

Authority in Religion.

Thomas Hagger.

There must be some authority in the realm of religion, or chaos will prevail.

There are some who assert that such authority is vested in the church, and that such was given to the church by the Lord. But no passage of scripture teaches any such idea.

There are others who claim that authority is in a man's conscience, and that whatever he thinks to be right is right for him. But this would produce chaos, as it really amounts to no authority at all. A man's conscience depends upon his education, and in consequence, his conscience will approve or reprove in the matter of personal actions, and will endorse or oppose any religious belief or practice according to whether the man has been educated in truth or error.

Jesus claimed to have "all authority" (Matt. 28: 18-20). This claim is in harmony with the Father's declaration on the Mount of Transfiguration—"This is my beloved Son; hear him" (Luke 9: 35). And it is endorsed by the writer to the Hebrews who said: "God, who at sundry times and

in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son" (Heb. 1: 1, 2).

But Christ is not here in person to-day to give oral directions. How then can he direct us? And how can he exercise the authority that is his? Not through the Pope, for he has never been infallible; not through the people, for the voice of the people is not always the voice of God; not through the creeds and confessions that men have written, for those who wrote them were erring mortals. Jesus selected men who were called apostles, and to them was promised the Holy Spirit to guide them into "all truth," to show them "things to come," to reveal the things of Christ, and bring "all things" to their remembrance (John 14: 26; John 15: 26, 27; John 16: 13). And those guided and inspired men wrote the New Testament, and those writings came to us with all the force of divine warrant. To-day Christ is speaking his word of authority through the New Testament. And his authority is still supreme.

Girls and Boys of the Bible.

G. J. Andrews.

A GIRL'S DELIVERANCE FROM DEATH.

Mark 5: 21-43.

All the while his precious little daughter lay seriously ill, a great fight was going on in the sad father-heart of Jairus the ruler. Could he trust Jesus? Should he go humbly and ask Jesus for help? Should he dare what his unbelieving friends and neighbors might say? At last the battle was won. Jairus went to Jesus, and falling at his feet, eagerly sought help for the little twelve-year-old girlie who was dying.

Of course, Jesus heard the request of Jairus with all sympathy, and was about to go to the ruler's house when a poor woman who was very ill interrupted him. It seemed an awful delay to Jairus, and while he waited anxiously a messenger arrived to say, "Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master." This must have dashed all the man's hopes to pieces and overwhelmed him in bitter despair, had it not been for what he saw Jesus do for the sick woman and for Jesus' own word to him: "Be not afraid, only believe." His precious child was not lost beyond recovery.

Upon arrival at the home it was found that the girlie's death was being announced by the noisy lamentations of professional mourners to the accompaniment of doleful music. It was a scene of utter wretchedness and degraded grief. At first Jesus re-

buked them, saying, "Why make ye this ado and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." But when they began to laugh him to scorn Jesus drove all the hopeless mourners from the home as once he had driven the traders and their beasts from God's house of prayer.

Taking with him the girl's father and mother, as well as his disciples, Peter, James and John, Jesus went quietly into the silent room where the little body lay on the bed. Claspings the girlie by the hand he called to her: "Damsel, I say unto thee, arise!" and to the astonishment of those present, she awakened and began to wonder about breakfast as though she had overslept.

At some time or other death comes to every home, taking from us our loved ones, young and old. These are occasions of tears and much sorrow, but there will always be for us great hopes and consolations while we remember and trust Jesus, the loving awakener of the dead from their strange sleep, to the glory of heavenly day. Has a loved one fallen asleep in death? Then Jesus says, "Be not afraid, only believe." The friends of Jesus should always rejoice that he is able to deliver them from evil and from death. As one of those friends says, "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

The Apostle of the Zambesi.

French and Swiss Protestants celebrate this week the birth-centenary of that heroic missionary, Francois Coillard, known as "the Apostle of the Zambesi," says the *British Weekly* of July 19. Our Geneva contemporary, *La Semaine Religieuse*, prints an address on his work, recently given by M. Ed. Favre, who knew Coillard in his later years. Of the modern apostle, as of Paul, critics might have said that "his bodily presence was weak and his speech contemptible." He had none of the gestures or tricks of oratory, yet he knew how to reach the heart. His own words on George Muller, of Bristol, are quoted in this centenary address as applicable to himself. After hearing Muller in London, he wrote: "I could hardly resist a feeling of disappointment. I said to myself, surely it did not require a George Muller to say these things; anyone else might have said them better. But, with all their simplicity, these words had an irresistible power. And when I looked at this holy man, his very glance subdued me. He was like Moses coming down from the mount, with the glory of God on his countenance. So true is it that the inmost reality of our being lies not in what we say, but in what we are. To walk with God, to abide in Jesus, to live his life—all is there: pardon, sanctification, power."

The Bible in Tibetan.

I wonder if the records of any religious society are richer in true romance than those of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Take, for example, the following memorandum which I have just received from the Bible House: "The translation of the whole Bible into the Tibetan tongue has recently been completed, and the British and Foreign Bible Society has just received the final manuscripts. The Bible Society published the Books of Genesis and Exodus in Tibetan as long ago as 1905. Other books followed at intervals, including the New Testament in 1913, and 1 and 2 Kings, and 1 and 2 Chronicles in 1930. The translation has been the work of a noble succession of gifted missionary scholars during the past thirty years: Mr. Yoseb Gergan, a Tibetan, has taken a leading part in the work, and to recognise his labors the Bible Society has made him an honorary foreign member. In a letter received by Mr. E. W. Smith, the editorial superintendent, Mr. Gergan writes: "It is a great kindness of God and your society to accept this piece of ministry. As my feeling the Bible translation work was my chief duty of my life, so when the translation work was finished my heart was full of joy, and I thanked our heavenly Father for his blessings and grace. Now I like to see the whole Bible printed in Tibetan before my departure from this world."—Selected.

Sisters' Auxiliary Conference, S.A.

The twenty-ninth annual conference was held on Sept. 14. The morning devotional session was led by Mrs. A. C. McLean, who very ably dealt with the subject of "Prayer." The president, Mrs. W. A. Russell, presided over the meeting. Mrs. A. E. Illingworth led the opening prayer. The Temperance, Literature, Obituary, Prayer Meeting and Dorcas reports were given at this session, and Mrs. J. Graham (treasurer) presented the financial statement. About 200 sisters were present. There was a splendid attendance of country delegates, 32 being present, and 65 city and suburban delegates.

Election of Officers.

Officers elected were:—

President, Mrs. P. R. Verco.
Vice-president, Mrs. R. J. Burns.
Secretary, Mrs. H. T. Brooker.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. Graham.
Assistant and financial secretary, Mrs. W. Bristow.

Superintendents: Foreign Mission, Mrs. M. Trowbridge; Home Mission, Mrs. H. Charlick; Hospital Visitation, Mrs. F. Thomas; Prayer Meeting, Mrs. H. De Laine; Temperance, Mrs. F. Burgess; Dorcas, Mrs. R. Blight; Literature, Mrs. W. Whitwell; Obituary, Mrs. R. J. House; Catering, Mrs. A. Downs; Delegate to Protestant Children's Home, Mrs. Lyle.

F.M. Delegates: Mrs. M. Trowbridge and Mrs. A. Downs.

Nominating Committee: President, vice-president, past president, secretary, and Miss Garland.

Financial Statement.

The statement of receipts and expenditure for the year included the following items:

Home Mission Fund.—Balance from last year, £73/0/5; committee and special collections, £60/2/9; Unley sisters, £10/18/3; interest, 15/10. Paid to H.M. treasurer, £83/18/3; present balance, £60/19/-.

Foreign Mission Fund.—Balance from last year, £63/8/10; collections: committee and special, £58/8/1; Christmas boxes, £5/3/10; Waterman Memorial Fund, £3; Unley sisters, £20/14/10; interest, 15/10. Paid F.M. treasurer, £90/6/8; Waterman Memorial Fund, £3; present balance, £58/4/9.

General Fund.—Balance from last year, £3/12/-; collections, £15/11/10; sundry expenses, £13/11/7; present balance, £5/12/3.

General Conference Luncheon Fund, after £3 to hospital visitation, shows a present balance of £5/3/5. Temperance Fund has a balance of 2/5.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were carried:—

"This conference of women of the Churches of Christ of South Australia views with alarm and abhorrence the possibility of the public hospitals of the State being made largely dependent for their maintenance upon funds obtained through State lotteries. It indignantly resents as an insult to the general taxpayer and the charitably disposed public the statement that these noble institutions cannot be properly supported apart from a method of raising money which would certainly increase the widely prevalent mania for gambling. It reminds the Parliament that so far as voluntary support for hospitals may have declined, it has been due to the Legislature having more decidedly assumed responsibility for their care and management; and it urges that the discharge of obligations which definitely attach to Christian and public duty shall be kept free from practices which the

Christian conscience heartily condemns. The conference welcomes the State Premier's suggestion that the Commonwealth Parliament should consider the subject of interstate lotteries, and hopes that it will legislate for their suppression."

"This conference respectfully expresses to the Government and Parliament of the State its deep conviction that the operation of the new Betting Act is productive of serious harm. The legislation of bookmakers and the establishment of numerous betting shops are directly fostering the gambling evil, especially among young men, and thereby destroying to a large extent the benefits of moral teaching given in our day schools and the influence of Sunday schools. The growth of the betting practice is injurious to legitimate trade and damaging to honorable industry, besides being productive of crime and incalculable misery. This conference, therefore, urges the State Parliament to pass amending legislation in accord with the ideals of good citizenship."

"In view of the extremely sad condition of a large number of wives and families in South Australia, owing to their husbands and fathers being without employment for a long time, and in consideration, too, of the impoverishment of many small property owners owing to their inability to collect rents, and the insistent demands made upon them for rates and taxes, this conference of women appeals to the State Government to afford special relief in special cases of distress, to safeguard families against eviction from their homes."

"This women's conference welcomes the announcement that the present State Government would not favor a bill for the opening of liquor bars after 6 p.m., unless with the assent of a popular referendum. It would support the holding of a referendum on the question, providing that the opportunity were given at the same time of deciding whether liquor bars should be closed on Saturday afternoons."

"This conference again records its conviction that our State system of education would be much improved if selected passages from the Bible were included among the reading lessons. It deplores the fact that large numbers of children grow up without any real knowledge of the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ upon their love and obedience. It urges the State Parliament to apply to our schools the provisions of the New South Wales religious instruction system, which has been in successful operation for many years."

Afternoon devotional session was conducted by Mrs. E. J. Paternoster, who gave a beautiful message on "Prayer." Mrs. W. A. Russell presided over the meeting, which was attended by 200 persons. A welcome to visitors by Mrs. P. R. Verco (vice-president) was responded to by representatives of the Methodist Women's F.M. Union, Presbyterian Missionary Union, Congregational H.M. Women's C.T. Union, Young Women's C.A., South Australian Baptist Union. Mrs. A. Anderson (from West China) gave a greeting, and various other greetings and correspondence were received. A beautiful address on "Loyalty in Service" was given by Mrs. W. A. Russell. A beautiful prayer was greatly appreciated. Mrs. H. Charlick presented a cheque for £60/19/- to the State H.M. secretary, and Mrs. M. Trowbridge a cheque for £58/4/9.

