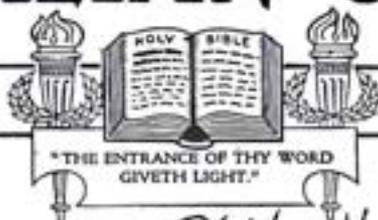


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"Christ Loved the Church."

WE may quote the whole of the Apostle Paul's beautiful sentence as given in Dr. Moffatt's translation:

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to consecrate her by cleansing her in the bath of baptism as she utters her confession, "in order to have the church as his very own, standing before him in all her glory, with never a spot or wrinkle, or any such flaw, but consecrated and unblemished.—Eph. 5: 25-27.

These verses are remarkable in many ways. First we are impressed by the linking (not infrequent in the epistles) of earthly duties with highest heavenly truth. The Lord Jesus' purchase of the church by the sacrifice of himself gives the very heart of the Gospel message. Moffatt's rendering of the text, indicating the means whereby Christ consecrates his church—with its specific reference to baptism and a baptismal confession—is striking, and in beautiful harmony with what is elsewhere revealed. The great purpose of the purchase and consecration, with its glorious hope for the future of a church wholly consecrated and without flaw or stain, is so impressively detailed as to arouse our admiration and leave us "lost in wonder, love and praise." Let no man despise the church which was bought with such a price and consecrated so effectively by its Purchaser. Let him not condemn present weaknesses, but wait and see the glorious perfection of the finished work of Christ.

The World and His Own.

It is the first great statement which now particularly engages our attention. It is abundantly worth while to notice it. "Christ loved the church"—yet not the church alone. He loved the world sufficient to die for it; yet naturally his special love for those who believed in him and responded to his call is emphasised. He "loved his own that were in the world," and "loved them unto the end."

How could he do it? Have you ever looked round the average congregation and wondered? Love the church—we think we could do it fairly easily if only we could pick and choose; for some Chris-

tians are very lovable. But not all good people are nice, nor are all nice ones good; and it has to be admitted that some we classify as Christians are neither lovely nor attractive. Can we love them? Well, Christ Jesus did, though he knew the failings and sins of disciples to a greater extent than we can possibly do, and was able to estimate the heinousness of sin to a degree beyond our powers. How, then, could he love the church? Professor McGarvey said the true answer was that Christ loved the church not for what it now is but for what it will some day be when it will stand before him in glory and free from blemish. We confess to doubt of this interpretation. Even when we were yet sinners, Christ loved us.

"He saw me ruined by the fall,
Yet loved me notwithstanding all."

Loving us then, and loving us now when we are in process of cleansing, we are sure he will love us still when the process is complete.

What We See.

As we look at the church, we may be apt to fasten our attention on the spots

and wrinkles. We can see professing Christians who are selfish and mean, who are grasping and hard (at times, we think, as the nether mill stone), whose morals are not above reproach, whose truthfulness can only be trusted when an evasion or falsehood would bring them no personal gain, who mind earthly things. Unfortunately church people—we among them—are very imperfect. Even with the weaker ones Christ may be working and they may be better far than once they were. But as we survey them, we may agree that it is not an easy thing to love the church.

Another view will, of course, reveal the lovely things in the church. After all, true Christians are the light of the world and the salt of the earth, as the Saviour said they would be. The choicest spirits we know are in the church of the Lord Jesus. In the church we find true fellowship, sympathy and understanding and unflinching help. What could we do without the church? Never without her fellowship and service could we be the people which even now by the grace of God we are or develop the character which some day we hope to have. So, in part, it is easy to love the church.

The church is now the best institution on the earth. If its members will let the great Saviour of the church have his way with them, all will be well. The least promising material can be fashioned by him so that the finished work will be glorious. In the apostolic band, the failure was with the man who was repelled by the very spirituality which transformed the character of the others. Peter and John and all the rest were defective as modern church members when Christ began his work upon them. Let us wait and see the finish of the divine workmanship. It will reveal a church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.

Love's Expression.

Love expresses itself. When God loved, he gave. When Christ loved, he gave himself. So we read: "Christ loved the

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church, and gave himself up for it." No one can be better engaged than in following the Master. To love the redeemed people of God, and to give ourselves in devotion to the church, is involved in being a follower of Jesus Christ.

