkly-place, Bendigo, was fatally injured. Mrs. Streader was sitting in the car waiting to continue the journey to Bendigo when the accident occurred." Bro. Streader was the secretary of the church at Bendigo, and was highly esteemed in church and community. The church has suffered a great loss by his tragic death. Heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Streader and to all the family in their great sorrow.

At the recent Victorian Conference Bro. J. McG. Abercrombie, F. N. Lee and G. L. Murray were added to the Church Extension, Properties, Trusts and Bequests Committee. The other members are Bro. J. E. Austin, R. Ennis, and R. Lyall. This committee is not appointed annually, but holds office at pleasure of conference. We have had enquiries as to the personnel of the re-appointed Committee on Constitution and Preachers. The members are as follows: J. McG. Abercrombie, W. T. Atkins, A. W. Connor, H. A. G. Clark, W. H. Clay, R. Ennis, A. E. Forbes, W. Gale, Thos. Hagger, Keith Jones, A. R. Main, T. R. Morris, H. J. Paterson, H. G. Rasmussen, T. H. Scambler, A. W. Stephenson and Stan, Wilson.

W. Gale writes: "On Sunday last we visited the church at Ormond. Bro. and Sister Lang and family are very much loved. We do not know a suburb around Melbourne where so many houses have been built as in the vicinity of our Ormond chapel. Consequently our kinder room, which is the only social and club room on the property, has become far too small. Extensions are nearly complete—they will prove a valuable addition to the equipment. The growing of a cause here has been a long and costly one, but we believe the church now has its day of opportunity if she is faithful in attendance and visitation. The committee regrets to learn that Bro. Snow has resigned from Warragul. We feel his much appreciated labors in Gippsland have earned for him the opportunity which we believe Carnegie presents. The committee is now entirely out of funds and is borrowing to carry on till the December annual offering. Gifts will be very warmly welcomed."

The action of the mayor and mayoress of Essendon (Cr. and Mrs. R. J. Gilbertson) in giving a picnic to about 5600 children on April 19, in place of holding a mayoral ball, was greatly appreciated. Bro. F. J. Funston, of North Essendon church, writes: "At quarterly meeting (which fell on the day following the picnic), a motion was enthusiastically carried commending the mayor on the stand he has taken during his term of office—not forgetting his 'dry' cupboard, his reasons for which he has on a number of occasions publicly stated. The mayor is a Christian man (Methodist) and church worker." A four-page circular, of which 5000 copies were issued by the mayor and mayoress, not only conveyed greetings to the children of the city, but some excellent quotations and advice regarding the best and happiest life. The last of the quotations was this: "Dr. James Simpson, who first

used chloroform, on being asked what was his greatest discovery, replied, 'Jesus Christ.' It is a pleasure to note the example set by this worthy mayor."

ADDRESSES.

E. H. Duns (secretary Bendigo church, Vic.).—83 McCrae-st., Bendigo.

S. Laney (conference secretary, N.S.W.).—13 Victoria-st., Strathfield, N.S.W.

F. T. Stow (preacher Bexley North church, N.S.W.).—C/o Mr. W. Baker, Canonbury-gve., Bexley North.

COMING EVENTS.

16 words, 6d.; each 12 words extra, 6d.
Displayed matter, 2/- each.

MAY 7.—The Northcote East church, meeting temporarily in Rifle Hall, Cor. Wingrove and Perry-sts., Alphington, will hold their 5th anniversary reunion. Speakers: 11 a.m., Bro. T. A. Fitzgerald; 3 p.m., Dr. R. Killmer; 7 p.m., Bro. H. Watson, formerly of India, Song-leader, Bro. E. Forbes. Old members and friends especially invited.

MAY 14.—Ascot Vale church anniversary and home-coming services. Special speakers. All past members and friends cordially invited. Hospitality provided. All who can spend the day with us are asked to advise the secretary, Mr. E. White, 63 Charles-st., Ascot Vale.

MAY 21.—Newmarket Church of Christ Bible school anniversary will be held in the church on May 21. Special speakers 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Hospitality provided.

JUNE 7 (Wednesday, 8 p.m.).—Foreign Mission Rally in Swanston-st. chapel. Mr. A. Anderson, Federal F.M. secretary, will show moving pictures of the work.

JUNE 17-19.—21st anniversary Horsham Church of Christ Building, Baillie-st. Re-union services will be held. All former members invited.—G. Miller, sec., 20 Searle-st., Horsham.

DEATH.

STREADER.—On April 25 (result of accident), Alfred Ernest, dearly loved eldest son of Mrs. H. and the late A. J. Streader, of Bendigo; loved brother of Nellie, Dave, Hilka (Mrs. G. Briggs), Ida (Mrs. A. J. Ingham, Norwood, S.A.), Edgar (Boort), Wilfred (deceased), Vera (Mrs. H. Francis), Reginald.

"Some day, I know not when 'twill be,
The angel death will come to me;
But this I know, if Christ be near,
Old Jordan's waves I will not fear."

IN MEMORIAM.

BEAMES (Darcy).—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, who passed away at Buller-st., Kalgoorlie, on May 7, 1938.

Away in the beautiful somewhere,
Sheltered from sorrow and pain,
When life's journey is ended,
We will meet our loved one again.
—Inserted by his loving wife and children.

PETTERD.—In treasured remembrance of my dear husband and our dear father, Richard Petterd, who was called home on May 2, 1935, at Warrnambool.

"And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since and lost awhile."

178 Timor-st., Warrnambool.

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The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

THE SONGS OF ZION.

THERE'S lots of music in the Psalms. Those dear, sweet Psalms of old, With visions bright of lands of light, And shining streets of gold; I hear them ringing, singing still, In memory soft and clear, "Such pity as a father hath Unto his children dear."

They seem to sing for evermore Of better, sweeter days, When the lilies of the love of God Bloomed white in all the ways; And still I hear the solemn strains In the quaint old meeting flow, "O greatly blessed the people are The joyful sound that know."

No singing books we needed then, For very well we knew The tunes and words we loved so well, The dear old Psalm Book through; To "Coleshill" at the Sacrament We sang, as tears would fall, "Til of salvation take the cup, On God's name will I call."

And so I love the dear old Psalms, And when my time shall come, Before the light has left my eyes, And my singing lips are dumb, If I can only hear them then I'll gladly soar away— "So pants my longing soul, O God, That come to thee I may."

—Selected.

CONVICTION.

A GROWING evil under the sun is the disposition to assign conviction a back seat as a motive in uniting with the church. The frequency of the saying, "One church is as good as another," is proof of what I say. It never occurs to those addicted to the remark to inquire as to which church is nearest right, or, what amounts to the same thing, which church preaches and practises most in harmony with the church of the New Testament.

Nowadays church membership is often a thing of convenience. The doctrine may be contrary to my belief, but if the church-building is near, I am inclined to let doctrinal differences go; I want a church that is conveniently located. Still oftener it is a thing of prestige and popular favor. I like to go with the crowd. The big church where everybody goes has charms for me beyond anything the little church around the corner can offer. The gregarious instinct in humanity is still a power. The individual sheep likes to be a part of the big flock, and can be taken out of it only by force. And men and women are not greatly different. Oftenest of all church membership is a thing of social affinities. My set attends such a church, therefore I attend. My set belongs there, therefore I belong there. I find congenial associates among its members. They have been friendly with me, and have taken pains to pay me some attention, and therefore I have decided to unite with that church.

And so it has come to pass that conviction, which should be the biggest of all considerations in choosing the church with which to unite, is coming, nay, has already come, to be the smallest of all considerations, and a radical change is loudly demanded. We need a membership in our churches who know just what

they believe, and just why they believe it, and who could not possibly go anywhere else without a sense of guilt and condemnation.—"Christian Guide."

YOUTHFULNESS AND COURAGE.

DURING a war between ancient Rome and Carthage, a brave Roman of high rank named Regulus was taken prisoner. The Carthaginians wished to end the war, and so they decided to make terms with the Romans. They dictated their terms to Regulus, and sent him to Rome on parole. That means, he gave his word of honor to come back with the decision of the Romans. If his countrymen agreed to the proposals of the Carthaginians, he would be set free; if they refused he would be put to death.

Now what did Regulus do? Naturally, you think he would use all his great eloquence, and his authority as a Roman leader, to persuade them to agree to the terms, so that he could be set free with honor. But the terms offered were not honorable to the Romans, and Regulus, when giving his message, instead of urging the Romans to accept the terms, exhorted them, in a thrilling speech, to defy their would-be conquerors, and to refuse to yield. The Senate (that was the Roman Parliament) was so moved by his words and his dauntless courage, that instead of submitting to the terms, as they at first wished to do, they decided to refuse them.