At the Lord's Table.

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HE LIVES!

I am he that liveth, and was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.—Rev. 1: 18.

It is recorded of Martin Luther that on one occasion when he was in a situation of extreme danger, and his spirits were cast down because of the circumstances in which he was placed, he was found tracing on a table with his finger the words "Vivit! Vivit!"—"He lives—He lives!" His human nature was particularly in need of power above its own, and he was finding comfort and strength in reminding himself of the fact of Christ, his risen Lord and glorified Redeemer.

Jesus lives! That is the fact beyond all others in importance to us. We remember his death, and though that event is so far away in time, it affects us more profoundly than does the death of those we knew in the flesh. Alexander Maclaren said: "Christ's death has a present and a perpetual power. He has offered one sacrifice for sins forever"; and no time can diminish the efficacy of his cross, nor our need of it, nor the full tide of blessings which flow from it to the believing soul. Therefore do men cling to him as if it

were but yesterday that he died for them. When all other names carved on the world's records have become unreadable, like forgotten inscriptions on decaying grave-stones, his shall endure forever, deep graven on the fleshy tables of the heart."

Yet that death alone would not account for his hold on the affections and his power in the lives of men. His death would avail us nothing, did he not live. He died; he is alive. He is the Prince of Life; it was not possible that he should be holden of death. In him all things consist. He is the source of that divine energy which is the dynamic of the spiritual life of the world. We believe he is in our midst to-day. We believe that we may realise him, that we may reach out spiritual hands and touch him, and touching him become the recipients of his inflowing power and blessing.

No fable old, nor mystic lore,
Nor dream of bards and seers;
No dead fact stranded on the shore
Of the oblivious years;
But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is he,
And faith has still its Olivet,
And love its Galilee.

—Whittier.

P.M. secretary on behalf of the sisters. The secretary's report showed that much good work had been accomplished by the various committees. The offering for the afternoon was £3/19/-. Country reports were received from ten churches. Mr. A. Anderson (missionary from West China) gave a wonderful and stirring address on "Experiences and Aspects of our Work in China." Mrs. F. Thomas presented the hospital report.

At evening session a song service was led by Mr. W. Watson. Mrs. Russell presided, and introduced the incoming president, Mrs. P. R.

Hitler Head of the Church.

Herr Hitler, President, Chancellor and Fuhrer of Germany, Commander-in-Chief of the German Army and Navy, "the supreme Court of the nation," as he has said, "in my own person," and (we might add, after the events on June 30) Lord High Executioner, has now taken upon himself (though a Roman Catholic) the headship of the German Evangelical Church, whose eighteen thousand ministers are henceforth to take an oath of obedience to him. The text of the oath which the German Evangelical National Synod decided on Thursday to impose on the clergy is given in full by the "Times" correspondent:

I swear before God as a preacher of the gospel in my present and in every other spiritual office to observe loyalty and obedience to the Fuhrer of the German nation and State, Adolf Hitler, as being a servant of the Evangelical Church, and to devote myself to the German nation with every sacrifice and effort befitting a German evangelist; further that I will conscientiously fulfill the duties of my holy office entrusted to me in accordance with the ordinances of the German Evangelical Church, and conscientiously obey the directions contained in these ordinances; finally that as a preacher and shepherd of souls I will place all my energies at the service of the community.

The atmosphere in which this oath was adopted is described as having been "tense" and "stormy." The Synod had been hurriedly summoned by the Reichsbishop, Dr. Müller, and the agenda was not disclosed to the delegates until twenty-four hours before the meeting. Of the fifty-nine delegates who attended the session forty-four were "German Christians" who seem to have acquiesced in silence in the imposition of the new oath, and fifteen members of the opposition (Emergency League) who vehemently protested against the oath because it confused spiritual and worldly matters, and registered their refusal to recognize laws which abolish the faith of their fathers. Four other laws designed to stamp out the opposition were adopted by the votes of the forty-four "German Church" delegates at the National Synod. These (1) provide that in future all church legislation shall be promulgated exclusively by the German Evangelical Church Ministry—thus abolishing the Regional Church's authority; (2) incorporate the Hanover Church within the Reich Church; (3) legalise all the legislative and legal measures (some of which, such as the wholesale suspension of pastors, have been upheld by appeal courts) passed by the Reichsbishop since he assumed office, and (4) abolish the church flag and decree that when beflagging is ordered the churches must display only the two flags of the Reich or, in addition, the flag of their own State. For the moment the "Nazi" Christians have conquered, and are living down to the view of the church expressed by one of their most recent exponents that "the

State can treat her just as she would any skittle club." The opposition pastors, however, have promptly declared that "obedience to this regime is disobedience to God." From a large number of German Evangelical pulpits on Sunday—the number, it is said, would have been larger if the letters containing the statement drawn up by the Council of the Confessional Synod had not been tampered with or delayed in the post—a formal protest was read declaring that the decisions of the so-called Synod are invalid under church and secular law, and calling upon the congregations and churches not to make themselves guilty of a breach of the constitution and law by upholding them.—"Christian World" (London).

The Price of Liberty.

In order to attain soul liberty we are prepared to let go everything that keeps the soul in bondage. A little boy once got into difficulties in the home. The mother heard a sudden cry of distress, and ran to her terrified child to discover that his hand was fast in a vase with a narrow neck. She tried hard to release him, but her efforts were in vain. She did not want to break the vase because of its valuable family associations. By-and-bye the father heard the screams of the frightened child and he hastened to the scene of distress. Being less perturbed and somewhat more philosophic than the mother, he quickly observed that the boy's hand was clenched tightly in the vase. "Open your hand, boy," said the father "open your hand, it will then come out." "But I'll drop the penny, then," replied the child innocently and sobbingly. He would rather be in bondage and cling to his penny than let the penny go and obtain his freedom. He had not realised that that was the only way to freedom. We must let go selfish pleasure, pride of position and power and possession. Anything and everything that keeps us in bondage must be dropped if the soul is to gain its freedom and dwell in the company of those whom Jesus Christ has delivered from the tyranny and bondage of sin.—G. Rees.



Photograph taken after a baptismal service and worship meeting conducted by Bro. H. C. Bischoff during a recent mission at Buchan, Vic.

The Toilers of Merbein.

Jas. E. Thomas.

It is a revelation to those who have not previously visited irrigation settlements to go to a place like Merbein (Vic.). It was founded earlier than Red Cliffs, and is somewhat different in that the latter place is a settlement for returned soldiers. Both of these places and Mildura form a great area that is watered by the River Murray. About 21,000 tons of dried fruit are sent from these places each year, as well as thousands of cases of citrus fruit and grapes. While there is a town of Merbein, the settlement extends for miles around. Each holder of a block has from 15 to 30 acres, or possibly more, that is planted in grapes and citrus fruits. Channels are dug; and many of them are made in concrete. Along these the water flows as it is pumped by great pumps from the Murray. About five or six times a year the water is allowed to flow through the vines and trees, and in this way the whole is kept watered and sustained. Instead of being called farmers, these hard-working men are called blockers, or if some more classical name is sought they are called horticulturalists.

The church at Merbein was established about 22 years ago by R. G. Cameron and some brethren, who first met in a house. They were helped by some brethren from Mildura, and the work has grown in an encouraging way. Thos. Hagger and W. H. Clay held a successful mission near the commencement of the work with splendid results. Some of the best workers to-day were converts of that mission. J. E. Brooke, one of our youngest preachers, is doing a good work here, and the mission has been an gone across the river. Many members have moved to New South Wales. It was my privilege to visit all these families and have happy fellowship with them. They have a nice building, and there is a promising work there. Everywhere on either side of the river are miles of channels carrying water. It seems a wonderful symbol of what Jesus meant when he told of the living water that he alone can supply. Just as these gardens are nurtured and supplied by the never-falling channels of water that flow from Australia's greatest river, so may all be sustained by him who in his own wonderful way supplies water to our thirsty souls.

One cannot but admire these hard-working, lion-hearted toilers who work constantly that they may have a bountiful harvest of fruit. They have built homes for themselves and made it possible to see vines and trees bringing forth fruit in abundance where once it was a desert. So may we allow the great Husbandman to fill us with his Spirit that daily we may bring forth fruit to his glory. If these brave men, pioneers of a great industry, give their best for the fruit that lasts but for to-day, may we not from them learn a great lesson and give the best we can to the Lord of the harvest that we may have fruit for eternity?

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. PITTMAN.

THE GIRL OF YESTERDAY.

The quaint grey cottage beneath the trees,
Its garden blooming row on row,
Is kept as she loved to have it, still
Unchanged from the style of long ago.
Her portrait faces the opening door,
The blue eyes shine with tender truth.
It brings her near, though an hundred years
Have passed since Ellen had her youth.

We'll linger here in her pretty room,
Which breathes her presence everywhere.
The hearth is ready for a fire,
And the low four-poster standing there
Seems meant for innocent girlish sleep.
Peep in the mirror, and you'll declare
You see sweet Ellen's happy face
As she brushes out her long, brown hair.

Yes, a century has come and gone
Since she lived here, gentle and good and sweet,
With prayer in her heart, praise on her lips,
With dutiful tasks for hands and feet.
Yet memory keeps her story fresh
And makes us love her more each day
For her purity and honest grace,
Dear little girl of yesterday.

—Etta Webb.

MOTHER.

Time has scattered snowflakes on her brow,
Willowed deep furrows on her cheeks; she is
beautiful still. The lips are thin and sunken,
but those lips kissed many a hot tear from
childish cheeks. The eyes are dim, yet they
glow with soft radiance of holy love, which can
never fade. The sands of time are nearly run.
Though feeble, she will yet go farther, and reach
down deeper for you than all others. You can-
not walk into a midnight where she cannot see
you; you cannot sink into prison whose bars
will keep her out; you cannot mount a scaffold
so high that she cannot reach up—that she may
bless you in her deathless love. When the world
despises and forsakes you, when it leaves you
by the roadside to die unnoticed, the dear, good
mother gathers you into her arms and carries
you home, and tells you of all your virtues, until
you almost forget your soul is made hideous
by vice. Honor the dear mother.

ALONG THE WAY.

There is dew in one flower and not in another
because one opens its cup and takes it in, while
the other closes itself and the dewdrops run off.
God rains his goodness and mercy as wide-
spread as the dew, and if we lack them it is be-
cause we will not open our hearts to receive
them.—Beecher.

We are made for co-operation, like feet, like
hands, like eyelids, like the rows of the upper
and lower teeth. To act against one another,
then, is contrary to nature, and it is acting
against one another to be vexed and turn away.
—Marcus Aurelius.

"No one can win true success in life who does
not have regard for the welfare and happiness
of others."

"No one should be discouraged if the way up
is slow, so long as he is rising. To be climbing,
that is the thing."

"Everyone owes it to himself to cultivate and
develop the kind of personality that will be good
company for himself."

DO YOU KNOW?

When using blacklead, moisten with turpen-
tine, and the articles cleansed with it will not
rust.

