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## A Great Day for Gentiles.

ON the day when the church of Christ was established, the Apostle Peter, who had the privilege of being the first to instruct seekers for salvation in the way of life, had declared: "To you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him." Undoubtedly the Gentiles are included in this promise of Pentecost, yet it required a special revelation to convince the apostles and the church that it was his will that Gentiles should be received on precisely the same terms with Jews.

The preacher of Pentecost later received the honor of being selected as the medium by which the first Gentiles as such were received into the church, when at Caesarea, as recorded in Acts 10, he "commanded them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ."

### Progress in Revelation.

To some it may seem strange that the apostle who at Pentecost spoke of the promise as being "to all that are afar off" should have needed a miracle and a special revelation in order to welcome the Gentiles and admit them to baptism; but neither Peter, nor any other apostle or disciple apparently, had thought of the Gentiles coming to Christ and salvation other than via Judaism. Proselytes had had the Gospel preached to them from the beginning, and Gentile proselytes had an honored place in church and office before a direct divine intervention enabled Peter to see that Gentiles as such were entitled to the privileges of church membership, without circumcision or keeping of the law given through Moses.

In God's good time and by his wise providential leading the minds of his people were enlightened. There was progress in revelation as the occasion required. Once the will of the Lord was clearly made known, no apostle ever doubted the right of his uncircumcised Gentile brother to a place in the church, though it is clear that many Jewish disciples for a considerable time held the mistaken belief that after

admission the Gentiles should keep the law in order to salvation. Judaizing teachers declared that it was necessary to accept both circumcision and the law. But that later problem was not precisely the one confronting Peter at Caesarea.

It has been common to speak of the Apostle Peter's twice using the keys entrusted to him and his twice opening the doors of the kingdom—first at Jerusalem on Pentecost to Jews, and again at Caesarea to Gentiles. We see no value in this statement. It is a mere assumption that Peter's figurative keys were two in number, or that they were keys for the opening of outside doors alone. Besides, the whole point of the Acts narrative is that the Gentiles entered the kingdom by the same door as did the Jews—that, and no other. The "double opening" implies either another door, or that the door opened on Pentecost had been closed, so that it needed a reopening (but why another key?): neither of these things can be allowed.

### A Noble Character Rewarded.

A Roman army officer gave occasion for the advance in revelation and the freeing

of the church from a cramping nationalistic outlook. This was Cornelius, a member of an Italian cohort stationed at Caesarea, the political capital of the Roman Province of Judaea. Short of acceptance of Christ, we can say almost anything good of this man when he is first introduced to us by Luke. Though a member of a conquering race, a soldier in Palestine for the very purpose of keeping in order and quelling the rebellious spirit of an unusually obstinate and freedom-loving people, Cornelius had in great part accepted the religious faith of a despised and conquered people. The fact that he did it is evidence of a singularly unbiassed and open mind. Cornelius prayed to God always, and gave much alms to the people. His faith manifested itself in life; he was a man of honest dealings, a "righteous man," one in whose life the love of his fellow men was the natural corollary of his love of God. Inward feeling and outward expression were so beautifully and harmoniously right in his case that an angel who appeared to him from heaven could express the divine approval as well as give him directions for future guidance. His prayers and alms had come up as a memorial before God. Is not this the pinnacle of our religious aspiration—to be assured of divine favor and answered prayer? Dare any man ask more? Have we not known churches which would be likely to urge the reception into membership of such a man, and even his appointment as deacon or elder, without further inquiry regarding questions of faith or doctrine? And yet that angel, according to Cornelius himself, said: "Send to Joppa, and fetch Simon, whose surname is Peter; who shall speak unto thee words whereby thou shalt be saved, thou and all thy house." Approved as his conduct had been by the Lord God, Cornelius has still to learn of him in whom humanity's hopes for salvation are centred, for the apostle's previous words were true: "In none other is there salvation; for neither is there any other name under heaven that is given among men wherein we must be saved."

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God was rewarding the faith of Cornelius. He who lives up to the light he has receives more light. So the angel is sent to bring together this godly seeker and the preacher and salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

### *The Enlightening of an Apostle.*

The scene changes to Joppa, where the Apostle Peter, on the housetop of Simon the tanner, is engaged in prayer. In preparation of his messenger, God caused Peter to have a vision and an interpretation just at the time when the men sent by Cornelius were due at Joppa. Peter was awaiting dinner, and lo! he saw a sheet descending full of beasts and birds and creeping things, and heard a voice, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." At this word a pang went through the soul of Peter, and he shuddered; for in the sheet were animals declared to be unclean by the levitical law, even swine, so abhorrent to the Jews that, avoiding the name, they called a pig "the other thing." "Kill and eat!" and Peter looked, saw "the other thing," and with his old impulsiveness, he dared again to contradict his Lord: "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything common or unclean." But for the second time the voice from heaven was heard: "What God hath cleansed make not thou common."

Just as Peter pondered the significance of the thrice-given vision and the Lord's emphatic word, the men from Cornelius appeared at the house, and the Holy Spirit directed the apostle to "go with them, nothing doubting; for I have sent them." The men recounted the extraordinary happenings at Caesarea and the angelic command received by Cornelius. The apostle at once agreed to go, and next day he set out accompanied by six brethren from Joppa, men who could later vouch to the church at Jerusalem for the things that occurred and testify how God willed to receive uncircumcised Gentiles into the church.

### *A Model Audience.*

At Caesarea Peter was welcomed by Cornelius. In the house many were gathered together. Peter in his opening word revealed that it was now proper for him to come amongst Gentiles. Hitherto he as other Jews had deemed it unlawful, but "unto me hath God showed that I should not call any man common or unclean." So since he left the housetop the apostle had been thinking, and the meaning of the vision had been unfolding. It is not simply that the distinction between clean and unclean animals has passed, but no man may call another made in the image of God "common or unclean."

Had ever preacher better audience? Cornelius narrated once more the events which led to his sending for Peter, and added:

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## International Situation

**C**ABLED reports during the week-end are far from reassuring. The Japanese decision to blockade Hong Kong and the German press campaign against Poland justify the statement that "the international situation seems to be deteriorating." American officials, it is announced, do not believe that a crisis is at hand, and the Pope "refuses to renounce hope that peace will be maintained." Christians will still hope and work and pray for the removal of the causes of war and the recovery of goodwill amongst the nations.

## Conscientious Objectors.

**M**OST of the churches of Christendom have expressed their detestation of war as being contrary to the mind of Christ, and their determination to do their utmost in the interests of world peace. Surely, no Christian could dissent from this. Church assemblies and conferences have also carried resolutions, supported by those who would not be regarded as pacifists, regarding the rights of conscientious objectors. Our Victorian Conference Executive Committee, acting under the instructions of last conference, has appointed a committee to advise members of conference who have conscientious objections to preparation for war or participation in it as combatants. The Executive now asks such objectors to register their names with the conference secretary, Mr. W. Gale, T. & G. Building, 145 Collins-st., Melbourne. The Social Service Committee of conference recommends all such men also to link up with the Christian Pacifist Association.

There is no doubt that during the great war of 1914-1918 strong feeling was aroused because of reported bad treatment of conscientious objectors. If there is anything the churches can do to assist, it ought to be done. Every member of churches of Christ, we think, can cooperate with our Conference Executive in its effort to protect such conscientious objectors.

## Other Forms of Service.

**O**NE other thing seems to require a few words. No citizen of a free country, nourished, supported and protected by it, can with reason deny its right to his service. In time of crisis we must all be willing to assist. Our most earnest plea for the protection of those with conscientious objections to participate as combatants in the activities of war does not mean that any of us can seek to be excused from some form of service. To seek thus to be excused would weaken the

force of a plea for exemption from military service. Recently the Baptist Union Assembly in England carried the following resolution:

"The Assembly declares that it is the duty of all Christian churches to stand by any who, in their honest interpretation of the will of their Lord, declare themselves unable to join the military forces, and to urge the State to provide for these such forms of service to the community as shall not violate personal convictions. They regard such concern for personal freedom as conducive to the true welfare of the nation, which has, in fact, no more precious asset than the fearless witness of its citizens to what they believe to be right and true."

Some leaders of "the Brethren Assemblies" in England suggested that an approach be made to the government "with a view to obtaining its sanction that, in the event of war and conscription again being brought into force, it would agree to the formation of an Ambulance or Red Cross unit, with definite guarantees that members of such units would not subsequently be drafted to the fighting forces." These proposals may not be practicable, but they have the merit of recognising a duty to help, as well as of satisfying the conscience of those who believe that loyalty to God forbids their fighting.

## Two Conscientious Groups.

**W**E must recognise the fact that while all Christians hate war, yet there are different views held by two sections (commonly styled pacifists and non-pacifists) "with equal conviction and equal desire to be loyal to the Master." There are brethren who, hating war, conscientiously refuse to resist aggression by force of arms. There are others who, with equal abhorrence of war, will conscientiously take their part in the protection of their country and fight for liberty and security. Liberty of conscience must be granted to both sets of brethren. We like the spirit of that resolution carried at the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Australia last year which closed with the following words: "The Methodist Church will uphold liberty of conscience and offer unceasing ministries to all her sons and daughters in whatever direction loyalty to inward conviction may carry them." With a recognition of the rights of the individual to act as his conscience and his interpretation of the word of God prompt him, we may maintain unity within the church. Peace and goodwill must prevail there—there is enough of distrust and suspicion outside.

## A British View.

**T**HE editor of our British paper "The Christian Advocate" a few months ago wrote in support of the formation of an influential and representative committee for the protection of our young men with conscientious objections to military service.



The British Conscription Act recently passed provides for the excusing from military service those who conscientiously are opposed to bearing arms, but it expressly states that objectors shall undertake alternative service of national importance. Mr. A. C. McCartney, the editor, writes:

Doubtless the efforts of the tribunals, in most centres, will be directed towards reducing the number of successful objectors to the very minimum; and to succeed, it is obvious that the objector must have the active support of the religious community of which he is a member.

"This is a matter which is of far greater importance than any personal views on military service. Whatever those views may be, it is our Christian duty to protect the consciences of our brethren."

This commands our wholehearted ap-

proval. We also approve the next sentence of Mr. McCartney regarding a second group: "It would be a very real tragedy if by word or act those young men who conscientiously decide that they must accept service were made to feel that they were under any sort of 'ban.'"

The editor concludes:

"I write this with some knowledge of the unfortunate results which followed the action taken against soldiers by certain church officers during the war. I recall the desperate sense of loneliness which came over me on one occasion when, attending one of our churches, in uniform, I was treated with bare civility. I had been isolated from fellowship for some months, and had walked a dozen miles to attend an evening service; and I was not invited to remain to the communion. Some men who lacked my own deeper roots in the movement were lost to our fellowship through similar treatment."

## Japan's Control of Religious Bodies.

FOR forty years succeeding cabinets in Japan have been trying to secure the passage of a bill for the control of religious organisations. In the session of the Diet which recently closed this end was achieved, the House of Peers acting favorably in February and the House of Representatives giving its approval more than a month later near the close of the session. Under the new act all religious bodies are placed under control of the Ministry of Education, an office which in the present Hiranuma cabinet is headed by General Sadao Araki. The avowed purpose of the bill is not to control religious beliefs but religious organisations. However, for practical purposes it is difficult to see any vast difference in the way the control is likely to work out whether its purpose is to regulate beliefs or organised churches composed of members who possess religious beliefs. Under the new law every local religious body and every denomination must have an official head whom the Minister of Education may hold responsible for living up to regulations imposed by the government. No new religious body may be formed without government approval of its creed, organisation and practices; nor can these be altered in an existing organisation without permission. Fines and terms of imprisonment make up the "teeth" of the bill. It is clear that "control" is not simply a word in the title of the bill, but that customary Japanese thoroughness has written every possibility of control into the plan itself.

### Japanese Opinion Regarding Bill.

Among the Japanese Christians there is a wide variation of opinion as to the significance of the religious bodies measure and as to its possible effect upon the Christian Church of Japan. The editor of "World Call" was in Tokyo when the bill

passed the House of Peers and was being debated in the House of Representatives. He heard many interpretations as to its possible effect. The opinions expressed came from various types of people with most of them inclined to accept the new provisions not only as inevitable, but in the main, good. The feeling was that many of the provisions of the bill are already in force but are applied as policies of individual officials rather than as a matter of legal requirements. Thus it was regarded by many as far better to know the stipulations and limits of such control. Another argument which appeals to many Japanese is that now for the first time the Christian religion will have definite legal status in Japan, and can no longer be regarded as an alien faith. This legislation will in reality put Christianity on a basis of legal equality with Shinto and Buddhism. Whether to its advantage or disadvantage it does now become one of the "official" religions of Japan.

Over against this generally accepted interpretation of the significance of the religious bodies bill one needs to set a minority opinion more frequently implied than openly acknowledged. That opinion is that the bill may be the forerunner of serious days for the Christian religion in Japan, and the possibility of its working out in a satisfactory way will at best depend upon its friendly and sympathetic administration. That such administration may be expected is by no means an assured fact. One of the most intelligent Christians in Japan—a politician and statesman as well as a Christian—when asked if he thought the bill would make the way of Christianity in Japan easier or harder, replied simply, "I think it will make it harder." That, too, is our belief—that the difficult way of Christianity in Japan is not likely to become less difficult because it has been

given something called official status. Christianity is never at its best when it is accorded official standing.

