

THE Australian Christian

Registered at the G.P.O., Melbourne, for transmission by post as a Newspaper.

Vol. XXXVII., No. 38

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1934

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE NUMBER



Training for Service at the College, 1934

Back Row—

L. E. Dudley, C. E. Curtis, C. W. Hari, C. G. V. Thomas, M. T. Lawrie, G. B. Stirling, G. B. van Eerde, F. A. Stewart.

Second Row—

A. R. Jones, C. Cole, H. E. Paddock, F. H. Manning, D. C. Ritchie, A. W. C. Candy, I. L. B. Vincent, H. J. Anderson, A. B. McDiarmid.

Third Row—

V. S. Dallinger, E. F. G. Mellhagger, A. B. Clark, E. W. Orr, O. S. Brown, H. C. Bischoff, T. W. Bate, I. F. Church, E. A. G. Martin, L. W. P. Smith.

Front Row—

D. H. Butler, G. B. Clark, E. P. C. Hollars, Miss G. M. Christensen, F. H. Griffiths, P. C. D. Alcorn, Miss M. W. G. Payne, T. O. Fisher, D. G. Hammer, J. W. Lewis.

(Mr. H. R. Fitch was absent when this photograph was taken. See W.A. Group.)

Annual Offering, SUNDAY, OCT. 7

Keep the Trend Upward!



and the light
darkened in the clouds thereof.

6 In the year that king ¹Uz-zî-âh died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. ²Above him stood the sêr-â-phîm: each one had six wings: with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. ³And one cried unto another, and said, "Holy, holy, holy, is Jê-hô-vâh of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵Then said I, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, Jê-hô-vâh of hosts."

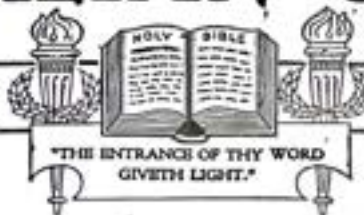
⁶Then flew one of the sêr-â-phîm unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: ⁷and he touched my mouth with it, and said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin forgiven." ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I; send me." ⁹And he said, "Go, and tell this message."

The Call of Isaiah.

The above picture is a reproduction of "Isaiah" from John Singer Sargent's "Frieze of the Prophets" in the Boston, U.S.A., Public Library. The picture is copyrighted, and is used by courtesy of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston.

The AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

A Journal Representing



Churches of Christ

Registered at the G.P.O., Melbourne,
for transmission by post as a Newspaper.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1934.

Subscription: Posted direct, 10/6.
Through Church Agent, 9/-, Foreign 14/-.

VOL. XXXVII, No. 38.

Looking Toward October 7.

Fred. T. Saunders, Secretary and Organiser.

THIS is the tenth year in which it has been my privilege to present the case for the College to the brotherhood of the Australian churches. The decade has been one of very happy fellowship, in which the very best life of the brotherhood has been open to me. The experience has confirmed the optimism always held, and, indeed, has made any other attitude impossible. To move among the churches creates a happy and holy pride in the brethren and in their zeal for the Master.

On occasion we have been told that the College Board of Management should face seriously the financial position. There can be no contradiction. The members of the Board cannot escape facing the facts and the implications of that position. May we present the situation plainly to our brethren?

As we face the annual offering it is appropriate that we supply information that will enable a full share in that offering by all the brethren. The October offering hitherto has supplied from one-third to one-fourth of the annual income; never more than one-third. (In 1933 the offering was £785/19/1, the total income being £2,630/18/2. Both were in advance of 1932 when the offering gave £776/7/5 of £2,216/1/2.) Because of its large place in our income we are confident that a great many of our friends have the College on their hearts at this time. Those who love the College will want to know of its position and needs.

The position has features that cheer as well as those that cause anxiety. It is noteworthy that on June 30, 1930, the Dr. Balance stood at £3,115, and on June 30, 1934, at £3,117. At least the College has held its own through the years of depression. It should be remembered that this has been achieved in spite of reduced income. There are certain fixed charges, as interest, rates, taxes and insurance, which remain unchanged. Thus it will be seen that economies effected have involved sacrifices on the part of Faculty and staff.

There has been no reduction in the service rendered.

During the past nine years the Dr. Balance has increased by £1,132/3/9. On three occasions, 1925, 1931 and 1933 the income exceeded expenditure. It is interesting to note three factors that have operated to increase the indebtedness.

1. In 1926 the New Zealand brethren established a Bible College at Dunedin. The new college had, and has, the best wishes of Glen Iris. But it involved the loss of support previously received from the Dominion which averaged £250 per annum. In nine years, this has made a difference of £2,250.

2. The charges for construction of the street in front of the College were inevitable. The Board took advantage of the extended terms of payment offered, and since 1927 has paid £644 on this account.

3. Four years ago the Federal Foreign Missions Board sought release from the

agreement to share in the annual loss incurred in maintaining the women students' hostel. The maximum liability of the F.M. Board was £100 per annum. This withdrawal has meant a loss of £400 revenue to date.

The sum of these items is £3,294, which has greater significance when compared with the Dr. Balance, at the moment of writing, approximately £3,250.

Consideration of these factors makes an encouraging picture possible. Notwithstanding, the amount of the Dr. Balance is far too large to be pleasant. The interest charges constitute a heavy burden. We covet the co-operation of all our brethren in reducing the amount on October 7. If we all came together on this matter it would mean very little, if any, burden on any one. Actually the deficit would be removed entirely if every member reported to the conferences this year were to contribute one florin. It can be done. Or, at least, an offering averaging that amount should be possible.

The value of the College to the churches is stressed by others in this issue. Its productiveness is testimony to the efficient care with which its foundations were laid. Those enduring foundations will count for generations to come as the choicest young people in the brotherhood gather in its classes to face the issues of spiritual living, of evangelism at home and abroad, and of the social needs of the times. Financial restrictions have slowed down, but have not impaired the possibilities of the work. The call to-day is for more, and for better-trained, Christian leadership. The time for advance is here. Will the brethren respond?

The economic conditions have made it impossible for some who gave large sums previously to continue those gifts. But the depression is passing, and we appeal hopefully for the College to share in the recovery. Keep the trend upward with a liberal offering on October 7.

The Charter of the College of the Bible.

*THE things which
thou hast heard
from me among many
witnesses, the same
commit thou to faithful
men, who shall be able
to teach others also.*

—2 Tim. 2: 2.

Creative Living.

Randall T. Pittman, B.A., Dip. Ed.

To create is to bring into existence, originate, produce. In the absolute sense, God alone can create. Hence the word translated "create" in the New Testament is always used of God, "who created all things by Jesus Christ" (Eph. 3: 9). But in a secondary sense man is a maker, a creator. All the powers he employs, all the materials he uses, have been provided for him, but he uses his powers and moulds his materials to produce new plans and new forms. A mechanic conceives an idea for a new machine. His mind works over many intricate calculations till a plan is devised. Then materials are moulded, fitted and adjusted according to the plan, with the result that the machine stands complete, a triumph of skill. A poet broods over an idea till he feels impelled to write his lines. He is a poetes, a maker, as the Greeks would call him; and if he is also what the Romans called a *uates*, a seer, he will write lines which men deem "inspired."

"The poet's eye in a fine frenzy rolling,
Doth glance from heaven to earth, from
earth to heaven;
And as imagination bodies forth
The forms of things unknown, the poet's
pen
Turns them to shapes, and gives to airy
nothing
A local habitation and a name."
—Shakespeare.

An artist gazes long at a landscape which falls to attract the many; then with brushes and colors he produces a picture. It is not a mere camera-like reproduction of the scene—it is a work of creative art. Of the mechanic, the poet, and the artist, it can be said that in their spheres they have found the secret of creative living.

May it not be said of the preacher that he, too, lives creatively? See him in his study. Patiently he searches the Book which God has given to him. With lexicons, concordances, dictionaries and commentaries, he informs his mind of the great facts and truths of the Bible. Over these facts and truths he ponders till he feels the urge to compose a message for his fellows. He may write a carefully worded statement of his thoughts for publication in the press, or he may think of a clear outline upon which a sermon may be built. He may prepare a lecture or a lesson. He has used the powers with which God has endowed him; he has worked up material from numerous helps;

but the resultant is his creation, brought into being at the expense of mental industry and energy.

Follow him into the pulpit. As he faces a public audience in the hush of a religious service, a sense of responsibility is on him. He is to deliver his message. He must be faithful, crushing down any temptations to display. He must speak in the Name of his Master. He must seek to reach the lives of those to whom he preaches. As he enters upon his theme his whole being becomes alive with spiritual power; his message begins to burn in the hearts of his hearers. They begin to feel a sense of unworthiness, a quickening desire to be better, a

Would I describe a preacher,

*I would express him simple, grave, sincere;
In doctrine uncorrupt; in language plain,
And plain in manner; decent, solemn, chaste,
And natural in gesture; much impressed
Himself, as conscious of his awful charge,
And anxious mainly that the flock he feeds
May feel it too; affectionate in look,
And tender in address, as well becomes
A messenger of grace to guilty men.*

—Couper.

stirring of spiritual impulses. When the service is over, probably the preacher experiences a sense of failure, perhaps of disappointment at the lack of "visible results." But thank God there are many results that are not visible, and it is not too much to say that when a preacher faithfully delivers his message he is living creatively, whether he can see his workmanship or not.

The preacher's duties do not finish with his sermon preparation and delivery. He is a shepherd of the flock of God. As he moves about among the people, visiting the sick, cheering the discouraged, strengthening the weak, comforting the mourner, is he not an example of creative living? How many pieces of "broken earthenware" have been made anew by the personal ministrations of preachers? J. R. Miller said, "Wherever a true Christian goes his life ought to be an inspiration. Our silent influ-

ence ought to touch their lives with blessing. People ought to feel stronger, happier, more earnest after meeting us. Our very faces ought to shed light, shining like holy lamps into sad and weary hearts. Our lives ought to be benedictions to human sorrow and need all about us." To realise these words in his own life is every true preacher's desire. His daily ministrations are creative sermons. He is "preaching by shining." A recent writer on preaching cites an incident in the life of George Borrow. The famous colporteur visited some folk in Wales, and appreciating his work, the people said, "Oh, it was kind of you to come that you might bring God to us." "To



Relieving Teachers, 1934-5.

A. W. Stephenson, M.A., H. J. Patterson, M.A.,
A. W. Ladbroke, B.A., Dip. Ed.

Who will take over the classes of the Principal during his furlough.

mediate the Presence," adds the writer, "that is at once the preacher's burden, his sovereign gift, his sufficient credentials, his enduring joy."

Further, the preacher sets in motion creative forces which contribute to the betterment of mankind. In his own community he is a witness for righteousness, and exerts a restraining influence which helps to check vices which menace social life. In a wider sphere he joins with others in State-wide or even world-wide movements for the welfare of humanity. Efforts to bring about world-peace, the knowledge of God's Word and will, the freedom which only truth can bring, all have his sympathy and support. Thus he is a "practical idealist, with vision to see and energy to execute."

When God furnished the heavens and earth for man's habitation, he saw that his handiwork was very good. It is the joy of the creative workman to contemplate his finished product. The mechanic delights to watch the rhythmic movement of his machine, the poet finds pleasure in uttering the lines of his making, the artist desires his picture to be hung that he and others may gaze upon it. It is not that he necessarily regards his work as perfect; his pride, surely justified, is in the fact that the work is his. What shall we say, then, of the preacher who beholds the product of his creative living? He is not filled with a boastful spirit, but as one "conscious of his awful charge," he feels a holy joy that God has used him as a "messenger of grace to guilty men."

□

What a debt we owe to the men who were willing to seek! They have been the pioneers of knowledge, and the way has not been easy. Often they have been misunderstood and persecuted, but now we write their names on the scroll of fame.—Dr. W. R. Rearick.



The College Faculty.

Seated:

A. B. Main, M.A., Principal.

J. S. Taylor, B.A.;

T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip. Ed.;

R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip. Ed.

Abundant Life.

L. C. McCullum, M.A., B.D.

One of the lowest ideals of education that can be entertained is to regard it as a personal privilege; a means of making an easy living or of lifting oneself to a position where one is treated with deference and loaded with favors. So far from this being the case, true education must always be regarded as a trust that has to be faithfully discharged.

The influence of education is very widespread. Did not Wellington say that Waterloo was won at Eton? So often the victory in many a human crisis depends upon the education of yesterday.

Men make wealth and create life by their thoughts as well as by their hands. The apostle Paul dreamed of a universal church, a church whose abundant life would change the world morally and spiritually, and before three centuries had passed the Christian faith had won its way into almost every part of the then known world. Morse dreamed of telegraphic communication, and to-day the fruit of his thinking is seen in every land. Marconi thought it should be possible to send messages through the air, and wireless is the result. The trained minds of these thinkers enriched their own lives and made it possible for them to bring more abundant life to others.

Education makes possible an abundant life because it gives driving force and direction to a noble purpose. It matters not how rich are the materials gleaned from years of study, if one goes out into life without a well-defined purpose one is not likely to achieve very much success. There is only one motive that can develop the highest character, and that is the constant determination to make the most of whatever talents one may possess, and to render the greatest possible service to others. The training received at Glen Iris fosters, develops and makes possible the abundant life because it helps men and women to achieve the highest ideals. Knowledge is faithfully pursued and talents developed not with a view to the personal aggrandizement of the student but that he may be able to live a more abundant life—a life of service.

The highest and best training is that which prepares men and women for leadership in the great work of building the kingdom of God on earth. Such a work, in this matter-of-fact age, is regarded by many as visionary and impractical. Our Lord himself was looked upon by many as an eccentric and unpractical teacher. Therefore we need not be surprised when men of materialised minds criticise our efforts to extend the rule of God. The nations of the world have been building without much consideration of God, truth, justice and love, with the result that confusion, anarchy and despotism are found in many places. All kinds of social and political theories have been tried, and new ones are continually being suggested. Nevertheless racial hatred, international jealousy, social inequality and injustice in the industrial world make hard and bitter the lives of many. Who will bring in a better order and show men how to live according to the will of God but those who in their own lives have made the programme of God supreme? Our educational institution in its aim, spirit and teaching prepares men and women for abundant life. It enables men and women to live such a life because it increases their usefulness by widening their interests, cultivating their judgment, and deepening their sympathies. The writer remembers hearing Mr. J. J. Haley say that he was always thankful that he had been able to enjoy the privileges of a Bible college, because in his estimation it placed a man ten years ahead in his preparation for life.