Pipeclay for steps and hearthstones does not
rub off and cleans more effectively if mixed
with milk.

The colors in cotton goods will not "run" if
the garments have been soaked beforehand in
salt and lukewarm water.

To make a candle fit the candlestick, dip the
end of it in hot water. It will then be soft
enough to be moulded to the necessary size.

Water in which onions have been boiled will
remove dirt from white paint, and will leave the
surface as glossy as it was before.

Troublesome ink stains and fruit stains may
be removed from linen if the article is put into
a strong solution of salt and cold water.

Wet sand often proves a good substitute for
water in flower vases. It has an additional ad-
vantage of making the vase more stable and
less liable to topple over.

Tan boots and shoes that have become dis-
colored or hard from seaside wear may be made
soft by rubbing with a rag soaked in olive oil.
When dry, apply ordinary polish and rub well.

Instead of soda, try salt for cleaning burnt
saucepans. The saucepans should be filled with
salt water and left to soak for a few hours; the
burnt particles will then come away quite easily.

Twelve average tea plants produce one pound
of tea.

The average length of a dog's life is fifteen
years.

The weight of a man's brain has nothing to
do with his mental power. It is a question of
climate not of intellect. The colder the climate
the greater the size of the brain.

The swiftest fish is the dolphin. It can swim
for short distances at the rate of twenty-five
miles an hour.

There are forty-eight distinct diseases of the
eye. No other organ of the human body has so
many.

A bee, unladen, will fly forty miles an hour;
but one coming home laden with honey does
not travel faster than twelve miles an hour.—
Selected.

WAIT HIS WILL.

O sweet it is to know, to feel,
In all our gloom, our wanderings here,
No night of sorrow can conceal
Me from thy notice, from thy care.

When disciplined by long distress
And led through paths of fear and woe
Say, dost thou love thy children less?
No, ever-gracious Father, No!

Then let my trembling soul be still,
Thy purpose though I may not see,
And wait thy wise, thy holy will;
All must be well, since ruled by thee.

—Sir John Bowring.

EXTRA EXPENSE.

He spent several days fishing, and presented
his landlady with enough fish to supply the
whole boarding house. At the end of the week
his bill included the item: "Lord (for frying
fish)—1/6."

There are no two people who think alike.

"Oh, yes, there are."

"You'll have to show me."

"Then how was it that I got ten neckties for
my birthday?"

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

TOPIC.—RESURRECTION.

Monday, Oct. 1.

If a man die, shall he live again?—Job. 14: 14.
That death is inevitable has been known since
the fall of man; never has that been questioned,
yet from earliest times men have raised the
query of our text, and found no answer outside
of God's Word.

Reading—Job 14.

Tuesday, Oct. 2.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he
shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though after my skin worms destroy this
body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.—Job
19: 25, 26.

By the eye of faith Job looked down the vista
of the ages and beheld his Redeemer, who
should prove himself to be the resurrection and
the life. Though his body should experience
dissolution, there would be a glorious re-creation.
Reading—Job 19.

Wednesday, Oct. 3.

God will redeem my soul from the power of
the grave; for he shall receive me.—Psa. 49: 15.

The psalmist contrasts the insecurity of the
ungodly with his own hope of life everlasting.
They should perish like the beasts, but he will
be redeemed from the power of the grave. They
should go down to the pit, but he should live
on continually. "Looking forward," says the
psalmist, "for such divine redemption, I will not
fear the worst that iniquitous circumventors
can do unto me during the days of evil."

Reading—Psalm 49.

Thursday, Oct. 4.

I am the resurrection and the life; he that
believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he
live.—John 11: 25.

Jesus being the author or cause of the resur-
rection could alone make this stupendous claim.
"The whole doctrine of the resurrection came
from him, and the whole power to effect it was
his." It was not necessary to postpone every
resurrection until the great final day, hence the
miracle of the raising of Lazarus.

Reading—John 11: 17-44.

Friday, Oct. 5.

He is not here, he is risen, even as he said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.—Matt.
28: 7.

Upon the fact of Christ's resurrection rest all
our hopes. Had he remained in the tomb, our
faith would be in vain; our preaching would be
a lie; our witness false; our sins uncleansed; our
every hope blasted. Surely no greater or better
news could have been entrusted to the godly
women.

Reading—Matthew 28: 1-10.

Saturday, Oct. 6.

This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we all
are witnesses.—Acts 2: 32.

Pentecost was a day of great things and first
things. Upon that day there was a great out-
pouring, a great sermon, and great results. Upon
that day the kingdom of Jesus was inaugurated,
the church established. But the greatest thing
that happened was the announcement that he
who died lives again, no more to die.

Reading—Acts 2: 22-35.

Sunday, Oct. 7.

Now hath Christ been raised from the dead,
the first-fruits of them that are asleep.—1 Cor.
15: 20.

"As sure as the first-fruits are the proof that
there is a harvest, so surely the resurrection of
Christ is a proof of ours." "All who died before
Christ, and were raised to life, died afterwards;
but Christ is the first-fruits of all who shall be
raised from the dead to die no more."

Readings—Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-19.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

October 3.

A GRACIOUS GIFT.

(John 12: 1-8.)

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

No one on this earth will ever be able adequately to measure the worth, the inspiration and the influence of godly homes. And what that home at Bethany meant to our Lord, particularly in view of his passion, will never be known this side of the grave. There he came only six days before the passover, and there out of gratitude, and with hearts full of overflowing, they arranged a supper or dinner.

Who Were There?

Matthew and Luke tell us that the feast was given in the house of one Simon, the leper. Who was he? He could not then have been a leper, else he would not have been living in his own house, nor would he have been allowed to mingle so freely with others. Some have suggested that he was perhaps the father of Martha and Mary and Lazarus. It is mere conjecture. Perhaps he had been healed by our Lord; hence the use of his house for this occasion.

But "they made him a supper." The "they" would certainly include Martha and Mary. They had reason for great rejoicing, for had not the Lord given them back their dearly loved brother, who had been dead and now was alive again. "Lazarus was one of them that sat at table with him."

The guests that day included the disciples, and when it was generally known that this special function was being held a great number of the Jews also came in "not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead."

A Gracious Gift.

The word "grace" is in the larger term "gracious." God's grace includes all that he gives us more than we deserve. Our grace includes all we do for others' good, which we are not compelled to do, and are not paid for doing. Mary's gift was not more than Jesus deserved, for Mary owed much more to him. But she was not bound to make it. Farrar says, "It was an act of devoted sacrifice, of exquisite self-abandonment, and the poor Galileans who followed Jesus, so little accustomed to any luxury, so fully alive to the costly nature of the gift, might well have been amazed that it should have all been lavished on the rich luxury of one brief moment. None but the most spiritual-hearted there could feel that the delicate odour which breathed through the perfumed house might be to God a sweet smelling savor; that even this was infinitely too little to satisfy the love of her who gave, or the dignity of him to whom the gift was given." But Jesus had given lavishly to her, and this was the expression of her gratitude to him.

Our Gifts.

Would we dare to say that our gifts to the Lord at any time were gracious gifts? "We have done that which was our duty to do." There have been some gifts which might be termed gracious, but how few are these? Is there any less reason for our giving than that Mary had? We have been saved from death, and eternal separation from God. What do we owe? Is there to be seen in us that "exquisite self-abandonment"; is there to be witnessed the making of a gift which surprises the man of worldly mind? The Lord is worthy of our best, and an opportunity is again afforded in the offering for our College of the Bible. Let the offering be an act of worship and a sign of grace.

TOPIC FOR OCTOBER 10.—TO-MORROW'S UNWRITTEN PAGE.—James 4.

Our Young People.

Conducted by W.M. GALE.

Victorian Bible School Examination Results, 1934.

Seven hundred and ninety-nine entered for the examination from seventy-seven schools; 21 schools shared the 35 prizes. 294 gained merit certificates; 200, certificates; 177 passed.

PRIZE-WINNERS.

Scholars.

Div. 1.—1st, Dorothy Jean Vinen, Port Fairy, 83; 2nd, Marjorie Anderson, Gardiner, 81; 3rd, Merie Jean Annetts, Middle Park, 78; 4th, Darryl Westward Cartmel, Gardiner, 77.

Div. 2.—1st, Eunice Mary Scott, Box Hill, 99; 2nd, Alma Elizabeth Yewdall, Lygon-st., 98; 3rd, Margaret Shirley Paul, Pyramid Hill, 96; 4th, Charles Raymond Brough, Gardiner, 97.

Div. 3.—1st, Kenneth John Patterson, Gardiner 99; 2nd, Ronald Edward Earl, Box Hill, 98; 3rd, Marjorie Earl, Box Hill, 98; 4th, Frank Clifford Larkins, Gardiner, 97.

Div. 4.—1st, Irma Mavis Scott, Box Hill, 93; 2nd, Marjorie Wilkie, Ballarat (Dawson-st.), 92; 3rd, Olive Ada Meyer, Berwick, 91; 4th, Edwin Smith, Glenferrie, 90.

Div. 5.—1st, Verna Margaret Stewart, Footscray, 94; 2nd, Elizabeth McCann, Gardiner, 92; 3rd, Sylvia Gladys Salmon, North Fitzroy, 91; 4th, Lyndsay Smith, Ballarat (Dawson-st.), 91.

Division 6.—1st, Eileen Gladys McCulloch, Northcote, 89; 2nd, Marjorie Wright, Red Hill, 88; 3rd, Lorna Jean Street, Box Hill, 87; 4th, Irene Ford, Dandenong, 84.

Div. 7.—1st, Norman Arthur Reaburn, Moreland, 89; 2nd, Peter Brown, Lygon-st., 75; 3rd, Lloyd Le Page Morris, Ballarat (Dawson-st.), 74.

Teachers.

Div. 8.—1st, Dora Stewart, Ivanhoe, 80; 2nd, Enid Smith, Gardiner, 78; 3rd, Edith Maude Pettigrove, Bendigo, 73.

Div. 9.—1st, Kitty Lila Pittman, Hampton, 93; 2nd, Mary Elizabeth Goodin, Brighton, 89; 3rd, Robert William Shrimpton, Carnegie, 84.

Div. 10.—1st, Rowland Price Morris, Brighton, 98; 2nd, Alison Murray, Malvern, 95.—W. Gale.

COMING TO DAYLESFORD?

There is every possibility that the next Victorian training in leadership summer camp conference will be held at Daylesford from December 26 to January 2. This is one of Australia's great holiday centres. It is over 2,000 feet above sea-level; is the centre of Australia's most noted mineral springs district, including the famous Hepburn Spa; is adjacent to the extinct volcanic crater, Mount Franklin; is within driving distance of the Loddon Falls. The place is right. This will be the first leadership conference under the personal supervision of Mr. Keith Jones, the new leader of our Victorian Youth Department. This is a great opportunity for our young people to spend an enjoyable time together in happy fellowship, in definite preparation for personal leadership, and at the same time presenting a unique opportunity to converse with our youth leaders upon the many problems of youth and religion. The spiritual fellowship in these camp conferences is a wonderful experience. The cost will probably be the same as last year, viz., £2. Commence to save now. Definite word will be issued when certain business details have been finalised. We have never had a more attractive centre.—W.G.