### Religion and Citizenship.

Revealing of the purposes of the government and the general official attitude toward religion was the discussion in the lower house of the Japanese Diet four days following the passage of the religious bodies bill by the Peers. As questioners pressed for a statement of the government's attitude Education Minister Araki stated that freedom of worship and faith is recognised by the Constitution, but only within the scope "compatible with the observance of obligations as citizens and maintenance of peace and order." Another member raised the question of the "Way of the Gods" which he held to be Japan's only real religion, the others being considered as "faiths or doctrines." Premier Hiranuma replied that no teachings running contrary to the "Way of the Gods" could be tolerated. This brought up the question of the obligation of all Japanese to go to Shinto shrines and to bow before the emperor's picture. The official answer was that such obligations apply to Japanese of all religions. It should be borne in mind in this connection that, though the government has insisted upon such participation in shrine ceremonies, it has likewise insisted that the act is not religious but patriotic. We agree with the overwhelming majority of Japanese Christians, both nationals and missionaries, that there is no reason to do other than accept the government's interpretation and to participate in such ceremonies as citizens. It must be admitted, of course, that the growing emphasis upon such practices portends the danger that the state shall claim an ever greater share of the citizen's loyalty and so relegate religion to concern with the trivial and unimportant that devotion to the state does come to be the real religion of the people. It must be further admitted, however, that such a danger is faced not only in Japan, but to a greater or lesser degree, in practically every nation of the world. Religion's most vociferous rival in our day is nationalism.—"World Call."

### THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

THE Prince of Peace is not asleep.  
Though lust and hate and wars may sweep  
Like fiery hail through man's domain,  
And tears and anguished prayers seem vain,  
He sees Red Horror's smoking heap;  
He hears the homeless children weep,  
And brutal might scoff love as cheap,  
And even boast that it will chain  
The Prince of Peace.  
But what might sows that shall it reap;  
What's wrung by force it cannot keep;  
And love, not might, at last will gain  
The victory. One who was slain  
By might is Shepherd of his sheep—  
The Prince of Peace.

—T. J. Golightly  
in "Christian Evangelist."



# S.A. Three Year Plan.

W. L. Ewers.

THE first year of the Three Year Plan is almost completed, and the results have been most encouraging.

All the brotherhood departments have set definite aims, some of which are well on the way to realisation.

Thirty of the churches have set their objectives, either for the first year or for the three-year period, and though reports have not come to hand from the remaining churches, it is known that some of them are also sharing in the plan.

Quite a large number have set as an aim a general increase of 20 per cent. in membership, Sunday attendances, finances, prayer meetings, S.S. and C.E., etc. In almost every case an emphasis is being placed on spiritual development. Some are tackling building debts, several extensions to property, one new seating, and in two instances the erection of a new church home.

It is pleasing to note that some churches are planning to extend the work in new centres, and in two cases this has already been achieved.

The first phase of the plan dealt with stewardship, and was a call to consecration of life and possessions. During this campaign 12,000 pamphlets were distributed.

A campaign for indoctrination, the second phase of the plan, is now being conducted with the book of Acts as a basis. During August, September and October special messages are to be given; copies of Acts distributed, from which concerted readings will be given. Churches are being urged to distribute distinctive literature, and an attempt is being made to get each church to set up a book table where members and visitors can secure free literature and see samples of pamphlets and books to be purchased.

Bible schools and youth organisations are being asked to give some time each session to definite doctrinal Bible drill.

The following themes are suggested for morning and night messages:—

## MORNING MESSAGES.

Theme—*Living the N.T. Life.*

- Dying to Sin.—Acts 2: 38.  
 Filled with the Spirit.—Acts 2: 38; 7: 55; 9: 17; 13: 2-4, etc.  
 Praying Earnestly.—Acts 1: 14; 24: 2; 42: 4; 24: 6; 7: 12; 5, etc.  
 Continuing Steadfastly.—Acts 2: 42; 20: 7, etc.  
 Growing in Knowledge.—Acts 1: 16; 2: 16; 3: 18; 6: 4; 17: 11, and Epistles.  
 Personally Witnessing.—Acts 1: 8; Chaps. 4, 5, 7, 8, etc.  
 Increasing in Liberality.—Acts 2: 44; 4: 34; 2 Cor. 8 and 9, etc.  
 Enduring Hardship.—Acts Chaps. 4, 5, 7, 8, etc.; 2 Cor. 6: 4; 11: 23.  
 Extending the Kingdom.—All the Book.  
 Expecting His Return.—Acts 1: 11; 2: 17-21; 3: 20, 21; 15: 16, etc.

## NIGHT GOSPEL TOPICS.

Theme—*Restoring the N.T. Church, or A Series on N.T. Conversions.*

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| Its Beginning.       | 3,000.       |
| Foundation and Head. | At Temple.   |
| Message.             | Samaritans.  |
| Membership.          | Ethiopian.   |
| Name.                | Saul.        |
| Ordinances.          | Cornelius.   |
| Government.          | Lydia.       |
| Unity.               | Jailer.      |
| Destiny.             | Corinthians. |

## MID-WEEK MEETINGS.

A Study of New Testament Churches.  
 With references in the Epistles.

Jerusalem, Samaria, Antioch, Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, Ephesus, Caesarea, Rome, Or Missionary Journeys.

The full expenses of the plan have been met to date by churches with over 100 members contributing at least 10/-, and those under 100 at least 5/-.

During 1940 special emphasis will be given to evangelism and training for service.

## AIMS OF BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENTS.

Home Mission Committee Resolutions.

1. That we wholeheartedly support the Three-year Plan Committee in its campaigns in any of the churches in Stewardship, Education and Evangelism.
2. That the committee co-operate in any effort with subsidised and home mission churches, with a view to their attaining self-support.
3. That we seek in co-operation with the Bible School Committee and any local church the establishment of a new cause or causes within the suburban areas.
4. That we set an aim of 20 per cent. increase in home mission giving.
5. That we encourage Victor Harbour church in the erection of a church building.
6. That we co-operate with the Eyre Peninsula churches in an attempt to establish a new cause.
7. That we investigate thoroughly the possibility of establishing a cause in Renmark, Clare, Karoonda, Peterborough, Whyalla or any other centre.
8. That we endeavor to lead the churches in fostering the spirit of aggressive evangelism.
  - (a) By assisting to arrange evangelistic campaigns.
  - (b) In the circulation of literature on personal evangelism.
  - (c) By intensifying the spirit of prayer.

Foreign Mission Committee.

1. A 20 per cent. increase in giving to overseas work.

# Spiritual Technique.

A COLLEGE CHAPEL TALK.

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

Exercise thyself unto godliness.—1 Tim. 4: 7.

TWO letters which came to me this week suggested our subject for to-night. One was from a preacher who is keenly interested in the Oxford Group, and his letter vibrated with such ideas as conversions, spiritual contacts, new outlooks and the victorious life. The other came from a brother who also had come under the influence of the Oxford Group. He felt its challenge, and was eager to answer it, but was somewhat discouraged because the preacher in his congregation had expressed regret that he had become mixed up in such a thing. There are two attitudes on the part of preachers towards the Oxford Group. You are preachers, preparing for a larger ministry—what should be your own attitude towards a movement like that of the Oxford Group?

There are at least three definite attitudes which have been assumed by our preachers as well as by other men. Some have found the

2. Increase in number of native teachers supported by S.A.
3. Increase in number of subscribers to "Goodly Pearls."
4. Increased financial support by youth organisations to Dhond Hospital.
5. Increase in orphan support.
6. Increase in number of schools taking Children's Day exercise.
7. Obtaining prayer partners in every church.

Bible Schools Department.

1. Deeper spirituality of all workers.
2. Greater sense of responsibility of all churches toward youth.
3. Fuller co-ordination of youth interests and activities.
4. Better trained teachers.
5. Raising enrolment to 6000 scholars and 1000 teachers.
6. To win at least 500 scholars for Christ and the church.
7. An advance of 50 per cent. in offering to extend the work.
8. To open at least two new schools.

Christian Endeavor Department.

A campaign for increase of societies and members based on a special emphasis on:—

1. Discipline of life and conduct.
2. The Quiet Hour.
3. Fellowship for service and mutual help.
4. Training in soul winning.
5. Instruction in leadership.

Social Service Department.

1. Publish quarterly a social service bulletin.
2. Print and circulate pamphlets, tracts, etc., on social questions.
3. Arrange meetings with speakers among the churches.
4. Solicit brotherhood support in launching a publicity campaign against all social evils by defining Christ's attitude on alcoholic liquor, smoking, gambling, poverty, war, nationalism, communism, economic evils, etc.

Sisters' Auxiliary.

(Aims to be submitted to Conference.)

1. £100 for home missions.
2. £130 for overseas missions' living link.
3. A Band of Hope or temperance teaching in every church.
4. 100 sisters at auxiliary meetings for first year, 125 for second, 150 for third year.
5. Increase in attendances at Sunday services and prayer meetings.

movement an inspiring call to a deeper consecration, some have opposed it, and many have been merely interested onlookers. Some who have opposed it have said that as we have a New Testament plea we have all that we need there, and to accept the message of the Oxford Group seems like a surrender to a lesser loyalty.

We should understand, first of all, that the Group is not an organisation. It has no president or secretary or central offices. It has no well-organised system. Some time ago a bequest was left to the Oxford Group, but there was no one who could legally accept it. (The Oxford Group has now legal status.—Ed.) I like to compare the movement to "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees," which indicates the presence of God and is a sign to God's people to bestir themselves. It is not a system of doctrine. It quickens any Christian doctrine in heart



of God's people, as any God-breathed movement would do. But its purpose is not to formulate and declare systematic doctrine. I have known numbers of people, Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians and our own members, whose spiritual life has been renewed and who have been sent back to their church work with renewed loyalty and devotion.

"The Layman with a Notebook," in beginning his excellent treatise entitled, *What is the Oxford Group?* said, "You cannot belong to the Oxford Group. It has no membership list, subscriptions, badge, rules or definite location. It is a name for a group of people who, from every rank, profession and trade, in many countries, have surrendered their lives to God and who are endeavoring to lead a spiritual quality of life under the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

Again and again in the course of history new movements have begun which have been used of God to bring new life into his church. They are the life-giving winds which breathe on the dead bones of formalism and quicken them to renewed activity and spiritual power. Personally, I found the movement a source of blessing to me. Its impact on my life marked a definite stage in my spiritual experience. It seemed to bring a new note or a new emphasis into my preaching, for people remarked on the change.

Yet there is nothing new about the Oxford Group, in the sense that it introduces new values of new outlooks into an essential Christian life. There is nothing that any Christian soul who had never heard of the Group might not have experienced. The fact is, however, that hosts of Christian people lapse into a formal profession which lacks the vital power which a life in Christ ought to have, and the mission of the Oxford Group, as of many another movement, has been to offer a spiritual technique which helps to revitalize the life. It insists on the practice of the presence of God, as did Brother Lawrence long before the Oxford Group was heard of. It requires an absolute surrender to God and a daily renewal of one's consecration. It asks that the day begin with a quiet time, when in Bible reading and prayer and meditation the soul has an opportunity of listening to the voice of God.

Now this is the essential thing in the Oxford Group, but you do not need to be associated with the movement as such to experience it. I would not urge anyone to become associated with the Oxford Group. But I would insist that if you are to make the most of your spiritual life you need a technique by means of which it may be done. In the building of our new College devotional hall, which we hope soon to have erected, it will be necessary to work out a technique—some practical method by which results can be secured. In mastering the piano you need a technique. In every other area of life we need it. We need it in the inner life as much as anywhere else. Let us therefore develop a system of spiritual exercises by means of which we may "exercise ourselves unto godliness."

## A Great Day for Gentiles.

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"We are all here present in the sight of God, to hear all things that have been commanded thee of the Lord." With an audience in that mood and a preacher of the pure Gospel such as Peter was, conversions may ever be confidently expected.

Impressively the preacher declared the impartiality of God, who, respecting no man's person, is willing to accept every righteous man, in any nation, who fears him. It was "the indifference of nationality" and not that of religion, which Peter declared; had it been the latter there would have been no journey

from Joppa to tell Cornelius words whereby he and his house might be saved. As it was, in clearest terms and admirable summary, the story was told of the matchless life of Christ "who went about doing good," his death for the sin of men, his resurrection, his exaltation to be Judge of quick and dead, and the fact that through his name shall every believer receive remission of sins. This is God's message of the Gospel, the "good news" for sinful men throughout all ages.

### The Outpoured Spirit.

At this stage an amazing phenomenon occurred. As on the apostles at the beginning (so Peter afterwards described it) the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. The brethren from Joppa were amazed when they recognized that this baptism of the Spirit was conferred on Gentiles, those who had not accepted circumcision and come to Christ by way of Judaism. Speaking with tongues, as by apostles on Pentecost, attested the reality of the endowment. At once the apostle acquiesced in the will of God. He asked, "Can any man forbid the water that these should not be baptised which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?" There seemed no room for argument. As he later indicated, to decline to admit to baptism and fellowship those to whom God had given such a gift would have been to withstand God himself. Hence he "commanded them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ," and, it is apparent from later objections made to his conduct, he went in and ate with them.