Child Training.

AT the convention on religious education held in Melbourne last week, a protest against extremes of laxity in the training of children was made by Mr. J. E. Owen, M.A., Presbyterian minister, who said that "in an attempt to get away from the old stern father type of religious education in the past we have made it often anemic." It was not necessary, he said, that children themselves should be left free to decide whether or not they should go to Sunday school or church, or whether they should drink or participate in any social evil. If parents and teachers would take pains to live in true fellowship with their children they could teach the child anything.

Most thoughtful people will agree that there is a desirable middle way between undue severity and the laxity of a non-repression system such as is frequently found to-day.

Liquor and War.

AT its meeting last week the Council of Churches in Victoria, recognising that drinking destroys efficiency, decided to ask State and Commonwealth Governments to restrict the sale of liquor, and particularly to urge that immediate steps be taken to prevent the supply of liquor to training camps either to officers or trainees; to close liquor bars near training camps; to forbid the granting of permits for the sale of liquor after 6 p.m.; to enforce rigidly 6 p.m. closing; and to forbid the advertising of liquor.

We note that the Wine-makers' Association of Victoria is pleading that daily rations of wine be provided for our soldiers. The association is no doubt expressing itself in terms of profit and not merely of patriotism. The Council of Churches has no profit-making motives or personal interests to serve.

It will be recalled that during the great war of 1914-1918 Mr. Lloyd George said that we had three enemies to fight—Germany, Austria and drink.

"Baptised Jews."

THE following remarkable quotation is from an "Argus" report of the proceedings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church held in Melbourne:

Motives other than a change in religious beliefs were responsible for some German Jews seeking baptism in Australia, said the Church missionary to Jews (Mr. A. C. Karmouche) at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia yesterday.

He suggested that ministers should ascertain whether there was any ulterior motive behind any baptism request. Coming from Germany to escape persecution, these Jews were being welcomed with open arms by churches when they sought baptism, he said.

He had been told by those seeking baptism that they did so because of a wish to become Australian and to show gratitude for Christian help given them. They called themselves "Baptised Jews," not "Christian Jews."

It would be most gratifying to find that Jews were being impressed by the truth of Christianity, turning to the Lord Jesus Christ, and making token of surrender to him in their baptism. But that any should imagine that to become Australian and to be baptised are necessarily related, or that gratitude for a kind reception is sufficient qualification for the rite, is a very startling suggestion. Heartfelt belief in Jesus as the Messiah and only begotten Son of God, and a sincere turning in repentance to him as Lord and Saviour, are the prerequisites of baptism. Without these conditions we have no valid baptism. "Baptised Jews" or "baptised pagans" as such would have no Christian standing.

After 25 Years.

FOR just twenty-five years I have had the honor of being editor of "The Australian Christian," the one weekly paper representing Churches of Christ in the Commonwealth. The splendid work and influence of the two former editors—A. B. Maston who acted from the beginning in 1898 until his death in 1907, and F. G. Dunn who continued thence until his homegoing in 1914—are held in grateful remembrance by many readers. I wrote for the first number of "The Australian Christian," and for many years prior to 1914 contributed a weekly page.

Since 1914 there have been sad happenings. War has twice come to the Empire, and the world has changed. There have been many changes in religion. Churches of Christ have grown, though with greater faith and devotion there doubtless would have been more progress and blessing. Reviewing the years, we miss many noble men and women who were foremost in the work.

I wish to thank all who have helped during the quarter of a century. But for loyal assistance the work could not have been done. Those entrusted with the direction of the Austral Printing and Publishing Co. come first, for it is to them that our Brotherhood paper owes its existence. The constant kind and efficient help of the manager, Bro. D. E. Pittman, must be acknowledged. He and I joined the staff of the Austral Co. on the same day in February, 1894, and he became manager at the time I assumed the duties of editor. Let me thank also all who have contributed helpful articles during the years, and those who have conducted the regular departments. Writers of reports, agents, and a host of helpers, have given valued

assistance. Many appreciative letters have made the work of twenty-five years lighter; these have greatly outnumbered the fairly numerous epistles manifestly designed to keep me humble. I cannot name all who so kindly assisted, but they are asked to accept cordial thanks.