Y.W.L. PICTURES.

List of Scriptures for Oct.-Dec., 1934.

Date.	No.	Story.	Text.
Oct. 7	40	2 Kings 12: 1-16	2 Kings 12: 4.
"	14	Jer. 36	Jer. 36: 23
"	21	Jer. 38: 1-13	Jer. 38: 13.
"	28	43 Haggai 1	Hag. 1: 4.
Nov. 4	44	Dan. 3	Dan. 3: 25.
"	11	45 Deut. 32: 7-12	Deut. 32: 11.
"	18	46 Dan. 1	Dan. 1: 8.
"	25	47 Luke 2: 51, 52	Luke 2: 52.
Dec. 2	48	Matt. 21: 1-11	Matt. 21: 9.
"	9	49 Mark 12: 41-44	Mark 12: 43.
"	16	50 Isaiah 9: 1-7	Isaiah 9: 6.
"	23	51 Luke 2: 8-20	Luke 2: 11.
"	30	52 The Christ of the Andes.	

For Picture No. 52 a brief account of "The Christ of the Andes" will appear in the December issue of "Pure Words."

ALLIED YOUTH TEMPERANCE COUNCIL.

Negotiations amongst the various church and temperance young people's departments have reached a successful culmination, and a Victorian council has been constituted to co-ordinate the efforts of interested organisations during the Centenary period. The immediate objective is to secure 100,000 new total abstinence pledges, and a special Centenary pledge card has been prepared for uniform use during the special crusade. It is hoped that World's Temperance Sunday, Nov. 4, will provide a strategic opportunity for a general appeal for pledges in opposition to the campaign of the brewers.

Junior Christian Endeavor
At Toowoomba, Qld.

Mrs. E. C. Hinrichsen is the superintendent, and there is an enrolment of 52.



Here and There.

Much sympathy is felt for Dr. Wand, recently appointed Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane, whose son, an Oxford undergraduate, lost his life in the Swiss Alps.

Victorian suburban members will have an opportunity of hearing Dr. Scroggie at Lygon-st. on Wednesday evening next. He will tell "How the New Testament came into Being."

Our readers will be glad to learn that Sister Mrs. Waterman, who underwent an operation on Sept. 19, is making satisfactory recovery, and expects to leave hospital very shortly.

We are glad to report that A. R. Main has recovered from his recent illness, sufficiently so to resume his writing for the "Christian." For some time he will have to go quietly, but all is well.

On Monday morning we received the following telegram from Lismore, N.S.W.:—"Great meetings twenty-third, extra seats needed; 202 broke bread, 29 welcomed, four decisions; record school.—Riches."

The Victorian women's conference executive will meet on Friday, Oct. 5, promptly at 2.30. Mrs. C. Henshaw will lead devotions. Speaker, Mrs. Monsborough, State secretary W.C.T.U. All women are cordially invited.

The appalling colliery disaster in North Wales reminds us of the hazards undertaken by many workers. It is feared that two hundred and sixty are dead as a result of an explosion. Hundreds of miners fled for their lives through the workings, but those who perished were trapped by a roaring wall of flame.

The influenza epidemic has greatly interfered with church and school attendances in recent weeks. The whole community has suffered much. Very many students of the College of the Bible have been affected. The College housekeeper, Miss Jermyn, is recovering from an attack. Two of the students—E. P. C. Hollard and G. R. Stirling—have been in hospital and operated upon for appendicitis. Both have made good progress.

An encouraging response has been made in Victoria to the Mrs. Grace Waterman fund. Collection was arranged through the Victorian women's mission bands, and the secretary has received to date about £420. It is desired that outstanding amounts should be forwarded to the secretary, Mrs. C. C. Dawson, 25 Oswin-st., East Kew, E.S., as early as possible, so that accounts may be completed.

A happy function was held at Boronia chapel, Vic., on Saturday, Sept. 22, when about 65 relatives of Mrs. C. Gilmour met to celebrate her 90th birthday. At the tea-table her eldest son, Mr. J. M. Gilmour, J.P., of Parkdale church, presided. Mrs. Gilmour is one of the pioneer members of Boronia. She and her late husband joined at Lygon-st. sixty-four years ago. Although so old, she is a very regular attendant at the Lord's table.

Many are interested in the mission established at Hongkong by the late Dr. Jew Hawk. The following extracts are from a letter to Bro. H. L. Pang from Mrs. Jew Hawk: "The work is going along fine. The day school closed for vacation with 48 students and opened again on Aug. 15. The Sunday school is well attended, and many day students attend. Chairs have to be used in the aisles every Sunday, and we are not able to accommodate the crowds at all when we have any kind of special meeting. Seven have been baptised lately. Pray with us that we may soon be able to buy the building next door, so that we can accommodate the crowds and have room for more students as they come to us for training."

The home and foreign missionary committees of Victoria each received a bequest of £20 from the estate of the late Sister Mrs. M. L. Gilmour, of Brighton. The church at Brighton also received the same amount. It was very beautiful of our sister to remember the work of the conference committees. For years she resided in the Tallarook district, removed many miles from the nearest group of disciples of like faith and order. Should we not all consider the work of the Master in making our last will and testament? Our sister was one of a family which has rendered gracious service to the work of the Lord.

Mr. Robert H. McKenzie, of South Wellington, New Zealand, who with his wife and daughter arrived in Melbourne a little more than a week ago for the Centenary celebrations, passed away rather suddenly at Moonee Ponds on Sunday last. Bro. S. H. Mudge, a former preacher of South Wellington church, who was well acquainted with the family, conducted a funeral service at the crematorium, Bren. C. Lang and W. H. Clay assisting. Mrs. and Miss McKenzie are members of South Wellington church. The churches in Melbourne will deeply sympathise with these and other sorrowing ones in New Zealand.

The Churches of Christ choral competition will take place in Lygon-st. chapel on Thursday, Oct. 11. The test anthem is "The Prince of Peace," by E. E. Mitchell. The choirs will also render an anthem of their own selection, and the hymn tune "Rest." Dr. A. E. Floyd will adjudicate, and will deliver a short lecture on church music and its relation to the choir and congregation. Tickets are 1/- each, with concessions to choirs attending as such. The music will be of a high standard, and worthy of a large audience. The combined choirs, assisted by non-competitive choirs, will assist at the Centenary rally on the Monday following, Oct. 15.

On Sept. 14, at the Y.M.C.A., Brisbane, the Queensland College of the Bible committee held a business men's luncheon. Twenty-three attended. The gathering was presided over by Bro. J. B. Ash (president). Luncheon was followed by a conference at which various aspects of the College were discussed. Bro. R. Wilson (Ipswich) spoke on "Our Prayer Support of the College." Bro. Ethelbert Davis discussed "The Relationship of the College to the Churches and the Churches to the College," whilst Bro. Geo. O. Tease spoke on "College Finance." Several brethren contributed helpfully to the discussion. A greeting was received from Bro. F. T. Saunders, secretary of the College Board of Management. A resolution was passed conveying to Bro. A. R. Main the wish of the gathering for his speedy recovery to health.

On Monday, Sept. 17, about 80 brethren accepted the invitation of the College Board of Management to a tea-conference regarding College affairs. Facing the issues involved in the annual offering, the Board sought the co-operation of preachers and secretaries in the metropolitan area. The catering committee of the women's conference provided a delightful tea. Bro. R. Lyall presided, and greetings were brought by the president of the Federal Conference, A. W. Connor, and R. T. Pittman and T. H. Scambler. The relieving teachers for 1934 were presented to the gathering, and responded. The College secretary and organiser, F. T. Saunders, gave the brethren some facts and figures concerning the College, showing the value of its service, and giving information as to the causes of the present heavy debt balance. Bro. R.

Ennis expressed the thanks of the gathering to the ladies who had helped so well.

The Judicial Commission of the Presbyterian Church of Australia has delivered its judgment in the case of Dr. Angus. Judgment was as follows:—"The Judicial Commission dismisses the appeals, in so far as they ask for the institution of a judicial process. The commission declares that the Presbyterian Church of Australia adheres firmly to its faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who for our sakes humbled himself and became man. The church has ever held, and holds still, the historic faith of the Christian Trinitarian church. The commission notes the solemn statement by the Rev. Professor Samuel Angus, made to it, that he holds and teaches the essential substance of the Catholic faith without mental reservation. The commission counsels the parties to this case and Dr. Angus to take every opportunity for frank and brotherly conference on matters whereon differences of opinion arise, and at all stages of discussion to avoid in public and in private sounding references to one another. The commission affectionately enjoins all the loyal members and adherents of the church to work and pray for the unity in which we and they might attain to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Meanwhile, every reader of Dr. Angus's book "Truth and Tradition" who is a believer in the sinless Redeemer and only begotten Son of God both knows and deeply regrets the abandonment of the New Testament faith manifested in that volume.

ADDRESSES.

- E. Davis (preacher Annerley church, Qld.)—
"Burringbar," Blackett-st., Annerley.
W. L. Ewers (preacher Burwood church, N.S.W.)—2 Angelo-st., Burwood.
S. Laney (secretary Burwood church, N.S.W.)—
13 Victoria-st., Strathfield.
B. W. Manning (preacher Victor Harbor church, S.A.)—Crozier-st., Victor Harbor.
W. G. Oram (preacher Semaphore church, S.A.)—244 Military-rd., Semaphore.
A. P. Russack (secretary Kadina church, S.A.)—
Lipson-rd., Wallaroo Mines.
T. H. Scambler (preacher Swanston-st. church, Vic.)—72 Campbell-st., Kew, E.4. Phone, Haw. 4090.
F. T. Slade (secretary Gawler church, S.A.)—
28 Adelaide-rd., Gawler.
T. Spencer (secretary Balwyn church, Vic.)—
3 Grant-ave., Balwyn, E.8.

IN MEMORIAM.

BURROWS.—In fond memory of our dearly loved son, Pte. James Keith Burrows, killed in France, Sept. 29, 1918, aged 19 years, grandson of the late E. Amess, of North Melbourne; also his comrade Pte. Horace (Curly) Thomson, died of wounds Oct. 4, 1918. Memorize.
—W. and M. Burrows, Hampton.

HANNIS.—In loving memory of Charles Hannis, who departed this life on Sept. 28, 1933; dearly loved and devoted brother of Annie E. Jackson, Nth. Melbourne. "Resting where no shadows fall."

KINSEY.—In loving memory of our dearly loved only son and brother, Private George W. Kinsey, killed in action in France on Sept. 29, 1918.

With tender love and deep regret
We who loved you will never forget.
—Inserted by his loving mother and father and family.

WINSON.—In ever-loving memory of William Andrew, dearly loved husband of Clara Winsor, who passed away Sept. 29, 1913; also our loved Myrtle, who passed away Aug. 6, 1921. Still lovingly remembered.

WANTED.

Girl, household duties, plain cooking, help given, must be fond of children, references, sleep out. Apply 29 Bloomfield-rd., Ascot Vale, near station; mornings.

News of the Churches.

Western Australian News-letter.