No other case is recorded in Scripture of such a gift or outpouring of the Spirit in the case of unbaptised men. The importance of the lesson at a critical time explains the unique event. In no uncertain way God revealed his will, rebuked the narrowness of Jewish exclusiveness, and for all time indicated that the middle wall of partition had been broken down, and that Gentiles and Jews were "fellow-heirs and fellow-members of the body, and fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."

Space forbids dwelling on the glorious thought. But the Christian liberty of both writer and reader was won that day. It is not dry ancient history we have been studying. Acts 10 is the charter of our spiritual privilege. If the brethren at Jerusalem who later heard the story could exultingly exclaim, "Then to the Gentiles also hath God granted repentance unto life," much more may we, Gentile sinners saved by grace, do so.

There are no two Gospels, as some in these recent years would insist. There is one Saviour and one way of salvation. The commission given by our Lord was to make disciples of all nations, baptising them into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and teaching them all things which he commanded. The Jews on Pentecost received the message and obeyed it. The Gentiles of Acts 10 also did so. Even after God

had signified his approval by granting the baptism of the Holy Spirit it was still incumbent on Cornelius and his friends to be "baptised in the name of Jesus Christ." The commission stood, and still stands. For all believers—Jewish and Gentile—there remain one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.

## Evangelism in Britain.

E. C. Hinrichsen.

PEOPLE in Britain are not very different from people in Australia when it comes to responding to the gospel. Our churches are different, and there are reasons why they are not making much progress. But that would necessitate a long article which no editor would print.

The writer has been having some delightful experiences. The last two missions have been in new fields, starting with a little over 20 in the first meeting but finishing with a splendid church.

Here is a picture taken at Derby on the last Sunday of the mission. It represents the strength of the church after the six weeks' mission. There are only four adults who are not local members—the missionaries and two others.

When it is remembered that at our first meeting there were 26 present, and that on the last Sunday 130 broke bread and sixteen others made the confession, there is surely cause for thanksgiving. One hundred and fourteen made the confession altogether; as the picture suggests, there were many fine men amongst them. One young man put £20 on the plate at the offering. That is unusual for England, as it is a common thing for adults to put a penny on the plate. Often they do their own preaching, and it costs little, and they give little, and they make little progress, and often none. Evangelism brings about a new spirit in every way, and just as this baby church has jumped from a few members to 150, there are a thousand places in Britain where it could be repeated.

Greetings to the brethren in Australia. May we have your prayers as we continue the work of evangelism. We do not even stop to attend the annual conference which is to be conducted next week. Bro. Black in his delightful enthusiasm has been writing, telephoning and wiring me to go and speak—but what is the good of starting rivers of evangelism flowing when they are doomed to stagnate in the Dead Sea of inactivity? That is the result of many conferences. Evangelism has made for the writer many wonderful friends in this country, and real progress is possible. However from Australia there comes so often the question, "When are you returning to Australia?"



Derby church, England, at close of Hinrichsen Mission. Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen and J. W. Black are side by side on right.



# The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

## THE CROSS.

**D**ARK grows the way at times,  
And rough seems the road.  
Weary, I cry, "Dear God,  
Oh, lighten the load."

Then 'tis Love's answer comes,  
So swift and so sure;  
Not giving lighter load,  
But strength to endure.

—Henrietta Heron.

## A LAW OF HUMAN NATURE.

**I**T is the law of the human nature that, when it is beginning to grow, it shall be soft as wax to receive all kinds of impressions, and then that it shall gradually stiffen, and become hard as adamant to retain them. The rock was once all fluid and plastic, and gradually it cools down into hardness. If a finger dent had been put upon it in the early time it would have left a mark that all the forces of the world could not make, nor can obliterate now. In our great museums you see stone slabs with the marks of rain that fell hundreds of years before Adam lived; and the footprint of some wild bird that passed across the beach in those old, old times. The passing shower and the light foot left their prints on the soft sediment; then ages went on, and it was hardened into stone, and there they remain, and will remain, for evermore. As Wordsworth has said:

Happy is he who lives to understand  
Not human nature only, but explores  
All natures, to the end that he may find  
The law that governs each, and where begins  
The union, the partition where, that makes  
Kind and degree among all visible beings;  
The constitutions, powers, and faculties,  
Which they inherit—cannot step beyond—  
And cannot fall beneath; that do assign  
To every class its station and its office,  
Through all the mighty commonwealth of  
things.

Up from the creeping plant to sovereign  
man.

—"Great Thoughts."

## PLENTY OF ROOM UPSTAIRS.

**I**HAVEN'T yet decided what profession to adopt," said a young man once to an old lawyer; "is your profession full?" "Well," replied the other, with a twinkle in his eye, "the basement is pretty much crowded, but there is plenty of room upstairs." That's where it is, and where it has always been—the pressure is always at the parts where least efforts need to be made, for it doesn't cost much toll to get to the basement. It does need effort, however, to mount higher; but that brings its compensation with it, for the pressure there becomes less intense. Be content to begin at the basement, but never part with the hope and the vigilant endeavor to rise higher. Cherish hope, whatever trials may come upon you. Nine-tenths of the rash steps that are taken in life are not warranted by the facts of the case, but only seemingly so by a passing mood of despondency. Never take a decisive step downwards in a gloomy moment.

Never you mind the crowd, lad,  
Or fancy your life won't tell;

The work is the work for 'a that  
To him that doeth it well.

Fancy the world a hill, lad,

Look where the millions stop;

You'll find the crowd at the base, lad;

There's always room at the top.

## RELIGION IN BUSINESS AFFAIRS.

**S**O much of life is business that if business is not religious we shall have an irreligious world.

We can never hope to make a business of religion unless we bring religion into our business.

Businesslike ways of conducting religious affairs conduce toward religious ways of conducting business affairs.

If it is not feasible to conduct a business under the Golden Rule the business ought not to be conducted at all.

Young men should consider their chosen business a calling as sacred as the ministry.

It is an unprofitable business if the balance is not entered on the right side in the book of the recording angel.

The first recorded words of Christ are, "I must be about my Father's business." That should be the first thought of all Christ's followers.

Another translation is, "I must be in my Father's house." It is in the church that the Father's business is done. What business man will attempt to do business staying at home?

## FRANCES WILLARD'S FATHER.

**F**RANCES ELIZABETH WILLARD, who founded the World's Women's Temperance Union, and who later on became president of it, used to be fond of telling how she came to feel her responsibility towards the world. At a very early age, in her home on a New England farm, she stayed at home from church on Sunday evenings with her father, a true man of God. On these occasions he taught her hymns, and one of them was Charles Wesley's "A Charge to Keep I Have." When they reached the second verse,

"To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfil,  
Oh, may it all my powers engage  
To do my Master's will,"

the father told Frances that she had been put in the world to fulfil that verse, and she believed him, and took it to heart. It gave her an ambition for an education, which she achieved against great odds. And her life was "worth while," for she early surrendered to God.

## KINDNESS IS POWER.

**W**EAK and full of wants as we are ourselves, we must make up our minds, or rather take part, to do some little good to this poor world while we are in it. Kind words are our chief implements for this work. A kind-worded man is a genial man; and geniality is power. Nothing sets wrong right so soon as geniality. There are a thousand things to be reformed, and no reformation succeeds unless it be genial. No one was ever corrected by a sarcasm; crushed, perhaps, if the sarcasm was clever enough—but drawn nearer to God, never.—F. W. Faber.

"Painter, are you working?" she called for the third time, from the foot of the stairs.

"Yes, ma'am," the painter replied.

"I can't hear you working."

"Well," he exploded, "did you think I'd be putting it on with a hammer?"

Tourist.—"What a quaint village! Truly, one-half of the world is ignorant of how the other half lives."

Native.—"Not in this village, mister; not in this village."

# The Family Altar.

T. HAGGER.

## TOPIC.—THE LAW.

Monday, August 28.

"ALL that the Lord hath spoken we will do."  
—Exod. 19: 8.

In these words Israel agreed to keep God's covenant. This was a national covenant, given only to the people of Israel.

Reading—Exodus 19: 1-8.

Tuesday, August 29.

"And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments."—Deut. 4: 13.

The law of the covenant that God made with Israel was given through Moses at Mt. Sinai. The ten commandments constituted the chief part of that law, and being that they are put in this passage for the whole, and are called "the covenant."

Reading—Exodus 20: 1-17.

Wednesday, August 30.

"Behold the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant."—Jer. 31: 31.

This new covenant was not to be like the old one. The old was a covenant of law; the new was to be a covenant of grace. Of this new covenant Christ is the mediator, and it has better promises.

Reading—Hebrews 8.

Thursday, August 31.

"Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgression till the seed should come."—Gal. 3: 19.

The law which was only given to Israel was added to the promise made to Abraham till Christ should come, who would be a blessing to all nations. Christ having come, the law as a system has ended. It is ours to hear Christ.

Reading—Galatians 3: 19-29.

Friday, September 1.

"For if that which was done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious."—2 Cor. 3: 11.

In this passage it is clearly indicated that the law was the letter that killeth, the ministration of death written on stones; the new testament or covenant is the spirit which giveth life, the ministration of righteousness. The law has been done away. The new covenant remains. Thus are the law and the faith contrasted by the apostle.

Reading—2 Corinthians 3: 6-11.

Saturday, September 2.

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."—James 2: 10.

It is not necessary to violate every commandment of the law; one violation is sufficient to bring punishment. Keeping the other laws will not atone for breaking one. It is good, therefore, that we Christians are not called upon to be law keepers; we are believers in Christ.

Reading—James 2: 1-13.

Lord's Day, September 3.

"Behold thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God."—Rom. 2: 17.

The Jew boasted of great reverence for God and his law, yet dishonored him by breaking that law, and so violating the covenant. The conduct of both Jew and Gentile should be in harmony with the profession made. Is ours?

Readings—Isaiah 52; Romans 2: 17-29.



## Man's Littleness and God's Greatness.

Psalm 8.

Prayer Meeting Topic for August 30.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

THERE are occasions, not rare, when we tend to exalt man, and perhaps this psalm has often been used that way. Man was "made to have dominion," and yet we ought never to let the idea of man exclude the thought of God's greatness. Even given dominion, man pales into insignificance before God.

### What is Man?

David had considered the stars, the sun and moon, and much that pertained to the universe. It was a smaller and less known universe compared with ours to-day. It is more wonderful, and yet with limited knowledge he said, "In view of it all what is man?"

Think to-day of the universe—of this earth to begin with! Dwell on the constancy of its laws, the structure of it with its chemistry. Read its story in the rocks and strata; its age compared with man's. Even an oak of 1000 years can tell a story only a fraction of the time of which man lives. How powerless is man in the grasp of circumstance. He is a toy and a bubble on the ocean of time. "If the earth stirs in her sleep his cities fall. If the wind blows in its strength, his navies are wrecked. If the invisible seeds of pestilence crowd the air, he must breathe or die—science is baffled. If the clouds withhold rain or pour out too much famine enters his home. If the earth refuses him gold or yields it too rapidly and easily his commerce is deranged." He seems a mere speck or atom, "a vapor that appeareth for a little while and then vanisheth away."

### "Our Lord."

These words the brute beasts nor any other part of God's creation do not and cannot express. Herein is the difference. "Thou art mindful of him" and "thou visitest him." Whatever else man is he is the child of God, and as a child can speak with him. But let him never imagine God little or mean or weak or unable to work out his purposes. For unmeasured ages God prepared a place for man to live. We have referred to its chemistry, and its botany and biology and geology in all their parts are amazing. Did "our Lord" prepare this for us? All the laws we are now discovering and the hidden things from the foundation of the world but now being gradually revealed were to make a dependable universe for us. How infinite the mind of God! How glorious his majesty! And to add to all the material things, in the fulness of time God sent his Son that the world of men might be saved from sin. God's unspeakable gift is the greatest miracle of all. It is the love miracle and revelation of the heart of God. None of us begins to compare with that. "What is man?"

### Conclusion.

In view of it all we cannot say we are insignificant and worthless. In the mind of God we are not. We may sometimes appear as specks and atoms, as grains of sand on the shore of eternity's sea, but God knows and we know that there is more in it than that. Thou madest him in thine own image—"a little lower than God"—and "madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands." God's greatness and majesty and glory should ever drive us to our knees in humility, yet faith strengthens us and we lift up our hearts in adoration and thanksgiving to the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER 6.—THE BELIEVER'S WALK.—Ephesians 4: 1-6.

# Our Young People.

Conducted by Keith A. Jones.

## Interstate Fellowship.

SOME time ago the young people of Berri, S.A., church conceived the idea of spending a week-end with their nearest church neighbors at Mildura, 112 miles distant. The young folk in the great Mildura district were delighted, for their nearest church neighbors in Victoria are 150 miles away. In both these districts in S.A. and Victoria there are fine groups of young Christians.