In my first article as editor the following statement was included: "Our ultimate aim is the glory of God and the progress of his cause. This paper is pledged to the work of restoring the Christianity of Christ and his apostles. It will constantly plead for loyalty to Jesus Christ as the Head of the church. We have no confidence in any cure for the world's sin and misery other than that provided by the Gospel. We are believers in the inspiration and authority of the Holy Scriptures. We shall stand for the old Book and its truth, though it will not be inappropriate to seek to present the old truth in a new dress. The cause of Christian union on the basis revealed in the Scriptures will ever find in this paper an earnest advocacy. Every good work may command our support. Our missionary interests, whether in the home field or in the regions beyond; our College; Bible school work; the temperance cause; efforts made to win and train the young people of the churches—for the help of these we exist. Our interests and sympathies should be wider than the work in which we are immediately engaged. The cause of religion at large is of vital importance to us. Questions of public interest and morality concern us and all Christian people. We wish to stand for good and right and truth, wherever found.

The 'Christian' is intended to be a representative paper. Our wish is that its contents and spirit may be such that a member of the Churches of Christ in Australasia may place a copy in the hands of any one with perfect confidence that the Brotherhood will be adequately represented and our glorious plea commended."

I have nothing to add at present to that statement. The purpose remains. "The Australian Christian" will still seek to be loyal to Christ and his Word, and to present the "truth in love." All our friends are requested to continue their support in these difficult days, and to do their best to get our church paper into every church home.—A. R. Main.

LEADING.

GOD leads me!
Through all the old unquiet years,
Shadowed by failure and by sin,
When selfish grief and selfish fears
Made all the way I stumbled in
A mystery of darkness—still
I think he led me. Looking back
It seems to me his blessed will
Fashioned my life, and any lack
Of presence or of riches or of power
Were angels in disguise.
However much I hungered for
A present earthly paradise,
God held me!

—J. W. Taylor.

Keep the Soul Fires Burning.

Ethelbert Davis.

A MANGER in a stable, an upper room in Jerusalem, a little church in a quiet street. How the world laughs, and yet these places are the nurseries of the world's true life. These places are the fountain-heads from which divine life rises every day to sweeten, beautify and transform the world." So wrote James Reid. These "nurseries of the world's true life," these "fountain-heads from which the divine life rises," are also shrines of the soul's pilgrimage.

Along all the highways of history there are shrines, sacred places, which the Christian visits and revisits, and from which he returns with his inner life enriched, with his horizons enlarged, and with his hand made sure of its capacity and skill.

Christianity is above all other religions, and is not a philosophy but a life. It is a higher, a supernatural life, mystical in its roots, and practical in its fruits. It is a communion with God. It is a calm, a deep enthusiasm. It is a love which radiates, a force which acts, a happiness which overflows. In short, the Christian religion is a state of the soul; and because it is a state of the soul, that state must be maintained, its fires must be kept burning. Is not that what Paul had in mind when he wrote: "Never let your zeal flag; maintain the spiritual glow"?

However much we may differ from the Roman Catholic in the custom of the Mass, we cannot fail to recognise the profound knowledge of human nature and the need which underlies it. By means of this symbolism week by week, throughout the whole life, the Catholic church keeps constantly before the minds of her people the sacrifice of Christ. That it should be kept in the minds of the people in that way is a piece of profound psychology to which we have been indifferent.

To keep the soul fires burning there are places to which the Christian needs to repair now and then. "Think on these things" is how Paul would put it.

Bethlehem.

The first place is Bethlehem, where the Son of God was incarnated in human flesh and became the Son of man. The incarnation was a revelation of the ultimate reality of the universe. It revealed God. It revealed him as a person. It revealed him as love. It revealed him as light. It revealed him as holiness. It revealed every attribute of God that vitally related him to man. Here, then, is the inspiring truth that the incarnation identified Jesus with man, and all man's experiences. Irenaeus it was who said, "Jesus Christ came to save all by means of himself. He therefore passed through every age, be-

coming an infant for infants, a youth for youth, an elderly man for elderly men; that he might be a perfect Master for all."