J. K. Robinson.

Home Mission Appeal.

The home missionary committee is making careful preparation for the offering to be taken on Nov. 4. An interesting and helpful feature of the campaign is a message to the churches each week from one of the evangelists working in a subsidised field. The reading of some of these in the morning services has been very helpful. The aim set for the appeal is £400.

Lake-st. Fortieth Anniversary.

With a veterans' day on Sept. 9, a birthday banquet on Sept. 11 and a homecoming day on Sept. 16, Lake-st. church passed its fortieth milestone. Many visitors and past members gathered to share in the celebrations. It is safe to say that all our churches are interested in the welfare of our city church, and wish its preacher and members God's blessing for future years.

A Home for Dogs.

Efforts are being made by the R.S.P.C.A. and interested citizens to raise money to build and equip a home for lost dogs. As a consequence we have seen numbers of letters in the daily press dealing with various phases of what is now being termed "the dog problem." Some of these have been pathetic appeals to us all to help the four-footed friends of man who are spending their lives in a literal "lost dog" fashion. One recent letter, however, struck a chord responsive in many hearts, when the writer, after making clear that he was indeed a lover of animals, pointed out that children are of far more value than dogs, and that there were enough lost, ill-cared-for and destitute children in our city to fill far more than one home. If homes for waifs are to be built, let us put first things first, and build for the children who need them, and save their bodies and their souls.

The King's Pardon.

The majority of us have been deeply stirred by two recent happenings in parliamentary circles. The one is the case of a Member of Parliament who was appointed an officer on the Lotteries Commission, such appointment being a lucrative one. Special legislation was passed to secure his holding his seat in Parliament while also holding this office of profit under the Crown. The other concerns a breach of the regulations under the Electoral Act on the part of another Member of Parliament. He was granted a King's pardon, and it has been assumed that this pardon automatically removes the disqualification from holding a seat in Parliament. (This has been challenged in a court of law.) Yet, on the other hand, we know of instances where ordinary railway workers have been instantly dismissed because in one case a small business was conducted by the man's wife, and in the other the man was found on the premises of a betting shop.

Youth Week.

The annual youth week commenced on Sept. 16 with youth Sunday. A combined youth rally was held in Lake-st. on Sept. 20, at which Bro. Hugh Gray was the speaker. The annual hills excursion by special train took place on Sept. 22. The theme for the week was "Reality."

Welcome Function to Bro. J. Gordon.

On Sept. 7 Bro. Gordon, who has recently taken charge of the work at Northam, visited Perth. His visit was made the occasion of a luncheon in the Y.M.C.A. rooms to give Perth brethren an opportunity to meet Bro. and Sister Gordon. The function was a very happy one,

and was presided over by the conference president, Bro. R. Raymond. Bro. Gordon created a good impression in his reply to the speeches of welcome.

Jettings.

Brookton church celebrated its silver anniversary since my last letter. Bro. Cliff Taylor, the preacher, reports a happy and successful time. He had the joy of taking the confession of a young man at a recent service. Ingewood reports five decisions for Christ for the month, and Maylands two.

Western Australia.

Victoria Park.—The preacher spoke at C.E. rally at Maddington on Sept. 15. Bro. Tom Street, of Aborigines' Mission, spoke to J.C.E. and exhorted the church on Sept. 16. Bro. W. H. Nightingale conducted a young people's service at night, when a lad from the Bible school confessed Christ.

Kalgoorlie.—On Sept. 9 and 16 Bro. A. N. Hinrichsen gave uplifting addresses at morning services, and powerful gospel sermons at night. Bro. Will. Hill conducted gospel service at Boulder. On Sept. 5 the combined Kalgoorlie and Boulder Bible schools' annual picnic was held at Coolgardie Park. Through the homecall of Bro. John Miller on Sept. 3, the church has lost one of its most promising young men.

Maylands.—The church has been saddened by the sudden home-call on Sept. 7 of Bro. Lillie, a deacon of the church, greatly respected by all who knew him. A large number attended the funeral. Sympathy of the church is extended to the sorrowing wife, sons and daughters. Meetings were well attended on Sept. 9. Two, immersed the previous Sunday, were welcomed, and two more were immersed at night. At the close of the gospel address there was one restoration.

Perth (Lake-st.)—The 40th anniversary services of the church were inaugurated by a motor run on Sept. 8, about 20 cars carrying upwards of 100 folk. The anniversary extended over two Sundays, and concluded with a delightful fellowship meeting after church on Sept. 16 in the school hall. Sunday, Sept. 9, was veterans' day. At morning service Bro. Brooke's message was from Prov. 16: 31. There were 168 communicants. Amongst visitors were Bro. Blakeby, Adelaide; Bro. and Sister Geo. Brough, Cheltenham, Vic.; and Bro. Davidson, Footscray, Vic. Wednesday evening saw a great gathering in the church hall, when over 200 sat down to a birthday banquet. A programme of speeches and musical items was enjoyed. Sunday, Sept. 16, was home-coming day. Bro. Brooke spoke on "A Progressive Church" to an extra large congregation, 184 of whom partook of the emblems. Bro. Brooke preached at night to another large congregation. Sister Mrs. John Ewers and Bro. Henry Wright rendered enjoyable solos. A special feature of the occasion was a birthday gift to the church by the Loyal Daughters. They had renovated and furnished one of the front vestries as a preacher's study at cost of over £10.

Queensland.

Kedron.—The twenty entrants to recent scripture examination passed with excellent average of 72½ per cent., was a first prize, a second prize and nine honors. Youth week closed on Sept. 16, with special messages from Bro. G. E. Burns, of Hawthorne, in exchange with Bro. N. G. Noble, Miss E. Cunningham, of Sudan United Mission, gave a message to the Bible school. In the evening Bro. Noble spoke on "Ruth's Appeal," when most of the service was conducted by leaders of Kedron church auxiliaries. Bro. and Sister J. T. Neidling, from Cuchan Cuchan, was received into membership at close of service.

Gympie.—Attendance on Aug. 9 was good. Bro. Bowes spoke to the church on "The Gate Beautiful and the Hour of Prayer." The theme of his gospel message was "A Divinely Appointed Refuge." Good meetings at Goomboorian Bible school and gospel service. Bro. P. Stalley preached at New Veteran, and Bro. G. Jensen at Monkland. Gympie Bible school has commenced practice for anniversary. C.E. society held a social for Bro. Gordon Munroe, leaving for home in Melbourne after six months' visit. Bro. Bowes was speaker at both meetings on Aug. 16. Bro. E. Trudgian spoke at New Veteran, and Bro. West at Monkland.

Annerley.—Bro. Ethelbert Davis commenced his ministry on Sept. 2, when both services were well attended. An induction service was held on Sept. 6, with Bro. Burden as chairman. Addresses were given by Bren. Burden, Noble, Collins, Davis, and the secretary of the church extended a welcome to Bro. and Sister and Heather Davis. Sister Davis was welcomed by the women's guild on Sept. 11. A fine concert programme, under auspices of the choir, was rendered on the evening of Sept. 13, half of the proceeds toward painting the church buildings. Youth Sunday was celebrated on Sept. 16, Bro. Ben. Smith preaching.

Tasmania.

Invermay.—On Sept. 16, at the gospel meeting, Bro. A. E. Brown made reference to the life of Sister H. V. Clements, who passed away on Sept. 11. On Sept. 18, at conclusion of Endeavor meeting, Endeavorers gave a surprise social to Bro. Wilson to celebrate his eightieth birthday. Sept. 23, good attendances, Bro. Brown speaking at both services. Miss L. Dowde sang a solo.

Victoria.

Brim.—On Sept. 23 Bro. Garland was the preacher at afternoon service, also at night. Some members are sick.

Ormond.—On Sept. 23 Bro. Andrews gave stirring messages, in the morning on "The zeal of thy house has eaten me up," and at night on "Thou shalt love." A number are back after sickness. The church is planning a special month for October.

Fitzroy (Gore-st.)—On Sept. 16 Bro. North-east spoke at evening service. On Sept. 23 Bro. Bates conducted morning and evening services in absence of Bro. Holland, who was taken ill suddenly. All are pleased that he is progressing favorably.

Essendon.—Half-yearly business meeting was held on Sept. 12. Fair progress is being made in all departments of work. On Aug. 16 Bro. D. D. Stewart, of Footscray, commenced a fortnight's evangelistic mission. Interesting subjects hold the attention of all.

Red Hill.—Attendances have been equal to average, despite sickness. On Sept. 23 S. J. Southgate commenced a two-weeks' evangelistic festival. A very good commencement was made, 61 being in the meeting. An excellent message was presented with power.

South Richmond.—Recently oranges were distributed to Foundling Home, East Melbourne, by C.E. societies, and violets were taken to aged and sick of the district. J.C.E. society has proved satisfactory. Bro. Dudley has done faithful work. Many members have been sick.

Doncaster.—On Sept. 18 Bro. Clark, of Box Hill, addressed the young people's meeting in connection with the special services, his subject being "Climbing." There was a splendid attendance. Dr. Kemp spoke on "The Abundant Life" at Bible school gathering on Sunday afternoon. It is believed that the special meetings will result in much good through the faithful work of Bro. Connor and his helpers. The sympathy of the church is extended to Bro. and Sister Frank Petty, whose youngest son Vernon passed away after a short illness.

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Foreign Missions.

Conducted by G. Percy Pittman.

MR. ALBERT ANDERSON.

On relinquishing the editing of this page, it is my pleasing duty to introduce the new secretary of the Federal F.M. Board, Mr. A. Anderson, who has been asked by the editor to be responsible in future for the foreign mission notes and news. My first acquaintance with Bro. Anderson was in 1908-9, when I was preaching for the church at Newmarket, Victoria, prior to leaving Australia for India. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, senior, and their family were members of the Newmarket church, and Albert was one of the promising lads in the Bible school. Since then he has had a wide and varied experience both in Australia and China. His knowledge of the foreign field will stand him in good stead in all his future work. The missionaries will find in him a sympathetic and understanding friend. He has had practical acquaintance with evangelistic and pastoral work in Australia, and his platform ability will be a great asset to the foreign mission cause. In the advocacy and administration of the interests of our work among the heathen his talents will find abundant scope. He will, I am sure, value the prayers of the brethren everywhere as he enters upon his important duties. Personally, I am glad to hand over the secretarial work to such a consecrated, energetic and able man, and wish him every blessing in his efforts on behalf of the spread of the gospel in the great and needy foreign field. All correspondence for the Federal Board should be addressed to Mr. A. Anderson, c/o Mr. A. L. Head, Edward-st., Evandale, South Australia.

THE WORK AT SHANGHAI.

Dr. Carleton Lacy writes on August 14:—"The accounts for the half-year of work at the Kwenming-rd. mission have been prepared, and I am forwarding a statement covering the period, together with reports from Mr. Wu and the Bible-woman.

"It was my privilege to attend the commencement exercises of the school on July 4 to make an address to the students and to present the certificates and diplomas and the prizes. The main address of the afternoon was delivered by a representative of the government department of vocational guidance, and he gave very practical advice to the young people and their parents. The school appeared to be in a flourishing condition, and to be conducted by men and women of experience and who are trustworthy.