On a recent Saturday six car-loads—33 in all—set out from Berri for Mildura. They arrived at their destination in brilliant sunshine. They were met by their hostesses and taken home to tea. Over 140 young people gathered in the church hall afterwards for a social evening. It was a wonderful experience in Christian fellowship for those of like mind. Isolation has great disadvantages.

At 10 a.m. on Sunday 51 young people met for prayer in the chapel. At the breaking of bread service 140 gathered. Young men conducted the service, and Bro. E. P. Hollar, the Berri preacher, gave the address. Bro. Mauger, of Berri, preached at Merbein.

Tea was held in the school hall at 5 p.m. In spite of rain, 140 were present. A splendid time of fellowship was enjoyed around the tables. The evening service was preceded by a hearty song service. The chapel was crowded for the gospel service. Two young men, Bren. Ray Morrell and Alan Clarke, gave splendid testimonies, and a duet was sung. Bro. E. J. Waters gave a brief address.

After the service the visitors were farewelled, and all stood in the street and sang "Blest be the tie that binds." Both the Berri and Mildura young people feel greatly benefited by this experience of fellowship. It has made us feel much closer to our brethren in other places who share our ideals.

## ANNUAL SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION.

Queensland Prize-winners.

Div. 1.—1. Audrey Taylor, Kedron, 89; 2. Dawn Christensen, Rosevale, 87; 3. Merle Fawcett, Kedron, 88.

Div. 2.—1. Valerie Snow, Mackay, 96; 2. Joan Stevens, Kedron, 92; 3. Keith Bates, Annerley, 90.

Div. 3.—1. Heather King, Goomboorian, 94; 2. Lillian Davis, Annerley, 91; 3. Valerie Pittman, Roma, 89.

Div. 4.—1. Joan Donaldson, Kedron, 85; 2. Donald Price, Maryborough, 82; 3. David King, Goomboorian, 79.

Div. 5.—1. Bruce More, Moorooka, 90; 2. Coral Lacey, Rosewood, 89; 3. Eunice Leddy, Gympie, 88.

Div. 6.—1. Marjorie Donaldson, Kedron, 97; 2. Victor Parker, Sunnybank, 96; 3. Alma Carpenter, Hendra, 90.

Div. 7.—1. Winnie Lacey, Rosewood, 90; 2. Ivy Berthelsen, Sunnybank, 88; 3. Dorothy Griffith, Annerley, 83.

Div. 8.—1. Linda Elliott, Toowoomba, 83; 2. George Gwynne, Toowoomba, 86; 3. George Milligan, Moorooka, 76.

Div. 10.—1. Richard Cardew, Annerley, 95; 2. Dorothy Judge, Sunnybank, 93; 3. James Rogers, Annerley, 80.—N. G. Noble.

## KEEP THEM BUSY, BUT—

THEY are great wrigglers, those boys and girls in the primary department of the Bible school. They are "alive all over," as someone has said. Bible school teachers are right when they decide that the thing to do is to keep them busy. Yes, keep them busy, but—

Throughout the lesson the emphasis should be placed upon the objective. Even in presenting the lesson informally the teacher should not let the children get away from the fundamental purpose of the lesson. Songs, stories, expression work, handwork—everything used in the class—should be correlated to the objective. Purposeless activity is to be discouraged. Handwork of a time-filling nature is to be discontinued.

In our objectives we start with the child life as it is, and guide it to what Christ would have it become, leading the child to an appreciation of the new truths offered in the lesson, as these fit the growing needs of the child. We do not regard the child as an automaton, but rather as a living spiritual personality. Activities designed to give spiritual expression and attitudes are arranged with this point in mind.

## GIVING YOUTH A CHANCE.

I AM sure that many people were heartened by a brief paragraph which appeared in the Melbourne "Herald" of Aug. 11. The bishops of the Church of England were in conference, and one matter under discussion was temperance teaching among young people. The bishops decided that an effort would be made to urge Church of England candidates for confirmation to take a pledge against intoxicating liquor. This announcement is most encouraging in the light of an All-Australian pledge signing campaign to be launched shortly. It is desirable that all Christian people should do their utmost in helping youth to a cleaner future. Let us give them a fair chance.

## PROSPECT (S.A.) SECOND DEGREE K.S.P.

BOTH the first and second degree K.S.P. orders are in operation at Prospect and are working well. First degree has a membership of 40, whilst second degree members are pictured on this page. They are all members of the church. One of them is the superintendent of the Y.P. society, one is superintendent of the Sunday school, and four others are teachers in the school. They have all passed an examination on Paul's life. The second degree is for young men whose fixed purpose is to be, and to confess to be Christians, and who seek to take some definite part in the activities of the church. Therefore our purpose is to discover, train and unite earnest workers amongst our young men in a solid, sacred compact for noble living, which will put new vigorous life into the church.—A.B.



Members of the 2nd Degree K.S.P. Club, Prospect, S.A.



# Here and There.

MANY friends will learn with much regret that Bro. W. R. C. Jarvis, for many years a faithful member of the church at Collins-st., Hobart, passed away on Aug. 15. Deepest sympathy is expressed to all the sorrowing relatives.

We are asked to state that remittances and correspondence should be sent to new State foreign mission secretaries as follows:—Ira A. Paternoster, Church of Christ, Falcon-st., Crows Nest, Sydney, N.S.W. Albert J. Ingham, Hygienic Library, The Parade, Norwood, S.A.

Further changes of preachers are announced in connection with our Victorian churches. Bro. C. Jackel is leaving Drumcondra to succeed Bro. J. Methven at Horsham, the latter moving on to a new seaside circuit. We hear also that Bro. C. P. Hughes, now of St. Kilda, has accepted an invitation to labor with the church at Swan Hill.

One of the kindest notes received for many years reached us this week, a church reporter writing: "I must commend you for improving on my part, it read much better than the way I had worded." We endeavor to assist in every way, but there are some writers who think our every alteration—he it abbreviation, correction of errors or other improvement—is a spoiling of a report.

Mr. Walter J. Beasley, of Melbourne, it is announced, is leaving Australia to continue archaeological research work along Biblical lines in the United States, Great Britain and Cyprus. Many readers have profited by Mr. Beasley's "Jericho's Judgment" and by the exhibition containing many illustrations of biblical manners and customs and of archaeological corroboration of the scripture narrative. Mr. Beasley expects to be absent from Australia for about six months.

A committee of the American Library Association issues annually a list of "fifty outstanding religious books of the year." The following books appear at the head of the list just published:—"The Case for Theology in the University," by Professor W. Adams Brown; "History and the Gospels," by Professor C. H. Dodd; "True Humanism," by Professor Jacques Maritain; "The First Five Centuries of the Church," by Professor James Moffatt; and "Christianity and Economics," by Lord Stamp.

Special missions for spring have been arranged by a good many churches. This co-operation in evangelistic effort is to be commended. The assistance in prayer of brethren everywhere will be greatly appreciated. Bro. J. Chivell, of Albury, N.S.W., is to commence a mission at Mildura, Vic., on Aug. 27. On Sept. 10 two missions will start. One will be conducted at Collingwood, Vic., by Bro. D. D. Stewart, of Geelong, and the other at Mayfield, N.S.W., where Bro. C. G. Flood, of Kingsford, will be the missionary.

Dr. T. R. Glover, who recently retired from the post of Public Orator at Cambridge, is now seventy years of age. Most of his life has been spent as a classical lecturer at Cambridge, though for five years, from 1896 to 1901, he was Professor of Latin at Queen's University, Kingston, Canada. He has made many contributions to classical scholarship, but it is as a preacher and writer of religious books that he is most widely known. His "Jesus of History," first published in 1917, was a "best seller" and the most popular of his books.

August 6 marked the forty-first anniversary of Kalgoolie church, W.A., which began a week's special services of celebration. To open the new hall on Aug. 8 a large fellowship tea was held, followed by picture slides of some of the history of the church. Bro. Albany Bell explained many of the pictures. Bro. Raymond was present for this special week, and to con-

duct a week's soul-saving campaign. His messages are inspiring. On Aug. 13 G.E. sunshiners, taking flowers and fruit, visited two hospitals and several private homes. Fellowship with many visiting brethren has been enjoyed.

Attendances at Unley, S.A., on Aug. 20 were much improved in evident response to "back to church" campaign started by Unley ministers' fraternal. Bro. H. R. Taylor delivered impressive and timely addresses. Bro. and Sister Sid. Payne, with son and daughter, were welcomed back into membership after several years' good work with Cottonville church. Bro. G. T. Walden's health is not improving; Bro. L. Rowland is making steady progress. Sickness is still rife, and affecting attendances at worship. Bible school is making advances. On children's foreign mission day pictures were shown, illustrating our work among Indian orphans. Sympathy is felt for Bro. Taylor in the death of his greatly esteemed and aged father, Bro. John Taylor, a pioneer worker of Strathalbyn church. Prayers go up also for our beloved sister, Mrs. John Taylor.

Dr. Edwin W. Smith, who has retired from the Editorial Secretaryship of the British and Foreign Bible Society, is a notable example of the devotion of a public man to a single idea (says the London "Christian World.") He loves Africa, the African, and the African's language, and in his retirement he will reside at Amer-sham in a house bearing the name "Kasenga," after the town beyond the Zambesi where he founded one of the early missions of the Primitive Methodists. At Kasenga, 35 years ago, he made the first vocabulary of the Ila tongue by listening to the conversation of the men who helped to build his house. Dr. Smith has written many volumes on African peoples, their history, and the exploration of their country, and he gave the Ila tribes their first New Testament. His admiration for the essential African character comes out most in his Hartley Lecture, "The Golden Stool," which was a revelation to most white readers of the African mind. Dr. Smith was born at Allwal North, Cape Province, where his father was a missionary.

W. Gale writes: "Colac was visited on Sunday last. The membership is not large but it is promising. Bro. Pittman is proud, and rightly so, of the young men in the church. A speakers' training class was arranged prior to Bro. Pittman's illness. On every hand I found Bro. J. C. F. Pittman has won the affection of the church and the young people. There was an encouraging attendance at night. Bro. Pittman, who is much better in appearance than on our last visit, will be another month in hospital. It is fine to see the co-operation of the two Geelong churches in conjunction with the South-Western District Conference, who are supplying speakers for Colac, and are even prepared to supply Warrnambool on alternate Sundays when ordinarily Bro. Pittman would be at Warrnambool. Bro. John Chivell, of Albury, commences a mission at Mildura on Sunday next, August 27. He expects to be away for three Sundays. The first and second Sundays at Albury will be supplied by the writer, who will remain in Albury for the week, visiting amongst the brethren. Bro. Cecil W. Jackel has resigned from Drumcondra to take up the work at Horsham. Bro. J. Methven, sen., of Horsham, will commence a ministry on Nov. 5 with the south-western seaside circuit—Port Fairy, Warrnambool-Lower Heytesbury. The H.M. deficit is growing, and the committee appeals to the brotherhood to assist it to maintain its fields. Liberal support is urged. The committee has been working on borrowed money since June 1. Our annual offering will not be until Dec. 3."

## TASMANIAN WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE.

THE executive meeting was held on Aug. 7 at West Hobart. In the absence of the president (Mrs. Madel-Cole) the chair was occupied by Mrs. Bowes, vice-president. Devotions were led by Mrs. G. Dixon. Mr. Cameron, of Devonport, gave an address. Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Lowe contributed enjoyable recitations. A welcome was extended to Mrs. Morgan, and Mr. Morgan addressed the meeting. Solos were rendered by Mesdames Morgan and Younger. The collection of 10/- was given to home missions. Mrs. Boxhall (mission hand superintendent) reports that Kellevie sisters have decided to form a mission band.

Mrs. Sulzberger (F.M. superintendent) reports the following amounts collected by penny-per-week method: Geeveston, 13/6; Devonport, 11/-; Ulverstone, 11/6/2; Invermay, 12/13/6; West Hobart, 12/10/-; Collins-st., 11/10/10.

Doreas.—Sister Libby gave a cheering report of work done by sisters at Invermay, Margaret-st., West Hobart and Collins-st. Societies are now preparing for overseas Christmas box.

Obituary.—Mrs. N. Cooper (superintendent) has forwarded letters of sympathy to bereaved sisters, Miss G. Eaton and Mrs. Byard.

Hospital.—Hobart Royal and private homes were visited.

Isolation.—Mrs. Bradshaw (superintendent) reports 6 letters written and 5 replies. Mrs. Pitt (North), 40 letters written; 6 replies.

Temperance.—Mrs. Warmbrunn (superintendent) reports that W.C.T.U. aim is to get one million pledges signed.

The sisters welcome the return of Mrs. Bowes to active service again.

The president (Mrs. Madel-Cole), who was laid aside by sickness, was greatly missed at the meeting.

Bro. and Sister Tease, who have come to West Hobart for two years, arrived just in time to attend the executive meeting, and were warmly welcomed. Afternoon tea was served in the school-hall.

Next meeting is to be held at Collins-st. on Sept. 4.