Regulus had still one more chance left him. He was in his own country; why return to Carthage at all? Let the Carthaginians find their answer in the renewed efforts of the Roman army. But he had pledged his honor, and though aware that return would mean being put to death by cruel torture for urging his countrymen to defiance, he kept his word, took back to Carthage the answer of the Roman Senate, and met his death with the fortitude that might be expected from so brave and noble a man.—Selected.

NOBODY KNEW.

The motorist was lost. He did not know which way to go. Suddenly he saw an old man approaching. "Hi!" he shouted. "Do you know the way to Widdleeombe?" The old man shook his head. "No," he said. The motorist drove on slowly, and when he had gone about half a mile he heard loud shouts behind him. He stopped and looked around. The old man had been joined by another, and they were waving him back. Slowly and painfully he backed his car down the narrow road. "Well?" he said. "This is my mate, John," said the old man. "E don't know the way either."

WHAT SHE THOUGHT.

It was the dear old lady's first ride in a taxi, and she watched with growing alarm the driver continually putting his hand outside the car as a signal to following traffic. At last she became exasperated. "Young man," she said, "you look after that car of yours, and watch where you are going. I'll tell you when it starts raining!"

"What are you reading?"

"A tale of buried treasure."

"Wasting your time on fiction?"

"No. This is expert advice on how to plant potatoes."

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

TOPIC.—THE PERIL OF WEALTH.

Monday, May 8.

HE that getteth riches, and not by right, shall lose them in the midst of his days, and at the end shall be a fool.—Jer. 17: 11.

Whilst obtaining wealth is a natural objective, not always is it attained by honest means. Even professing Christians sometimes use questionable practices. The reference in above text is probably to gamblers, etc., who frequently fatten upon the losses of others, yet often lose more than they gain, and at the end, if honest, say as Saul to David, "I have played the fool."

Reading—Jeremiah 17: 1-11.

Tuesday, May 9.

Keep yourselves from all covetousness.—Luke 12: 15.

A man had just asked Jesus to assist him in obtaining from his brother his rightful inheritance, but our Lord refused to intervene, yet gave the above admonition, and reminded his hearers that a man's possessions are no part of his real life. The parable which follows shows the limitation of worldly possessions, and their inability to preserve life, which is lengthened or curtailed only by its Author.

Reading—Luke 12: 13-21.

Wednesday, May 10.

The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.—1 Tim. 6: 10.

Nowhere in God's word is it asserted that money is an evil, yet here we are reminded that all kinds of evil grow out of the love of money. To obtain gold, many forfeit Christian principles; they swerve from the pathway of honesty, and pierce themselves through with the sorrow of remorse and the fear of divine retribution.

Reading—1 Timothy 6: 6-21.

Thursday, May 11.

For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money.—2 Tim. 3: 2.

Paul warns Timothy that "in the last days" men who profess to be religious shall be characterized by selfishness. Those whose sole objective is self-indulgence, even whilst trampling upon the rights of others, deserve the curse which rests upon them.

Reading—2 Timothy 3.

Friday, May 12.

So also shall the rich man fade away in his goings.—James 1: 11.

As the withered grass in scorching heat and blasting wind, so the rich man will fade away in his goings, if his desire is money-making for selfish ends. It is alike true that wealthy Christians who use their money not for themselves alone, but for their fellowmen, and whose roots are planted in the house of the Lord, will "flourish like the palm-tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon."

Reading—James 1: 1-18.

Saturday, May 13.

Come now, ye rich, weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you.—James 5: 1.

Here again, the reference is to the self-indulgent rich, whose laborers cry out in vain for adequate remuneration; who are "led away by divers lusts," with no thought of helping their fellows, or giving money for world-wide evangelism.

Reading—James 5: 1-6.

Sunday, May 14.

Go, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor.—Mark 10: 21.

With a sad countenance and a sorrowful heart, this rich young ruler "went away," for he loved his possessions more than his Lord.

Readings—Proverbs 22: 1-16; Mark 10: 1-31.

Your Mother.

John 19: 25-30.

Prayer Meeting Topic for May 10.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

S. D. GORDON said, "What is the holiest, the dearest word in our tongue? You think awhile, and likely you will answer, 'Love.' Yes, but love is a sentiment; it is an impersonal word. You never know love except as you know someone loving another. What personal word embodies this word 'love' most and best? And most hearts the world around will answer 'mother.' And as a sentiment embodied in a person is always more and higher than the sentiment itself, 'mother' is commonly reckoned the holiest and dearest word in our-tongue."

Jesus and His Mother.

However we may think of Jesus we must allow for the kind of home he had. God saw to it that Jesus had the right kind of home and mother. Mary was honored in that she became the mother of our Lord. Of her it was said, "Thou art highly favored, the Lord is with thee." "Thou hast found favor with God." And Mary, speaking under the direction of the Spirit, said, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." The influence of that mother on the boy Jesus is not such as to be lightly passed over. He was God's Son, but he was also the son of Mary. Those tender years of his infancy and the developing years of his boyhood and early youth were all marked for him by the tender ministries and godly words of a loving and devoted mother. He would never forget those occasions when he was taught the history of their people, and when together they read or recited the Holy Scripture. Jesus and his mother is a fit subject for study for any Christian mother or son.

It is no wonder then, that on the cross he should be anxious for her welfare. In spite of the torture and the suffering he was called upon to endure, he thought of her and made provision for her. The beloved John gladly accepted the trust imposed on him and took her to his own home.

Jesus and Your Mother.

Jesus has done more for your mother and for mine than perhaps we ever think. The whole condition of women has been changed because of Jesus. She has been placed on a higher plane, as is fitting. Jesus did that for your mother. And he did more, in that he died for her. He is the Saviour of your mother. He thought her worth saving even though the cost were a cross with all it involved.

Your Mother and You.

You are more to your mother than ever you can estimate, and especially if your mother is a Christian. She may be yet alive or she may have gone to her reward; but if she be yet alive I trust there is a due recognition of your indebtedness to her. If Jesus died for her what ought you do for her? If in large measure she is responsible for your present Christian attainment, then you are very much in her debt, and you can never hope to repay her. Her sacrifices in giving you life and in caring and planning for you demand of you the very best. There is nothing that would please her more than that you should give evidence of a real genuine Christian experience. She wishes to see you in the love of God. If she could read your heart now would she be satisfied and think her work had not been in vain? Your mother and your Saviour expect the best of you even at cost.

TOPIC FOR MAY 17.—SOWING AND REAPING.—Galatians 6: 6-10.

Our Young People.

Christian Endeavor Interests and Activities.

Conducted by W. W. Saunders.

"FIFTY YEARS OF IRISH CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR."

SUCH is the title of a booklet received by the "Roll Call" from the Irish C.E. Union, through the courtesy of Mr. T. J. Healy, convener of the publications committee. It is written by an ex-president of the Irish Union, Mr. H. S. Broomfield, with a foreword by Mr. Samuel J. Greer, president-designate of the British Union. The booklet tells a story of C.E. in Ireland similar to the C.E. story of most other lands. There are records of opposition and criticism, victories and triumphs, and faithful and loyal service in every department. The final paragraph of the booklet reads thus:—

"Looking back over the record of what has been accomplished by Christian Endeavor in this land during the past fifty years, one cannot but exclaim, 'What hath God wrought?' The jubilee of our beloved movement is not an occasion for vainglory; rather is it an opportunity for rededication to the service of him whose name it enshrines. No other organization has succeeded in banding together four millions of various branches of the evangelical church throughout the world. In Ireland there is no other society which has brought into being such a wonderful spirit of interdenominational unity. As Christian Endeavor enters upon its second fifty years, its members look forward with hopefulness to the days ahead. Socially, politically and internationally the outlook may not be bright, but in the immortal words of John Wesley we confidently say, 'The best of all is, God is with us.'"