"We have finally unravelled all of the red-tape, and put through all the technical details of transfer and registration of the property, and the charges therefore are included in this statement of accounts. Really, it has been more a matter of time than of much effort.

"Whatever we can do in service is a pleasure, and we are happy at any time to receive your requests or instructions. And this applies as much to whoever may be succeeding you in administrative responsibility. I trust that the necessary financial support may be provided for all your mission work. It has been hard to make the necessary arrangements for the West China Mission, I am sure, but I think you can confidently expect the Chinese Home Missionary Society to do the best that could be done for this work under the plan that you have made.

"There have been 123 meetings held during the six months ending July 31, and 151 addresses given. The average attendance at the school is 250. The present number of church members is 51."

SHANGHAI BIBLE-WOMAN.

Miss Vung Tse-Ying, Bible-woman at Shanghai, reports as follows for the six months ended July 31, 1934.—"There were two big preaching campaigns held during the half year. There were five inquirers; one man and five women. After having recovered their health two of the inquirers became more earnest than before and attended the church every Sunday. The number of attendants at the Sunday services ranged from forty to fifty. There was an old woman inquirer who had been a firm believer in the Buddhist doctrine. She has surrendered to our persuasion and attends regularly at a church near by her home."

EVANGELISATION IN INDIA.

"We note with satisfaction the recognition of the principle that the Indian church is primarily responsible for the evangelisation of India, but it must be admitted that the Indian church has not as yet made this her supreme task. Without disparaging in any way the faithful work that is being carried on by missionaries and Indians connected with missions or churches in preaching the gospel, we desire to impress upon the Indian church the duty that lies on every professed follower of Christ to share his faith and experience with those who will be benefited by it. India presents a unique opportunity to-day. The great movements that are going on in India to-day call for a 'bolder and more convincing presentation of the Christian message.' India, nay, the world, is in desperate need of regeneration. 'Our evangelistic task is so to present Christ to men that they will be confronted with the necessity of a real decision.' We cannot over-emphasize the need of evangelisation by personal contact. We remember with joy the great fruits achieved by this means of personal contact of one soul to another. The time has come when the Indian church should inaugurate a forward evangelistic movement, and in this great adventure the West and the East—the older and the younger churches—should meet and work out a programme for the evangelisation of our country. The responsibility of laymen here is great indeed.

"There is another matter which needs serious consideration in this connection. We feel men and women with a burning passion for the winning of souls should be set apart for this task, and they should in conjunction with the Indian church formulate an effective programme. We note with satisfaction that this question is en-

gaging the serious attention of the National Christian Council and the Provincial Christian Councils."—From "The Future of the Indian Church," by leading Indian Christians.

AN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

Mr. Spurgeon, in one of his sermons, says that he was once sitting at his desk in his study when a woman was shown in who was evidently in deep distress. She said that her husband had run away from her, and gone to sea, and she was greatly troubled. Mr. Spurgeon told her that he was very sorry for her, but he did not see that he could do anything to help her except to pray for her husband to be brought back to her. They both went down on their knees, and he prayed very earnestly that her husband's heart might be changed, and that he might return to her. She went home much comforted, and Mr. Spurgeon saw nothing of her for some months, when she returned accompanied by her husband. He told Mr. Spurgeon that on the same day that he was prayed for so earnestly he happened to pick up a piece of paper on the deck of the steamer on which he was travelling. It proved to be one of Mr. Spurgeon's own sermons, and he read it, and it was the means of his conversion. He there and then accepted Christ as his Saviour and Lord, disembarked at the next port, and took the first boat back to London to rejoin his wife.

Several things stand out in this remarkable story. First, the strong yet childlike faith of the great preacher. He believed that it was right and proper to bring everything to God in prayer. I heard recently of a minister who advised one of his flock never to pray for material blessings, but only for spiritual things. Mr. Spurgeon believed that all our needs, both temporal and spiritual, should be brought to the Lord in prayer.

What men call coincidences are often the Lord's arrangements. It was not by mere chance that that piece of paper should have had one of Spurgeon's own sermons printed on it, and that it should have been found on the deck of that ship by that man on that particular day. God is able to work all things together for good to those who love him. He becomes all things to the changing needs of his children, according to their faith and obedience.

United, earnest prayer is sure to bring a blessing. Jesus said, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them." Both Mr. Spurgeon and the woman were in dead earnest. Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Our prayers are too often of the fainting kind, too feeble to get anywhere. Let us pray for zeal and warmth and love, so that our prayers may prevail.

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Obituary.

BYARD.—There passed away quite recently, to be forever with the Lord, in the Deloraine district, Tas., our esteemed brother and the writer's friend, C. Byard, sen. He endured patiently a long illness. His hope was bright, and his influence felt to the last. In regard to his influence I desire to express my thankfulness.—T. J. Johnston.

GARD.—Nearly ninety were the years of the pilgrimage which, on Monday morning, Aug. 27, brought Mrs. Mary Gard to the terminus from whence the Lord took her unto himself. Born in England 89 years ago, she came to Australia with her father when she was about two years of age. Mrs. Gard lived in South Australia for 80 years, and by her genial personality and excellent Christian character won to herself a large circle of friends. Mr. W. J. Gard, her husband, died in 1909, and of their family of three sons, William Amos, John Bailey and Alfred James, only the last-named survives. Mrs. Gard was received into fellowship with Grote-st. church, Adelaide, on Oct. 30, 1871, and maintained her membership in a delightfully consistent manner until her death. Her brethren revealed their love and appreciation when they conferred upon her the privilege and honor of laying the foundation-stone of the new chapel on Sept. 12, 1925. The beautiful communion-table now in use in the new building was presented to the church by Mrs. Gard, indicating her appreciation of the sacrifice of her Lord, and the central feature of the morning service. The church held first place in her life, and down through the long avenue of years she rendered consistent service in a quiet and gracious manner. When age and illness prevented her attendance at services, her prayers and gifts were as evident as in the days of earlier life and better health. She was a godly woman, a gracious wife and mother. Her surviving son, Mr. Alfred J. Gard, has just completed fifty years of membership with Grote-st. church, where he has given forty years of service as organist, twenty-seven years as choir-master, and many years as a deacon and treasurer. Mr. Gard's work for Grote-st. and the brotherhood gladdened his dear mother's heart, and has been, and still is, of a most commendable nature. Members of the church at Grote-st., the brotherhood of South Australia, and the many friends in other States will join in expressions of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Gard, and other relatives. We commend the loved ones to the Comforter who blesses to all the sacred ministry of beautiful memories.—C. Schwab.

Mrs. Mary Gard.

MILLER.—Kalgoorlie church, W.A., has lost one of its ablest and most willing workers in the decease on Sept. 3 of Bro. John Douglas Miller, aged 19 years. He was vice-president of the intermediate C.E. and the Y.P.S.C.E., as well as Bible school secretary. His Christian life began at an early age. He confessed his Saviour on Dec. 12, 1926, during the ministry of Bro. Chas. Hunt, and was baptised on Dec. 15. Since then he never looked back, but rapidly grew in spiritual stature and intellectual strength. He was one of the most promising speakers, his messages ever being thoughtful and full of power. Though naturally unassuming and of a retiring disposition, he was most popular in church and daily life, being at the time of his death accountant at the North Kalgoorlie (1912) Ltd. mine. Many representative speakers witnessed to his golden and manly character, and the value of his services. A large crowd attended both the service at the chapel and at the graveside. With pati-

ence his loved ones are waiting "until the day break, and the shadows flee away." We commend all who sorrow to God and the Word of his grace.—A. N. Hinrichsen.

MUNDAY.—On Sept. 5, at Burnley, Vic., the beloved wife (Louisa) of Bro. William Munday passed to be with Jesus. Twenty-three years ago, at the Scoville mission, she saw the light, and became associated with the church at South Richmond. For the past twelve years she was in membership at Burnley, where she was dearly loved by all. She was actively connected with the ladies' guild during the whole period. Students of the College of the Bible who have labored with these churches found in the Munday home a welcome at all times. These were well represented at the services. Bro. F. Stewart conducted a service in the chapel before the funeral, when Bro. Arthur Baker led in prayer and Bro. W. H. Clay spoke of an intimate acquaintance over 22 years. Bro. A. Dow conducted a service at the graveside. The large company of friends at both services testified to the love and esteem in which she was held. The sympathy of the church goes out to Bro. Munday and his five daughters, all of whom are in membership with the church in various places.

WILSON.—The Tabernacle Church of Christ, Dunedin, N.Z., reports the passing of Mrs. W. T. Wilson, better known to many Australian brethren as the daughter of the late Capt. Chas. and Mrs. Sundstrum. Six years ago Miss Sundstrum was united in marriage to Mr. W. T. Wilson, general secretary of Y.M.C.A., Dunedin, and the period of perfectly happy married life was terminated by the death of Mrs. Wilson on Wednesday, August 15. Our beloved sister is mourned by a very large circle of friends both in the Tabernacle Church of Christ, and in the city of Dunedin. She was intensely and practically interested in the welfare of young people. Our junior Christian Endeavor was created by her, under Bro. Hastie, some eighteen years ago, and under her guidance has been the means of training many in the service of Christ. One of the memories left to those who mourn her early death is the radiantly happy faith and unbroken courage with which she faced the "last enemy." Affectionate letters were written to comfort her friends when she would be with them no longer. Little gifts of love named for those whom she esteemed. The slightest detail was remembered and attended to in a calm and orderly way. And always, as long as consciousness lasted, she comforted her husband with quiet words of faith and hope. The triumphant death of the righteous has never been more finely illustrated. Our sister's life has become part of the great Christian tradition of those saints who serve the Lord in faith and gladness, and, being called, go to meet him without fear. Those for whom "the trumpets sound as they go up the other side."—W.D.M.

F. J. Sivyver: An Appreciation.

W. R. Hibbert.

My work for the last month has been in the Nelson district of New Zealand. I was only 40 miles away when with tragic suddenness Bro. F. J. Sivyver's life-work ceased due to hemorrhage of the brain, a trick apparently of blood pressure which had been a disturbing health factor for some time.

The congregation, and indeed the whole community, is bewildered. Our brother had labored through the day (Sunday, Sept. 2) as usual, and was preparing for a broadcast evening service. He took ill at 6 p.m., and died about 7 p.m.

Mrs. Sivyver has honored her husband in the wonderful spirit she has manifested. I am proud of little Gwen; she, too, has displayed the spirit that we knew resided in the father.

It is not possible for me to tell you how beloved was Bro. Sivyver by his people, nor to in-

dicade how wide and useful his ministry. Suffice it for me to mention a few facts and they will carry their own indications. The Mayor of the town in which I was preaching very graciously left his home and conveyed me the news when it reached him through the radio. The Mayor and Councillors of the city of Nelson, the Dean and Archdeacon of the Anglican church and all the ministers of the Christian congregations in the city were present at the service in the chapel. The Roman Catholic priest sent a beautiful letter to Mrs. Sivyver. The pupils of the public schools in which our brother had taught sent four wreaths, and at an intersection lined both sides of the road on the day of the funeral. The floral tributes and the number of telegrams and cablegrams bear eloquent testimony to our brother's work. The Australian cables brought healing to Mrs. Sivyver when so far away from her native land and loved ones.