Isaiah has a great simile which is descriptive of the man who is strong in faith and godliness. He says, "A man shall be as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." There is the picture of a great desert with its parched sand, its blistering heat, its shrieking winds before which all life perished. But out of the desolation a mighty rock lifts up its head. Against it the sands pile their drifts in vain, while in its shadows unbroken calm prevails. Here in the shelter of the rock gradually develops an oasis in the desert where man and beast turn with eager feet to rest awhile and gather strength for the onward journey. So in the great wilderness of life men and women may be as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Against their faith the winds of opinion beat in vain. Their lives are a source of encouragement and inspiration to others; their self-sacrificing spirit and genuine godliness make them a tower of strength to the faint-hearted and the weary. Because our College stands for the integrity and inspiration of the Bible, because it seeks to honor the Christ of God who said, "I came that they might have life and have it abundantly," it must be regarded as an institution which enables men and women to live more abundant lives.

A LOOK AHEAD.

I am done with the years that were; I am quits:
I am done with the dead and old.
They are mines worked out: I delved in their pits:
I have saved their grain of gold.
Now I turn to the future for wine and bread:
I have hidden the past adieu.
I laugh and lift hands: is the years ahead:
"Come on: I am ready for you."

—Isaac Markham, in
"Eighty Songs at Eighty."

Three Great Needs in Present-Day Preaching.

D. R. Stirling.

- (1) The right message.
- (2) The right messengers.
- (3) The right preparation.

If ever there was a time when the world needed the right message it is to-day, when there is so much to undermine the faith of young and unwary Christians, when doubts are being instilled into the mind regarding the inspiration of the scriptures, and the Deity of our Lord, his bodily resurrection. We do need the right message, the message of the gospel in all its fulness, the Bible as the Word of God.

Then we need the right messengers. The church is sadly hampered because she has so many, unfortunately in her pulpits, who are off the track as far as the old Bible message is concerned; and sad to say, they are leading many members of their congregations off the track too. They are blind teachers of the blind, and if the eyes of their understanding are not opened they will fall into the ditch of despair and condemnation.

If we are to have right messengers we must not only have the right men, born a second time and filled with the Holy Spirit, but these must be trained aright in the fundamentals of the Christian faith as once for all delivered. There are problems in the ministry of the gospel, and these require preparation at the hands of capable teachers. The College of the Bible has ever stood, and still stands, upon the Bible as the Word of God. A young man in training there said to me, speaking about the professors, "They stick to the Bible like a leech." This is very encouraging, and should inspire us in Queensland who have a number of our boys in College not only to pray more earnestly for them but to support more heartily the efforts of those responsible for the right preparation of the right men to preach the right message.



Third Year Bible Course Students, 1934.

Back Row.—I. L. R. Vincent, A. B. McDiarmid, F. A. Stewart, D. C. Ritchie.
Middle Row.—A. W. C. Candy, C. G. V. Thomas, M. T. Lawrie, C. W. Hart.
Front Row.—Miss G. M. Christensen, P. C. D. Alcorn, Miss M. W. G. Payne.

In the above picture are the men taking the subjects of the College Third Year Bible Course, and two ladies, Miss Payne completing the Diploma Course, and Miss Christensen the Foreign Missionary Certificate Course.

A Message from the College Board.

Once again the members of the Board of Management of the College of the Bible take pleasure in sending cordial greetings to all our churches and members throughout the Commonwealth. Very grateful acknowledgment is made of the continued financial support given to enable the work to be successfully carried on. It must always be remembered that our College belongs to all the churches, and that every State should share in its maintenance and development. In return the Board hopes the churches will continue to receive in due course the best service from the students who qualify themselves to preach the gospel and to become leaders in our church work and kindred enterprises.

"God and man are co-operant in the ever-unfinished yet ever-alluring task of making all things new," and "Ours is the task sublime to build eternity in time." The gospel is, and has been since our Lord's commission was given, the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. It is the business of the church to proclaim the message, and messengers must be prepared. The College has a part in this preparation. May the institution always merit the confidence and united support of our brotherhood.

The assistance of prominent brethren who have formed themselves into local committees to promote the interests of the College in their respective States of New South Wales, South and Western Australia and Queensland, is welcomed, and all are thanked for their co-operation. Their service is highly appreciated. Those serving in New South Wales are Bren. H. G. Harvard (chairman), D. Wakeley (secretary and treasurer), J. Whelan, M.A. (vice-chairman), W. L. Ewers, T. Hagger, C. R. Hall, Geo. Saxby and F. S. Steer. The Queensland committee is composed of Bren. J. B. Ash (chairman), G. O. Tease (secretary and treasurer), J. W. Clothier, E. Davis, P. Enchelmaier, W. V. Mills and N. G. Noble. In South Australia the

following form the committee:—Bren. S. Price Weir (chairman), C. Schwab (acting secretary and treasurer), W. Beiler, A. E. Illingworth, L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D., A. McGlasson, T. P. Richardson and W. A. Russell. The Western Australian committee members are Bren. D. M. Wilson (chairman), L. C. Peacock (secretary and treasurer), F. E. Buckingham, O. Fieldus,

leges in the United States. They are certain of a splendid welcome wherever they may visit.

Members of the Faculty, Messrs. T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip. Ed.; R. T. Pittman, B.A., Dip. Ed.; and J. S. Taylor, B.A., are co-operating to ensure the efficient conduct of the College, with the assistance of Messrs. H. J. Patterson, M.A., A. W. Ladbroke, B.A., Dip. Ed., and A. W. Stephenson, M.A. (all of whom were former students), during the absence of the Principal abroad.

The helpful co-operation of our united brotherhood is always sought by members of the



Victorian Students, 1934.

W. H. Nightingale, T. E. Peacock and J. K. Robinson.

Members of the Board have had pleasure in carrying out the desire expressed at last Federal Conference that Principal A. R. Main should be granted twelve months' leave of absence so as to visit Great Britain for the World Convention of our churches in October, 1935. All who have contributed and assisted to carry out this proposal have our best thanks. We trust Mrs. Main will be able to accompany Mr. Main, and that they will have opportunity while away of visiting our churches and col-

lege, who rely on such for a continuance of the success that has been achieved by the College up to the present.

R. Lyall, Chairman.
F. T. Saunders, Secretary.
W. C. Craigie, Treasurer.
B. J. Combridge.
R. Enniss.
J. G. Hare.
W. A. Kemp.
F. Lewis.
H. J. Patterson.
J. E. Thomas.



R. Lyall, J.P., Chairman.

We take pleasure in giving recognition in this issue to two brethren who have been associated with the College from its inception. Bro. Robert Lyall this month completes twenty years' service as Chairman of the Board. Bro. W. C. Craigie has been Treasurer for twenty-eight years. Both have given considerable time and interest to the College, and hold the complete confidence and esteem of all associated with it.

Bro. Lyall has given himself to civic interests also, and in recent years has received recognition by his fellow-citizens. As a councillor of the City of Melbourne he has been appointed to represent the Council on the Committees of the New Melbourne General Cemetery at Fawkner, and of the Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital, as well as serving on the Traffic and Building, and General Purposes Committees.

Bro. Craigie has built himself into the College, and delights in the company of the young people there. This year he was again happy with his camera to take the pictures that are in this issue.



W. C. Craigie, Hon. Treasurer.

Let the College Share in the Recovery.

A. W. Connor, President Federal Conference.

Some years ago I was asked for a postcard message for the College Number of the "Christian," and wrote a brief word that was used as a frontispiece to the issue, "Not a Competitor but an Ally." The years intervening have given adequate, convincing proof that the words truly describe our College at Glen Iris. As Federal president, I can think of no better word to commend the annual offering to the members of the churches. Yet the word is hardly strong

for trained men if we are to reach a Christian social order; because in setting forth the gospel of Christ, and winning men to him, in saving boys and girls for the church, and in forwarding all that makes for the progress of the kingdom, the College of the Bible is proving itself not a competitor but an ally, and an indispensable ally, "let the College share in the recovery." And beyond that, brethren, because we know the joy of receiving God's best in Christ, let



Queensland Students, 1934.

enough. It needs the qualifying adjective "indispensable" to fit the case, for apart from the College we could not have begun much that is now an accomplished fact.

Our daily press is busy telling that "things are on the upward trend." Without overlooking the serious economic position still to be faced, the evidence is that people have more money to spend on necessities and the lighter things of life. That gives meaning to the slogan suggested to me: "Let the College share in the recovery."

It surely is reasonable that we, who believe that man's deepest needs are spiritual, and that the call to-day is for an educated leadership loyal to Christ, should see that the College holds a foremost place in our plans. In a very real sense the future depends upon us sending out men open-eyed to the needs of a new age, and able to meet the spirit of a materialistic capitalism on the one hand and an atheistic communism on the other, with the full Christian message that centres in Christ Jesus our Lord.

But recovery or no recovery, the gospel has to be preached. The social implications of the gospel, as well as its message for the individual, must be brought home to the church itself. The deepest needs of the non-Christian world will not be met without men of trained intellects as well as consecrated souls.

The College is able to give the training needed, and to give men of special mental calibre opportunity to develop their greater gifts. Judged on its past record, and in view of the new demands which the hour brings, we are justified in expecting intelligent members to rally to the support of the College. Let big gifts be given, but let no one refrain from sharing because his gift is small. Because the need that brought the College into being twenty-eight years ago still exists and will not end; because the history of to-day shows that the College is in a goodly measure meeting the need; because new conditions facing us in the national as well as international sphere call

us taste the deeper blessedness of the giver. He himself hath said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Lift As You Are Lifted.

Dr. A. Næckenitz Meidrum, M.A.

What a beautiful thought! What a compelling idea! "Lift as you are lifted." This gentle petition is based upon favors already received. Therefore it is a request that no self-respecting person may deny. Favors from whom? Well, let us enquire.

The first great lifter was Jesus. He came to lift mankind out of sordid selfishness into the Christian fraternity of helpful service. Happy is he who has been lifted out of self by this great lifter of men, and is now ready to lift others even as he has been lifted, for we are saved to serve.

Who, then, should lift? Everyone who has been lifted. To you who have made Jesus the supreme Lord of your life and conscience, the obligation is imperative. Jesus said, "And I, if

I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Think of the fearful horror accompanying that initial lifting. The hate-hardened hearts of that jeering mob, the executioners, the hammer and the nails to spike the Lamb of God to the cross of shame. Already the cross, dripping with the most precious blood the earth had ever drunk, is raised high between earth and heaven, and suddenly let into the socket on Calvary. Oh, who can measure the surging floods of pain and anguish that filled the heart of Jesus then, as he hung there dying for you and for me, suffering tenfold more torture than flesh and blood dare encounter, forcing from the dying lips of our Lord that cryptic interrogation, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

This is the price he paid for our lifting, and oh, what a ransom he paid! What are we doing to lift others? "Lift as you are lifted." That were impossible! I can never pay in kind or quantity the price he paid for me; but God helping me I will do what I can. I therefore, here and now, rededicate myself to the service of Christ, who lifted me. Lord, I count it my highest glory to be thy slave. Teach me to know that by serving others I serve thee best. Lord, help me to lift, even as I have been lifted, that some poor fallen brother may learn to know thy love. If it be that I cannot directly serve thee by expending the powers of my blood and brain, in proclaiming the gospel here or in other lands, then help me to labor in the material world, that I may win wealth and dedicate it to thee, as a part of myself. In winning wealth from the field, the forest, the mine or the workshop, man sacrifices somewhat of his blood, in brain and brawn expended. To this extent every man's offering is an offering of blood, an offering of self upon the altar of God which is our reasonable service. Since my Lord set no limit to the price he paid for me, but freely gave his all that I might be lifted; may I, dear Lord, never limit my gift to thee. May a loftier standard than that of Jacob be mine, for even a pagan Tartar pays his prince a tenth of all he has; and shall I, who have been lifted from the depth of sin to the heights of salvation, made a joint heir with Christ to the glories of paradise and made to sit in heavenly places, rise no higher in the scale of giving than a pagan Tartar? God forbid!

A PRAYER.

O Lord, remind us to drink of the brook by the way.

To smell of the rose on the thorn;
Stab us with sunsets, cradle us in dawns,
Till we lose ourselves in thy infiniteness.

But let us not stumble over any soul by the way
In our contemplation of thee,
For we will have stumbled over thee, O Christ,
And lost our eternal souls.

—Author Unknown.



South Australian Students, 1934.

World Consciousness.

A. Anderson, Sec. Federal F.M. Board.

Modern science has brought the world nearer, but the greater part of its creative agencies has been used to develop appliances to destroy the order and peace of the world.

It is not denied that some of its agencies have developed a world consciousness, but in many cases its services have been used wrongly, and instead of brotherliness and love, have created a feeling of hatred and mistrust. Confucius had the right idea of brotherhood when he said, "All within the four seas are brethren," but little in his teaching transmits the vision and ideal to the race. Apart from Christianity there is no world consciousness that will lead to brotherliness and love.

When anti-foreign feeling was very strong in China the Resident British Consul-General in Yunnanfu addressed a university function. In effect, he said that China and the world owed more to missionaries through evangelistic work and mission schools than is generally recognised. It paved the way for the Chinese modern educational system, and a feeling of brotherliness, disarming mistrust. Later, a missionary thanked the Consul for putting in a word for missions. The Consul replied, "I said it because I believe it is true." One of our Chinese Christians visited an outlying village, and had to stay the night. A travelling official also had to spend the night in the same place. During the night bandits looted the place, and seeing these two were strangers locked them up. All their belongings, including clothes, were taken, and torn filthy clothes unfit for even a beggar substituted. In the morning help came from an unexpected quarter. One robber recognised the Christian and said, "This man is a good man; he does good and harms none." Because of this man's pleading all his goods were restored, a feast made in his honor and an escort sent to conduct him to safety. The travelling official was held until a large ransom had been paid. Even robbers, who murder for pastime, recognise good when they see it.