## W.A. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

THE monthly meeting was held on July 4. Mrs. Hilford and Mrs. Digwood (representing Maylands church) took charge of devotional session. Mrs. Maiden rendered effectively a solo. 42 members answered the roll. The president (Mrs. Hurren) welcomed Sisters Wiltshire and Maiden as new auxiliary members. A successful youth dinner was held at Lake-st. on July 28. Mrs. Digwood is very active in her work on behalf of our young people.

Prayer committee (under leadership of Sister Mrs. Payne) continue in faithful service. On Aug. 1 over one hundred members and friends attended the meeting. This is a record, and a delightful atmosphere pervaded throughout. Bro. Wiltshire addressed the meeting on "Too Many Cushions." Prayers were offered on behalf of Sister Sharp and family, who had been bereaved of a son and brother. Devotions were capably led by Mrs. Vincent. Mrs. Marsden delighted all with a pianoforte solo. Mrs. Yeomans reminded members of F.M. display on Sept. 26. Social Service Department is holding its second annual banquet at Lake-st. on Aug. 23. Mrs. Jefferies thanked sisters for the wonderful response to the appeal for bed socks for patients at Woololoo. Monthly gospel services at the Sanatorium are proving a great blessing. One young person has decided for Christ, and many sick ones are being helped.

1940 Federal Conference officers: President, Mrs. J. Gordon, 80 Angove-st., North Perth; secretary, Mrs. F. D. Pollard, 54 Subiaco-rd., Subiaco; and the usual members of executive; treasurer, Mrs. W. Beck, 221 Charles-st., North Perth.—A. Pollard, secretary.



# News of the Churches.

## QUEENSLAND.

**Roma.**—On Aug. 13 Bro. A. S. Cooke exhorted church, and Bro. L. R. Pitman conducted gospel service. Miss Beryl McIntosh rendered a solo. Recently the sisters' guild held a successful afternoon at the manse, when about 40 ladies attended; the financial aspect was very satisfactory. Kindergarten gave 16/6 for foreign missions, not 1/6 as formerly reported.

**Brisbane (Ann-st.).**—Bro. and Sister McCarthy were received into fellowship by transfer at worship meeting on Aug. 20. There was a good attendance at the gospel service, Bro. Allen Brooke preaching on "The Unsearchable Riches." Sister Mrs. Kirke was soloist. Two were baptised prior to gospel service. On Aug. 19 Bro. Allen Brooke officiated at the marriage of Miss Lilian Ratcliffe to Mr. Tom. Morris, both of whom are members of the choir.

## TASMANIA.

**Launceston (Margaret-st.).**—Aug. 13 to 20 was celebrated as youth week, young men of the church taking part in all its exercises. The address was of a very high standard. Choir concert on Aug. 16 was well attended; proceeds (£10) for organ fund. Y.P. rally and tea was well attended, 70 attending on Sunday, 13th. Sister T. Cook has gone to reside for a time in Melbourne. 129 were present at breaking of bread. Margaret-st. won the Wylrose cup for 1939.

**Hobart (Collins-st.).**—On Aug. 18, at a concert organised by the parents' and friends' association of the Bible school, a very enjoyable programme was presented. Sunday, 20th, marked the end of youth week, and at the evening service all societies again paraded. Members of the church invited out to tea nearly all the pupils of the Bible school. Evening service was excellently attended. Sister J. Tippett rendered a solo. Bro. Bowes spoke at both services, his topics being "A Sense of Urgency" and "What Christ Offers Youth." With regret we announce the passing of Bro. W. R. C. Jarvis after a short illness. Sympathy is extended to his family in their time of sorrow.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

**Forestville.**—The church has been greatly encouraged by the increasing numbers who are taking their stand for Christ. A young man and a young woman made the good confession on Aug. 13, and one was baptised on the 20th. The church took part in the "back to church" canvass arranged by Unley and district ministers' fraternal for Aug. 20.

**Glenselg.**—Annual business meeting was largely attended. Reports of auxiliaries revealed much good work accomplished. Nett gain for year was 19, 13 being by faith and baptism. Bro. Dring, Bansley, Pritchard and Ferris were elected deacons and Sisters Pearson and Pritchard deaconesses. Special offering on Aug. 13 for Social Service Department totalled £1/10/-.

**Semaphore.**—Twenty-ninth anniversary services were a great success, many who had been absent through sickness attending, including Sister Mrs. Roberts after long illness. Bro. Baker's messages morning and evening were a great blessing. Singing of choir under leadership of Sister Ivy Bray was wonderful for tone and harmony. There was highest attendance at Bible school for just twelve months.

**Flinders Park.**—At first annual meeting of ladies' guild on Aug. 10 about 60 were present. Excellent work has been done during the year, many gifts being distributed. The work of the church is in good heart. 40 were present at gospel service on Aug. 13, when Bro. Matthews spoke on "The Conversion of Three Thousand."

The church is participating in the "Three Year Plan" and taking the suggested studies in Acts.

**Pl. Pirie.**—Special meetings were conducted by Bro. W. Beiler and F. Cornelius, of B.S. Department, from Aug. 5 to 8. Bro. Beiler's subject for gospel service on Aug. 6 was "His Face." Special singing was given at all meetings by S.S. choir. Bro. Hutson had charge of both services on Aug. 20. Evening subject was "The Message of the New Era," second of a series in Acts. Several young people of church have joined Y.M.G.A. tennis club.

**Hindmarsh.**—There was a good attendance at morning worship on Aug. 20, when Bro. W. W. Saunders gave a challenging message on "In His Steps." At gospel service he divided his message into two parts. For the first he read an article "Come and See," and then gave a good message on that subject. One young man, Fred Knowles, confessed Christ. Bible school commenced practice for anniversary. On evening of Aug. 13 Mrs. and Miss Verco, from Fremantle, were visitors.

**Nailsworth.**—Special indoctrination talks are arranged by Bro. Shipway from Acts in connection with three year plan. Offering for social service on Aug. 13, £2/11/-. Bro. Wakeley, of Maylands, and Bro. Cliff Manning addressed Endeavorers on Aug. 14 in connection with this work. On Aug. 15 Bro. Glover, of Norwood, gave a moving picture lecture on a tour round the world; offering was for "Challenge" fund. An enjoyable evening was held on Aug. 19 to assist talent fund. Bro. and Sister Shipway will be absent for about three weeks on annual holidays.

**Mundalla.**—A special series of addresses on "The Plea of the Churches of Christ" covered seven Lord's day evenings. Splendid interest was maintained, with large attendances. Bro. Russell spoke on alternate Sundays, and Bro. D. R. Milne, E. P. Verco and L. E. Verco were the other speakers. Messages in song were given at all services. Bible school is practising for anniversary. Y.P.S.C.E. is doing good work. Sympathy is with Bro. and Sister G. A. Dinning and family in the accident of their son and brother Allyn. Although one eye has been seriously affected, the other eye has its normal sight.

**Murray Bridge.**—The church is in good heart, although there has been much sickness. Attendances are splendid. Preaching and breaking of bread services have been commenced at Burdette. At church annual business meeting on Aug. 10 retiring officers were re-elected. Reports from all departments showed work in excellent condition. There was an increase of £40 over previous year's local finances. Sunday school increase campaign has so far yielded eleven new scholars. A bus load of Endeavorers attended annual district C.E. rally at Nairne. Y.P.C.E. and J.C.E. held annual rally on Aug. 19. Many attended from city and country. J.C.E. and Y.P. presented splendid reports and items. A "witness service" was held in the afternoon, also an open-air service prior to opening meeting. Mr. W. W. Saunders was speaker at the latter. On Aug. 20 15 Y.P.C.E. members took part in gospel meeting.

**Berri-Winkie.**—All auxiliaries are in good heart. Meetings are improving. On Aug. 13 five young people were baptised. On Aug. 14 four girls were initiated into P.B.P. chapter. Mr. Putter (Methodist) spoke to the girls on "One Thing that Every Woman Knows." At annual church business meeting on Aug. 16 splendid reports were presented by auxiliaries. Bro. H. L. Davie, A. V. Harris and J. Tipper were elected to diaconate. Bro. J. Grigg was appointed superintendent of Bible school in

place of Bro. Williams resigned. The church is opening a Bible school at Lyrup, 9½ miles away. Bro. Hollard conducts monthly meetings at Moorook. He has been elected secretary of Upper Murray ministers' association. The church enjoyed a visit from Bro. and Sister T. H. Morris, Brighton, Vic. Four young people were received into fellowship on Aug. 20. At night Bro. Hollard spoke on "The Need of the Gospel." Mrs. Hollard has returned home after a brief time in hospital.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

**Perth (Lake-st.).**—Preparation is being made for the tent mission with Bro. R. Raymond as missionary. On Aug. 10 and 11 a successful musical festival was held. On 12th the winners of sections assisted at an enjoyable concert. Apart from financial aspect the festival had value in revealing new talent which will be used in Christ's service. On Aug. 13 Bro. J. Wiltshire spoke at both meetings.

**Maylands.**—The 35th anniversary of the church was celebrated on Aug. 6, with splendid attendances all day. In the morning Bro. A. E. Hurren gave an uplifting address. In the evening Bro. F. D. Pollard, B.A., preached a powerful message to a large congregation; Mrs. F. D. Pollard and Bro. D. Stevens rendered beautiful solos. A woman came forward to reconsecrate her life. At anniversary tea on Aug. 9 Mrs. Digwood, on behalf of the women's guild, presented a beautiful bouquet to Mrs. A. Brown. Bro. and Sister Brown are the only foundation members still meeting with the church. Mrs. Martin, in her 94th year, also a foundation member, not able to attend services for many years, was also remembered by a small token of love. Bro. C. J. Garland and J. Wiltshire gave inspiring addresses and Mrs. Cosh and Mrs. Thornhill rendered solos.

## VICTORIA.

**Dandenong.**—Bro. Lewis addressed both services on Aug. 20 with fine messages entitled "Christian Enthusiasm" and "Is Life Worth While?"

**Melbourne (Swanston-st.).**—There were good meetings on Aug. 20, Bro. A. A. Hughes speaking. Bro. and Sister Ferris, recently of S.A., and Bro. and Sister Don, Beiler, of S.A., on way to Sydney, were welcomed as visitors.

**East Kew.**—Meetings have been well attended lately. At morning meetings Bro. Turner has been giving a series of addresses on the Old Testament. Two young people have recently made the good confession. All auxiliaries are in very good heart.

**Kyneton.**—Messages have been enjoyed from Bro. L. E. Baker, Castlemaine, and R. and G. Goudie. Owing to indisposition of Bro. A. Reed on Aug. 20, appreciated addresses were given by Bro. V. Dallinger, of the College. Sympathy is felt for Sister Elsie Dixon in her illness.

**Hampton.**—On Aug. 19, in the chapel, Miss D. Barber and Mr. E. Rees were married by Mr. A. W. Stephenson. The New Testament church was evening theme of Bro. Stephenson on Aug. 20; Misses Lang and Dinwoodie, Messrs. R. Pittman and A. Tinkler helped with a quartette.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—At morning meeting on Aug. 20 Bro. T. Hagger, of Gardiner, gave a very fine message on "Christian Perfection." At Bible class Mr. J. Turner, B.A., brought a message on "The Story of Our Churches." Bro. Baker at evening service preached on "Our Sycamore Tree."

**Dunolly.**—Attendances for past two months have shown improvement. On Aug. 1 the Y.L.F. had happy fellowship at a surprise evening at home of Sister A. Treble. On Aug. 13, 60 were present, when Bible school gave F.M. presentation, "Wanita." Proceeds of mission boxes, £1/7/-.

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## ANNUAL INCOME.

AMOUNTS from the annual offering are still coming to hand, and it is expected that all will be in the hands of the Federal Board by the first week in September. If amounts are to be included in the Federal year, they should be forwarded immediately. As we write we still need £765 to reach the figures of last year and approximately £800 to reach those of the year before. We cannot predict the final result, but from appearances it would seem that the average will be maintained. Perhaps we may get a surprise and exceed the previous totals. Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia are in a fair position at the moment, and Victoria is certain to exceed last year's totals. To those who have not shared, it is never too late, and workers are waiting to be sent out.

## NEWS BULLETIN.

DR. OLDFIELD, who has made a good recovery, intends to return to Melbourne from Point Lonsdale, where he has been on holiday with his family.

Mrs. H. A. G. Clark, wife of the Box Hill preacher, Vic., and former missionary in China, is sailing by the s.s. "Narkunda" this month to visit the Indian mission field. Mrs. Clark has always had a keen interest in overseas missions, and an ambition to visit the Indian field is about to be realised. It is fitting to recall that Mrs. Clark is a daughter of the late F. M. Ludbrook, who so ably and zealously sponsored the F.M. cause in its early stages. He was familiarly known as "Foreign Mission" Ludbrook. We are sure the visit of Mrs. Clark will be followed with interest by the sisterhood in Australia, and that her visit will mean much to all missionaries on the field, but especially to the lady workers. Mrs. Clark will be accompanied by her two daughters, Dorothy and Priscilla.

Mr. A. L. Read, chairman of the Federal Board, and Mrs. Read will reach Bombay by the "Cathay" on August 21. Under medical advice Mrs. Read will be unable to travel into the interior to see the field, but we learn that a delegation comprised of missionaries, Indian workers and orphans will travel to Bombay to see our friends as they pass through Bombay.