DR. POLING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

DR. DANIEL POLING, world president of C.E., visited South Africa on his way home from the world convention last year. He was present at C.E. rallies arranged in his honor at Durban, Johannesburg and Cape Town. Mr. Lionel Fletcher, empire evangelist and vice-president of the World's C.E. Union, was conducting a mission at the last-named city, and Dr. Poling associated himself with the meetings. An enthusiastic welcome was accorded their world president by Endeavorers of the national union and also of the Dutch Reformed Church. A brief visit to Kruger National Park and the Victoria Falls was made possible before the party left South African shores. Subsequently the following paragraph appeared in the C.E. paper circulating in South Africa:—

"The visit of Dr. D. Poling has now become a happy memory and South African Endeavorers greatly appreciate the privilege of meeting him. Dr. Poling was accompanied by his son (Dr. D. Poling, jun.), his daughter (Miss J. Poling), and Miss H. Lyon, a trustee of the World's C.E. Union. Their short stay with us was filled to capacity, and the only regret is that they did not stay longer. They left behind them a feeling of real friendliness and comradeship, and we hope they will return one day for a longer visit."

WORLD CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH.

AN announcement that will be of intense interest to Endeavorers is to the effect that a world conference of Christian youth is to be held in Amsterdam from July 24 to August 3 of this year. It is stated that the purpose of the conference is "to mobilise youth to witness to the reality of the Christian community, proclaiming and applying its message in a world

where youth is faced by such claims of conflicting loyalties as no generation before has had to meet." Fifteen hundred young people of less than 25 years of age, and representing every country of the world, are being invited to attend. If possible, two-thirds of the delegation are to be under 25 years of age. Australia has been requested to send 30 delegates. Of that number 15 are to directly represent the church and the remainder such great organizations as the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and the W.B.C. Federation. An appeal for prayer has been sent out. We are asked to pray for divine guidance in such matters as preparation and selection of delegates to worthily represent our land.

CONVENTIONS.

THE Victorian C.E. Union will hold its jubilee convention this year. The dates selected are June 10 to 12, and the convention city will be Bendigo. Efforts are being made to secure the attendance of 1200 delegates. The convention will be under the direction of Bro. A. A. Hughes, State president for 1938-39.

The West Australian C.E. Union's annual convention will have concluded ere this issue of the "Christian" reaches subscribers. April 28 to May 1 was the convention period, and its theme, "More than Conquerors." The presence of Mr. L. J. Gomm, national Y.P. superintendent, who was to speak at the three evening rallies, was looked forward to with anticipation. Mr. Gomm was planned to arrive in W.A. on April 22 and to complete a tour of the south-west, in the interests of C.E., preceding the convention. He will be engaged at present on a similar tour of the great southern district, and is expected to leave Fremantle by boat on May 11 on his return to New South Wales.

June 8 to 12 are the dates for the South Australian annual State Convention. Adelaide will be the venue of the convention, and its theme, "Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Mr. H. P. Jullien, national vice-president, will be one of the chief figures at the meetings, and will speak at the opening inspirational rally and the juniors' session.

METHODIST C.E. ACTIVITY.

ABOUT two years ago the Methodist Young People's Department of Victoria inaugurated a special C.E. committee as one of its activities. It was felt that the extent and importance of C.E. was so great that it warranted the attention and oversight of a special committee. That this innovation has proved completely successful and worthwhile may be gathered from the fact that a similar venture has been embarked upon in South Australia. Recently a Methodist C.E. Department was begun, its purpose being to foster and develop C.E. in Methodist churches. The gentleman responsible for the move in Victoria, Mr. J. Melroy, B.A., B.D., was invited to assist in the launching of the new department, and be the chief speaker at the inaugural gatherings in Adelaide. Nothing succeeds like success! We learn that now a C.E. Association is being formed in connection with the Methodist Y.P. Department in New South Wales. This committee will be elected by the Endeavorers themselves, and the director of the Y.P.D. will be its president. A rally was to have been held in Wesley chapel on April 29, to be preceded by a business meeting at which the constitution was to have been adopted and the committee elected.

News of the Churches.

TASMANIA.

Invermay.—Bren. Anderson and Saunders gave interesting lantern lectures and discourses recently. Church anniversary and thanksgiving services commenced on April 26 with a banquet, at which reminiscent speeches were delivered, followed by a social evening. Meetings continued through the week, April 27 being occasion of an inspirational meeting, when Bro. Lowe, of Margaret-st., delivered a fine address. On April 30 a family roll-call was made and a thankoffering given.

Lannceston (Margaret-st.).—On April 23 Bro. Anderson (F.M. secretary) spoke in the morning and Bro. Morgan, from Invermay, in the evening. On 24th Bro. Anderson's lantern lecture on India and China was well received. Church auxiliaries are all working well. On April 30 Bro. Lowe spoke morning and evening to large congregations. 127 broke bread. The evening chart sermon was entitled "A Lesson in Church History." A number of visitors had fellowship.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Kalgoorlie.—The number of natives won for Christ at Norseman mission station has reached 26. On April 29 Bro. Riches proposed to motor from Kalgoorlie to baptise the new converts. The church is making a final effort to relieve itself of indebtedness and to gain required sum of money for renovated hall structure. Several £1 donations have been made, including one from intermediate C.E. society.

Victoria Park-Carlisle.—On April 9 Bro. T. D. Maiden inaugurated a special campaign from Easter to Pentecost, the aim of the campaign being to deepen the spiritual life of the church and increase the membership. The ladies' guild and mission band are working hard. They held a successful afternoon towards their foreign mission aim. On April 16 Carlisle Bible school held its seventh anniversary which was splendidly attended both afternoon and evening. Mr. Vawser gave a fine illustrated address on "Locks." On April 20 there was a tea and later a fine programme was given, including a cantata, "Dame Durdens' School." 116 were present.

Subiaco.—Meetings are well attended. A lad from Bible school was baptised on April 16. Bro. and Sister Menmuir and daughter have been received into fellowship, also (by letter from Victoria Park) Sisters J. and M. Groom. Stewardship campaign was opened on April 16 with an address by Bro. Hurren on "Stewardship—What it is." The campaign will continue until end of May. On April 9 messages from Bro. F. Pewster in the morning and Bro. and Sister Ernest Green, of Manchester, in the evening were much enjoyed. Recently the Y.P. society paid a visit to Hollywood young people's meeting. The work at Hollywood goes along well; attendances have improved; Bro. H. Vawser is doing preaching work. Attendance at school also keeps up with Bro. A. C. Olds superintendent. Bro. Garland has been laid aside, and Sister Mrs. Siggers has been seriously ill; both are recovering. Sister Mrs. Crump is home from hospital.

QUEENSLAND.

Annerley.—There is severe illness amongst members. At cricket club parade on evening of April 16 the subject was "Playing the Game of Life." After Bro. Noble's gospel message on April 23 a young woman confessed Christ. On April 24 W. A. Brown gave an excellent travelogue in school hall. Macnaughtian-Fawcett Kedron mission is appreciated by Annerley Thursday night delegations.

Rockhampton.—Since Easter conference there have been good attendances. On April 16 a number of visitors was welcomed. There were 100 at the gospel service, Miss Burdieu being visiting soloist. On April 19 the church commenced preparations for a pre-Pentecostal campaign of evangelism. 72 were present at the five simultaneous prayer meetings in various parts of the city. Bro. Chapman, from the church at Ann-st., Brisbane, has obtained permanent work here, and his fellowship is valued. Bro. Greenwood spoke at Methodist Sunday school anniversary on April 23.

Maryborough.—At annual church meeting on March 29 Bro. Price presided over a fair attendance of members. Officers elected: Elders, Bren. Alan Price and A. Bennett; deacons, Bren. A. Payne, A. E. Alcorn, W. Dau, W. Maikie and A. C. Popp; deaconesses, Sisters Mrs. W. Dau, Mrs. L. Andersen, Mrs. A. J. Payne and Mrs. A. C. Alcorn; secretary, Bro. A. J. Payne (re-elected); treasurer, Sister Ethel Ingham. The sisters' guild was thanked for £23/5/- handed to officers for year. Bro. A. C. Popp was elected Bible school superintendent in place of Bro. A. J. Payne, who had resigned after 17 years' service in school as secretary and superintendent.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—Splendid meetings were held on April 23. Two were received into fellowship. In the evening an impressive Anzac service was conducted by Bro. Allen Brooke. Appropriate music was rendered by choir, Sister Kirke being soloist. Bro. Brooke had joy in the baptism of his son Ian. Attendance of strangers at evening services is encouraging. Ladies' guild held first of a series of "fellowship afternoons" at the manse on April 20. The effort was keenly enjoyed by the many sisters present. Sunday school is preparing for anniversary. Bro. Keith Hoffman is journeying overseas and will be missed from services. Sympathy is felt for Sister Anders in the serious illness of her husband, Bro. Anders.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—Bro. Schwab spoke at both services on April 30. At night he gave a soul-stirring address on "The Important Question." Midweek services keep up well. The church is now beginning the third month of the three-year plan. May is youth month, young people taking part in services.