New Zealand had learned to appreciate Bro. Sivyver even as the Australian brotherhood had done for many years. My own appreciation and friendship commenced 23 years ago at Glen Iris. I am grateful that during August my work enabled me to share his ministry and enjoy his friendship for one full week; on the last day of which we had a preachers' walk and talk. How he elevated and put spiritual content into that occasion may be judged by those who knew his friendly heart and insight into spiritual things.

As a minister he magnified his calling. He ministered to the boys and girls in day and Sunday school; he ministered to young people as a friend of youth (his last service was to the young men and women in the Bible class); he ministered with wisdom to those in the high day of life; he ministered to the sick and the aged with the skill of a spiritual physician. There was due dignity about every act of his ministry.

As a preacher he had a positive message. He was sure of his Saviour and his power to save. The Bible to him was God's book, and he had no doubts about its authority. His thinking was clarified as if he lived continually in the rarefied atmosphere of the spiritual heights. His words had the ring of good cheer, certainty and hope.

As a friend he entwined his loveliness about our lives. His winsome nature captured our hearts. He never cheapened his friendship. He used it to counsel us, reprove, encourage and ennoble us. He distilled his Christlikeness into small acts, kindly considerations and seasonal words.

As a gentleman he lavished his courtesy upon us but never displaced it. But more than that, he was a gallant Christian gentleman. He was finely made, and because of his sympathetic equipment and faithful service, he exhausted his vitality. He carried our sorrows, tried to heal our wounds and hid from us his own bodily weakness.

As a father he was all that was good and true, pure and lovely.

As a saint he walked with God, and to us today—is not—because God took him.

In his ministry of comfort he was recently heard to say, "God never makes mistakes." We are now left in his case to deem the higher will the best. One senses a deeper and wider consecration about those who have come under his ministry.

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News of the Churches.

(Continued from page 617.)

Victoria.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.)—Enjoyable meetings on Sunday, Sept. 23. Bro. A. L. Gibson was morning speaker, and Bro. Scambler preached in the evening. Bro. Robert Hardy sang the solo, "If with all your heart." The building has been painted inside throughout as well as the school hall.

Rochester—On Sept. 17 the church bade farewell to Bro. and Sister Trezise after a fortnight's mission. Two young ladies made the good confession. A happy spirit prevails. An anonymous gift of matting, and a gift of table cover by Bro. J. Thompson, are appreciated. Bible school has been reopened.

Dandenong—Bro. Stirling baptised a young lady on Sept. 13, who recently made the confession at Noble Park. Bro. Rough gave splendid addresses at both services on Sept. 16. Y.P.S.C.E. girls conducted the prayer meeting on Sept. 20. Bro. Quirk was speaker at both services on Sept. 23.

Wangaratta—Meetings have been affected by illness. During Bro. Trezise's absence for three Sundays Bren. Stanford, Whitaker and Jackel conducted services. 72 were at Bible school on Sept. 16. The church sympathises with Sister Mrs. Stevenson in the passing of her sister, Mrs. Longmore, of Berwick.

French Island—There are good attendances at communion service and Bible school. Of 13 scholars in attendance, eight entered for annual examination. Two merit certificates and five certificates were secured. Telegrams urging support for closing of hotel bars on Good Friday have been sent forward.

Fairfield—Bro. A. P. Burdeu, of Ascot Vale, gave fine addresses to young people and the church on morning of Sept. 23. Bro. Ritchie gave a splendid gospel message. Pioneer members Bro. and Sister Phillips were unable to attend through illness. Boys of the Sunday school have formed a team for cricket.

Preston—On Sept. 23 Bro. F. T. Saunders addressed the church with reference to College offering. One confessed Christ at close of gospel service, and two lads were immersed. On Sept. 18 the mothers' club repeated their concert in presence of a large audience; proceeds to aid tennis club and organ funds.

Yarrowonga—The anniversary was continued on Sept. 17 with a banquet at which over 100 sat down, including visitors from Albury and Wangaratta. Bro. Webb gave a powerful address, and musical items were enjoyed. Meetings on Sept. 23 were up to usual fine standard, with uplifting addresses by Bro. Searle. Sister Mrs. Chappell was present at Lord's table after absence of ten months, through illness.

Geelong—On Sept. 20 an enjoyable concert was presented by Congregational concert party in aid of Bible school picnic funds. Attendance on Sept. 23 was affected by illness of members. Sympathy is expressed to family and relatives of aged Sister Mrs. Trebilcock, laid to rest last week. On Sunday night, when a large number of our late sister's family were present, Bro. Clipstone paid tribute to her saintly life.

Kyneton—The Ellis Gossie memorial mission, which is being conducted by Bro. Arthur Baker, of Hartwell church, commenced on Sept. 23. To a large attendance at evening service, Bro. Baker spoke on "Is Christianity True?" A solo by Bro. Butler was enjoyed. "Which is the Right Church?" was Bro. Baker's subject on Monday night, when a married woman reconsecrated her life. Sister Baker pleased with her solo.

Carlton (Lygon-st.)—On Sept. 18 a church social was held, at which money collected for renovations was handed in. Including donations for memorial windows, over £400 was raised in three months. Mr. Halsbäck was the recipient of

a presentation on behalf of the officers of the church in recognition of special services during renovations. A church picnic was held at Brighton on Sept. 22. Splendid services on Sept. 23.

Malvern-Caulfield—An excellent concert, organised by Bro. Thomas, in aid of church funds, was given by Malvern Masonic Choir on Sept. 17. Fortnightly meeting of women's mission band on Sept. 19 was held at home of Sister Mrs. Bremner, Sister Mrs. Watson being the speaker. Sisters Miss Gwen Bauld and Mrs. Cowderoy are in hospital, both having had operations. After Bro. Graham's evening address on Sept. 23, one man confessed Christ.

Ballarat (Peel-st.)—Good meetings on Sept. 16 and 23. Bro. Lindsay Smith, of Dawson-st., being evening speaker. At the close of a stirring address seven made the good confession (two ladies, and two young men and three young ladies from Y.P.S.). All auxiliaries are healthy. Ladies' guild held a successful musicale on Sept. 6 in aid of piano fund, raising £3. Continued help from brethren at Dawson-st., York-st. and Mt. Clear is deeply appreciated.

Brighton—The 19th anniversary of the women's mission band was held on Sept. 20. Solos by Mrs. F. L. Mitchell and an address by Mrs. C. C. Dawson were greatly enjoyed. The "Crusade of the Cross," conducted by Bro. A. A. Hughes, has entered the third week. Bro. Hughes is giving thought-provoking addresses, and the question-box is freely used. In the chapel on Sept. 22 Miss Ena Charlesworth was married to Mr. Reg. Clark, Bro. Jas. E. Webb officiating.

Collingwood—Bible school anniversary services were held on Sept. 2 and 9. A fortnight's mission began on Sept. 16, the missionary being Bro. T. G. H. Westwood, of Middle Park, and song-leader Bro. J. Northeast. On Sept. 23 Bro. Westwood spoke at each service. In the morning Sister Mrs. Kelly was received by transfer. A Sunday school scholar made the good confession at gospel service. Bro. Brown and Sister Turnbull have been seriously ill, but are improving.

Box Hill—An address on Sept. 16, by Bro. W. W. Saunders, of Northcote, on "The Ministry of Music" was much appreciated. At night Bro. H. A. G. Clark spoke on "Hymns that have Helped," the address being interspersed with delightful singing by Mr. Chris. Reede. Good congregations. Under the auspices of Box Hill male quartette party a concert was held, and a substantial sum from the proceeds will be handed to building fund. Ladies' guild held annual sale of work. Sunday school is practising for anniversary.

Chelsea—On Sept. 9 and 16 Bro. L. E. Snow exhorted the church. On evening of Sept. 16 Bro. Higginbottom, from Ascot Vale, was speaker, Bro. Lawrie being absent through illness. Bro. T. J. Warne is home again, progressing favorably. Sister Miss Augustine is home after three months in hospital. On Sept. 23 Bro. W. Clay exhorted the church, and stayed for Bible school officers' and teachers' monthly conference. Bro. T. J. Warne, superintendent, presided. Ladies' guild provided refreshments. Bro. Lawrie preached at night, when members of South Camberwell football club and friends paid a visit. A Bible school scholar confessed Christ.

Parkdale—On Sept. 17 Carnegie Church of Christ societies conducted Y.P.S.C.E. meeting. Good attendance at a "snowball" afternoon held at Sister Mrs. A. Parkes' on Sept. 19. Bro. Ladbroke conducted church prayer meeting helpfully on Sept. 20. At Band of Hope meeting on Sept. 21 Mr. Finlayson, director, was present. At worship service on Sept. 23 Bro. Beaumont commenced full-time service with the church and gave a helpful message to a fair attendance. Learning and singing of choruses and hymns for a period during S.S. session is a bright feature and enjoyed by scholars. At gospel service there was a good attendance, and a splendid gospel message was given by Bro. Beaumont.

Bentleigh—Services were well attended on Aug. 26. Bro. G. Clark, from the College, was the speaker. It being youth Sunday, the Bible school repeated anniversary items. Miss L. Foreman delivered an interesting address to children and parents. A large number sat to a happy fellowship tea after the meeting. Bro. C. Curtis preached the gospel. Bro. Hemsley, from Brighton, was morning speaker on Sept. 2. On Sept. 8 the tennis club held a social. On Sept. 9 Bro. R. P. Clark addressed morning meeting. A fine spirit prevails at gospel meetings under leadership of Bro. C. Curtis. On Sept. 16 helpful addressers were enjoyed from Bren. Benn and McDiarmid. Sisters Mrs. Oar and J. Hughes were received by letter from Brighton. Mrs. Holloway is recovering from severe illness.

South Australia.

Queenstown—On Sept. 23, at 11 a.m., a young lady was baptised, and later received into fellowship. Bro. W. Adair exhorted the church. In the evening Bro. Brooker preached.

Kadina—At annual meeting the following were appointed:—Elder, Bro. S. R. Trenwith; deacons, Bren. C. E. Larcombe, P. H. Oakley, J. Ward, F. Laffin, C. D. Whyatt, A. H. Russack, A. P. Russack (secretary), C. E. Larcombe (treasurer).

Norwood—Bro. Rankine spoke at morning service and Bro. A. Anderson at night on Sept. 9. Grote-st. C.E. society visited Norwood society, and took charge of the meeting on Sept. 10, when an enjoyable evening was spent. On Sept. 16 Bro. Rankine made reference to the late Sister Mrs. Hannam.

Mill End—Bro. and Sister McCallum and family, also Bro. B. W. Litwell and his mother, have been received into fellowship. Bible school anniversary, was observed on Sept. 23. Special singing under baton of Bro. Hartley Williams, assisted by orchestra, rendered hymns afternoon and evening to crowded meetings. Bro. McCallum spoke on "O.H.M.S." and "The Book of Life." Kindergarten items were also much appreciated.