Any one passing a few years at the College feels the urge of the regions beyond. Though all cannot fulfil their desire, the ideal remains with them. Speaking as a College graduate, and also for those who have served or are serving in distant lands, we can state definitely that we are indebted to many ex-students of Glen Iris for keeping the foreign field before the churches. "The Field is the World" could well be the College motto.

Year by year interest in foreign missions has grown, and this could not have been, nor could suitable workers have been found, if it had not been for the College. It is of interest that when Miss Mary Thompson was sent out the cause of missions found little response except in the hearts of a few enthusiasts. The aim of these pioneers was to send a man, but no man volunteered, and Miss Thompson was chosen for this special work. Our pioneer missionary has proved her worth and justified those who sent her, but the fact remains no man volunteered to go. Such a situation could not arise to-day. For many years past students of the College, both men and women, have been available, eager and willing. Unfortunately we have not been in a financial position to send all who desire to go, nor fresh reinforcements. When our beloved Bro. Waterman passed away allurement was not great for any who would fill the gap. It meant isolation and loneliness for at least six years, but several College students, trained and ready, heard the "Come on," and responded with "Here am I, send me."

We have not reached the stage where we can write "Finis" on the pages of our mission his-

tory. In the present crisis it means maintaining present work rather than entering waiting fields, involving fresh obligations. The fear complex, caused by the depression, has had its effects. We look for brighter days and better times, and as conditions improve, appointments will have to be made. Then we shall not need to seek beyond men and women who have prepared for their life's work at Glen Iris.

The College is as great a necessity for our foreign mission work as to maintain our strength at home.

The Aim of Education: Service.

A. L. Read, Chairman Federal F.M. Board.

It has been said that, "It is not an overstatement of the truth, that if it were proved that the highest standards of life were based upon an abundance of wealth, there would be found many who, rather than live under such a code, would seek oblivion beneath the sea." It is no mere platitude to say that the aim of education is "service for others." And any less standard will not do, especially for the Christian worker. The College has to prepare men and women for a splendid service, but a service where money will not be the paramount object, but work at home or abroad. The Book of books speaks against the "vain repetitions," and the man in the street wants to hear the one who "says something." So the College stands for education to enable the students to rightly divide the Word, and to think clearly and sanely on all great problems of our age.

Our brotherhood will never be a consecrated people nor have a world outlook unless they are wisely taught and led by the preaching brethren. The past years, have shown a good record, and many men have been educated for work in the homeland, which, after all, must become a strong base to back the work overseas. As the foreign mission work becomes consolidated and enlarged, so in a greater measure will be the necessity for workers trained in the College to be sent out in a continuous stream. The words of Elfrida Hill, Baptist missionary and author of "Gathered Leaves," are expressive of what I would convey: "The Master Musician works on, and amid toil, disappointment, sweat, heat, burning, mildew, joys, fears

and exaltations, we must work with him. For there is a sounding in our ears and a stir in our hearts. The strains of a distant chorus surely approach nearer as notes are perfected to harmony and sensitive response."

Known By Its Fruits

Hon. H. J. Yelland, M.L.C., Sec. Conference, W.A.

Luke 6: 44: "For every tree is known by his own fruit."

To the orchardist, the vignerons, the berry or wheat-grower, the success of his production depends upon his ability to diagnose his fruits and utilise those that give the best results. He puts a value on the plant in accordance with its fruit. To the business man the same principle is applied. He values every department, and, yes, every employee, according to the returns to his business. Does not this also apply to the more important things of life, those that affect the King's business? What, then, are our various departments doing? "By their fruits ye shall know them."

The College of the Bible has supplied preachers and department workers to every State, and to our foreign fields. Prior to the advent of the College some went to America for their special training, but not sufficient to supply the growing demand for preachers. The College has opened the door for preparation of students and so supplied the demand—the fruits of opportunity.

The type of preachers sent out compares favorably with other theological institutions, with generally a keener sense of responsibility to the Word of God. Our plea demands it, and the presentation of that plea cannot be acquired in any other parallel theological school in the Commonwealth. And further, when we remember that many students take up other professional or commercial duties and give consecrated service to some church with their advanced knowledge and greater ability, the influence of the College may dimly be recognised. The fruit of service.

Thus they are enabled to "wield the sword of the Spirit" effectively, and churches are built up in "the faith once for all delivered unto the saints"—"the fruit of the Spirit," which is best of all.

The brotherhood may form some idea of the theology taught by the weekly contributions to the "Australian Christian" by the College Principal, which are proof of its high standing. By these fruits we know it. Can we afford to lose so rich a harvest of service? No. Then remember October 7.



Foreign Mission Volunteers, 1934.

A. B. Clark, G. R. Stirling, G. G. V. Thomas, L. E. Dudley, H. R. Fitch, Miss M. W. G. Payne, M. T. Lawrie, Miss G. M. Christensen.

Meeting a Need.

Mrs. J. McG. Abercrombie, President Women's Conference, Victoria.

To make people first of all want to listen to the Word of God, then to make them desire to know the way of the Lord more perfectly, and finally to lead them to a knowledge of the saving power of Christ Jesus, and to the possession of that peace of God which passeth understanding, is the preacher's greatest task.

That he who to-day would attract men and women to the Christ whom he preaches, must be able to stand before them as one who knows the Christ of experience as well as the Christ of history, is understood. But more than that he must be able to express these aspects of his Master in logical terms, and in forms of speech to which modern ears are attuned; yet withal so winsomely that having beheld the Light they needs must follow in spite of the ever-increasing allurements of the world.

To think of this preaching, firstly as it applies to the young people growing up in our

called "good-living people" fill their lives with these activities and derive therefrom a certain satisfaction and glow from an ethical standpoint. The preacher, then, who would take men's minds above these things to the Christ of every good and perfect gift, needs the best possible equipment for his task. On the testimony of many past students the College helps materially to provide this.

We hear so much of a changed world, with a new outlook, and new ideas, and these cannot be ignored. But we have yet to learn that the heart of man changes with the times, or that the needs of the soul are in any way satisfied by the material wealth of the world, or by the greater accumulation of knowledge which is the portion of this generation. The need is the same, only the phraseology of it has changed. If we believe that we have the truth, and that that truth satisfies the soul's need, then it be-



Students' Committee, 1934.

D. H. Butler, F. H. Manning, C. G. V. Thomas, C. W. Hart, L. E. Dudley, H. C. Bischoff, A. W. C. Candy, F. H. Griffiths (Sec.), P. C. D. Akorn (Chairman), M. T. Lawrie.

own midst, is to realise that at our very doors is a task of amazing magnitude, and one that vitally concerns the preacher. Many of our young people enjoy greater educational advantages than did their parents. Children are now encouraged to think for themselves, and to express themselves, and this encouragement has led to an independence of thought with regard to spiritual as well as secular subjects. Listen, if you will, to the conversation of your teen age and older sons and daughters, and hear how they respond to different preachers; how they—dare we say it?—criticise them. The propriety of their actions is not under discussion; the fact has to be admitted and faced. And it is in this connection that the man of trained mind, and able by his greater knowledge to command first of all their respect, has an influence which properly used may do much to solve the problem of the sad drift of our young people from the churches. Surely the adequate maintenance of the College, if its preachers did nothing more, would be justified.

But there is, of course, a much wider circle for the preacher, and according as he grows in knowledge, consecration and experience will the circle enlarge. Modern life, however, provides so much that is interesting and beautiful—in music, art, literature, etc., so many avenues of service to the community as a whole, and so many opportunities for philanthropy and benevolence outside the church, that many so-

hoves us to support every agency for the dissemination of that truth in a way which will attract people of all classes and creeds. By our liberality at the annual offering we demonstrate our willingness to help our students develop the best that is in them, so that they in turn may help bring out the best that is in others.

Our Indebtedness.

H. G. Harward, Secretary, N.S.W. Home Missions; Chairman N.S.W. College Committee.

Churches of Christ in New South Wales owe a great debt to the College of the Bible. That is clearly evident when we think of our present staff of full-time preachers. Of the eight preachers outside the metropolitan area, seven are former students of the College. Of those engaged in Sydney and suburbs, ten received their training at Glen Iris. And several others who render general assistance in preaching were among the former students. And those educated in our College have rendered consecrated and efficient service. In no instance has their conduct as preachers been less than satisfactory. They have proved themselves to be worthy representatives of a worthy institution.

And we must increase the debt. The progress of our State work depends upon men not only divinely gifted, but also educationally trained

for this sacrificial service. Many of our existing churches are in need of such men. However commendable devoted part-time service in the ministry of the Word may be, it cannot meet the conditions as they confront us to-day. The challenge to the preacher is so insistent and the call upon the church so loud that only under the leadership of fully equipped men of God can the church respond to the call, and fulfil the ministry for which it was instituted.

Churches of Christ are not represented in the rural country towns of this State. And we have little hope of gaining place for the simple church of New Testament faith and order, unless we have consecrated men of faith and vision, willing to go into these fields, without regard to the amount of salary promised, but with a great passion for Christ and his church, and absolute reliance upon the Lord to supply every need.

And it is from the men called of God and trained in the College of the Bible we must expect these leaders. We hope many of these, with anointed eyes, will look this way, with a willingness to enter any town the Lord may open up to them. For in this great State of New South Wales there is still room for pioneers of the primitive faith.

Yes, we acknowledge the debt we owe to the College of the Bible and its teaching staff. Their instruction and influence have enduring results in the ministry of those who have gone forth as messengers of the cross. Their crown of rejoicing is the souls won for Christ through the evangelistic effort of the preachers they have trained and educated. The offering for the College, received on October 7, will not cancel the debt, but it will show appreciation, and help maintain this essential and important service. Let every member give generously. Our Lord has given the example.

A Backward Look.

L. C. Peacock, Sec. College Committee, W.A.

From my own personal viewpoint the above title brings very pleasant memories. Glen Iris days were certainly the happiest days of my life. The present entirely rests on the foundation of the past. If we are in any way useful to the brotherhood to-day, it is because of Glen Iris yesterday. But enough of the personal.

A glimpse into the past from a Western Australian viewpoint reveals two important facts. Both Western Australian individuals and Western Australian churches have materially benefited from the College of the Bible. A large number of our young men and women have had the privilege of training at Glen Iris, and the bigger proportion of our preachers have been Glen Iris men.

Western Australia sends greetings to "Our College." Let us do it by letter.

Dear Glen Iris,—

We, the churches of W.A., are learning to appreciate your real worth. You have helped us more than perhaps we ourselves have realised. The greatest need of to-day is that of a consecrated, educated ministry, and we believe you are helping to provide this for us.

We have the utmost confidence in your staff of teachers, and believe them to be true men of God.

We wish for you God's continued blessing, and pledge ourselves to support you in the splendid work of training men and women for the ministry of the Word.

Yours in Christian co-operation,
W.A. Brotherhood.

There is no greatness in me save it be
Some far-off touch of greatness
Makes me know full well I am not great.

—Alfred Tennyson.

Here and There.

October 7, annual offering, College of the Bible.

It is not too early for those who desire to enter College in 1935 to forward applications. Candidates for admission are requested to write soon to the secretary, Mr. F. T. Saunders, 250 Tooronga-rd., Glen Iris, S.E.6, Vic.

The secretary of the College of the Bible, Bro. F. T. Saunders, has kindly collected and arranged matter for use in this special educational number of "The Australian Christian." The photographs were taken by Bro. W. C. Craigie, treasurer of the College.

At a home-coming day to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the church at Vivian-st., Wellington, N.Z., 135 broke bread for the day. There were two baptisms in the evening. The following Sunday morning, after the address by Bro. A. G. Saunders, B.A., two young men made confession. They were baptised at night, when two more made the great decision.

Dr. Graham Scroggie, the noted English preacher and expositor, who is now conducting united services in Melbourne, has consented to conduct an additional service at Lygon-st. church on Wednesday evening, October 3. By special request Dr. Scroggie will take as his topic, "How the New Testament came into Being." The address will be of great interest to all lovers of the Word of God. This opportunity of hearing Dr. Scroggie should be largely availed of by our people.

Since closing his labors with the church at the City Temple, Sydney, at the beginning of the year, Bro. E. Davis has been conducting evangelistic missions, chiefly in Queensland. Missions have been held at Bundaberg, Gympie, Boonah, Aratula, Silverdale, Kingaroy and Tyalgum. He has accepted an engagement with the church at Annerley, Brisbane, and commenced his labors there on Sunday, Sept. 2, under the happiest auspices.

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 11, at Swanston-st. chapel, the Victorian rally in connection with Children's F.M. Day was held. S. H. Mudge presided; Dandenong young people rendered an excellent dialogue, "Tired of Missions"; a piece was sung by children of Queensberry-st. Chinese Bible school; Joan Waterman sang in Chinese; pictures of China were thrown on the screen and explained by H. G. Clark. Reports of the offering were received. There was a fairly representative audience, and the programme was much enjoyed.

Jas. E. Thomas had a great opportunity for witnessing in the street at Merbein, Vic., on Saturday night during the mission there. With some of the members he went to hold a meeting in the street, but found a political candidate had got there before him. They waited till the candidate had finished, and then secured permission to use the same motor-lorry. Bro. Thomas mounted the lorry and told the crowd that there was an even surer way of settling the affairs of the country and solving the problems that confronted us than these good political candidates had set forth. We need to give Jesus Christ his right place in our lives, and to be so related to each other that wars, strikes and unrest will cease. Two busy policemen shifted the crowd nearer to the lorry, but they still listened as the speaker told of him who willed his chance to bring peace and blessing to a troubled world. It was the biggest meeting of the mission, and suggests that if we would reach men we must go where they are. Most of our Lord's messages were delivered in the open air. It is well to follow where he went.

The church at Red Hill, Vic., asks an interest in the prayers of the churches for a special effort during the period Sept. 23 to Oct. 7. Bro. S. J. Southgate will be preaching.