Queenstown.—On April 30 Bro. Saunders, from Hindmarsh, addressed the church on "The Bible School." School was well attended in the afternoon, and had four new kinder scholars. In the evening Bro. Brooker continued the subject, "Prayer." The building was filled. Sunshine club held a concert on April 29; the room was packed.

Fullarton.—Work is going along nicely, with good attendances. Bro. Rankine's address on "The Feeding of the Multitudes" was particularly appreciated. Sister Jill Holton is recovering after acute attack of appendicitis. A special prayer meeting was attended by over 30 members on April 23 to petition the throne of grace that peace may reign among the nations.

Mill End.—The work has been progressing harmoniously with good spiritual tone and good attendances. A fortnight ago the church said farewell to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pearl, who have been consistent, active workers at Mill End for past 20 years. They were presented with a copy of God's word and a book of daily meditations as a token for remembrance of happy years. Bro. and Sister Pearl now reside at Whitwarta, via Balaklava. A young man was baptised and received into fellowship on April 23.

Goolwa.—A welcome social was held on April 19 to greet Bro. H. Gray, from Bassen-dean, W.A., who has changed places with Bro. B. W. Manning of this district. A large number met, and Bro. Gray gave an inspiring talk on "Encouragement." This was followed by vocal and elocutionary items. Y.P.S.C.E. has recommenced, and interesting meetings have been held.

Port Pirie.—J. T. Train conducts services each Sunday. "The Lord's Second Advent" was his theme on April 23. Morning subject was "The Unreasonableness (?) of the Lord's Return," and evening, "The Purpose of His Future Return." A social was held recently. Jars of jam were received, to be sent to Norialta Protestant Children's Home by the secretary of Y.P.S.C.E.

Lenwood.—Good meetings were held on April 9; Bro. Frank Laurance ably exhorted morning service. Bro. A. E. Lloyd was welcomed by transfer. Bro. Roberts preached at evening service. A good number motored to Gawler on Good Friday for special services, and Sunday school recently formed by Bro. and Sister Roberts promises well. Already plans are being discussed to enlarge church building for use of growing school. A fine spirit prevails.

Cowandilla.—At annual business meeting of the church on March 30, there was a good attendance. Reports from all auxiliaries showed the work done. Election of deacons and the church elders and other officers took place. The church received the resignation of the preacher, Mr. Cornelius. On April 30 there was a good attendance at Bible school, 165. At morning meeting Mr. H. P. Manning spoke on behalf of Bible school department. At night Mr. Cornelius spoke, and one of the members of the young worshippers' league gave his life to Christ.

Mundalia.—Meetings are well attended, especially the young people's Endeavor, which is doing useful service. Sunday school picnic, combined with Bordertown, was a happy and successful event. Three young lads from the Bible school, recently immersed, have been welcomed into fellowship. Improvement in health of some who have been ill for a long time is reported. A kitchen tea was held in the kinder hall, and gifts presented to Sister Betty Bowd on occasion of her marriage to Mr. Chas. Moody. Bro. Russell has been giving messages especially to deepen spiritual life of the church.

Dulwich.—On morning of April 23 Bro. H. R. Taylor spoke on "Why was this Waste?" At night Bro. Collins gave an excellent topical exposition on "Moses and Migration—the Problem of the Jews." On morning of April 30 Bro. Ingham, of Norwood, exchanged with Bro. Collins for Youth Sunday. Bro. Collins spoke at night on "Ruth and Naomi." Dorcas society has begun its 1939 session, Mrs. A. M. Ludbrook being re-elected president. Mrs. Collins was appointed vice-president, and Misses Garland and Grant, secretary and treasurer respectively. The two last-named sisters have held their offices in the society for 19 and 18 years.

Forestville.—A young man confessed Christ on April 16, and was baptised a week later. There have been good attendances recently, and interest is well maintained. At a meeting of members it was unanimously decided to re-engage Bro. Theo. Edwards for a further term as preacher. During absence of Bro. Edwards on holidays, Bren. R. Burns, R. Crosby, W. L. Ewers and R. H. Lampshire gave addresses. Annual meeting of Dorcas society was held on April 26. Miss M. A. Garland, of Dulwich church, spoke on "Patience." On April 11 a farewell evening was given to Mrs. and Miss Gillies on the eve of their departure from the district, and presentations were made from church, Bible school, Y.P.S.C.E. and Dorcas society. On April 15 Bro. George Thomas and Miss Olive New were united in marriage.

Nailsworth.—Work is very encouraging. All meetings are well attended, many strangers attending gospel services. The after prayer and devotion meetings held in the school hall proved a great success, the hall being filled. On April 22 an enjoyable kitchen evening was tendered Sister Miss M. Bonney prior to her marriage with Bro. Les. Pitt in the chapel on April 29. Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Grant and her two boys were received into fellowship on April 30. Mrs. A. Lambert is still seriously ill in Memorial Hospital. Sister Mrs. McNicol is also in hospital. On May 1 a party of Endeavorers attended rally at Hindmarsh.

Ungarra, Mt. Hill.—The C.E. at Mt. Hill celebrated its first year of service. A social evening was held with many visitors and representatives of other societies. Miss E. Young, of Tumby Bay C.E., made a wonderful birthday cake for the event. Bro. Newell assisted at Butler Anzac service. Splendid services have been held at Ungarra. Members had a debate with "Jesus' Way" preachers on April 24 till after midnight. On April 26 a social evening was held to honor Sister E. Jericho and Bro. Cliff Jones. Presentations were made for their new home from church, C.E., and Bible school. Elder H. Pedlar left for Toowoomba, Qld., to visit his son.

Glenelg.—Youth Week commenced on Apr. 16, when Bro. Will Beller (Bible school organizer) spoke in morning and to school in afternoon. He also addressed a further meeting on Apr. 18. Bro. Cornelius (chairman of department) spoke the following night. The annual rally of Sturt District C.E. Union, with which our societies are affiliated, was held here on April 22, and was largely attended. A young lad confessed Christ on April 11. At Anzac day service on evening of April 23 the chapel was filled to capacity. Dr. Johnston's subject was "A Day of Memory." He also took part in afternoon service at local town hall. All meetings continue good.

Unley.—Bible school anniversary services were very successful, with good attendances and much interest shown by children and parents. Bro. F. Collins, from Dulwich, spoke in morning; Mr. J. C. Oliver (Methodist) addressed large congregation in afternoon; and Bro. H. R. Taylor gave evening address. Children's concert to full house on Thursday evening. Bro. James E. Thomas was heartily welcomed and gave morning exhortation to church on April 16. Bro. A. Baker, of Prospect, exchanged with Bro. Taylor on morning of 30th, and spoke ably on "The Kingship of Christ." Fellowship was enjoyed with Bro. L. Bowers, from Tasmania, who is visiting relatives in Unley.

Hindmarsh.—On April 30 the C.E. anniversary was celebrated. In the morning members of Y.P. society read the scriptures and the address was given by Bro. W. C. Brooker, from Queenstown, in the interests of offering for Bible school department. At night Bro. W. Manuel led the meeting and other members of C.E. contributed; Daphne Harris gave a recitation and Misses F. Brooker and N. Richardson sang a duet. Bro. W. W. Saunders gave a good address entitled "For Christ and the Church." Our aged sister Mrs. Marshall was called to her eternal rest, also Mrs. Blackwood, and the mother of Bro. Swiggs. The church's sympathy is extended to those who mourn.

Brooklyn Park.—The church has lost nine workers in recent weeks through removal to other districts. On April 23 Bro. Alf. Mercer helpfully exhorted the church. On 26th interesting instructive echo meeting of Gawler camp was held, several Mile End campers assisting. On 30th Bro. Beller gave an introductory talk on the Book of Acts. The church plans to read through and study Acts during May. At evening service a copy of Acts was given to each person present. At close a prayer meeting was held, seeking God's blessing on youth week and youth work. Boys of

Bible school hiked to homes of all absentee members, resulting in many promises for re-attendance. J.C.E. and L.C.E. work continues under leadership of Misses Roma Parfitt and Gwendal Beller respectively.