Though not confirmed, it is anticipated that Miss Linda Foreman will travel on the "Cathay" for her furlough. The "Cathay" sails from Bombay on December 14, and is due at Fremantle on December 26, Adelaide December 30, and Miss Foreman will arrive in her home city on January 1. Friends will be glad to know that, though tired before her short holiday in the summer, she has picked up a great deal and now looks forward to her time in Australia.

Dhond Hospital has benefited during recent weeks by some special donations. The C.E. societies in South Australia organised a scheme whereby an autographed quilt can be sent to Dr. and Mrs. Michael. The quilt will be a happy memento for these friends, and the hospital funds will benefit to the extent of more than £14.

The Ladies' Choir, Melbourne, organised and carried out a very successful concert in aid of Dhond Hospital. It was pleasing to have Dr. Oldfield present after his recent illness. The funds will benefit to the extent of nearly £20.

From Western Australia a donation of £18 has been received for any special need Dr. Michael has in hospital work.

A sum of £45 has been received from a sister

in South Australia with the request that part of the money be used to facilitate the work among women and children, and the balance to be used as Dr. Oldfield directs. Such gifts are appreciated, and will be applied as the donors state.

A donation of £18 has been passed into the Sisters' Conference, South Australia, to support Indian teachers in the Shrigonda area. Several enquiries have been made concerning Indian preachers and Bible-women. Such interest and practical support will mean much to the evangelisation of our part of India. The more workers engaged the more the position will be held for Christ. Interested enquirers are asked to direct their enquiries to the Federal secretary.

All interested in the Christmas boxes for India are advised that arrangements will be undertaken to ship the boxes by the "Maloja," her departures being as follows:—

Brisbane .. .. .	October 4
Sydney .. .. .	October 13
Melbourne .. .. .	October 17
Adelaide .. .. .	October 19
Fremantle .. .. .	October 23

During the past two years we have helped the field greatly by sending early, as goods take time to pass through customs and for transit, and the early date avoids the Christmas rush.

Bro. Dudley reports a largely attended service when several people were baptised. He does not state the number. There were several representatives present from the outlying districts, including some from the independent groups. Some of the latter took part in the service.

Friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Fred Purdy went down to Ndindui on the last "Morinda," and Mrs. Purdy will be on the August 31 "Morinda" to accompany Mr. and Mrs. David Hammer, who leave on their short-term service. The presence of these experienced friends will be of value to our new workers as they settle down to their tasks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammer will reap the benefit of the hard, almost pioneering work of Bro. and Sister Dudley. When the Dudleys went to Aoba, no missionary had been in occupation for several years, and a good deal of patience and tact had to be exercised to demonstrate to the people "a more excellent way." A friendly feeling now exists, schools in operation, and the work on a sounder basis. The launch engine has been shipped to Aoba. Even repairs of a minor nature cannot always be undertaken,

and it takes time and expense to send repairs up to Sydney.

That those at home have done all that is possible to make the boat safe and comfortable is evidenced by the following extract taken from the last letter of Bro. Dudley: "So far as the seaworthiness of the launch is concerned it is as safe as most crafts. I have been in some big seas in the 'Endeavour II.' The launch is satisfactory, but the engine has been the disappointing factor. We have sails today, and can sail out of trouble if the engine fails. Since the stern repairs the hull is quite satisfactory. I did suggest to you the matter of building in a fake deck, to which you agreed, but this has not been done for financial reasons. One does not expect to do everything in this line in a year or so. We have succeeded in building our dispensary without incurring a debit balance, and possibly on returning we shall be able to afford the decking." The engine is now in perfect working order, and we are hopeful that our missionaries will experience no further trouble. The above will reassure some who have asked concerning the seaworthiness of the "Endeavour II."

We extend congratulations to the Aolan Christians, who have forwarded their annual offering for overseas work. The sum of £20/4/8 has been received, making a total of over £47 from the churches during the year. Our brethren feel they are being helped, and want to have a share in the expense.

We learn, too, that the churches are planning a special welcome service to Bro. and Sister Hammer. They are pleased that the Australian churches have sent representatives during the furlough of Bro. and Sister Dudley.

Bro. Dudley reports that Mr. A. Dow has paid two recent visits to Aoba, and that he is in much better health and spirits than a month or so ago. Bro. Dow terminates his engagement with the Board at the end of September. We are sure friends will wish him well should he decide to carry on business activities in the group.

## DHOND HOSPITAL.

TWO days ago a child was brought to outpatients. She had been gored on the lower lip by a bullock the day before. The wound had been dressed in the home with a black paste made of burnt coconut. The father refused to let her stay in hospital, and refused to have her given an injection of anti-tetanus serum. When doctor explained to him the danger of her developing tetanus and dying he said, "Let her die." Doctor reasoned with him and said we would give the injection free, but he would not allow it to be given. The ignorance and the superstition of these village people are appalling! It is very distressing and discouraging for us.—L. M. Foreman.

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## Western Australian News-letter.

Roy Raymond.

### Generous Giving.

OUR home mission work in this State has been helped considerably, and the committee much encouraged by generous support from two brethren. One good brother sent in a cheque for £100 for our general H.M. work. The other, Bro. S. H. Gale, in business as a building contractor, learning of the need of a house for the preacher at Narembcen, offered to build the house without any charge for labor. With the assistance of local members, our brother has built a very fine bungalow. This has made a beautiful home for the preacher at an amazingly low cost to the committee. Such generous giving merits our highest praise.

### A Welcome Visitor.

Bro. A. W. Ladbroke, M.A., Dip.Ed., spent a few days in W.A. en route to South Africa, where he is engaged to serve with the church at Johannesburg, T.P. The churches here enjoyed fellowship with him. His messages at Lake-st. and Subiaco were most helpful. Sister Mrs. Ladbroke is a Western Australian, but not for this alone were they both entertained at tea at the Y.M.C.A. by our brethren here. Many in the West would like to have retained our brother for service in this State, but we were too late.

### A Men's Movement.

Our W.A. churches have a men's movement that promises well for the good of our work in this State. Meetings are held quarterly, when subjects of importance are freely discussed, and helpful suggestions made. Plans are being made for a men's outing, when it is expected that 200 men will enjoy fellowship and tea in the open, and remain for an open-air inspirational service. Generous car owners will make the outing possible.

### Youth Director.

Bro. Ray Vincent, preacher of the church at Inglewood, has been appointed as director of youth work for the W.A. Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Bro. Vincent's work will be concerned mainly with the education of youth, and young people in the schools, with regard to the Bible, and the work of the B. and F. B. Society. This will be attempted by the dramatisation of Bible scenes and characters, pageants and illustrated lectures. Our brother is well equipped for this type of work. He will continue his work as preacher at Inglewood.

### A Youth Conference.

Arranged by our Bible Schools and Young People's Department a well-attended conference of the youth leaders and workers of our churches was held in Perth recently. The conference was arranged primarily to discuss our jubilee plan as it relates to youth activities. It was made evident at the conference that our young people are somewhat impatient at the slowness of the progress made in our young people's work, and the engagement of a youth organiser was called for. What will be done along that line remains to be seen. It stands now as one of the jubilee aims. One or two practical results of the conference will be the formation of a C.E. department within our movement (subject to the approval of the State conference), and a programme of work amongst the young with regard to instruction in the evils of strong drink and gambling. One feels that more must be done in this way. Our churches must do more to reach the children who do not attend our schools. What better than well organized work on the lines of the Band of Hope?

## Queensland News-letter.

H. G. Payne.

### C.E. Convention.

THE 48th annual State C.E. Convention was held in Brisbane from Aug. 4 to 10. The special speaker was Mr. W. L. Jarvis, of Central Baptist Church, Sydney. The newly elected executive officers are all young men: President, Mr. W. J. Kerrison; general secretary, Mr. A. L. Nelson; and treasurer, Mr. Colin Pritchard.

### Pledge Signing.

The pledge-signing crusade is being conducted vigorously by the Temperance League, which among other methods is conducting organised drives in selected localities each Sunday. Members of their staff take services, ministers of the district exchange pulpits, and the endeavor is made to cover every church and Sunday school service in the area. Unfortunately, with a few exceptions our churches are not taking the campaign enthusiastically, which is to be regretted in view of our good reputation in temperance work in other days. On date of writing, out of the 2500 assigned as the Churches of Christ quota for the State, only 791 have been reported, and two-thirds of these were sent in by three preachers.

### Sport.

Recently interstate representatives of several forms of sport competed in matches and carnivals, including lacrosse teams, that from West Australia having in it three members of Lake-st. church—Bren. C. Ewers, L. Berry and W. Miller.

### Democracy.

The Premier has stated that, "If people want to resist the law it cannot be done by destroying the instrument which makes the security of all the people of the land possible. What we need is a standard of citizenship that will not only preserve democracy but deserve it." Good sentiments, well expressed; but the principle defined applies as well to enforcement of law, and a standard of administration is as necessary as a standard of citizenship.

### The Lord's Prayer.

The Queensland Branch of the Australian Chemical Institute held a display which included the Lord's Prayer on a piece of lead one thirty-sixth of a square inch in area. There were said to be 326 letters, each a depth of .008 of an inch. When examined through a microscope, which magnified 110 times, every letter was seen to be perfect.

### Largest Primary School in Australia.

Our Education Department is justly proud of its correspondence school. 38,000 pupils have passed through it since its opening in 1922. Lessons are sent as far as Ceylon, India and China. The school's latest improvement is the issuing of "Mail Way" a bright, illustrated magazine, which will have at least 6000 readers. The success of the secular correspondence school led to the applying of the same methods by Sunday school authorities, with advantage to isolated children.

### Police Confer.

Being Show (or to use the more popular term "Exhibition") time, "all the world and his wife" were in Brisbane. Conferences of all kinds were held, including the first conference of Police Commissioners of Australia and New Zealand. Naturally this was held in camera, but the agenda was made public. Among subjects down for discussion were some phases of betting and related subjects, also the establishing of a Federal Drug Bureau, and uniformity in drug law and control. Conspicuously absent was any mention of liquor law.

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## News of the Churches.

(Continued from page 537.)

**Newmarket.**—On Aug. 13 Bro. Funston, of North Essendon, presided, and Bro. Payne gave the address. An every-member-present service was held on Aug. 20, Bro. G. T. Black presiding. Bro. Payne gave splendid addresses at both services.

**South Richmond.**—On Aug. 19 the prayer meeting was held at home of Bro. and Sister J. Nicholls, Gardiner. On Aug. 20 Bro. Percy Whitmore delivered a fine message from James 3. At night Bro. Fullerton spoke on "Build on the Rock," after which Mrs. Mead confessed Christ.

**Ararat.**—On Aug. 14 the Methodist C.E. society visited our society, when Mr. McKitterick, of Stawell, was present as president of district union and gave an address on "Jesus the Carpenter." The carpet bowls club had a record attendance on Aug. 16. A doubles tournament is being conducted.

**Dimbsola.**—Inclement weather for two Sundays at end of July and beginning of August affected attendances. Good congregations assembled on Aug. 13 and 20. Bro. J. Butler gave an address on 13th on "Unity." On Aug. 20 an instructive address was given on "The Way of Life." Sister Miss Dudley has arrived here from Shepparton.

**Chelsea.**—Bible school is gradually increasing during August campaign. Bro. Hunt concluded a fine series of messages on "Why I Belong to the Churches of Christ." On Aug. 10 a community song night was conducted by the young people's club. A presentation was made to Mrs. Prentice, the organist, who is leaving shortly for New Zealand.

**Merbein.**—At annual business meeting on Aug. 15 all officers were re-elected and plans were discussed for uplifting all departments of church work. On Aug. 20 Bro. Martin addressed good attendances at both services. Sister Ray Potter was welcomed back after illness. Women's mission band hold fortnightly afternoons in the homes of sisters, proceeds towards Christmas cheer for overseas.

**Oakleigh.**—Bro. Mudge addressed both meetings on Aug. 13. Sister Hook, formerly of Croydon, was received into fellowship. Bro. H. R. Coventry spoke at morning service on Aug. 20 of the work of the C.F.A., to which over eighty members are subscribers. Sister Mee, transferred from Footscray, was welcomed. After Bro. Coventry's evening address a young lady made the good confession.

**Footscray.**—Mrs. E. Thomson, an elderly member, received the home call on Aug. 9. A very fine memorial service was held on evening of Aug. 20, and Bro. Wakefield gave a good message on "Where They Never Say Good-bye." On 14th, at the invitation of the Kappas, Bro. Robt. Storey gave a splendid lantern lecture on Papua. At annual business meeting held last week officers and deaconesses were elected and a splendid evening spent.

**Ormond.**—Young men of the church held their first cricket meeting for the coming season on Aug. 16. At midweek prayer meeting Bro. C. L. Lang gave a very good talk. On Aug. 20, at worship service, Bro. Lang commenced a series of addresses from Romans. Bro. Richards was received into membership by letter of transfer from Carnegie. At gospel service Bro. C. L. Lang gave a stirring message on "The Excluded Christ."