On Monday evening the following telegram reached us from N.S.W.:—"Hinrichsen-Morris mission Lismore had thrilling day yesterday; over 20 welcomed; 21 confessions at night; total 125; close to-night.—Riches." A further telegram, which reached us on Tuesday morning, reads as follows:—"Mission had wonderful climax Monday; 25 further decisions, making 70 last week, 23 from Tuncester; 127 Lismore; total 150; thankoffering £220.—Riches."

The church at Gardiner, Vic., on Sunday evening, Sept. 16, concluded a very happy series of evangelistic services with Bro. J. E. Shipway as missionary. At the close one young man was baptised. The meetings commenced Sunday, Sept. 2, and continued each night excepting Saturday. There were fairly good attendances of members and others to listen to the vigorous and very helpful messages. The church is also indebted to Bro. A. Searle, Les. Brooker and F. Whittington for help as leaders of song, and to a number of others for solos rendered. The church considers the effort well worth while, and at the close of the last meeting Bro. Patterson, on behalf of the church, presented Bro. Shipway with two books as a token of appreciation of the faithful services rendered.

Under the direction of the United Missionary Council of Victoria, an exhibition of the life of the interior, and of the far north, under the title of "Outback Australia," will be held in the Melbourne town hall from Sept. 25 to 28, afternoons and evenings. Amongst many interesting features will be an aboriginal encampment where aborigines from Central Australia will give exhibitions of stone-flaking, fire-making, etc.; display of aboriginal art; courts containing weapons, caribos, etc., from distant localities, including Arnhem Land, Central Australia, Cape York, Torres Strait; anthropological exhibits—native arts and crafts—products of native industry. Lectures and talks will be given upon all phases of life in the outback, including the contribution of Christian missions, and the work of the flying doctors of the national aerial medical service.

The 46th annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of South Australia was held at Adelaide in Willard Hall, W.C.T.U. headquarters, on Aug. 29 to Sept. 5. There was a large delegation, many coming from distant parts of the country. The State president's address showed that much progress had been made in many ways. State organisers have travelled to many country districts, helpful conventions have been held, and new members gained. Addresses were given by Mr. W. Floyd Shannon, Mr. E. L. Harvie, Mrs. J. A. Lewis, Mrs. A. Richardson, Miss K. Cook (policewoman), Mr. D. Munro, Mrs. Klek, M.A., B.D., Mrs. Brigadier Slattery, and Mr. A. E. Johnson. Many social problems were discussed, and resolutions were carried against many evils. State officers elected were: President, Mrs. J. R. Bowering; retiring president, Mrs. C. W. Burnard; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. Freeman; recording secretary, Miss M. E. Eaton; treasurer, Mrs. H. Cooke; general secretary, Mrs. L. M. Huppata. Through the work of the pioneers the fine buildings are now free of debt.

The fiftieth anniversary of the opening of chapel in Park-st., Unley, S.A., was celebrated on Sept. 9, when Bro. Charles Schwab, of Grote-st., addressed a large congregation. Amongst those present were some members, and others

who were younger, who attended the opening of the chapel fifty years ago. During the afternoon the chapel fifty years ago. During the afternoon a Sunday school reunion of past teachers and scholars was held, when many happy associations were recalled. Scholars of the Sunday school gave an enjoyable programme. The present teachers provided tea. At the evening service Bro. A. C. Rankine, of Norwood, spoke to a large attendance. On Sept. 13 a thanksgiving service was held. Bro. H. R. Taylor (president of Council of Churches and the church evangelist) presided. Greetings and speeches of appreciation were delivered by the Mayor of Unley (Mr. F. J. Barrett), the acting president of the conference (Bro. E. W. Peet), Bro. G. T. Walden and Bro. H. Harkness, past preachers, and Bro. F. Hollams, of Cottonville, a daughter church. The choir, under Bro. Phil Wood, rendered beautiful selections. At the conclusion a social was held in the kindergarten room. A most interesting address was given by Bro. A. Anderson (missionary) at morning service on Sept. 16. Bro. H. R. Taylor preached at night.

Sunday, Sept. 16, represented the materialization of the dreams of Lygon-st. members. At a special meeting of the church held three months ago, it was decided to go ahead with renovations and improvements to the church property. The members responded to the challenge, and three committees were straightway appointed, each section accepting responsibility for raising within three months its quota of the estimated cost. Operations on the building began at once. For five Sundays all meetings were held in the school hall, while the inside of the chapel was renovated. Sixteen weeks have gone—weeks packed full of all kinds of activities—everyone busy in some way working toward the desired goal. This has been the story of the church's life for the last three months. Just sixteen weeks after the first announcement the church reassembled in the chapel for re-opening services. Bro. Ennis led in a special dedicatory prayer at the morning meeting. Five received the hand of fellowship—Mr. and Mrs. Will Trivett, jr., by letter from North Fitzroy, and Mrs. Prescott and her two daughters, from Shepparton. Bro. Ennis preached at both services. At the evening service Mr. Simpson sang "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings." Over £400 has been spent on the property, and all the money has been raised. The dream is an accomplished fact—the historic chapel painted inside and out, seats varnished, new lighting installed, new carpets laid, and sixteen beautiful memorial windows have replaced the old ones. The members have made gifts and given of their time and labor to make beautiful the house of the Lord.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Owing to the continued illness of Bro. J. E. Allan, the proposed meetings for October 13 and 14 in relation to the Back-to-Cheltenham movement have been postponed indefinitely.

BETWEEN SUNDAYS. SWANSTON STREET LECTURE HALL.

Wednesday, Sept. 25.—The Revised Bible.

Why was a revised Bible thought to be necessary? Is not the old King James' version good enough to-day? Upon what principles have the changes from the authorised to the revised Bible been made?

SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT, VICTORIA.

During the week we received a case of groceries from the Myer Emporium, the donor of which is unknown to us. We want to say "Thank you" to the one who showed sympathy in such practical fashion. There is always room in our grocery cupboard for such gifts.—Sister Violet.

TO LET.

Two comfortable furnished rooms, for holiday season.—C. F. Davie, Monbulk, Vic.

News of the Churches.

South Australian News-letter. H. R. Taylor, B.A.

Preachers' Movements.

Bro. A. C. Rankine is about to terminate his second period of service with the church at Norwood. Bordertown circuit is to be congratulated upon securing Bro. W. A. Russell as evangelist, following his long and fruitful ministry at Prospect. Bro. James Gordon has gone to Northam, W.A. Semaphore church has invited Bro. W. G. Oram to take up work with them. We learn that Bro. M. T. Lawrie, a graduate of the College, and one of our Owen young men, will begin his ministry at Gawler and Williamstown at the end of the year.

Dr. Scroggie's Life and Service Campaign.

The noted Scottish and English preacher has come and gone. His lucid expositions of the scripture, backed by a rich Christian personality, palpably indwelt with the Holy Spirit, provided spiritual feasts. Little notice of his work in Adelaide was taken by the daily press. This is unfortunate, and, perhaps, partly accounts for the thinness of some of the meetings.

Port Pirie Disaster.

The northern, industrial and coastal town of Port Pirie, where the concentrates from Broken Hill are treated in the smelters, was devastated a few weeks ago by the encroaching sea, which, backed up by a terrific storm and a high tide, broke the retaining wall and flooded the town to a depth of several feet. The daily papers and broadcasting stations appealed for help, and the response from all quarters of the Commonwealth, in addition to Government relief measures, has been most generous. We are encouraged to believe that the heart of the Australian people is not dead when the cry of human need evokes such liberality and practical sympathy.

Religious Decadence and Bible Reading.

Ragawa, the great Japanese Christian, has said, "An age when people do not read the Bible is always a decadent one." We deplore the fact that the habit of Bible reading has, generally speaking, been broken. This is true of our State, and religious life is suffering serious effects. Sponsored by the Adelaide branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, a movement is on foot to encourage the regular and systematic reading and study of the Bible. A strong committee has been formed of representatives of six of the religious bodies to tackle the question. The Congregational body has a "five-year plan" in operation to induce the reading of the whole Bible by its members.

S.A. Conference Reports.

On the whole these are not encouraging. For the year ending July 31 the churches have added 333 by faith and baptism. The names of 425 have been removed from church rolls by discipline and revision, and only four have been added by restoration. Whilst the churches can be commended for their efforts to keep their records "clean," the heavy revisions invite the question, "Why are so many Christians losing their vitality and drifting from active membership?" The net decrease for the conference year is 128. Sunday schools are faring no better. In spite of large additions during the year as the result of an increase drive, the schools report a loss of 129. On the other hand the C.E. societies have 319 more members than a year ago. An appeal is being made for a more intense spirit of evangelism during diamond jubilee year of the conference, along with a call for more prayer, the spirit of self-sacrifice and liberal giving.

The Premier and the Lotteries Bill.

This bill, which we mentioned last month, is meeting with strong opposition in the House of Assembly. The Premier (Mr. Butler) in his speech gave a strong lead to the government. He said that the principle underlying the measure was whether the government should raise money for the maintenance of hospitals or other purposes by taxation by means of a lottery. He was convinced that if there was one question which should be taken in hand by the Commonwealth it was lotteries. If something were not done in the Commonwealth sphere to control the position, they would have every State with a lottery competing so strenuously for investments that the hospitals would get nothing, because naturally the people would invest in the one that gave them the biggest prizes, and prizes would be increased so much that there would not be much left for the hospitals. He intended to list the question for discussion at the next premiers' conference. It was a national question, and must be considered by a national body. He advised the House to let the matter of public lotteries in this State drop until it had been considered by the premiers' conference.

South Australia.

Semaphore.—At Sunday morning service on Sept. 16, W. G. Brooker, of Queenstown, in introducing the incoming preacher of Semaphore church, gave a resume of the successful work of W. G. Oram in various fields in S.A. In the evening Bro. Oram spoke to an appreciative congregation. The choir gave excellent service.

Bordertown.—On Aug. 21 the C.E. society held a successful social. Bro. and Sister H. McIlhenny have been received by transfer from York church. On Sept. 2 Bro. Hilford, of Naracoorte, gave a helpful exhortation. All scholars passed in S.S. examination, and three prizes were gained. Sister Mrs. McCallum, sr., of Gardiner, has been a visitor.

Balaclava.—Bro. A. J. Ingham commenced his ministry with the church on Sept. 2. A welcome social was given Bro. and Sister Ingham and Dorothy on Sept. 6. Instrumental and vocal items were given, and words of welcome from deaconesses, church, Bible school and Endeavor. Mrs. and Mr. Ingham both responded, and a happy time was spent. Good attendance at meetings on Sept. 9. Good addresses by Bro. Ingham.

Mundalla.—Church meetings continue good, especially at worship services. On Sept. 2 Sunday school anniversary was conducted. Bro. Hilford, of Naracoorte, gave fine addresses afternoon and night. Special items of song were given by the school, trained by superintendent Bro. E. L. Milne. On Monday evening recitations by children of the school were given, and an address by Bro. Hilford; Bro. Mauer, of Prospect church, helped with the singing, and with a solo. He is building the new chapel at Wolseley.

Hindmarsh.—The monthly youth rally was held on Sept. 2, when members of clubs, etc., responded with a verse from one of the Saviour's parables, and Bro. Illingworth delivered an appropriate address. At evening service on Sept. 9 Bro. J. Turner, of Croydon church, was the speaker. Bro. Johnson spoke at morning service on Sept. 16, and in the evening Bro. Illingworth delivered an interesting and stirring address on "Bits of the New Testament." Mr. J. Weeks and Miss E. Lane have been appointed leaders of junior C.E. society owing to the marriage of Miss M. Harding, the former leader. The football club was again successful in winning premiership of S.A. Churches of Christ Association. Tennis club recently opened its season.

Western Australia.

Bunbury.—During August attendances showed a little improvement. For some weeks the fellowship of Bro. H. Fitch, of the College, was enjoyed, and a fine gathering of 96 heard his farewell gospel message. Church extension work is in an excellent position.

Bassendean.—On Sept. 2 Bro. Hunt gave a forceful exhortation in the morning, and in the evening Bro. Gray conducted the gospel service, his subject being "The Perfect System." On Sept. 9 Bro. Fieldus fittingly exhorted at breaking of bread. At night Bro. Gray delivered an excellent address on "The New Testament Church." Sister Smyth, sen., was welcomed after long stay at Kalgoorlie.

North Perth.—Helpful and well-attended services were enjoyed on Sept. 9. At night Bro. J. K. Robinson gave the second address of his special September series on "Thinking Christ," speaking on "Thinking Christ in the Social Crisis." Visitors included Bro. Kirby, of H.M.A.S. "Australia," and Sister Horsey, of Sydney. Sister Horsey rendered a beautiful solo at both morning and evening services. Sister Burt, sen., has removed to South Perth after long association with the church at North Perth.

Subiaco.—One from the Bible school has made the decision, making three from the school of late. Two were received into fellowship on Sept. 2. The officers of the church asked Bro. Pollard to carry on until Bro. Hurren arrives, and he has agreed to do so. The church appreciates his splendid messages and earnestness. Our aged Sister Hewitt passed away on Sept. 3, and was buried on Sept. 4 by Bro. A. Brooke. Sympathy is extended to those who mourn. The church is preparing for anniversary services. Preparations are being made for renovation of chapel and hall.

Inglewood.—Exceptionally fine services were held on Sept. 2. Bro. Hugh Gray gave a most helpful exhortation. Four senior girls decided for Christ at gospel service. On Sept. 9 one of the Fremantle young men, Fred Oates, spoke at morning meeting. Another young woman made the good confession, and three of the converts were baptised at night. A systematic house-to-house canvass, and a literature distribution campaign, have been organised throughout the district. Ten workers have called on 1,100 homes. The second visit is in progress, with encouraging results. Sister Goss, sen., is seriously ill in Perth Hospital.