Berri.—On April 18 the Kappas conducted interesting meeting, when they represented Berri District Council. Services at Winkle on April 23 were excellent. Bro. Holland spoke in morning on "Ashamed of Jesus," and Bro. Davie preached at night. Gospel service at Berri was well attended, taking the form of favorite hymn service. Two young ladies were baptised and one young lady gave her life to Christ. On April 24 the Phi Betas held a "sermonette" night. A combined prayer meeting was held in chapel on April 26 in interest of B. and F. Bible Society. Two young ladies were welcomed into fellowship at Winkle on April 30. Bible school attendances average over 80. Evening service was fairly well attended. Sister B. Paddock rendered a solo. Bro. Holland spoke on "What shall I Do with Jesus?"

Saint Morris.—This church has attained its majority, and to celebrate that a successful "back to Sunday school" gathering was held on March 19. The day began with a well attended 7 a.m. prayer meeting; then a grand morning service with many former members welcomed and Bro. Rootes taking the sermon. In the afternoon Bro. Beller, Bible school organizer, gave the children a fine talk on "The Boomerang." In the evening, at another splendid service, Bro. Bradock and Miss Marjory Nation made the good confession. Special singing under leadership of Mr. Rist was a feature of all meetings. On Wednesday a well attended knife and fork tea was held; for this the sisters are accorded great praise. It is four years since Saint Morris hall was sold. Last month a conveniently situated block of land has been bought for £200. It is hoped to build the new chapel as part of the three-year-plan. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Cowan returned from a tour of Palestine, Europe and America, and the church has had the benefit of some very good films of their travels.

VICTORIA.

Ararat.—On April 23 special reference was made to Anzac Day. The ladies' church aid society had a splendid attendance on April 26.

Ringwood.—Services on April 30 were well attended. 56 broke bread for day. Bro. Pike's addresses inspired to higher Christian life.

Dimboola.—Attendance showed increase during April. A social was held on April 17 to welcome Bro. and Sister Nettlebeck, who have returned to Dimboola.

Kyneton.—Bible school anniversary was held on April 23 with Bro. C. Taylor, of Parkdale, visiting speaker. On April 30 Bro. G. Goudie spoke on "The Christian's Birthright."

Dandenong.—Bro. and Sister Buffinton and Jean, of Ormond, were received into fellowship at morning service on April 30. Loyalty Bible class held a social on April 29 in aid of building fund.

Echuca.—Morning service on April 23 was well attended. Bro. Hargreaves spoke on "The Church Behind Closed Doors," and at night his theme entitled "Second Coming Prophecies" was appreciated.

Chelsea.—Bible school anniversary celebrations were held on April 30. Speaker in afternoon, Mr. Reg. Clarke; evening, Mr. H. Hunt. Both services were well attended. One made the good confession at gospel service.

Malvern-Caulfield.—The church was given a message of encouragement by Bro. J. E. Thomas on morning of April 30. At night youth week was opened by Bro. Watson, who led a team of young people comprising Bro. and Sister Warmbrunn, Bren. Farrier and Premlin, who gave inspiring witness for Christ. Bro. Farrier rendered a solo.

Newmarket.—On April 16 and 30 Bro. Payne gave helpful addresses. Senior members of Bible school assisted Bro. Payne in reading and song on April 30. Bro. Payne spoke to a good meeting on "Christ's Way for Youth."

Blackburn.—On evening of April 30, three young people took part in youth week programme, telling of what Christ meant to them—Mr. J. Drumny and Miss K. Pritchard, from Balwyn; Mr. D. Thomas, from College of Bible.

Oakleigh.—On April 30 Mr. Staley addressed morning meeting on "Prophecies of Old Testament." Evening service was conducted by Mr. K. Jones, Mr. D. Hall, Miss D. Reynolds and Mr. R. Goldsworthy. Miss Daff rendered a solo. Both meetings were well attended.

Collingwood.—Meetings are well attended. On evening of April 23 Bro. K. Jones spoke. One young man responded to the invitation. Bro. Forbes rendered two splendid solos. Bro. Ron. Crisp has a splendid lot of boys in his club, also young men meeting on Thursday evenings.

Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—On April 30 Bro. Woolnough spoke in morning on "The Importance of the Child," and at gospel service on "The Greatest Thing in the World." Junior Endeavorers rendered choruses and Sister Miss Wright sang a solo. Sister Miss M. Thomas is in hospital. Several members are sick.

Hampton.—On April 30 Bro. H. M. Clipstone was morning speaker. A youth service at night was addressed by Bren. W. Curtis, D. Killey and R. Morris. Young men and women formed a choir, and a solo was sung by Mrs. C. Henshillwood. An offering for benevolence was taken.

Drumcondra.—The work continues with interest and fair attendances. C. W. Jackel gives interesting and inspiring addresses. Visitors have been present from Wangaratta (Miss Campbell, who rendered two solos), Bro. and Sister Edwards, of Mile End, S.A., and others. The church has decided to hold a mission in June.

Bentleigh.—At 11 a.m. on April 30 Bro. Taylor, of Parkdale, gave an inspiring address on "The Love of Christ." Evening meeting was conducted by Bro. W. Andrew. Morning meetings are well attended. Night attendances could be greatly improved. In Sunday school plans are in hand which it is hoped will mean a greater attendance.

Reservoir.—Bro. Shaw brings messages of power and inspiration. On April 30, at close of gospel service, a Bible school girl, from senior class, confessed Christ. Proceeds of concert by ladies' conference choir amounted to £2/10/- towards building fund. A tennis club has been formed, and 15 members were present at opening rally on April 29.

Mitcham.—On April 16 Bro. T. R. Morris addressed morning meeting and Bro. Airsty, of S.A., presided. Bro. Burns led evening meeting in song and gave the address. Bro. Geyer at evening service on April 23 gave an appreciated address. Meetings on April 30 were well attended. Girl Guides attended evening service. Bro. Walmsley gave helpful messages.

Morsham.—Attendance has been well maintained at all services. A combined meeting of all church auxiliaries was held on April 26, when Bro. J. Methven gave an address on youth work. A children's fancy dress party was held in the school hall on April 24; 150 were present. Bro. and Sister J. Rankin were present at Lord's day services during latter weeks of April.

Swan Hill.—Sunday school rally resulted in addition of 29 scholars. A social evening held on April 20 was well attended. Junior Endeavor society had a picnic on April 22. Two young ladies were baptised on April 23, together with a young man. They travelled 46 miles to the service. About 20 members from isolated districts were present. During the week Mr. Bischoff organised a voluntary wood bee of 33 men to cut wood for local hospital.

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Foreign Missions.

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SHRIGONDA NEWS ITEMS.

MISS CAMERON states that she has made arrangements to leave Bombay by the "Maloja" on May 18. This will allow her to arrive in her home State, South Australia, on June 3.

We learn also with pleasure that the schools at Dhoraja and Bhangoon have received the recognition of the Indian Government and have been made a grant toward their upkeep. The government is making an effort to promote literacy, and at the present time is pleased to encourage the work carried on by mission schools.

The Dhoraja church was made happy on March 19 in witnessing the baptism of six who had made the good confession. It is good to see adults taking this forward step. Those baptised include a husband and wife and their fifteen-year-old son, and three women whose husbands are already Christian. It is also reported that a couple at Bhangoon are desirous of taking this step. Miss Cameron reports that this good work is largely the result of the work put in by the Bible-women. We are confident that with capable preachers and Bible-women much more of this effective work can be carried out.

THE CHURCH IN CHINA.

JOHN PATON DAVIES, a missionary of the Baptist Missionary Society, now a resident of East China, but one-time missionary at Ningyuan, and the encourager and helper of our own missionaries when the work was commenced in Huell, writes concerning events in their area of China:—

"Our 'emancipators' have been so busy in other sections of China that they have been neglecting us. An occasional air-raid reminds us that they are Kinshw-conscious. We have good dug-outs at our house, at the hospital and at the church. When the air alarm sounds the people rush pell-mell out of the city. The government is tearing down the city wall, making the excuse that thus the people can more readily get out. It is to be hoped that our ports, Ningpo and Wenchow, will remain open so that we can keep in touch with the outside world. The uncertainty of our situation tends to increase our sense of dependence upon God. Being subject to military invasion is a sobering experience for us all.

"Being good Baptists, we are immersed in our work. Every day has its new problems. There is no danger of our getting bored. Fortunately, although so busy, we are keeping in good health. The urgency of the work draws us all together, and we have happy fellowship in Christian service. Petty grievances are brushed aside in the common desire to effectively meet the pressing needs about us. Day by day we look to the Lord for guidance, and have the satisfaction of feeling that there is comparatively little waste effort.