Someone has said that all religious teaching consists in conveying ideas to the mind which are later realised in the personality of those who receive them. Repairing to Bethlehem in spirit keeps the soul fires burning; keeps faith's eyes fixed upon the miracle that brought God near to man; keeps the idea in the mind until it is "realised in the personality."

Calvary.

Another place to which the Christian needs to go is Calvary, where love reached its mighty climax in atoning sacrifice. It is there on that "hill lone and grey," in the shadow of the "old rugged cross," we learn the price, not in silver and gold, but in love and suffering and sacrifice that was paid for our redemption. Calvary is one of the resting places of our faith.

Newman was undoubtedly right when he said, "The heart is commonly reached not through reason but through the imagination, by means of direct impressions, by testimony of facts and events, by history, by description. Persons influence us, voices melt us, looks subdue us, deeds inflame us." It is the irrefutable testimony of the facts and events; it is the person, the voice, the look, the deeds of the cross, that melt, that subdue, that inflame us. The soul fires are kept burning when to Calvary in spirit,

"Our grateful souls repair,
And dwell upon thy dying love,
And taste its sweetness there."

Heraon.

To keep the soul fires burning we need to make pilgrimage to the Mount of Transfiguration where we are continually reminded that Christ, whom God raised from the dead, has been given all authority in heaven and in earth. There we hear him announced as the new lawgiver. There he was glorified before the apostles of his choosing, and with him in their glorified bodies stood Moses the representative of the law, and Elijah the representative of the prophets. It was the place of his investiture as supreme legislator in eternal things. "This is my beloved Son, hear ye him," was the Father's pronouncement, and no longer would the appeal be made to the law and the prophets. In all future ages all authority was to be vested in Jesus. Confirmatory to that are the opening words of the Letter to the Hebrews, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son."

The Mount of Transfiguration solves for us beyond dispute the problem of

whose authority we are to recognise as final. We turn from its sacred scenes calm to face the controversy of the world, and the challenges to our faith, confident in the source of our authority. "Authority," says Henry van Dyke, "is what the philosopher seeks in order that he may have a fixed point of departure, and certain limits of speculation. Authority is what the poet craves as he clings to

"The truths that never can be proved."

And authority is what the Christian craves by which to test his doctrines, conclusions and commands, as he builds up his faith.

Olivet.

One writer has said that every loyal follower of the ascended Lord needs ever and anon to return to Olivet to hear again the terms of his commission and to catch again the inspiration of his great Commander's voice. It is at Olivet we hear our Lord's own affirmation of his authority in the words, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." It is there we hear anew his command to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Too often, as we get far removed from Olivet, the "Lo, I am with you," grows dim and the "Go ye" is lost sight of; the presence is not realised, and the command becomes less insistent. There are things which cannot be learned by mere intellectual activity; the heart has powers of knowledge of which the intellect has no vision. That is one of the most important facts of human life, and all the intellectual reasoning in the world will not enable us to realise the "Presence" and the power promised on the day of our Lord's ascension. Those things are spiritually discerned. The cold logic of the Olivet commission cannot inspire our faith and action as will conviction born of inner vision.

As the eyes bring the powers of seeing, as the ears bring the power of hearing, and as the brain brings the power of learning, in other words, the will to see, to hear, to learn, so we must bring to these "resting places" of our faith, the will to see, to hear, to learn, to realise. We shall keep the soul fires burning, if for awhile we forget the specific doctrines associated with these places, and remember the infinite and eternal facts; if for awhile we close our ears to the doctrines and listen to the deeper harmony of the facts.

THE TRYST.

O THE way sometimes is low,
And the waters dark and deep,
And I stumble as I go,
But I have a tryst to keep;
It was plighted long ago
With some who lie asleep.
And though days go dragging slow,
And the sad hours gravewards creep,
And the world is hush'd in woe,
I neither wail nor weep,
For he would not have it so,
And I have a tryst to keep.

—Selected.

A New Department of Work.

Thomas Hagger.

(Chairman Victorian Conference Literature Committee.)