**St. Arnaud.**—There is marked improvement in attendance; four new scholars have been added to Bible school. Bro. and Sister J. Smith, Sisters V. and J. Smith, and Bro. A. Smith (in isolation) have been received by letter. At worship Bro. A. H. Pratt has been giving a series of addresses on the "New Life in Christ." At gospel service on Aug. 20 Bro. Pratt gave a very fine expository address on Matt. 22: 1-14. Sickness has been very prevalent.

**Cheltenham.**—On Aug. 13 Bro. and Sister and Miss Peggy Williams were received into fellowship by transfer from South Yarra. On Aug. 20 Bro. Allan delivered a splendid address on "Our Lord's Loving Request." Evening service was well attended. A lantern lecture by Mr. Burdeu on aborigines' work was much appreciated. Bible school is preparing for anniversary, and reports two new scholars. Mrs. Leng has entered Alfred Hospital for treatment.

**Malvern-Caulfield.**—There was a fine attendance of young people at both services on Aug. 20 as "go to church campaign" was continued with youth rally day. Bro. Keith Jones gave an inspiring address in the morning entitled "In Quest of Life." At 5.30 p.m. 64 gathered at a tea, when young people entertained officers of church and a discussion of their work followed. In the evening Bren. Pigdon and Bond assisted Bro. Buckingham in expounding the subject, "Salvation—Why? How? When?"

**St. Kilda.**—Annual rally of Y.P.S.C.E. had a good attendance. "Mack" from 3LO was song-leader and soloist. Bro. Hunting, from Prahran church, gave a fine spiritual message. On Aug. 20, during absence of Bro. Hughes at Swan Hill for week-end, morning message was given by Mr. Ambrose Roberts, from Victorian Local Option Alliance. Gospel message was given by Bro. Pike, from College of the Bible. Sister Mrs. Hawkford, who has been ill for some months, was welcomed back in the morning.

**Hartwell.**—On Aug. 6 Bro. Keith Jones gave a splendid morning message. He also spoke to senior Bible class. Bro. Raisbeck was evening preacher. On Aug. 13 Bro. Webb spoke at both services which were well attended. A young lady accepted Christ. Ladies of church spent a pleasant afternoon on Aug. 15 at the home of Sister Nisbett, at which £3/15/- was raised for building fund. On Aug. 20 Bro. Webb spoke at both meetings, which were well attended. A lad of the Bible school confessed Christ.

**Brunswick.**—Y.P.S.C.E. visited Nicholson-st. society on Aug. 10, and were addressed by Bro. Coventry on missionary work at their meeting on 17th. On Aug. 13 Bro. Mathieson, of Moreland, exhorted on "Let no Root of Bitterness Spring." Members of choir took part in the "festival of song" held by the combined church choirs of Brunswick in honor of the centenary of the city. Boys of Burwood Boys' Home were entertained during the afternoon and evening of Aug. 19 by Y.P.S.C.E., tea being also provided.

**Mixyip.**—Meetings are improving. Mission band ladies had a good meeting this month. Sympathy is extended to Sister Mrs. D. Smith in the loss of her sister. Young people combined with those of Warracknabeal to entertain Mr. Black at a social on Aug. 3 to mark commencement of his fourth year of faithful service. Mr. E. S. Nicholson, a representative of Local Option Alliance, addressed church on Aug. 13, and spoke at C.E. on 14th. On Aug. 20 the service of Bro. R. McPherson was much appreciated.

**Horsham.**—On Aug. 14 Mr. Hansford, of Soudan United Mission, gave a lantern lecture in the school hall. On 15th a sacred concert was given by Sister W. Mackley towards Indian Christmas cheer; £5/11/9 was subscribed. Bro. F. J. Sherriff addressed the church on Aug. 20, and Bro. J. Methven preached at night. A solo was rendered by Bro. Macdonald, of Mildura, at gospel meeting. Bro. C. W. Jackel, of Drumcondra, has accepted an engagement with the church when Bro. J. Methven leaves towards end of year.

**Shepparton.**—Bro. A. Hughes' message to half-yearly rally of Goulburn Valley C.E. Union on Aug. 9 was much appreciated. On morning of Aug. 13 two Bible school scholars were welcomed into membership following their baptisms, and Bro. Payne, of Echuca, addressed the church. At gospel service on Aug. 20, a nurse made the good confession. Bro. Lloyd spoke

on "The Church that Jesus Built." A parcel of New Testaments has been received from the B. and F. Bible Society for the aborigines' meetings at Mooropoop.

**Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).**—Special series of gospel addresses on "The Road to a Happy Home" are attracting large numbers of young people. On Aug. 20 the subject was "The Engagement Ring, or Choosing a Life Partner." Miss Scarce was soloist. Bible school increase campaign has made a promising beginning. An afternoon arranged by women's mission band to assist Bro. and Sister Percy Pittman yielded over £4. Sympathy is expressed to Bro. Saunders in the passing of his father, and to Bro. Gerald Fountain in the loss of his mother. Sister Nash has been forced to give up active work through ill-health.

**Baywater.**—On Aug. 15 an illustrated lantern lecture on the "Southern Seas Mission" was given by Mr. Kingsmill. A send-off social was held for Bro. and Sister H. Edwards on Aug. 19. The church presented them with an auto-tray and the Bible class a crystal salad-bowl in recognition of their loyal service. Bro. Edwards closed his labors with the church with inspiring addresses, in morning on "Fundamentals of the Christian Life"; evening, "A Centenarian's View." Sister Mrs. Edwards sang a solo. 63 were present. In the afternoon the S.S. gave them a fountain pen, and the women's mission band gave Mrs. Edwards a crystal sandwich tray.

**Gardiner.**—At Christian Club on Aug. 14 church officers and their wives tendered a complimentary dinner and a small token of appreciation to Bro. R. Strongman (church treasurer) and Sister Miss M. Chipperfield, on the eve of their marriage. Their wedding took place on Aug. 19. Bro. S. R. Baker, of Lygon-st., helpfully exhorted on morning of Aug. 20. Bro. and Sister F. Woolley, from Prahran church, were received into fellowship. Bro. Hagger preached convincingly at night. Best wishes were expressed to Bro. W. Thompson, who is leaving for residence in New Zealand, and to Sister Miss V. Callanan, who will be absent for some time in different parts of the State. Deepest sympathy is extended to Sister Mrs. J. Adams, and to Sister Mrs. R. K. Whately, in their recent family bereavement.

**Boort.**—Meetings for July were good, Bro. Sandells giving helpful messages. On Aug. 13 he gave the morning address, and after the meeting presented a nice Bible each to Hilda and May Dunner, who are soon leaving with their parents to live in Canberra. At night Bro. Sandells gave a good message, and Sister Sandells sang a solo. Several visitors were at morning service. On Aug. 13 the Y.P.S.C.E. held a social. On 18th an afternoon was held to say farewell to Bro. and Sister J. Dunner. Bro. Sandells presented them with gifts, and expressed regret at their departure. Bro. Dunner had acted as B.S. superintendent and Sister Dunner as organist until recently. On Aug. 20 Bro. Sandells gave a good morning address, and at night a helpful message on baptism. May Dunner sang a solo.

**Ballarat (Dawson-st.).**—All meetings continue to be well attended, and a deep spiritual tone prevails. Weekly prayer meeting shows good improvement, and Bro. Young's studies in the Philippian letter are most helpful. Church fellowship dinner on Aug. 16 was attended by over 120. Theme for evening was "The Bible." Bren: E. Gullock and J. Beer brought brief messages. Bro. Young gave a brief message and led the gathering in a scripture reading. On Aug. 20 meetings were largely attended. Evening service took the form of a youth rally. Youth assisted in the service, and it was inspiring to see the great company of young people who listened with rapt attention to Bro. Young's challenging message on "What Christ Offers to Youth." Visitors were welcomed. Mrs. Young has joined Bro. Young for the closing days of his ministry in Ballarat.



**Drumcondra.**—On Aug. 6 Mr. Heath gave members an insight into the work of Local Option Alliance. Bro. C. Jackel spoke at gospel service. On Aug. 9 half-yearly meeting of the church was held. Bro. Doug. Nichols spoke eloquently at communion service on Aug. 13. In the evening an offering was received for local option work. Bro. Stewart exhorted on morning of Aug. 20; B. R. Watt addressed evening meeting. Bro. C. Jackel reported to the officers that he had accepted a call to Horsham. Members are very sorry to lose his services, but wish him every success in his new sphere. Bro. Jackel has labored faithfully at Drumcondra for over four years.

**Fitzroy (Gore-st.).**—Ladies' aid society met on Aug. 15 and made good progress. Bro. Andrew gave a nice address to S.C.E. on Aug. 16. A social was held at home of Sister Mrs. Salmon on Aug. 19 to assist ladies in their work of sewing. Bro. Coling gave a nice message to J.C.E. on Aug. 20. Three new scholars made total 56. Bro. Andrew gave the church a forceful message. At Sunday school silver C.E. pins were presented to eight scholars who passed in a special examination. School shows great improvement. Evening service was conducted by cricket club boys, and bright singing was rendered. Bro. Andrew gave a beautiful message on "Youth Needs the Church." Community singing was enjoyed at close. Many visitors were present.

**Bendigo.**—On Aug. 13 and 16 the Bible school celebrated anniversary. On 13th Bro. B. J. Combridge was speaker at the three services. Message to church on "The Church and Youth" was helpful. At afternoon and evening services Bro. C. H. Dous presided. Special singing was rendered by S.S. scholars under baton of Bro. J. Streader, assisted by orchestra. Illustrated address in afternoon on "Clocks" held interest of young and old. Messages in the evening were, to the children, "The Fountain Pen"; to youth and older ones, "The Lord is my Shepherd." On Aug. 16 the annual tea and concert took place. 150 sat to tea, which was in the hands of the ladies' committee headed by Sister Mrs. C. H. Dous. Cradle roll and senior awards were presented. On Aug. 20 Bro. Combridge's morning address gave an "introduction to the Roman letter." In the evening he exchanged pulpits with Mr. R. L. S. Saunders, minister of McKenzie-st. Methodist church, who spoke on "Easu, the Man who Shirked his Responsibilities and Duties but Wanted his Privileges." The choir rendered an item. Mr. Combridge was speaker at McKenzie-st. C.E. anniversary.

### NEW SOUTH WALES.

**Rockdale.**—On Aug. 6 Bro. Goode ably exhorted. At night Bro. Carter gave a good gospel message, and six took their stand for Christ. At an impressive baptismal service eight were immersed. On Aug. 13 Bro. Stow exhorted, and Bro. Carter spoke in the evening on "The Wedding Garment." There were three more baptisms.

**Sydney (City Temple).**—Four young people made the great decision on Aug. 13. They were baptised the following Sunday. Two further decisions were made on Aug. 20, and meetings were well attended. The interest and work of the younger folk are most encouraging. Bro. Maclean is an untiring and devoted leader. The church received into fellowship Bro. McNeil, from Paddington.

**Enmore.**—Sunday was Bible school day. At morning meeting Bro. Stevens' address on "Worshipping the Creature in Preference to the Creator" was very good. At 3 p.m. a fine address was given by Mr. Mottram, secretary of Postal Bible School. Evening meeting was very good, the singing by the school being even better than in the afternoon. The arrangements for the day were excellent.

**Erskineville.**—Flying Squadron workers in two divisions, in house-to-house visitation, called at more than 1000 homes. More than 20 in open-air mission hand some Sundays. New scholars each week. Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., mission superintendent, hopes to organise a church here next month. Workers from Tempe, Naremburn and Canterbury-Earlwood have given consecrated co-operation. Roof of building is leaking badly, and voluntary workers are urgently needed.

**Broken Hill.**—E. Arnold exhorted at Wolfram-st. on Aug. 13 in morning, and gave the gospel address at night. Bro. J. Cremer exhorted at Railwaytown in morning. Sister Gear was welcomed back after very serious illness. Bro. and Sister Parker have had to make a hurried trip to Adelaide owing to the sudden illness of their daughter Melva. Bro. and Sister Whyatt have received notice of transfer to Adelaide, and the church regrets their departure. Miss E. Clark and Master Mervyn Arnold, two Bible scholars, and Bro. Alister Thurgood, a teacher of the Bible school, gained certificates and a first prize in division 9 for S.A. in scripture examinations. Bible school is practising for anniversary.

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**AUGUST 26 and 27.**—South Yarra C.E. anniversary. 7.30 p.m., Saturday, 26th; speaker, Mr. W. Betts; song-leader, Mr. Dyer. Sunday, 27th, 7 p.m., The Campaigners for Christ.

**AUGUST 27.**—Bible school anniversary, Berry-st., North Essendon. 3, E. L. Williams; 7, C. G. Taylor. Continued Sept. 3—3, A. White; 7, E. Mellhagger. Scholars' items at all services; prize distribution each afternoon.

**AUGUST 27 and 29.**—Doncaster 76th anniversary. Bro. Nankivell at morning service. Bro. Connor will conduct evening meeting. Tea and public meeting, Tuesday, 29th; Bro. J. E. Webb, conference president, speaker. Items by choir, quartette party and soloists.