"It's an ill-wind that blows nobody good, and Kinshwa has profited by the calamities that have befallen Hangchow and other areas. Many fine Christian people from those other places have come to Kinshwa and joined forces with us. Pastor Chiu, of Hangchow, is ministering to our city church while waiting for an opportunity to return home. The church is filled every Sunday, and the services are more dignified than formerly. We have a good choir, composed largely of newcomers. The hospital staff has been augmented very acceptably with these victims of Nipponese aggression."

INDIAN TEACHERS.

A LITTLE time back we reported that changes taking place in India would probably curtail the number of orphans being accepted in our homes. Our numbers are about as high as ever, but acceptances have been less. Whether this will be a permanent thing we are not yet in a position to say. We suggested that there might be some societies or groups that might be able to support an orphan, but cannot be supplied at the moment; such societies might be willing to co-operate in a group plan and half support or even quarter support an Indian teacher. The salaries of our teachers and Bible-women vary, but roughly they range from about £16 to £40 (sterling) per annum. Some of our co-workers are fully supported, others partly supported. The majority of these workers are giving loyal and effective service. If the church is to expand and have lasting foundations it must be along the lines of Indian leadership. As far as possible the Indian Christians are taking more responsibility, and are being urged to self-support. They will need our help for years to come, and we must be prepared to not only give them this support, but increase the number of indigenous workers.

If more of our brethren were to consider this question, we are certain much more could be done. We give an illustration of what can be done when one's life and money are wholly consecrated. A young man in what might be regarded as a reasonably good position periodically sends gifts for overseas work. Some of these gifts have been as high as £10. A few days ago this brother forwarded £9, intimating that he would like to be responsible for the support of an Indian teacher, and that when details were furnished further amounts for this purpose would be forthcoming.

If careful and prayerful consideration were given to our gifts for the Lord's work there would be no lack. If we are prepared to count the cost for Christ "We cannot afford it" will be no longer heard. The average cost per member, per annum, for overseas missions approximates 5/6. We are not unmindful, of course, of those who give nothing and care less. We do appeal, however, to those who are interested and could do more.

The editors of the "International Review of Missions," writing with the idea of the Madras Missionary Conference in mind, used the following: "Suppose that he speaks to his people that they go forward. Is it in the temper and mind of the churches throughout the world that they should boldly claim, in the presence

of the press of difficulty upon them, the kingdoms of the world to be the kingdoms of the Christ? No, they are not so minded. Neither in thought nor in life are they ready for that. And yet—in the face of the bankruptcy of secular statesmanship, in the face of the divine drawing of the church together—what else should Christians expect than that God should call them, call them in their despite, put upon them tasks of which they are heartily afraid? It is in such spiritual moments, when the half-acknowledged reliance upon human power is torn away, that we come to know not only our own weakness but the power of God, made to accomplish its perfect work in our weakness."

DHOND CHURCH WELCOMES NEW WORKER.

IT is pleasing to note the interest the Indian church is taking in those who come to help in the work. We welcome such a response from our Indian brethren.

Sister Wiltshire.—

We, the members of the Church of Christ at Dhond, cordially welcome you amongst us. The church strength is small in members, and one who desires to become a member of this church naturally desires to become the smallest and the humblest servant of the Lord.

The Christ has endowed this church with the following promise: "Fear not, little flock: for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." On this promise this church is serving the Christ and the people since few years.

As the church needs the spiritual leader so the members need someone to lead them outwardly; and knowing this need of this church, the Home Board in Australia has provided us from time to time the leaders like you, both men and women missionaries. We indeed thank the Board for this favor, and we welcome you.

The duties and the service of the missionary you will come to know soon. This is not the place and occasion to say about them. Suffice it to say that our motherland (India) needs the Christ-like missionaries and their noble help in the spiritual life of the masses of India.

You already know from other fellow-missionaries and from the missionary journals about such need of the missionaries. And with such object in view in your mind you must have come to this land. And with this expectation we welcome you here in our church.

In conclusion we assure you that every help and counsel will be extended to you from this church, and so we, too, expect the same from you. And with this assurance we welcome you again amongst us.

May God bless you and grant you long life and prosperity in your service of the Lord.

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Queensland Half-yearly Conference

ROCKHAMPTON, just within the tropic of Capricorn, "beautiful for situation," was the place chosen for the fourth half-yearly conference at Easter. These conferences are primarily devotional and inspirational in nature, and serve to bring about a better understanding and co-operation between the scattered churches of this vast State.

Forty-three delegates coming from as far as Charters Towers in the north and Boonah in the south shared in the happy fellowship and spiritual enrichment. The conference opened with a challenging message by the president of the women's executive, Sister Wendorf, on "Visions," which lifted the audience on to the mountain top. It was brought to a close by a Christ-exalting address by Bro. G. Varco, of Bundaberg, on "The Changeless Christ," leaving the thought occupied with "Jesus only."

The theme of conference was "Our Witness." Many phases of the theme were dealt with helpfully by visiting speakers.

Bro. C. Burdeu, vice-president, presided over the afternoon sessions, when reports of committees were received and discussed in a sympathetic and constructive manner. One of the pleasing features of this conference was the attendance of a large number of young people, who manifested a keen interest in brotherhood activities.

At the Friday night rally an appeal was made on behalf of the home missions committee, resulting in an offering in cash and promises to the amount of £17/10/-.

Large attendances at the Lord's day meetings broke all records for Rockhampton. A time of blessed communion with each other and with our risen Lord was spent around the Lord's table.

The gospel service was broadcast by courtesy of 4BK; thus "Our Witness" was given to a large audience.

Outings at Yeppoon, seaside resort, on Saturday morning and to the Botanical Gardens on Monday morning, provided a pleasant break and gave opportunity for delegates to get together and discuss intimately the things pertaining to the kingdom.

The success of the conference was due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of Bro. Greenwood, preacher of Rockhampton church, and his loyal band of helpers. The value of the half-yearly conference is now established; it has come to stay. It benefits the local church; it benefits the visiting delegates; it benefits our State-wide brotherhood. —H.W.S.

New Zealand News-letter.

W. R. Hibbert.

Visit the Dominion.

IN fancy transport yourself to New Zealand and share the 1939 Easter Dominion conference. The conference location is Wanganui, requiring fourteen hours' train journey from Auckland or six from Wellington. Beautiful autumn weather prevails in this river city of 26,000 souls. The environment is one of natural beauty, of gently undulating, fertile country, studded with lakes and abounding in scenic reserves.

Conference is in progress, and you feel quite at home, for G. T. Fitzgerald, acting as Australian fraternal delegate, leaves no doubt about the tie that binds the two brotherhoods. J. W. B. Robinson, of Western Australia, follows and voices the greeting of the western State.

Business Plus a Spiritual Quickening.

You are quick to discern that the conference

president (W. T. Wilson, of Dunedin) has determined that conference must have a spiritual setting and yield spiritual fervor. The delegates are quick to capture this enthusiasm, with the result that conference is characterised with a spiritual vigor. There is an absence of verbal wrestling. A more excellent way is found when varying viewpoints are encountered. Since New Zealand this year celebrates its centennial there is a general desire that a New Zealand born brother should fill the position of president. The choice falls upon Alex. Donald, of Auckland.

Outstanding Events.

You now recall the combined communion service and know it to be a precious experience. 600 delegates and young women and young men campers shared it with you. A sense of stewardship was experienced when £562 was promised toward centennial aims. This was over and above previous gifts and promises. The foreign mission session, which for several years has been fraught with difficulties, revealed a oneness of mind and purpose. Conference endorsed the policy of the home mission committee—(1) the securing of a home mission secretary; (2) a State evangelist; (3) duplex envelopes in every church; (4) centennial aims: £1000 to pay off foreign mission overdraft, £500 to reduce debt on Bible college, £500 for general executive for progressive work, £750 for Church Extension and Property Trust Board, £250 for "New Zealand Christian," and £500 for youth and Bible school work.

An Invasion of Youth.

Where do all these young men and women come from? Why, they are from all parts of the Dominion, congregating in a young men's camp and a young women's camp. These 233 campers are building to-morrow's brotherhood. They have their own programme with study, devotional and social sessions, but combining with the conference delegates at the evening inspirational services. Do not miss the youth demonstration on Easter Saturday night, because the 233 young people will be in action.

A New Feature.

A distinct feature of the conference is its youth-mindedness. Conference proved so keen that the president has just allowed two hours for the Bible school session. With others you are enthusiastic about the teachers' breakfast on Sunday morning with an attendance of 102.

Preachers' Convention.