Brookton.—A spiritual uplift has been the outcome of meetings held in celebration of the twenty-fifth year of work. The conference president, Bro. Raymond, spoke at all meetings on Sept. 2. In the morning many old members were present, and a jubilee offering of £4/2/6 was taken. At gospel service Bro. Raymond delivered a stirring address on "Jesus Christ as Prophet, Priest and King." On Monday a tea was held. At 7 Bro. Raymond related interesting experiences during the pioneering days of his ministry in S.A. At 7.30 Bro. Taylor (sen.), of Fremantle, occupied the chair. Greetings were read from past members unable to attend. Speeches were made by Bro. Mott and Craig. Letters were read from past preachers—W. L. Ewers, H. P. Manning, F. E. Alcorn, A. B. Chappell, F. E. Buckingham, E. A. Eaton and N. Williams. C. G. Taylor is the present preacher.

Queensland.

Roma.—All meetings on Sept. 9 were well attended; gospel service was best attended for some time. On Aug. 26 Bro. L. R. Pitman conducted the gospel service, when a young married man made the good confession. The continued illness of Mrs. Pitman, sr., is regretted.

Ma Ma Creek.—Good meetings continue: average 80 broke bread during August. Sister Hackett, of Brisbane, had fellowship with the church on Sept. 2. Sisters' mission band is

(Continued on page 604.)

Principal's Report.

HONORS LIST, SECOND TERM, 1934.

The following students passed with honors, having secured a term grade of not less than 80 per cent. For a pass a grade of 60 per cent. is necessary.

New Testament.—Miss G. M. Christensen, 90; G. R. Stirling, 89; F. H. Griffiths and F. H. Manning (equal), 88; D. G. Hammer, 87; H. E. Paddick, 83; E. A. G. Martin, 82. 11 others passed.

Old Testament.—F. H. Griffiths, 90; Miss G. M. Christensen, 87; D. G. Hammer, 86; G. R. Stirling, 84; I. F. Church, 83; G. R. Clark, 82; D. H. Butler and F. H. Manning (equal), 80. 10 others passed.

Church History I.—Miss G. M. Christensen, 89; F. H. Griffiths, 88; E. A. G. Martin, 83; F. H. Manning, 82. 5 others passed.

Church History II.—P. C. D. Alcorn, 87; Miss G. M. Christensen, 86. 6 others passed.

Christian Doctrine.—Miss G. M. Christensen, 88; F. H. Griffiths, 85; E. A. G. Martin, 80. 6 others passed.

Homiletics I.—D. H. Butler and D. G. Hammer (equal), 90; A. B. Clark, 84; G. R. Clark, 81. 7 others passed.

Homiletics II.—F. H. Griffiths and H. E. Paddick (equal), 90; F. H. Manning, 87; I. F. Church, 81; L. E. Dudley and E. P. C. Hollard (equal), 80. 2 others passed.

Homiletics III.—P. C. D. Alcorn, 90; A. W. C. Candy, 88; A. B. McDiarmid, 87; C. W. Hart, 82; M. T. Lawrie, 81; I. L. R. Vincent, 80. 3 others passed.

Religious Education.—Miss G. M. Christensen, 94; D. G. Hammer, 88; G. R. Clark, 86; F. H. Manning, 85; E. A. G. Martin, 84; D. H. Butler, 83; F. H. Griffiths and G. R. Stirling (equal), 81; T. O. Fisher and A. R. Jones (equal), 80. 11 others passed.

New Testament Greek.—D. G. Hammer, 99; G. R. Stirling, 96; A. R. Jones, 90; A. B. Clark, 89. 7 others passed.

Elocution I.—A. R. Jones, 95; G. R. Stirling, 90; D. H. Butler, 88; O. S. Brown, D. G. Hammer and L. W. P. Smith (equal), 86. 5 others passed.

Elocution II.—F. H. Manning, 90; E. A. G. Martin, 89; I. F. Church and H. E. Paddick (equal), 80. 4 others passed.

Hermeneutics and Exegesis.—P. C. D. Alcorn, 86; A. B. McDiarmid, 85; Miss M. W. G. Payne, 82; C. W. Hart, 81; M. T. Lawrie, 80. 5 others passed.

Logic.—M. T. Lawrie, 90; P. C. D. Alcorn, 83; Miss M. W. G. Payne, 80. 4 others passed.

Apologetics.—P. C. D. Alcorn, 94; I. L. R. Vincent, 90; Miss M. W. G. Payne, 84; C. W. Hart and A. B. McDiarmid (equal), 80. 3 others passed.

Ancient History.—Miss M. W. G. Payne, 86; G. R. Stirling, 82; G. R. Clark and D. G. Hammer (equal), 81. 11 others passed.

Geography (Intermediate).—T. W. Bate, 80. 4 others passed.

French (Intermediate).—T. W. Bate, 80. 2 others passed.

History and Civics (Intermediate).—T. W. Bate, 89; E. W. Orr, 85; E. F. G. McIlhagger, 80. 2 others passed.

English (Intermediate).—E. W. Orr, 82. 4 others passed.

Economics (Leaving).—T. W. Bate, 80. 4 others passed.

—A. R. Main.



New South Wales Students, 1934.

Infectious Men of God.

Roy Raymond, President of W.A. Conference.

The title is not mine, but I am happy to use it to describe those men who are known wherever our principles are propounded as "Glen Iris men." These men are for the most part infectious men of God; the very men of the world of our day, and every day for that matter, needs. If our description fits these men (and who will say it doesn't?) then we hold that Australia will never have too many Glen Iris men. Should that time come, something will have happened at Glen Iris. I write of the finished product of this popular institution when I say that he received something there far more valuable than a diploma, something which he could not obtain anywhere else in this land. The rest of us may have it in a measure; but four or five years' concentrated meditation under the direc-

tion and in the presence of spiritual and cultured minds must give these a passion and a purpose difficult otherwise to attain.

We need men who have more than scholarship—men who are loyal and lovely, who love the brethren, and are able to lead. These are the "infectious men of God."

There are colleges and colleges. We have colleges here in W.A. We boast the only free university in the Empire. If it is a college education only that men need, why leave Perth for distant Melbourne? Because in Glen Iris every man who completes his course comes out with learning plus the better things with which we all need to be infected. Let me name a few things (the half cannot be told here) these God-infected men from Glen Iris must inspire in us all.

Loyalty.—These men must re infect us with a greater loyalty. In these days of decaying faith, when men defy intellect and discredit revelation, we need these men who are loyal to Christ and the Book. Loyal, too, to the mission that brought us into existence as a separate people. The man from Glen Iris will not fail us in these things.

Dogmatism. For want of a better word. Infectious men of God are men who are sure; men who can say with Browning, "I believe in soul, and I am very sure of God." Or better than that, men who, like the apostles, could stand out before an unbelieving world and say, "We know! We know!" Are we not astounded as we come to the Word of God at the dogmatism of the apostolic teachers and writers? We need, as did the apostolic age, men who can stand in the face of a hostile and unbelieving world and say, "We know."

Soul-winning.—We need these God-infected men who will prompt us to a greater passion for the souls of men. Evangelists, we call them—beautiful word. Not ministers merely, but bearers forth of the glorious evangel—the saving message, the only saving message.

If I have faithfully represented the Glen Iris men then it remains that we shall never have too many. An institution that moulds men into the shape we see as the finished product of Glen Iris is far too precious to suffer.

□

"Rabbi Silver, in 'Religion in a Changing World,' tells the story of an old flute fashioned of reeds, a flute which had come down from the days of Moses. The sound of that flute was sweet and ravishing. But one day the priests of the sanctuary decided to decorate the flute, and they covered it with gold. The flute was never the same again. Its sweet clear notes were now harsh, metallic and jarring, for the gold had coarsened its melody."

A WEEKLY VISIT.

DON'T FORGET to visit your bank regularly, for consistency in saving pays big dividends—and don't forget that "thrift comes too late when you find it at the bottom of your purse." Save on pay-day, when you have the cash in hand.

THE BEST PLACE FOR YOUR SAVINGS IS THE
STATE SAVINGS BANK OF VICTORIA

Head Office: Elizabeth St., Melbourne.

ALEX. COOCH, General Manager



New Zealand Students, 1934.

The Challenge of To-day.

Ira A. Paternoster.

What thrilling days are these in which we live! The whole atmosphere is surcharged with tremendous possibilities. Somewhere we read recently that it is harder to preach the gospel to-day than ten, fifteen or twenty years ago. Some of us realise the truth of this, and see in these harder days an added challenge. The critical approach to Truth is more common to-day, and the freer mode of living presents an increasing problem to the faithful preacher. Some advocate a modification and even complete cancellation of much of the service because of the day in which we live.

What are we going to do about it? Are we going to accept this challenge as a sign of the times and make no effort to meet it? It must be met, and can only be met by the members of the church. There are two ways. The first is by a determination by individual members to be loyal to God's house and not yield to these temptations. We are developing members who rarely are seen in the chapel building except on Sunday morning. The other way is to develop the type of preaching that will reach men and women of to-day. This is what our College endeavors to do, and cannot do as successfully as it would because hampered through lack of money.

In spite of all to the contrary, this is the hour to present the plea for a return to the New Testament church. One scarcely picks up a religious or semi-religious paper without finding some writer deploring the divided state of the church. Recently one writer suggested denominationalism as possibly the sin against the Holy Spirit. While we may not be prepared to say the sin against the Holy Spirit, we are sure it is a sin, and for that reason should be fought. But we lack men to do this work because money is not forthcoming. It is found for everything else seemingly. To-day we could place easily a dozen men in Tasmania. Causes are languishing or closing altogether because men are not found to keep them open.

Our College has served faithfully and well, and will continue so to do providing we support it. What a shame so important a part of our brotherhood's activities is so sparsely cared for!

"Keep the trend upward" our College suggests. Are we going to, or let things drift? This concerns the whole brotherhood. Every State benefits because of the College. Neglect not this opportunity of helping onward and upward work so well begun by pioneers of other days. It is easy to develop a self-satisfied attitude, and say, "All is well." But all is not well, and never will be, while there is work to be done for the Master. Let us select our best men—not merely from the intellectual point of view, but those with a burning passion for the souls of men, and make it possible for them to receive such training that they will be able to use those gifts.



Western Australian Students, 1934.

to extend the kingdom of God among men. Tasmania this call is to you! Let whoever reads this appeal make some gift and the work will move upward.

An Intimate View of the College.

P. C. D. Alcorn, Chairman Students' Committee.

When a person is about to leave a community he becomes conscious of two things—that he has received something from that community, and that he has given something to it.

That is how we feel as we leave Glen Iris. As we look back over the years spent at College there dawns upon us an increasing realisation and a growing appreciation of the inestimable benefits gained through our College course. A superficial view of the College would suggest that here we have gained information to help us in our future work. That is true. Already our studies have given us method and matter for a sane proclamation of the gospel. They have helped us to give effective expression to the passion in our souls for the salvation of men. They have quickened a desire for further study.

But to know College life one must live in college, and a more intimate view shows that here we have gained something of even greater value than information. The College has left

an indelible impression for good upon our personalities. The College ideals have become a part of us. Habits of industry and self-discipline and high ideals have been inculcated. The environment, the spiritual tone and the devotional atmosphere of the College have combined to deepen our spirituality. The Christian fellowship, the joys and the difficulties of College life have tended to increase our love for Christ and his church.

We value, too, the contact we have had with our professors. Their example has so inspired us that we long to be the kind of men that our professors are. In that way the College is to us a centre of culture.

The College is also a centre of faith. Through our studies we have become convinced of the truth of Christ. We have learnt to appreciate the excellency of the Word of God, and see more clearly the glory of preaching the gospel. We are sure now that we have a mission, and a message for a troubled world.

Glen Iris means much to a student, for it not only gives him culture and faith but it also provides a means for him to give something of himself to others. We have spent part of our lives in College. Some would say that was a sacrifice. We would rather think of it as a privilege, for thereby we have touched the lives of others in College and out of College, and have been better prepared for more efficient service in the Master's kingdom. The College has sought to make us

"Fervent, heroic and good
Helpers and friends of mankind."

As we leave College we are conscious that we are following in the wake of hundreds of former students who have done the College honor by their splendid service in different parts of the world. They have kept the trend up; and the College course has pointed us to the same "onward and upward way." We mean to follow in that direction.

Because we love the College, and because we are grateful for what it has done for us, we sincerely hope that it will always receive the support needed.

To the Utmost.

W. T. Atkin, Secretary Old Boys' Club.

The work of Christ calls for sacrificial service in time, talent and life, and that to the utmost.

It is a flat contradiction for a person to call Christ Master, in the sense of embracing his way of life, and then to refuse to sacrifice to extend his kingdom among men. Most are guilty of this contradiction. But to recognise a fault is the first step to correct it. The annual appeal of the College provides an opportunity for each to manifest the spirit of Christ by giving to the utmost.

If a motive is needed then consider the Lord Jesus, of whom it is written, "Having loved his own, who were in the world, he loved them to the utmost." His utmost was interpreted in terms of the cross. Let ours be interpreted in terms of sacrificial giving of time, talent and life.

The value of the College to the individual and the brotherhood should prove another motive. Men and women are called to train for leadership. The churches have indicated a desire for such leadership. The College stands between the two, to train the men and women, and thus satisfy the requirements of the churches. Let each give to the utmost at the annual offering, so that this happy and vital relationship might be maintained.

Last year the offering was a slight advance on the previous year. This year will reveal a large increase on last year, if each will give to the utmost. We must be true to the Spirit of Christ, "for ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." Christ gave to the utmost for us. Let us give to the utmost for him on Oct. 7.

CHARACTER BUILDING.

When the ancient temple of Solomon was being built, the whole world was sought through, and its most costly and beautiful things were gathered and put into it. We should search everywhere for whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are pure, to build into our life. All that we can learn from books, from music, from art, from friends; all that we can gather from the Bible and receive from the hand of Christ himself, we should take and build into our character.—J. R. Miller.

News of the Churches.

(Continued from page 601.)

working hard for sale of work. Bible school has commenced three-months' rally, and is causing good interest.

Bundaberg.—On Aug. 22 Mrs. Humphries, of S.S.E. Mission, addressed the ladies' guild. On Aug. 29 a farewell social was tendered to Bro. Roy Lassig, superintendent Band of Hope, who left for Innisfail on transfer. Good morning gathering on Sept. 3, when Mr. Humphries addressed the church. At night Bro. Stirling spoke to another good meeting. He also spoke at both services on Sept. 10. At night a mother and her two daughters were baptised.