**AUGUST 29.**—The 21st anniversary of South Yarra Women's Mission Band, 2.30 p.m. All past members and friends invited.

**AUGUST 31.**—Testimonial concert to Bro. and Sister Clydesdale, Enmore, Thursday, August 31. Greetings and contributions to fund to W. T. Coles, 299 Bay-st., Brighton-le-Sands.

**SEPTEMBER 3.**—Malvern-Caulfield C.E. Rally Day. 11 a.m., Mr. A. A. Hughes, State President. 7 p.m., subject, "The Broad Way"; speaker, Mr. F. E. Buckingham. Special singing by the choir. Conductor, Mr. Roy Callow.

**SEPTEMBER 3 and 5.**—Chinese Sunday School Anniversary (Queensberry-st.). Sunday, Sept. 3, 2.45 p.m., speaker, Mr. H. A. G. Clark; Tuesday, Sept. 5, 7.45 p.m., speaker, Mr. H. Watson. Bright singing by children at both services. All cordially invited.

**SEPTEMBER 3, 5 and 10.**—Collingwood Church of Christ Bible school anniversary. Sept. 3, 11 a.m., R. Morris, jun.; 3 p.m., Les. Brooker; 7 p.m., T. A. Fitzgerald. Sept. 10, 11 a.m., K. A. Jones; 3 p.m., John Turner, B.A.; 7 p.m., D. D. Stewart. Tuesday, Sept. 5, scholars' tea and demonstration, 6 and 8 p.m. Song-leader, Mr. Hopkins.

**SEPTEMBER 10 and 13.**—Gardiner church (Malvern-rd. and Scott-gve.), 25th anniversary celebrations. Sept. 10, at 11, A. R. Main, M.A.; at 7, Thomas Hagger. Sept. 13, at 8 p.m., Anniversary Festival. Recorded messages from Horace Kingsbury and T. O. Fisher, U.S.A. Musical and elocutionary items; addresses by J. E. Webb and H. J. Patterson, M.A. Those from a distance who desire hospitality for lunch and tea on the Lord's day please notify secretary not later than Sept. 1.—F. C. Whittington, 5 Carroll-cres., Glen Iris, S.E.6.

**SEPTEMBER 10-24.**—Collingwood Church of Christ evangelistic mission, commencing Sunday, Sept. 10, and continuing to Sunday, Sept. 24. Fridays excepted. Missioner, Bro. D. D. Stewart; song-leader, J. Northeast. Members of sister churches are urged to attend these meetings.

**SEPTEMBER 12.**—College Concert. Past and present students combine for annual concert at Lygon-st. chapel, 8 p.m.

### BROADCAST SERVICE.

Sept. 3.—Evening service at City Temple, Sydney, by Station 2CH.

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He "fell asleep" in Christ his Lord;

He gave to him to keep

The soul his great love had redeemed,

And calmly went to sleep.

### THANKS.

We wish to thank all who have sent greetings or contributed to the testimonial fund for Bro. and Sister Clydesdale. Please send to W. T. Coles, 299 Bay-st., Brighton-le-Sands. Remember date: Thursday, Aug. 31.—W. T. Coles.

### ADDRESS.

S. R. Baker (preacher Lygon-st. church, Vic.).—317 Tzorak-rd., Burwood, E.13.



## Obituary.

### Robert Edward Hunter.

A FAITHFUL soul has entered into rest after a long and useful Christian life. On July 26, after only a few days' illness, our brother passed away with a prayer of thanksgiving on his lips. Though 76 years of age, he had kept at his daily task, for the sake of others, to the last. Born in Aldershot, England, he spent his youth in Canada, around Halifax, to which his father as a soldier of the British army had been transferred. He was a good member of the Church of England until through his attendance at a tent mission held at Brighton (Vic.), where he was then living, he sought baptism and full membership with the Church of Christ. As an officer, door-keeper, baptismal attendant, and in other ways, he humbly and helpfully served others for many years. His gracious spirit and generous help to the less fortunate will long be remembered. His advice was often sought. He lost his wife, who was also a faithful member at Brighton, in the year 1916. For the last three years of his life he lived at Moreland, where his faithful witness counted for much. For 32 years he was employed by the Trades Hall Council, whose tributes of respect were most spontaneous and impressive. On his way to the Brighton cemetery the cortege halted outside his old place of employment while the staff stood in silent respect of their departed comrade. Greatly loved in life and honored in death, the memory of his fragrant Christian spirit lives on in our hearts. He shall not return to share life's sorrows, but we may go to him, for his life "was hid with Christ in God." Bro. G. M. Mathieson, assisted by Bro. A. A. Hughes, officiated at the home and graveside. —G.M.M.

## New Zealand News-letter.

W. R. Hibburt.

### A White World and White Robes.

DURING the last few days New Zealand's winter has reached its peak period in severity. The far south has been a white world. Light falls of snow travelled as far north as Auckland. The snow falls were so heavy in some parts that transport was dislocated for several days. Principal Haddon conducted a funeral in Dunedin with the snow knee deep at the cemetery. The experience of living in a white world is good for mind and soul even if the body objects. If human nature was not so perverse the grandeur and the purity would whiten the soul.

### Preachers with Wings.

Tyrrell Baxter, who has ministered to the church at Palmerston North, and Eric Martin, who has been laboring in the Nelson district, leave this month for post graduate work in America. A. G. Saunders, B.A., who has labored with Vivian-st. church, Wellington, and shared in Dominion undertakings, leaves for Tarce, N.S.W., at the end of August. E. P. Aderman, B.A., is now settled in his new work in Auckland. R. Vickery, B.A., of Spring Grove, Nelson, has exchanged fields with W. Vickery, of Pt. Chevalier, Auckland. G. R. Stirling, Lower Hutt, has accepted a call to Palmerston North, and B. Simpson, Christchurch, has been invited to Lower Hutt.

### A Birthday Gift of £274.

Vivian-st. congregation perpetuates the beginnings of our work in Wellington. The church celebrated its 70th anniversary in July and raised a birthday offering of £274.

### Visual Education.

Wellington congregations have been enjoying quite a flutter in religious films. Wellington

South tested out the merits of the film "Faith Triumphant" at a Sunday evening service. The District Conference in Wellington gave an entire session to a demonstration of religious films. The Young People's Department is exploring the possibilities of the talkie film, and is endeavoring to raise £100 this year for necessary equipment to be released to the various centres.

### Youth Week.

The first week in September brings the return of "Youth Week." The activities of the week are being built around the idea of foundations, and the theme, "Sure Foundations in a Changing World." The week is so planned to engage the mind of youth and to set them to work on certain activities. Youth have been employed in shaping the plans, even to the drawings for blockmaking purposes.

### A Centennial Memorial.

Marking the spot where the first Christian service was held in Wellington on June 9, 1839, and commemorating the pioneer Methodist missionaries, J. H. Bumbo and John Hobbs, the monument and drinking fountain erected by the trustees and members of Wesley Church was presented to the city of Wellington recently. "As we turn the corner of the first 100 years of our national life," said the Mayor when accepting the gift, "we can give thanks to God for the great people who have worked in the past, and pray to him that we may be worthy of them in the days to come."

### The Refugee Problem.

Wellington Anglican Synod recently conducted a statesmanlike debate on the refugee problem. Resolutions were passed advocating the setting up by the government of a Department of Immigration and a board of inquiry, co-operation between the dioceses and with other denominations in advocating public opinion on the refugee problem. Presbyterian ministers in Waikato volunteered to pay their district quota (without resource to their congregations) to the fund to enable a German minister, expelled from his native country, to come to New Zealand.

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## BROADCASTING AND LISTENING-IN.

IF we could often listen-in to the things that are said and done in our own services we would, I am sure, rectify the errors. I have often thought that, if only I could listen-in to one of the services in which I partake, a great improvement would result. But most of us who attend worship regularly and attend to the preaching of the Word, do not get an opportunity of even listening-in to others. Where we commence a little later and our time is different, we can often hear others for a portion or all the service, and sometimes we get one of our services. On a recent Lord's day I greatly enjoyed this privilege, and a discussion arose with a brother during the week about a service he had listened-in to, and so I write to help those who in the future may use this method in telling the message. Remember that minute sounds are magnified; e.g. a dropping of a book is like a gun shot, loud conversation above the playing of the organ like a row in a public place, the shuffling of feet like the sound of a ballroom. All this comes over to the listening public in an exaggerated form, and does not leave the desired effect or that we are a very reverent people. A hymn by the congregation or choir or the retaining of seats in meditation until the time allotted has passed would obviate what I have mentioned.—J. K. Martin.

## S.A. Sisters' Auxiliary.

THE monthly meeting of the auxiliary was held at Grote-st. on Thursday, Aug. 3. Devotional period was presided over by Mrs. Ross Graham, whose message on "A Chapter of Prayers and Portraits" was much enjoyed. Miss Winnie Thorpe was soloist. The president (Mrs. Riches) then took the chair. There were 94 sisters present, 55 being delegates. Collection was £1/9/6. Business for conference was dealt with.

Home Mission.—Mrs. Theo. Edwards announced that she had collected £34/15/4 for July.

Overseas Committee.—Mrs. Downs reported £40/5/5 collected in July.

A cottage prayer meeting was held at Mrs. McGregor's home (Forestville).

Hospital superintendent reported that 114 visits had been paid to private and public hospitals and institutions and private homes. Oranges from the Unley and Nallsworth Endeavorers were greatly appreciated by inmates of Morris Hospital, Northfield. Knitted articles from a sister for Magill Homes were thankfully received.

Dorcas Committee.—Mrs. Burn visited eight societies during June and July.

Literature committee sent parcels of literature to St. Morris Hospital, Seamen's Mission, Adelaide Hospital and Somerset Lodge.

Treasurer reported receipts.—For home missions: July 4, £32/4/1; balance in hand, £82/3/2. For overseas missions: July 6, £33/2/2; balance in hand, £82/19/6. General fund: July 6, balance in hand, £10/8/11. Catering fund: balance in hand, £5/19/11.

On Aug. 31 a number of sisters from the auxiliary will visit Gawler sisters, Mrs. Anderson will be devotional leader for September meeting. The sisters' conference will be held in Adelaide on Sept. 15.—Mrs. H. B. Charlick, assistant secretary and treasurer.

# Prayer Corner.

Conducted by G. J. Andrews.

"BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US!"

BE strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God. . . . Above all, taking the shield of faith. . . . And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.—Ephesians 6: 10-18.

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## PRAY AS SOLDIERS.

O Lord my God, let me be a soldier in the ranks who has no need to be ashamed. May I never soil thy banner with hands that are defiled. May my lips never dishonor the Saviour's name. Help me to be clean as I bear the vessels of the Lord. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Most Holy God, help me to believe in thy spiritual defences. The shields of the earth belong unto thee. Thy armor is our perfect security. Help me to wear it night and day, and to go eagerly in the path of thy commandments. For my Saviour's sake. Amen.

O God of all grace, help me to believe that I can live the victorious life. Gird me with thy holy strength. Let me fight my battle as more than conqueror. Let the abundance of thy grace be seen in the completeness of my moral triumphs. For the Redeemer's sake. Amen.—J. H. Jowett.

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## CAN YOU STAND FIRE?

A newspaper editor tells of his conversation with a soldier walking on the Strand. Said the editor, "There is one thing about the British soldier I cannot understand." "What is that, sir?" "Well," replied the other, "he is bold and daring in fight, and there is no such insult you can offer him as to call him a coward. He will rush to the cannon's mouth if duty demands it, and yet he has not the courage to kneel down in the barrack room and pray." After a pause the soldier said, "That's true. And yet there are exceptions. A young chap came into our room and the first night he knelt down to pray there was a row. Caps and belts were flung at him. The second night it was the same. The third night it was worse than before. The fourth night, as the attack commenced, a leading fellow shouted, 'Lads, let him alone; he stands fire!' And now some of us are beginning to think we may as well join him and have a bit of prayer."

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ARE the trains too slow for you? Caesar, with  
all his court, never exceeded the speed  
limit.

Are your wages too small? In Europe peo-  
ple are content with having enough to eat.

Are the lights too dim? David wrote his  
psalms by the light of a smoky torch.

Are you cold? The soldiers of Valley Forge  
walked barefooted on the ice and snow.

Something wrong with the steak? The chil-  
dren of India are starving for want of a crust  
of bread.

Are you tired? Why fret? Jacob was tired  
when he dreamed of the angels of heaven.

Are you sick? Suppose you had lived 2000  
years ago when sickness was fatal.

Are you poor? The Man of all men was not  
wealthy.

Why fret? Cheer up!—Selected.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

THEY that deny them-  
selves will be sure to find  
their strength increased, their  
affections raised, and their  
inward peace continually  
augmented. —Matthew Arnold.

And Oh, my heart, my heart,  
Be careful to go strewing in and out  
Thy way with good deeds, lest it come about  
That when thou shalt depart,  
No low lamenting tongue be found to say,  
The world is poorer since thou went'st away.  
—Alice Cary.

It is not seeing one's friends, having them  
within reach, hearing of and from them, which  
makes them ours. It is the believing in them,  
the depending on them, assured that they are  
good and true to the core, and therefore could  
not but be good and true toward everybody  
else, ourselves included.—D. M. Craik.

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