You are curious to know why so many preachers intend remaining after conference. From enquiry you learn that they are going into retreat for three days. E. P. Aderman, B.A., has been invited to lead the tutorial sessions.

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A Quotation from Dr. E. Graham Howe, inserted by a Group of Christian Peace-Lovers.

News of the Churches.

(Continued from page 281.)

Footscray.—At a recent special meeting reports were received that the committee appointed to inquire into the purchase of land at Tottenham had succeeded, and a deposit had been paid. Both clubs report progress. On Sunday Bro. Neighbour exchanged with Bro. Wakefield, and in the evening service four young men from sister churches conducted the service.

Middle Park.—Youth Sunday was observed on April 30. At morning service an address by Bro. C. Watson was much appreciated. At gospel service Sister Lilburne and Bren. Wright and Hawkins gave personal testimonies as to what Christ meant to them. A solo by Bro. Wright was appreciated. The church was encouraged by the presence of several non-members.

East Kew.—The sixteenth anniversary of the church was remembered on April 23. Mr. Turner taking as his subjects "After Sixteen Years" and "Why I Belong to the Churches of Christ." Seven new scholars have been enrolled at Bible school. All auxiliaries are in very good condition. Mr. and Mrs. Still and son George have been received by transfer from Hawthorn.

South Yarra.—On April 30 an excellent gospel service was held. Bro. Candy baptised three young persons. Three young people from Brighton gave testimonies of faith, and the newly-formed choir, under Bro. F. Lewis, assisted at special youth meeting. Bro. McIlhagger, of North Essendon, delivered the morning address. A beloved sister, Mrs. Aldred, passed away on April 29.

Essendon.—An enjoyable afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. Dockery proceeds in aid of church building fund. Several members are sick. Miss Pascoe made the good confession and was baptised in the same hour on Sunday evening. Bro. Illingworth's address was on "The Bible Heart." Annual social for cricket clubs has been held, when trophies were presented to various members.

Fairfield.—A good company attended gospel service on April 23, when four girls from J.C.E. were baptised. On April 30 Bro. Hughes, of St. Kilda, brought an inspiring message. Congratulations were extended to Sister Mrs. Brynings on attainment of 91st birthday on May 1. An enjoyable gospel service was conducted, a large congregation listening to speech and song by four young people in interest of youth week.

Moreland.—Y.P.S.C.E. and midweek fellowship held a combined meeting on April 26. On 30th 174 broke bread. Bro. Matheson gave a splendid address on "Youth." Gospel service was effectively addressed by Sister Miss Sando and Bren. S. Taylor and G. Hing, of Northcote. One young lady confessed Christ. An anthem by choir was well rendered. Bro. F. Gross has been elected a deacon vice Bro. Ratcliffe resigned.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—A very pleasant Anzac Day was spent in a series of helpful meetings. The theme, "The Messianic Hope," was dealt with from five aspects, speakers being Bren. A. L. Gibson, E. H. Randall and J. Wiltshire. There were three sessions—morning, afternoon and evening. Bren. Ritchie and Wilkie presided. Excellent services were held on Apr. 30. In the afternoon youth week was initiated by a youth service in the chapel.

Wangaratta.—Bro. Banks has returned from holidays. During his absence services were taken by G. Jackel and Mr. Perry, from Baptist church. At morning meeting on April 23 reference was made to the passing away of aged Bro. Lomax on April 19. Sympathy of the church goes out to Sister Lomax and Sister Mrs. Whittaker. Sister Thelma Beer has also suffered bereavement in the loss of a brother.

The church has had a week of special meetings with Bro. Chivell, of Albury, as speaker. His subject in morning of April 23 was "Loyalty to our Trust," and evening message was "Understanding the Bible" (chart).

Ormond.—Dandenong C.E. society on April 24 conducted C.E. meeting. At a good meeting for worship on April 30 Bro. J. E. Allan, of Chellenham, gave a stirring message on "Youth." At gospel service Sister Jean Fowler, of Surrey Hills, Bro. Lin. Hare, Balwyn, and Bro. Harold Steele, College of Bible, gave good testimonies. Bro. R. Lang sang a solo. 77 broke bread for the day. Sympathy goes out to Sister Mrs. Ennor and family in the sudden home-call of her father, Mr. Streader.

Croydon.—Morning meetings show fair attendances. C.E. society held a social evening on April 26. Church members combined with young folk in making this an enjoyable function. Bren. Larkin and Lacey—absent from services because of illness—are now meeting with the church again. Gospel service on April 30 was best attended service for many months. Bro. Burns took for his youth message, "The Manhood of Christ." A solo was rendered by Bro. Ammon.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—Bible school anniversary services were very uplifting. On April 23, speakers were Bro. K. A. Jones at 11 a.m.; Bro. Les, Brooker, 3 p.m.; Dr. W. A. Kemp, 7 p.m. One young man from Bible class made confession of faith. Anniversary services were continued on April 30, Bro. A. W. Stephenson speaking at morning service, Bro. Clipstone at night. Senior Bible school scholars presented the drama "Inasmuch." Three young men made the good confession.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—On April 30 Bro. Keith Jones, organiser of youth week, gave the morning address, his message being much appreciated. Bro. Patching preached at evening service. On April 18 a social gathering of members was held to say good-bye to Bro. and Sister Scambler and family after their five and a half years' work with the church. Much appreciation was expressed of Bro. Scambler's work, and parting gifts were made to him and to Mrs. Scambler.

Preston.—Bren. F. Lee (Thornbury) and Ken. Smith have given appreciated messages at week-night prayer services. Bro. Ghuys, of Northcote, spoke in morning of April 23, and at night Bro. C. Watson (West Preston) conducted gospel service. On April 30 Bro. Geyer, of Gardiner, exhorted the church. A youth service was held at night, when three representatives of the youth department gave personal testimonies. A solo by Miss E. Chipperfield, of North Richmond, was enjoyed.

St. Arnaud.—On April 23 Bro. A. H. Pratt conducted a very impressive in memoriam service to the late Bro. Benson. There was a largely represented gathering. On April 30 a youth rally service took place in the evening, when Endeavorers participated. Bro. A. H. Pratt delivered a forceful address on "Youth on the March" to a well-attended gathering. The church extends sympathy to Sister Horsfall and Bro. W. Russell, of Bordertown, S.A., in the loss of their brother by sudden death.

North Williamstown.—At morning service on April 30 an address on "Work Among the Lepers" was given by Mr. Crawshaw. On the afternoon previously the junior sewing band held a fair and raised £5 for leper mission. Youth week commenced with a young people's service at which several visiting and local brethren gave testimonies. A young people's choir rendered special singing. At the invitation by Bro. Thomas a married woman and a Bible school girl made their stand for Christ.

Merbein.—There were splendid meetings at both services on April 30, Bro. Martin speaking. Three young people took their stand for Christ at night. In the afternoon members met in the chapel and had tea, after

which Bro. Martin spoke. The meetings marked the commencement of youth week. Bro. and Sister J. E. Brooke, of Ringwood, are in the district, and Bro. Brooke spoke both morning and evening on April 23. Young people's C.E. society has opened again after the harvest.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—At morning meeting on April 30 Bro. E. L. Williams, from the College, gave a helpful message on "Seek ye First the Kingdom of God." 119 attended Bible class for "problem day." Bro. Ennis gave helpful answers to many and varied problems sent in during past quarter. At night three young people from Glen Iris (Miss L. Fisher, Miss E. Smith and Mr. F. Adams) gave personal testimonies, it being youth week. Mr. Hilton Williams, of Box Hill, was soloist. One lady made the good confession.

Yarrawonga.—Bren. Cowper and Smith conducted services during absence of Bro. Curtis at conference. A large company journeyed to Wangaratta on April 25 to enjoy hospitality and fellowship for the day, and afterwards at the mission service. Several new scholars have come to Sunday school. On April 31 the school anniversary was held. Bro. Banks, morning and afternoon, and Bro. Curtis at night greatly helped with their addresses. The children assisted with singing. Tea and concert on Tuesday were very successful.

North Essendon.—Morning address on Apr. 16 was given by Bro. F. Funston and on 30th, to open Youth Week, by Bro. C. Candy, of South Yarra. In the evening impressive testimonies were given before a fine gathering by Miss C. Jackson (Gardenvale) and Bro. W. Huggan (Northcote), Bro. McIlhagger conducting the service. Later, Bro. Burns delighted all by his conducting of monthly song service. Some very good Bible school attendances have been recorded, and visitation work of Bren. Mason and McIlhagger on behalf of school is greatly appreciated.