Tooewomba.—Bro. V. Boettcher, of Ma Ma Creek, spoke at morning and evening meetings on Aug. 26. Bro. Hinrichsen recently formed a men's brotherhood for training the men of the church in public speaking, conducting meetings, etc., and on Aug. 29 members of this society conducted the midweek meeting. Local brethren are working well during absence of Bro. Hinrichsen. Bro. Wilson and Chapman conducted meetings on Sept. 9. Bro. Spicker is making slow progress after serious accident.

Kedron.—Two, immersed on Aug. 29, were received into membership on Sept. 2. On that day Bro. Noble's messages reflected "World's Temperance Week," two were added to Bible school, and an evening service solo was received from Sister E. Hackett. Bro. Eric Primous, of Pomona, was a morning visitor. On Sept. 6 Mrs. Noble presided over a ladies' guild afternoon for the Grace Waterman fund, when £5 was received from a good attendance. Bro. and Sister Chas. Williams were "high unto death," but are recovering. Sept. 9 commenced Youth Week, when Bro. Noble spoke from Exodus 12: 25-28 in the morning, and 1 Kings 2: 1-4 during the evening service. A duet was sung by Bro. H. W. Hermann and A. B. Taylor.

Victoria.

Carlton (Queensberry-st.).—All departments of work keep up well. Bro. Northeast, of Fairfield, visited on Sept. 16, and the church had great help from his teaching.

Rampton.—A. W. Stephenson delivered excellent addresses on Sept. 16, a "lib" service being conducted at night. The girls' basket ball team has won the district churches competition shield.

Croydon.—On Sept. 16 Bro. Bell, of Montrose, gave a fine address at communion service. Bro. L. Smith's topic at gospel service was "The Incomparable Christ." Attendance is increasing.

Hamilton.—During August meetings were well attended, but many have been absent through sickness. On Sept. 1 the S.S. held a foreign mission demonstration, which was well attended and much appreciated, the financial result being £4 for foreign missions.

Preston.—A meeting of men was held on Sept. 12, with a view to improving Sunday morning services. There was a lengthy discussion, and the supper was enjoyed. Attendances on Sept. 16 showed some improvement, especially at gospel service, although sickness is still very prevalent.

Surrey Hills.—Anniversary services were continued on Sept. 12, when the Bible school gave a successful demonstration. Sunday afternoon took the form of kindergarten and prize-giving service, and Sunday evening parents' and teachers' night. At a teachers' tea the staff gathered to discuss future work of the school.

Cheltenham.—Bro. Allan is still far from well, and will be unfit for duty for some weeks to come. Bro. Abercrombie and R. T. Pittman addressed the church on Sept. 9 and 16. Bro. P. T. Saunders and W. Gale conducting evening services. On Sept. 13 a band of College students took charge of the week-night service to the interest of those present.

Horsham.—A district Christian Endeavor rally was held in the chapel on Sept. 4. North-western district conference was held on Sept. 13. A fine number of visitors attended, and a profitable time was spent. Mr. P. White, of Local Option Alliance, addressed both services on Sept. 16, also at Haven in the afternoon. The sisters have been preparing for annual sale of work.

Merbein.—The church has had the fellowship of Bro. J. E. Thomas for a ten-days' mission. The messages were greatly enjoyed, and six made the good confession. On Sept. 12 the women's mission band held a successful afternoon. Bro. Thomas was the speaker. The cricket club has re-formed for the season. On Sept. 16 Bro. Brooke gave an appreciated address on Bible study.

Kaniva.—On Sept. 16 Bro. Wilson spoke acceptably both morning and evening. A good response was made to the appeal from the Victorian Alliance. Bro. Sherriff, snr., received the home-call on Sept. 11. The prayers and sympathy of the church are extended to our aged Sister Sherriff and family. The church is preparing for a Centenary evangelistic mission with Bro. A. A. Hughes.

Northcote.—Sickness has affected attendances. Bro. H. Clark, of Box Hill, gave a fine exhortation on "My Church and I" at church anniversary service on morning of Sept. 16. For 21 years the gospel has been proclaimed in the present building. The preacher, Bro. W. Saunders, has been untiring in his efforts over the past four years. Sisters' class has always been a powerful working unit.

Camberwell.—On Sept. 9 Bro. Hughes was luck after an attack of influenza, and spoke at the gospel service. Bro. J. I. Mufford addressed the morning gathering. On Sept. 12 the women's mission band annual meeting and election of officers took place, and on Sept. 18 their anniversary was held, Mrs. Derrick being the speaker. During the week Sister Mrs. Thompson, a daughter of the late Bro. Hamill, was called to rest.

West Preston.—Bro. L. H. H. Beaumont gave concluding messages on Sept. 16. The evening meeting took the form of a hymn night, at the close of which Bro. H. B. Robbins presented Bro. Beaumont, on behalf of members, with a token of love and esteem. Sincere regret was expressed at his departure. Bro. Beaumont has been responsible for a very definite work, and will be greatly missed. All join in wishing him success in his new field of service at Parkdale.

Newmarket.—On Sept. 9 Bro. Black spoke morning and evening. On Sept. 16 Bro. Turner, of North Melbourne, addressed the morning meeting. At night a special song-service was held, when Bro. Emmett, of St. Kilda, took as his subject, "The Life of Fanny Crosby." A solo by Bro. A. Haskell (Williamstown), male quartette, and special singing by augmented choir, combined to make a splendid service. The ladies have raised £6 for Mrs. Waterman fund.

South Yarra.—During two Lord's days the church has enjoyed fellowship of the two Sisters Schurman, from W.A. Impressive addresses are being given by Bro. Ladbroke, and one young convert was welcomed on Sept. 16. Bro. Newton passed away very suddenly on Sept. 13, and Bro. Lex. Robinson is confined to bed, the result of a motor accident. Others are ill, notably our aged Sister Ellisen. On Sept. 16 the J.C.E. attended morning service of the church.

Hawthorn.—On Sept. 2 E. L. Williams addressed both meetings. At morning service on Sept. 9 his splendid address on "Christ's Appointments" was appreciated by a good congregation. In the evening H. B. Robbins, conference president, was the first of visiting speakers for a week of special services. Excellent meetings were held throughout the week. Addresses were given by T. H. Scambler, W. P. Betts, A. W. Connor and H. G. Clark, leading the church to deeper love and loyalty to Christ and the church. On Sept. 16 E. L. Williams and Dr. W. A. Kemp delivered fine messages to appreciative congregations.

Parkdale.—At the annual social of P.B.P. club on Sept. 11, a happy time was spent under leadership of Bro. Les. Brooker. Bro. Beaumont, of Bro. Les. Brooker, conducted a fine prayer meeting on Sept. 13. Bro. Kenley (West Preston) morning and Brown (College) evening, gave helpful messages to fair attendances on Sept. 15. One-penny-per-week attendances on Sept. 15. The church building account by a fund has reduced church building account by a further £1 in the last three weeks. The church regrets the departure of Bro. and Sister Emm and family.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—On Sept. 9 Bro. Holloway, of Malvern-Caulfield, exhorted the church. At the gospel service Dr. Kemp gave a fine address. Bro. Youens is conducting a mission at Drumcondra. On Sept. 13 the sisters of the church had an enjoyable afternoon at the home of Mrs. Winkler. Bro. W. G. Gale delivered an inspiring address on the morning of Sept. 10. The gospel service was conducted by Bro. A. E. Forbes. On Sept. 6 the Endeavorers visited the City Mission.

Yarrawonga.—On Sept. 2 Sister Mrs. Ashdown was welcomed to the church. The ninth anniversary of the church was held last Lord's day with splendid meetings and very fine addresses by Bro. J. E. Webb. The gospel meeting was well attended, and Bro. Webb's subject was "Christian Union." A solo by Bro. Searle was appreciated. Prayer meetings are well attended. Work is in good heart, and a fine spirit of harmony prevails. The sisters responded well to the Mrs. Grace Waterman appeal.

Swan Hill.—On Sept. 1 the open-air meeting was held. Bible school annual picnic was held on Sept. 5. Good meetings on Sept. 9. Bro. Martin addressed the church. Bro. G. A. Mott, of Woorinen, preached the gospel. On Tuesday evening prayer service and Bible study was held at the home of Sister Judd. On Wednesday the marriage of Sister Jean Gillespie and Mr. Pearce took place in the chapel. Bro. Martin officiating. Mr. Harcastle, Baptist minister, gave a nice address to the church on Sept. 16. Bro. Martin preached in the evening.

Acrot Vale.—On Sept. 8 a welcome social to Bro. and Sister Lang and family was held. Lord's day meetings are bright, but attendances are affected by sickness. Bro. Smith, from Essendon, spoke at morning meeting on Sept. 16. Young worshippers' league anniversary service was held in the evening. Bro. Lang spoke on the league motto (Psalm 95: 6). Mid-week prayer meeting is improving. Bro. Lang giving helpful messages from Hebrews. On Sunday afternoon the Lord's table was spread in the home of Sister Rivett, and at bedside of Sister Moore.

Drumcondra.—A time of rich fellowship is being enjoyed with Bro. P. Youens, of Bambra-rd., Caulfield, as missionary. The second week was commenced on Sept. 16, when the building was filled to capacity at the gospel service. Two made the confession at conclusion of a stirring message. Wonderful meeting on Sept. 17. One decision at close of Bro. Youens' address. The presence of nearly seventy members of Bambra-rd. church, Caulfield, was greatly appreciated. The continued support of brethren at Latrobe-terrace, Geelong, is also deeply appreciated. There have been six decisions to date.

Footscray.—The church re-union tea on Sept. 5 was a successful function. Bro. Mitchell, Swallow and Stewart gave short talks on "Fellowship." Sister Miss Gilmour and Bro. W. Easton rendered solos. At morning service on Sept. 9 Bro. Fisher, of Sunshine, gave the exhortation. Bro. D. Stewart spoke at evening service, when a baptism took place. Bro. H. Pietzsch was the speaker at Tottenham. Bro. Philip Lewis addressed the prayer meeting on Sept. 13. Bro. D. Stewart commenced a fortnight's mission with Essendon church on Sept. 16. Bro. W. Mitchell addressed the church, and Bro. Smith, of Essendon, conducted the gospel meeting. The meeting at Tottenham was in charge of Bro. G. Swallow.

North Essendon.—Bible school anniversary services on Sept. 9 were successful. Bro. E. L. Williams (Glenferrie) gave a splendid message to the scholars at afternoon service. The preacher, Bro. E. Martin, gave a fine message at evening service. Singing of scholars was a tribute to conductorship of Bro. Thomsen, of Anson Vale church. Prizes were given out at afternoon service. Kappas had charge of prayer meeting on Sept. 6. Owing to the illness of the preacher, Bro. R. Thompson was speaker at morning service on Sept. 16. Bro. Smith, from Fairfield church, gave the gospel address.

Drummond.—Meetings this month have been well attended. On Sept. 2 the church enjoyed a visit from Bro. Gordon Clarke, from the College. He addressed the church and gave the gospel address. Visitors included Bren. Cecil Watson and E. Merton, from West Preston. On Sept. 8 Bro. Jones addressed the M.I.S. on foreign missions, and an offering was taken for the work. On Sept. 9 Bro. Jones spoke at both meetings. Visitors included Bro. and Sister Bingham, from Wedderburn. On Sept. 16 the church acknowledged gift of a new set of evening hymn-books presented by mutual improvement society. Bro. Jones spoke at both meetings.

Doncaster.—On Sept. 11 a social was tendered to Miss Irene Morrison and Mr. Keith Cousin, shortly to be married. Sister Morrison has been a teacher in the Bible school for ten years and a willing helper in church work. Bro. Cousin is a reader at the morning service and a member of the Bible class. They were presented with a clock, suitably inscribed. On the morning of Sept. 16 Bro. Robbins addressed the church. In the afternoon Bro. E. L. Williams spoke to the young people on "Winning the Ashes." A young woman from the Bible class made the good confession. There was a fine gathering at the evening meeting, Bro. Connor speaking.

Prahran.—Bro. Jas. E. Thomas commenced a mission with the church on Sept. 16. There were excellent meetings all day, commencing with a sunrise prayer meeting at 7 a.m., at which 20 met. Morning service, and youth rally in the afternoon, were very helpful. At night Bro. Thomas preached on "The First Great Revival." Two young women made decision for Christ. The mission continues until Oct. 4. Bro. Fitch has returned from W.A. He was unable to be at the opening of the mission on account of influenza. The death of two old members is recorded—Mrs. Ensor and Mr. Hancock, sen. Sympathy of the church is extended to relatives.

Middle Park.—Bible Sunday was observed on Sept. 9. Bro. Westwood delivered appropriate addresses. Sisters of Dorcas class enjoyed an address by Sister Violet on Sept. 12. On Sept. 13 Mr. C. H. Billington, of Tehagu mission, India, gave an interesting lantern lecture. In his address on Sept. 16 Bro. Westwood made earnest appeal on behalf of the College offering. Bro. Hocking was received into membership by transfer from Peel-st., Ballarat. Members were pleased to welcome Sister Emily Boyce after serious illness, also Sister Hazel Wines, returned from Myrtleford. Bro. Les. Brooker gave a fine address at gospel service, and a trio by Bren. B. Ritchie, I. Morris and L. Brooker was enjoyed. Bro. Westwood has commenced a fortnight's mission with the church at Collingwood.

New South Wales

Dareton.—Work is progressing favorably. Keen interest is shown in a mission to commence on Oct. 14. The church appreciates the offer of Bro. L. Burgin, of Sth. Melbourne, to conduct it. As there is no permanent speaker, brethren of the church are carrying on the work. Sunday school scholars are preparing for anniversary.

Chatawood.—A fine message was delivered by Dr. Meldrum at morning service on Sept. 9. Good attendance in the evening. After a very helpful message by Mr. Whelan on "A Well Balanced Life," a married lady made the good confession. On Sept. 16 Mr. G. E. Mitchell, from Malvern,

Vic, presided at morning service. Good meetings all day, and a baptism at evening service.