Benley Beach—Church anniversary services were held on Sept. 2, followed by public tea meeting on Sept. 5. Bro. Pittman spoke on Sunday morning, Bro. Graham in the evening, and Bro. McLean at Wednesday's meeting. The choir rendered special singing. On Sept. 15 Miss Jean Lawrie and Mr. J. Russell were married. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Stafford and family in the death of Dunstan, son of Mrs. Stafford and twin brother of Carmen, aged 18 years.

New South Wales.

Enmore—Dr. Meldrum at night on Sept. 23 spoke on "Lessons from the Lily," and Bro. W. D. Rankine sang "Consider the Lily." Visitors included Bro. and Sister Burnham, of Kedron, Q. In the afternoon, at a foreign mission school rally, Miss Foreman spoke, some of the Chinese scholars being present and joining in the choruses.

Rockdale—At a combined foreign mission rally on Sept. 11, Sister Miss Foreman told of her work in India. On Sept. 12 the mission band held its third anniversary, and goods made for mission boxes were displayed. On Sept. 23 Bro. Whelan exhorted, and at night Bro. Alcorn spoke on "Conversion" to a good congregation. Several members are in hospital.

Wagga—The church held anniversary services from Sept. 12 to 16 inclusive. Bro. H. G. Harward, from Sydney, addressed all meetings, and his messages were enjoyed by all. On Sept. 17 the Bible school held a well-attended and greatly enjoyed picnic. The school is practising for anniversary. There is a great deal of sickness amongst the children. On Sept. 23 Bro. Wakefield addressed the church on "A Characteristic of Jacob," and in the evening on "Turning the World Upside Down." Annual business meeting was held on Sept. 20.

Lidcombe.—Services have been well maintained. Bro. and Sister Taubman, of Epping, have been received by transfer. A successful spring fair was held on Sept. 14 and 15. Bro. W. J. Crossman was speaker at both services on 23rd, in the evening reference being made to the home-call of Bro. R. Hall, for many years a member of the church at North Auburn.

Mosman.—Bro. Blackburn edified the church on Sept. 16. At night Bro. Rae, State Chancellor, installed newly-elected officers of K.S.P., and gave the gospel message. T. P. Dale was soloist. On Sept. 23 Bro. Acland exhorted the church; F. G. Gillmore, a visitor, presided. The preacher's evening subject was "What will you do with Jesus?" Mrs. Acland rendered a solo. Attendances are growing at all services.

Grafton.—Bro. Larsen has been laid aside with influenza, and services have been conducted by the brethren. The new kindergarten rooms have been nicely-fitted up. Work in that department shows a forward move. Congregations have been affected by sickness amongst members and others, but interest of those who attend is not abated. A Hinrichsen mission is expected to commence shortly.

Burwood.—Two welcomed in and four more decisions since last report. C.E. anniversary services Sunday and Monday an inspiration. Dr. C. Verco gave a helpful message on "Habits" at men's fellowship. Miss Foreman's visit was appreciated. Attendances are growing nicely, finances healthy, and work very encouraging. Women's mission band had display of quilts and garments for India; over 100 articles, and £3/10/- in cash. Phi Betas gained the shield again; Kappas lost theirs to Auburn by three points.

New Zealand News-letter. Ralph Gebble, B.A.

F. J. Sleyer.

In our last letter we referred to the love and esteem that centred about the person of F. J. Sleyer. On the same Sunday that the "Australian Christian" containing that letter was being circulated among the churches of New Zealand, this man of God passed on to his reward. This is a sad loss to our Dominion brotherhood, but especially so to the churches of Nelson and district. He was a man with only one aim in life—the advancement of the kingdom of God. In this pursuit he invested the whole of his richly endowed personality. He carried the church and her interests on his heart, and never spared himself. His deep spirituality and loving nature have influenced many to live the life worth while, and eternity alone will reveal the wide extent of his quiet yet powerful influence. He, being dead, yet speaketh.

A Great Man.

New Zealand recently lost one of her truly great men in the death of Sir George Fowlds. He was a devoted Christian, and let his light shine on every occasion. When Beresford-st. Congregational church in Auckland was seeking to sell its building because of decreased membership, his spiritual interest and financial support succeeded in bringing Lionel B. Fletcher to this city. This ministry left a church of about 800 members. Sir George Fowlds was twice president of the Congregational Union. Landing in 1885, and working first as a laborer, he finally succeeded in business, and built up a most successful drapery firm. Entering Parliament, he soon became Minister of Education and Health, and later held a number of other portfolios. No single individual did more for the cause of education than Sir George Fowlds. He was one of the best speakers the New Zealand Parliament ever had. He was for thirteen years president of Auckland University College, was the founder of Rotary in N.Z., influential leader in the campaign for prohibition, advocate of single tax, and a member of about a dozen other organisations

working for the welfare of his fellowmen. During the latter years of his life he lost most of his wealth, but did not become embittered. Shortly before his death he said that prosperity had tended to cause forgetfulness of God, whereas adversity had brought him to a fuller realization of his need of God. A year ago he was presented in a public gathering with £1,350 from a number of representative citizens, a tribute to his personal worth.

An Historic Church.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church in Auckland is faced with closing its doors unless its present plan meets with success. Owing to the drift of population to the suburbs, this mother church of Presbyterianism has only a few members left. The church court is seeking to secure 50 contributors at £20 each so as to negotiate with Scots church, Sydney, with the view of securing ministers now coming to that church to extend their itinerary to Auckland. If this is impossible the court will deal direct with the home authorities in an endeavor to bring suitable preachers to Auckland for short terms. Many of us, enjoying sermon-tasting, are hoping their purpose may be attained, but there are many "ifs" between the plan and its realisation.

A Bequest.

Many in Australia as well as New Zealand remember the late Captain Sundstrum as one of the keenest officers of the Tabernacle (now St. Andrew's-st.), Dunedin. Mrs. Wilson, his only daughter, has recently died, and the daily press reports the terms of her will. After certain bequests to relatives, most of the residue, about £12,050, is left to St. Andrew's-st. church, where W. D. More is minister. One sum is set aside for the purchase of a pipe organ with cost of maintenance and salary of an organist. One hundred pounds is left to that church also for benevolent purposes, while £100 goes to the New Zealand Preachers' Provident Fund, and £100 to the Glen Leith College of the Bible.

Evangelistic.

At last report there had been one confession at Ashburton, where H. Greenwood is holding a mission. W. E. Vickery is the preacher of this church. George Mathieson is assisting E. Ray Vickery at Petone; one confession reported. In Hokitika there were fifty present the first night of the Purnell-Grundy mission, with audiences increasing each night through the week.

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MARRIAGES.

TULLY—COOK (Golden Wedding).—On Oct. 2, 1884, at Doncaster, by T. H. Bates, evangelist Church of Christ, John, son of the late Thomas and Jane Tully, of Doncaster, to Rosina E. Cook, daughter of the late James and Rosina Cook, of Fitzroy.

WEST—DENHAM.—On Sept. 17, at Church of Christ, Red Cliffs, by Mr. Robinson, Albert Bryant, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. West, of Merbein, to Dorothy May, granddaughter of Mrs. Denham, of Red Cliffs. Present address, Red Cliffs, Victoria.

COMING EVENTS.

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/-; children 6d. Come; all welcome.

OCTOBER 7.—Sixty-sixth anniversary of Dumolly church. Special services 11 and 7. Pleasant Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock. Birthday offering will be received. All past members invited.

OCTOBER 7 and 8.—70th Anniversary, Church of Christ, Wedderburn. Mr. W. Gale, visiting speaker. Public tea, Monday, 8th, 5.30 p.m. All past members cordially invited.

OCTOBER 7, 10 and 14.—South Richmond Bible school anniversary services. Speakers: Oct. 7—3 p.m., A. J. Fisher; 7.30 p.m., L. E. Dudley. Oct. 14—3 p.m., B. J. Cambridge; 7.30 p.m., L. E. Dudley. Anniversary Concert, Oct. 10, 8 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 (secty.), 14 Balfour-place, Launceston.

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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.

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W.A. Women's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Les, Peacock took charge of devotions on Sept. 4. Miss Lang read portion of Psalm 147, after which Mrs. K. Robinson sang a solo. A fine home mission talk was given by Bro. A. Brooke, and prayer was offered by Sisters Nelson and Elliott.

The president occupied the chair at the business session. Apologies were received from Sisters Semken and Lucraft. The president welcomed several who had been ill—Sisters Smillie, Port, Dyer, Chandler and Fieldus. Miss Maiden, from N.S.W., was also welcomed. President spoke of the hurried departure of Sister Dgane, who, with her husband, had returned to South Africa to take up their work on the mission field. Sympathetic reference was made to the passing of Bro. and Sister Pollard's father.

The prayer committee had arranged to visit North Perth on Sept. 26. Final arrangements for the home mission tea and rally on Sept. 26 were discussed.

To close the fund for Mrs. Waterman and Mrs. Leach a combined rally was held in Lake-st. chapel on Aug. 28. A very fine programme of musical and elocutionary items was given. Afternoon tea was provided by Lake-st. sisters. The executive committee wish to thank the sisters from the following churches who so willingly helped in this worthy cause:—Kalgoorlie, Bunbury, Brookton, Northam, Harvey, Collie, North Perth, Inglewood, Maylands, Cottesloe, Victoria Park, Claremont, Bassendean, Palmyra, Fremantle, Subiaco, Lake-st., proceeds amounting to over £100.

Next meeting will be held on Oct. 2 at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Louey will be devotional leader.—A. C. Elliott, secretary.

S.A. Sisters' Auxiliary.

The final meeting of the sisters' auxiliary before conference was held at Grote-st. on Sept. 6. The devotional session was led by Miss Grant, who took as her text, "They continued steadfast." Business session was presided over by Mrs. W. Russell. There were 70 sisters present, 39 of whom were delegates. Collection amounted to 18/9.

Treasurer's report for August: Received for home missions, £23/12/3; cash in hand, £37/6/8; total, £60/19/-. Received for foreign missions, £21/9/2; cash in hand, £36/15/7; total, £58/4/9. General fund: Collection, £1/7/7; cash in hand, £4/18/4; total, £6/5/11. Paid home mission superintendent, postage, 5/-. Paid foreign mission superintendent, postage, 5/-. Paid temperance superintendent, postage, 3/8. Balance, £5/12/3.

Obituary report.—Sisters who have received the home-call: Miss Bristow, Norwood; Mrs. Gard, sen., Grote-st.; Mrs. Smith, Queenstown; Mrs. Hodson, Queenstown. Letters of sympathy sent to Mrs. Simons, sen., York; Mr. Bristow, Norwood; Mr. A. Gard; Mr. Hodson.

Mrs. F. Thomas reported 1,023 garments made by various Dorcas societies for Children's Hospital. Mrs. Harding proposed a vote of thanks to president Mrs. W. Russell for the capable way she has led meetings for the past year; also expressed regret that she would soon be leaving the city with Mr. Russell to take up the work at Bordertown. Regret was also expressed that Sister Mrs. James Gordon and Mr. Gordon have gone to W.A.—F. M. Bristow, Asst. Sec.

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