Kaniva.—Yearlings school had successful anniversary services on April 16. Bren. A. B. Withers and R. M. Williams addressed the gatherings. A concert and social followed on 18th. Bro. Withers was speaker at Miram union Sunday school anniversary on afternoon of April 23. Mr. Stewart, of the B. and F.B.S., addressed morning meeting at Kaniva on April 30. Large gatherings were present afternoon and evening for Kaniva school anniversary. The special singing and the addresses of Bro. Withers were much appreciated. Bro. Benn's health, shows considerable improvement.

West Preston.—A visit of the conference president, Bro. Webb, on April 30, was highly appreciated; he addressed a large morning meeting in interests of youth department. Bro. Wigley preached at night on "What is Heaven?" The past month has been marked by the number of strangers present at meetings, a pleasing result of the faithful pastoral activities of the preacher. The choir is rendering excellent services under Bro. J. D. Lang, and recently visited Collingwood City Mission and presented a fine programme of musical and elocutionary items. Bro. G. W. Hart, a former preacher at West Preston, is the missionary there.

Bendigo.—On April 23 Bro. E. J. Cambridge spoke on "The Spirit of Perseverance" and "The Risen Lord and the Man who Denied Him." Mrs. G. Briggs was soloist at night. On April 25 all were saddened at the news of the tragic passing of Bro. A. E. Streader. Sympathy of the church is extended to the bereaved. Feeling reference was made concerning our departed brother by Bro. Cambridge at a memorial service on evening of April 30, which was largely attended. Bro. Cambridge delivered helpful addresses during the day on "Ebenezer" and "Where Death does not Count." Bro. E. Brewer rendered a solo with a choral chorus.

Social Service Notes and Comments.

WILL H. CLAY.

Christian Fellowship Association.

BRO. H. R. COVENTRY has completed a month's itinerary in N.S.W. in the interests of C.F.A. Although the period was short, he was able to bring the claims of the movement before the churches with immediate results, and there should be some reaping in the near future.

Changes in Staff of the Melbourne Office.

Sister Violet (Miss V. Callanan) has concluded her work with the Social Service office after a period of five years. For some time past she has had the desire to take up some service of an organising nature, for which she undoubtedly has excellent qualifications. A presentation of a wristlet watch from the members of the committee and the women's auxiliary was made. She carries the good wishes of all into whatever sphere of service she may enter. The committee has been fortunate in securing the services of Miss M. Smith, of Carnegie, to succeed to the duties of the office.

The Women's Auxiliary.

The Victorian auxiliary is planning a year of more intensive service, when it is hoped to develop a better spirit of co-operation between local societies and the department to the mutual advantage of all concerned.

Conference Demonstrations.

The Victorian committee made a change in its programme this year when it planned for four addresses. It was proposed that these should be limited to twenty minutes each. The addresses were of an exceptionally high standard. The questions of gambling and its menace to the church; of war and peace, and the possibilities of the near future; of our own part in meeting the social challenge, were dealt with in succession without being interspersed with special items, and the large audience was treated to a rare feast of good things. The Jewish rabbi, Dr. Saenger, was introduced last, and the meeting was running late, but for thirty-five minutes he charmed his hearers as he eloquently pleaded for a better understanding between Jew and Christian. All felt that while it is impossible to go the whole way outlined by the speaker, at least a more friendly attitude is possible. A meeting of the committee and such as desire to hear the rabbi further, is being arranged for Monday, May 29, when the platform of fellowship advocated by him will be considered.

Christian Guest Home.

There are six applications for admission on the waiting list. It is impossible to overstress the appeal for financial assistance to provide the sick-rooms. A constant fear of the possibilities haunts the committee and staff. An overdraft of £1700 cannot be ignored. A friend has supplied another wireless set which will be used in the cottage for the men. Many thanks for all gifts which are constantly flowing in.

Winter Appeal.

Churches and schools are invited to send donations to the Social Service Departments of the various States to meet the extraordinary needs of the winter months. Blankets, food, clothing, overcoats, footwear and fuel urgently needed.

Fellowship Rally.

The 1939 rally has been booked for Monday, October 9. Will churches and members please note the date?

W.A. Home for Aged.

Congratulations are extended to the W.A. committee upon their first accomplishment toward a social institution. Conference acknowledged its sin that while our churches had been concerned about the heathen overseas, they had almost entirely disregarded the claims of our aborigines. May we not apply similar reasoning with regard to our own aged and unfortunate? These surely are our care, and our first care.

Obituary.

Henry Benson.

THE church at St. Arnaud, Vic., has sustained a severe loss in the sudden home-call of our beloved Bro. H. Benson. His lovely Christian character was an influence for good wherever he went. It was a benediction to meet him. His gracious, winning and fatherly ways bound young and old to him. He has always been regular in attendance at the Lord's table, often fighting against bodily weakness. His financial support was gladly given at great sacrifice. On April 5, at the age of 68 years, as he rose from the breakfast table he was summoned to higher service. Our brother was baptised in his youth in connection with the North Melbourne church, and was a foundation member of the church at St. Arnaud which met in the Mechanics' Institute building from 1904. Bro. Benson was the first secretary of the church. He was a member of the board of officers until his home-call. He served as a teacher in the Bible school for 28 years. The church could ill afford to lose such an elder, and extends deepest sympathy to Sister Benson, Bro. Norman, little Dulcie and Ruth, members of his second family, also his first family, Muriel (Mrs. Laube), Mabel (Mrs. David Grant), Vera (Mrs. O. Crittendon), Ernest, of Essendon, Elsie, Mildura, and Una (Mrs. Snow), wife of our Warragul preacher. "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."—A. H. Pratt.

Mrs. W. F. Flood.

THE church at Box Hill, Vic., recently suffered a loss in the death of Mrs. W. F. Flood, who had been a member of the Church of Christ since her girlhood days when she joined at North Melbourne. She was later in membership at Ascot Vale and at Essendon. She was an active worker in many departments of church life. Over many years she devoted much time to the making of garments for the needy. Few knew of the extent of her acts of benevolence. Her cheerful, generous nature endeared her to those who knew her. Her remains were laid to rest in the Burwood cemetery.—H.G.C.

Mrs. M. Marshall.

MRS. MARY MARSHALL received the "home-call" on April 17 in her 90th year. Mrs. Marshall came from England about sixty years ago, and coming under the influence of the church at Hindmarsh, S.A., was baptised into Christ six years later by the late H. D. Smith. Some fourteen years after her baptism our sister transferred her membership to the Aldgate Valley-Stirling circuit, where she remained in fellowship for twenty years. Returning after that period to Hindmarsh she renewed membership with the church at Robert-st. and continued therein until her death. For the whole of the 54 years of her church membership Mrs. Marshall was a devoted follower of Christ. She delighted and was ever faithful in attendance at the services of the church, and was regularly and consistently present until failing health prevented, about two and a half years ago. Her life was one of goodness, filled with a helpful ministry to the sick and needy.

For the past two years she was confined to her bed, during which time she has had as a devoted nurse her sister, Mrs. David Battersby, in whose home she passed away. Her mortal remains were laid to rest in the Hindmarsh cemetery on April 18. To the many relatives of our late sister the church at Hindmarsh extends loving sympathy.—W.W.S.

Mrs. T. Hall.

ON Saturday afternoon, April 15, Sister Mrs. Hall departed this life aged 71 years. She united with the church at North Auburn, N.S.W., during a mission conducted by Bro. A. E. Forbes in March, 1915. Ever since she has been a most faithful member. She loved the church and the things of the kingdom of God. Possessed of a happy disposition, she was a general favorite. We knew her best as a gentle and kindly sister. After the death of her husband four years ago she went to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Gwynne, at Central Concord. On Monday afternoon, April 17, after a brief service in the home conducted by Bro. R. L. Arnold, assisted by Bro. B. G. Corlett, the remains were laid to rest in the Rookwood cemetery, Bro. W. J. Crossman officiating at the graveside. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."—W.J.C.

Mrs. E. Spiers.

ON Thursday, April 13, Sister Mrs. E. Spiers passed to her rest. Our late sister confessed Christ during the Thomas Hagger mission in Market Square, Castlemaine, Vic., 38 years ago. Our late Bro. R. G. Cameron was preacher at the time. Stout of heart, our sister gave devoted service; and if at times her burden seemed great, the majesty with which she travelled her course was a striking testimony to the power of God. Bro. L. E. Baker conducted the service.—A.R.

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