Taree.—On Sept. 2 Bro. Stafford spoke morning and evening. At the gospel service a father and his two sons responded to the invitation. On Sept. 9 there was a good attendance in the morning, when Bro. C. Love (visiting the district with Sister Mrs. Love) presided. Bro. Stafford welcomed four members who previously entered into fuller relationship with Christ. Fellowship with a number of visitors was enjoyed. Bro. Stafford (district C.E. president) attended the recent convention in Sydney as delegate from local society.

Rockdale.—A pleasant social was held on Sept. 8 to mark the commencement of Bro. Alcorn's eighth year of service. A nice clock to Bro. Alcorn, and a teaset and bouquet of flowers for Mrs. Alcorn, were presented. The anniversary of Y.P.S.C.E. on Aug. 25 proved very successful. The juniors presented to the church a hymnal for the organ and a supply of communion glasses. On Aug. 26 Dr. Meldrum, evangelist of Enmore, gave a helpful address on church government. At the Bible schools examination Miss Merle Coles secured a first prize. All who sat for examination passed.

COMING EVENTS.

SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 27 and 28.—Outback Australia Exhibition, Melbourne Town Hall. Afternoon and evening. An Aboriginal Encampment on Main Stage. Admission by Button to all Sessions, 2/6. To Afternoon (2.30-5.30) or Evening (8-10) Sessions, 1/6. School children, 6d.

SEPTEMBER 30.—Brighton—great home-coming services, Sunday, Sept. 30. The old home church is calling you; come home. We are waiting to welcome you. It is Melbourne's Centenary and Brighton's great 75th. Old Brightonians, come home and meet each other. Join with us in the spirit. Make it a big family gathering—such a day that will live in the memories of young and old—a day of fellowship.

SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 3, 7 and 10.—Carnegie Church of Christ Bible school and kindergarten anniversary services, Sundays, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7. Speakers: Sept. 30, afternoon, Bro. G. J. Andrews; evening, Chief Stoker Reg. Stevens. Oct. 7, afternoon, Bro. S. Neighbour; evening, Bro. J. E. Shipway. Prize-giving, concert and demonstration, Wednesdays, Oct. 3 and 10. Admission to concert and demonstration: adults 1/6, children 6d. Come; all welcome.

SEPTEMBER 30 and OCTOBER 7.—South Melbourne. Sunday School Anniversary. Special speakers. Morning, 11 a.m.; afternoon, 3 p.m.; evening, 7 p.m. All welcome.

OCTOBER 14 to 21.—Margaret-st., Launceston, Jubilee Celebrations. Former members are cordially invited; or if unable to attend, please send greeting to Jas. Foot (secy.), 14 Balfour-place, Launceston.

LYGON STREET CHURCH.

EXTRA SPECIAL SERVICES.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3. A SPIRITUAL TREAT. Dr. Scroggie, of London, will, by special request, give an address on "How the New Testament came into Being."

SUNDAY, OCT. 7. BACK TO LYGON STREET SUNDAY.

Three Great Services.

Afternoon service for dedication of Church Memorial Windows. Thankoffering at this service.

All former members and friends are cordially invited to enjoy the church's hospitality at lunch and tea.

THE PATCH (VIC.)

Church of Christ meeting every Sunday. Believers' meeting at quarter to three, followed by gospel meeting at 3.15. At home of Bro. Davie, "Mayfield," Monbulk. Preacher, Bro. Griffiths.

KESWICK BOOK DEPOT

DR. W. GRAHAM SCROGGIE'S VISIT.

FURTHER LIST OF BOOKS AVAILABLE.

"Tested by Temptation," 3/9; "The Fullness of the Holy Spirit," 1/2; "Philemon," 5/3; "Christ, the Key to Scripture," 1/6; "The Study Hour Series"—Psalms, 3 vols., and John, 5/3 each. Mark, 7/6; "The Study of the Bible," 1/6; "Christ in the Creed," 1/6; "Ruling Lines of Progressive Revelation," 5/3. And many others.

KESWICK LENDING LIBRARY FOR CHRISTIANS.

Catalogue on Application.

315-17 Collins Street, Melbourne.

MARRIAGE.

WEIR—LEA.—On September 13, at Church of Christ, Charters Towers, Queensland, by Mr. H. J. Priestley, Thomas Victor, younger son of Mr. T. Weir, of Surrey Hills, Victoria, to Sylvia Ellen, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lea, of "Beeslea," Stawell, Victoria. Present address—Park-st., Charters Towers, Queensland.

SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Mitchell have pleasure in announcing the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage on Sept. 28, 1909, at the Church of Christ, Gore-st., Fitzroy. At home Saturday afternoon, Sept. 29, 23 Central Park-rd., East Malvern.

IN MEMORIAM.

BURKETT.—Sacred to the memory of Charles Westley, died of wounds, Mosquet Farm, Sept. 16, 1916; also Richard, killed in action, Bullecourt, May 3, 1917. The loved sons of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burkett, Maylands, W.A.

Till memory fades and life departs,

You will live for ever in our hearts.

—Inserted by parents, brothers and sisters, W.A.

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

O Love, that wilt not let me go,

I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe,

That in thine ocean depths its flow

May richer, fuller be.

—Inserted by loving mother, brother and sister.

MUDFORD.—In affectionate memory of my brother, George Mudford, late of Drummond and Preston—one of the quiet in the land—who on September 23, 1933, passed, through a death of violence, into the peace of God; and of his parents and mine, who by several years preceded him into that peace. "One family we dwell in Him."

—J.I.M.

MUDFORD.—In loving memory of brother George, who met his death under tragic circumstances on Sept. 23, 1933.

"We'll strew with loving memories

The path that dear George trod;

We bless the years he spent on earth,

We'll meet at home with God."

—Inserted by his loving sister and brother, Isabel (Mrs. H. Main) and A. C. Mudford.

FOR SALE.

Twelve months' supply Wayside Pulpit messages. Excellent condition. Price, 4/6, postage paid. Apply to E. W. Boettcher (secretary Ma Ma Creek church), Veradilla, Grantham, Qld.

Plant now, fruit trees, 1/- each, 10/- doz.; balled citrus, 3/6 each; grape vines, rhubarb, 5/- doz.; gooseberry, currants, 3/- doz.; raspberry, 1/- doz., 6/- 100; strawberry, 6d. doz., 2/- 100; pot grown sugar gums, wattles, cypress, pines, 6/- doz.; privet hedge, green, 1/6 doz., 10/- 100; golden, 2/- and 12/-; variegated, 2/6 and 15/-; choice roses, bush, climbing, poly, 9/- doz.; scarlet, English oaks, planes, large, 2/- each; boobyalls, hardy hedge, evergreen, 6/- doz.

A. NIGHTINGALE & CO., NURSERY, EMERALD.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

September 26.

ASSURANCE.

(Isaiah 32: 13-20.)

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

"And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and confidence for ever." What a difference the possession of confidence or assurance makes! It is a notable thing in great leaders. Great battles have been won in the face of great odds, where there has been the will to victory, the confidence or assurance that they could not fail.

Ground of Assurance.

There may be an over-confidence which amounts to foolhardiness; an assurance not justified. The text tells us quietness and assurance were to be the effect of righteousness in the case of the people of Israel. In our case what is the ground of assurance? Our assurance is not without reason. Apollos was a convincing speaker—he was mighty in the scriptures. Peter appealed to facts both in scripture and in his own experience. He was sure. And we have a ground of our confidence in the scripture, history, experience and faith. Our assurance of the future glory and ultimate redemption is reasonably based. Christ is the Son of God who ever kept his promise to the children of Israel, and he will keep them to us. Our assurance is based on experience. C. H. Spurgeon told of a cavalier who one day said to a Christian man, "Why, you have nothing after all to rest upon. I can prove to you that your scriptures are not authentic." The Christian replied, "Sir, I am not a learned man, and I cannot answer your questions; but I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and I have experienced such a change of character and I feel such joy and peace through believing, that I wish you knew my Saviour too." The unbeliever replied, "You have got me there; I cannot answer that." Spurgeon added, "Just so, we have got them there. If we know what has been wrought in us by grace, and know assuredly the sustaining power of that grace, they cannot overcome us. The full assurance man baffles the very devil." And Paul could say, "I know."

Assurance of What?

There is for all Christians assurance of salvation. Some people are very fearful, and their hope largely depends on how they feel. But it is not a matter of feeling but of believing in the promises. If Christ gave his life for me on the cross, and I do my best for him in faith, there is no need to be fearful. Have you not acknowledged him before men? You have been born again, and you are now living as a Christian. Surely he will be faithful.

We may also have the assurance of strength for each day. "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but thee, and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever" (Psalm 73: 24-26). Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," and when alone before the emperor he acknowledged that the Lord stood by and strengthened him.

There is nothing the church of God could not do if it had sufficient assurance. It is not any use saying we have faith if we do not act upon it. The apostles acted upon their belief, and God blessed their work. Let us pray God that we may have more confidence, and let us do, for then shall we know. It will be a fact of experience based on righteousness.

TOPIC FOR OCTOBER 3.—A GRACIOUS GIFT.—John 12: 1-8.

Sharing the Burdens.

Geo. O. Tease, Sec. College Committee, Qld.

The importance of the College cannot be brought too often or too definitely before the brotherhood. Its importance as a true-to-the-book institution, when numerous other colleges are "going modern" gives cause for unlimited pride. But mere theoretical pride will not help very much. We must have for our College a burden-sharing pride which will not abandon the Board of Management and the Faculty, but which will bring each in as sharers of the burdens. Briefly, this is how we can do so—

(1) Definite prayer for the College—Faculty, Board and students. Without this the work cannot be carried on to the glory of God.

(2) Make a worthy financial contribution to the coming College offering.

Information to hand shows that the College debt balance amounts to over £3,200. This is a brotherhood debt incurred with the sanction of the brotherhood, and so ours to be met. The call for a best-yet offering is indeed loud and insistent.

Prayer and a worthy offering combined will solve our College problems. The brotherhood cannot do without the College; then, because of the indispensable place it occupies in our brotherhood activities, there must be a combined brotherhood sharing of the responsibilities. College offering day, and every day, afford opportunities of doing this.

College of the Bible.

SECULAR SUBJECTS AND TEXT BOOKS,
1935.

J. S. Taylor, B.A.

The Principal urges all intending students to commence study before they enter the College, and to enable them to do this, the following partial details are now given. The books included in the following list will be used in class in 1935.

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

- (a) British History.
- (b) Geography.
- (c) Intermediate English.
- (d) Ancient History.
- (e) French.

N.B.—Leaving English is not taken until the second year, except by special permission.

Intermediate Subjects.

1. British History and Civics—
 - (a) Groundwork of British History.—Warner and Marten, 1783-1914.
 - (b) Short History of Australia.—Scott.
 - (c) Civics for Australian Schools.—Hoy.
2. Geography—
 - (a) Intermediate Geography.—James.
 - (b) Junior Geography.—James.
3. English—
 - (a) In Fealty to Apollo.—Phillips and Maxwell, Sections I-VII inclusive.
 - (b) Two set books for general reading:
 - (i.) Australian Essays.—Maurice and Cowling.
 - (ii.) The Flight of the Heron.—Broster.
 - (c) Play.—John Drinkwater.—Abraham Lincoln.
 - (d) English Grammar, Grades VII. and VIII.—Lawson and Elijah.
 - (e) Study of Poetry.—Blackwood and Osborn.
 - (f) Precis-writing.—Compton: A Systematic Course of Precis-writing.
4. French—
 - (a) Slepman, Parts I. and II.
 - (b) Ford and Hick's New French Reader, Nos. II, III, VI, VIII, IX.
5. Ancient History—

- (a) History of Rome for Beginners.—E. S. Shuckburgh.
- (b) History of Greece for Beginners.—J. B. Bury.
6. Economics—
 - (a) Crump.—A First Book of Economics.
 - (b) Copland.—The Australian Economy: Simple Economic Studies.
 - (c) Cressy.—Outline of Industrial History.
7. Leaving English—
 - (a) Precis-writing—as for Intermediate.
 - (b) Shakespeare.—Macbeth.
 - (c) Milton.—Paradise Lost, Book II.
 - (d) Hardy.—The Mayor of Casterbridge.
 - (e) Macaulay.—Essay on Clive.
 - (f) An Anthology of Poetry from Spenser to Arnold.

Selections to be studied:—

- Milton—pp. 281-305.
 Pope—pp. 311-331.
 Shelley—pp. 447-450 (omitting Adonais).
 Keats—pp. 495-521.
 Browning—pp. 723-755.

"THE BUNGALOW," CLEMATIS

IDEAL GUEST HOUSE.

Beautiful Surroundings. Every Comfort.
 Good Table. Own Farm Produce.
 Player, Tennis, Sewered, Hot Baths.
 Moderate Tariff. Mrs. McFarlane.

WARD BROS. Established 1880



EXPERT REPAIRERS.

KNITTING MACHINES,
 WASHING MACHINES,

Also All Kinds of New and Used
 SEWING MACHINES

At Lowest Prices.
 Terms, to Suit.

Same Old Addresses over Forty Years:—
 16 & 28 Errol St., NORTH MELB. Phone F3945;
 222 Chapel Street, PRAHRAN;
 252 Smith Street, COLLINGWOOD;
 216 Bridge Road, RICHMOND (opp. Markets);
 195 Barkly St., FOOTSCRAY (next Hooper's)

A Sympathetic and Efficient
 Understanding, achieved by
 Long Years of Experience.

We would appreciate an opportunity to
 serve you when in need of a competent
 FUNERAL DIRECTOR

LEWIS - - Undertaker

PHONES: J 1066, J.W. 1579 and 3029.

Phones: City M 4010 P.V. FU 6734

F. W. RUST

335 LONSDALE-ST., MELBOURNE.
 BATHROOMS KITCHENS, FIREPLACES,
 Porcelain Baths, Gas Stoves, Bath
 Heaters, etc. Tile Baptisteries.

Phone W 4283.

DULCIE LAWSON

Art Florist

Specialist in Wedding Bouquets,
 Funeral Designs, Bon Voyage, etc.

"OLINDA,"

HUNTER RD., EAST CAMBERWELL, E.G.

Ring up J1441 Ex.
Private Funeral Parlors
RICHMOND

LE PINE & SON

Funeral Directors

CAMBERWELL CANTERBURY HAWTHORN SURREY HILLS

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND,

With which is incorporated the Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Trust.

Established by the Federal Conference of the Churches of Christ in Australia.

Members of Committee: H. Bate, A. Marsh, T. E. Rofe, L. Russell, F. S. Steer, J. Stanger and W. H. Hall (Hon. Secy. and Treasurer).

Representative in Victoria: A. R. Lyall, Royal Park, Melbourne.

Representative in South Australia: General S. Price Weir, 2nd Avenue, East Adelaide.

Representative in Western Australia: D. M. Wilson, 33 Carr-st., Perth.

The Objects of the Fund are:

1st. To assist financially Aged and Infirm and Retired Preachers.

2nd. To control and manage an Endowment Fund to which Preachers may contribute.

In order to do this effectively, the Committee seeks the practical sympathy and support of all the churches and brethren throughout the Commonwealth.

Please forward contributions to W. H. Hall, 113 Pitt-st., Sydney, N.S.W., making money orders and postal notes payable at G.P.O., Sydney. Contributions may also be sent to A. R. Lyall, S. Price Weir and D. M. Wilson.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

From Victoria



Should be sent to the Treasurer, D. E. Pittman, 530 Elizabeth-st., Melb.



WANTED—Gifts Small and Large.

2nd Floor **B. J. KEMP** Phone 8604
Book Building, 288 Little Collins St. MELBOURNE
Manufacturing Jeweller
DIAMOND RINGS, MEDALS, WATCHES, TROPHIES
YOU CAN DEPEND ON ME

WE MEET BY ACCIDENT

Radiators Repaired. New Cores.
MOTOR RADIATOR Mfg. Co.
Cent. 5758. 255 LATROBE ST., MELB.


W. J. Aird Ply. Ltd.
The RELIABLE OPTICIAN
FOR SATISFACTORY SERVICE AT MODERATE COST
ALTSON'S BUILDING,
1st floor, 82 Elizabeth St.
Phon. 6937
(Gr. Collins St.), Melbourne

The Family Altar.

1934

TOPIC—ORDER IN THE CHURCH.

Monday, Sept. 24.

Men shall be lovers of order, . . . holding a firm grip of godliness, but having denied the power thereof, from their own way—1 Tim. 3: 1, 2. From those who had no religion except its form, living selfishly and sensuously, Timothy was instructed to "turn away." No enthusiasm must be given to mere pretence or fellowship with corruption and be practised.

Reading—1 Timothy 3: 1-11

Tuesday, Sept. 25.

From which things some having served have turned aside unto vain talking—1 Tim. 1: 6.

They had missed the mark; turned aside into vain jangling. Instead of teaching the truth they had discoursed upon fables, useless genealogies, traditions and ceremonies. Pretending to edify, they understood not what they said or affirmed.

Reading—1 Timothy 1: 5-17.

Wednesday, Sept. 26.

And he gave some to be apostles . . . for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ.—Eph. 4: 11, 12.

Special gifts were bestowed for a special purpose; the great objective must never be lost sight of. Whether the gift was in the direction of preaching, prophesying or teaching, it must be used with the sole aim of ministering to others, and building up the body of the church.

Reading—Ephesians 4: 7-16.

Thursday, Sept. 27.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report . . . think on these things.—Phil. 4: 8.

A final exhortation, so comprehensive that it includes everything worth while. Every item should be carefully and prayerfully considered, then practised. If this were generally done, what a powerful influence for good would be felt by our fellowmen!

Reading—Philippians 4: 8-19.

Friday, Sept. 28.

What advantage then hath the Jew? Much every way: first of all, that they were intrusted with the oracles of God.—Rom. 3: 1, 2.

Reading the previous chapter, Jews would naturally ask the question of our text. Here is the answer. They had many advantages, chief of which was that they were intrusted with the oracles of God. Unto them had been given the sacred scriptures, which alone contained the promise of the Messiah.

Reading—Romans 3: 1-8.

Saturday, Sept. 29.

He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.—Rev. 3: 5.

It seems that not only the process of entering names in the book of life is constantly going on, but also the process of erasure. Only overcomers have their names retained. Those who drift into indifference or worldliness have no right to

report rewards promised to those who bravely struggle, patiently serve and finally overcome. Reading—Revelation 3: 1-6.

Sunday, Sept. 30.

Let all things be done decently and in order.—1 Cor. 14: 40.

Opposite elaborate ritual, there is a tendency to swing to an extreme which borders upon disorder. Such must be carefully guarded against. Everything relating to the services of God's house should be attended to carefully and decorously. Noise and disorder must always be guarded against.

Readings—Isaiah 45: 1-17; 1 Corinthians 14: 29-40.

THE

"Foolishness of Preaching"

Many people still judge it to be so. But the Victorian Home Missionary Committee pins its faith to Paul.

"It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

Hence the

NEW CAMPAIGN OF EVANGELISM

with A. A. HUGHES and JAS. E. THOMAS.

Special Missions are being planned by the Victorian Home Missionary Committee.

— Pray for these Brethren. —

SEND YOUR GIFT

for Regular and Special Home Mission Enterprises to W. GALE, Home Mission Office, T. & G. Bldg., 145 Collins-st., Melbourne, C.I.

Australian Christian

Published Weekly by

Austral Printing & Publishing Co. Ltd.

528, 530 Elizabeth St., Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
Phone, F 2524.

Editor: A. R. Main, M.A.

All Communications to Above Address.

SUBSCRIPTION—Through Church Agent, 9/- year. Paid Direct, 10/6. Foreign, 14/-. Cheques, money orders, etc., to D. E. PITTMAN, Mgr.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS—Send Old and New Address a week previous to date of desired change.

DISCONTINUANCE—Paper sent till Definite Notice of Discontinuance Received.

ADVERTISEMENTS—Marriages, Births, Deaths, Memorials, Bereavement Notices, 2/- tops versus allowed in Deaths and Memorials). Coming Events, 16 words, 6d., every additional 12 words, 6d. Wanted, For Sale, To Let and Similar Ads., 24 words, 1/-; every additional 12 words, 6d. Other Advertising Rates on Application.

LYALL & SONS PTY. LTD.

39-51 Leveson St., North Melbourne
1-5 Victoria Market, Melbourne, C.1

**CASH CHAFF, HAY, GRAIN, PRODUCE, and
HARDWARE MERCHANTS**

Exporters of Pressed Hay, Chaff, and Colonial Produce
Seed Out and Grain Specialists—Grass,
Clover and Other Seeds.

All kinds of Poultry Feed and Meals supplied.
Manufacturers of "Excello" Chicken Feed,
Laying Mash, and Calf Food.

HARDWARE LINES:—

Galvanized Iron, Spouting, and Ridging. Fencing
Wire, Galvanized, Black, Baling & Barbed Wire,
Wire Netting, Chicken Netting, and all other sizes,
Galvanized Water Piping and Fittings,
Cyclone Gates and Fencing Supplied.

We stock and can supply everything required for
the Poultry Yard and the Farm.

For Service, for Quality,
for Price, try **LYALL'S**

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE. VICTORIA.

Selby House (6th Floor),
318 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, C.1.
Phone, M 3083.

Parcels to Churches of Christ Mission, Flinders-
st., Melbourne, free on Railways. Ask for labels.
Railways supply "Perishable" labels, to ensure
urgent delivery of perishable goods.

Donations in cash or kind are earnestly invited.
Please address all correspondence to—
WILL. H. CLAY, Sec. and Supt.

J. FERGUSON & SON

J. Ferguson E. J. Collins

Funeral Directors

712 HIGH ST., THORNBURY
Phone JW 3037

140 Johnston St., Collingwood

Phone J 4984

Orders promptly attended to. Up-to-date Motor Service

USE Australian PAULINE Made Reliable Paper Patterns

For Simplicity, Economy and Accuracy.

Be Your own Dressmaker.

These Patterns are truly
"A Mother's Help."

Write for Catalogue, 2d., post free.

PAULINE Reliable Patterns PTY. LTD.
195c Smith St., Fitzroy, Vic.

Agents Wanted—
Country Towns and All States, also N.Z.

Thought for the Week.

THE best religion is
always the natural
overflow of a ripe mind.

—James Black.

TYPEWRITING.
Typewriting.
Duplicating.
Miss Minnie Mitchell,
31 Queen St.,
Melbourne, C.1. Tel. F 6433.

LEARN BY POST

(Pittman's Correspondence Courses.)

The subjects are Preaching, Speaking, Bible Study, Bible Analysis, Bible Doctrines, Church History, Christian Evidence, Grammar and Composition, Teacher Training, Education, Church Efficiency (for Presidents, Officers, Secretaries and Treasurers), Paul's Life and Work, Women of the Bible. Terms: £2/2/- per Quarter.

These lessons help towards efficiency in service, which should be the aim of all.
Enrol me as a Student in } Course.....
Send Particulars re }

Name..... Address.....

Fill in above, and post to

J. C. F. PITTMAN,

30 Athelstan-rd., Camberwell, E.6.

(Enclose 2d. Stamp for postage.)

Miss M. E. Pittman, L. Mus. A.,
(Univ. of Melb.)

Teacher of Singing

"Brentwood,"

147 Hampton Street,
Hampton, S.7.

Also at

1920 Street
Christie Chapel.

Alfred Millis & Sons Pty. Ltd.

Wholesale Fruit Merchants

Registered Office: 438 Queen St., Melb.

Phone F 1862

Also Queen Victoria Wholesale Markets.

TAILORING

LADIES' OR GENTS'

Our New Prices Suit
Reduced Incomes

CRAIGIE & CO.

265 LITTLE COLLINS STREET

Four doors from Swanston St.

A Home for Neglected, Orphan and
Fatherless Boys.

HOME PHONE:
WX1558

No Really Destitute Boy Refused.
FOUNDED 1895. INCORPORATED 1909.

Burwood Boys' Home

Contributions can be sent to the Treasurer, Members of the Committee, or Austral Co. Reference can be made to the Committee and Officers.
Of all the work in which Christians can engage, this is the most encouraging and reproductive. You sow to-day, and to-morrow you reap the harvest.
Readers everywhere are asked to assist the great work of saving the boys.

OFFICE BEARERS:

PRESIDENT:

Mr. R. Campbell Edwards.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Mr. F. T. Saunders and

Mr. Will H. Clay.

HON. TREASURER:

Mr. John Hunter,

10 Peverell St., Balwyn, E.8.
Phone, W 3040.

ORGANISING SECRETARY:

Mr. A. E. Knight.

HON. ARCHITECT:

Mr. Chas. H. Hoskin.

HON. AUDITORS:

Messrs. Hooke & Graham, C.A.,

HON. CHAPLAIN:

Mr. L. E. Stevens, B.Met.E.

HON. PHYSICIAN:

Dr. W. A. Kemp, Phone, WX 2415.

HON. OPTICIAN:

Mr. W. J. Aird.

HON. CHEMIST:

Mr. Cathcart, Surrey Hills.

HON. DENTIST:

Mr. T. M. Ward, Surrey Hills.

HON. SOLICITOR:

Mr. D. S. Abraham,
Court Bldg., 422-8 Collins st.

STOCK EXPERT:

Mr. L. Hunter, Hawthorn.

COMMITTEE:

Mrs. R. C. Edwards, Misses Smed-

ley, Landman and McAlister.

Messrs. D. S. Abraham, A. Cromie,

J. K. Archer, G. Collins, R. D.

Edwards, C. P. Edwards, T. R. Hall,

Dr. W. A. Kemp, Geo. L. Murray,

T. R. Morris, W. F. Newham, E. R.

S. Ryall, W. J. A. Smith, Thos. W.

Smith, H. C. Shields, L. E. Stevens.

LIFE "GOVERNORS,"

Miss Landman, Messrs W. C.

Craigie, William Cust, Dr. W. A.

Kemp.

All Correspondence to be addressed The Secretary, Burwood Boys' Home, 1 Queen St., Melbourne, C.1.

Phone
CENT. 9179

I

BELIEVE IN CHRIST

I

Have Shared in His Salvation.

I

Must Share His Message.

I

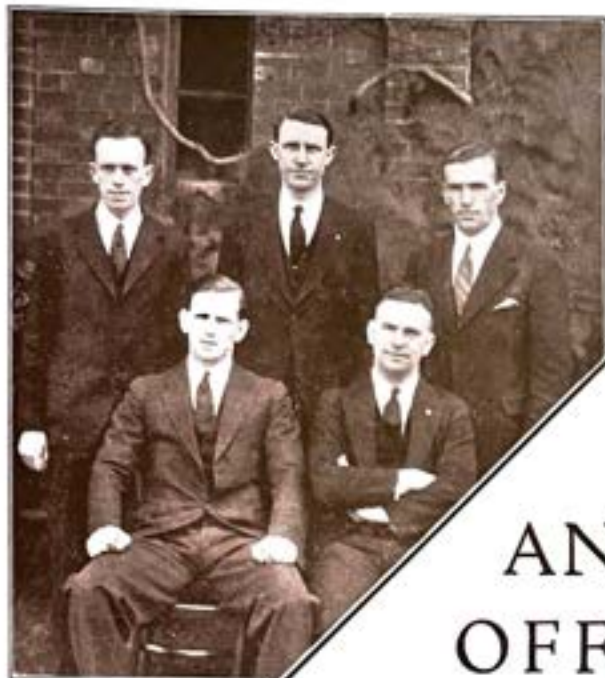
Will Do My Part in Preparing
Workers for His World
Programme.

COLLEGE

OFFERING

OCTOBER 7

Keep the Trend Upward!



Concert
Committee.



Open Air
Evangelism
Committee.

ANNUAL OFFERING

— FOR —

The College of the Bible

Sunday, October 7

1934

KEEP THE TREND
UPWARD!



Tennis Team, 1934.



Sports Committee.