IN the years past The Christian Sower Tract Fund, and later the Austral Publishing Co., have done much to publish and circulate literature in harmony with New Testament teaching. But for some time past brethren have felt that something more needed to be done. Because of this feeling, at the last Victorian conference it was decided to establish another department of work and appoint another committee under the jurisdiction of the conference. That decision, which called for the appointment of a Literature Committee, was not the least important of the decisions of that gathering. The new committee was charged with the work of stimulating the publication and distribution of literature to advance the principles of the kingdom of God on earth, and especially the plea for the unity of all who love Christ on the New Testament basis.

The committee soon got to work. It started by appointing A. W. Stephenson, M.A., preacher of the Hampton church, as secretary; D. E. Pittman, manager of the Austral Publishing Co., as treasurer; and the writer as chairman. A call was made to a limited number of brethren for the necessary funds to commence the work, and so far eight brethren have contributed £25/3/-.

The next move was to approach the Victorian churches calling attention to the value of literature and suggesting that in the porch of each chapel a cabinet should be placed containing our available literature so that members and friends could help themselves as they pass in and out of the various meetings. Arrangements were made to have such cabinets made, and these can be offered to the churches at 14/- each. D. E. Pittman drew up a list of pamphlets and leaflets that could be supplied by the Austral for 12/6, plus postage. Already ten churches have ordered cabinets, while two others have ordered the literature, intending to secure cabinets in some other way. Previous to the committee starting work some four churches had installed similar cabinets, so that now not less than twelve of the Victorian churches have literature thus available at the doors of their meeting-places. It will be wise to keep the cabinets properly stocked and tidy. And occasionally attention should be called to the cabinets and the literature from the platforms. Members will be helped by reading that which will be thus provided, and the plea we make will by this means be presented to friends attending our services.

The committee is also in correspondence with a number of representative brethren in each State, and in New Zealand, concerning the type of literature the committee should arrange to have published. A start is being made with a little work dealing with the history of the movement to restore New Testament Christianity in these lands of the southern seas. This will be valuable for private perusal, and as a text book for Bible classes, and other study circles.

Consideration is now being given to a State-wide (it would be better if it were Commonwealth and Dominion-wide) literature week or month, during which each church could arrange for house-to-house distribution of gospel and restoration literature. By this means that which we call "our plea" will be made more widely known, and the claims of the gospel of the Christ be brought again, and in this way, before the people of the various communities where we are represented.

We need to become enthusiastic about this ministry, as enthusiastic, or more so, than the

communists are for their cause. The world is going to ruin for the want of the simple gospel and teaching of the Man of Galilee. Let us get busy and broadcast our literature so that no longer shall this important piece of work be referred to as "a neglected ministry."

THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS BREAKS THROUGH.

THE Sun of Righteousness breaks through

The gloom of unbelief,
Before his mighty legions
The foe his sails unreefs.
God's Light is breaking through
To man's weak, fainting heart.
He bids the fetters break
And hosts of sin depart.
The captive now made free
Looks up beneath the red,
His famished eyes now gaze
Into the face of God.

—Marie Pomeroy Grove.

A Memory Guild for Learning Hymns

A. M. Ludbrook.

READERS may recall a suggestion in "Notable Hymns and Their Authors" that preachers and S.S. superintendents should arrange for their young people a "Memory Guild for Learning Hymns." Also Bro. A. E. Illingworth made similar reference in his review of the book in these columns. The writer has been disappointed not to have heard or read of any practical response.

To advocate the memorizing of our choicest hymns was one of my chief purposes in producing the work. "God gave us memory that there might be spring roses in life's autumn" was the motto with which it began and on which it was based. And among the sweetest and most precious of such flowers are our Christian hymns. "Spring roses in life's autumn"—and not in life's autumn only, but to quote a phrase from Browning, "Roses, roses, all the way." Do they not cheer us in times of discouragement and depression? Do they not bring comfort to the heart, and lift the soul Godward? Like prayer—

Song makes the darkened cloud withdraw;
Song climbs the ladder Jacob saw,
Gives exercise to faith and love,
Brings many blessings from above.

Thomas Campbell, father of Alexander of that ilk, blind in his latest years—and falling sight is frequently an accompaniment of old age—found congenial occupation for his mind, and constant solace for his heart, in singing hymns and recalling scriptures with which he had stored his mind in earlier days. "Spring roses in life's autumn."

Now, reader, how about a memory guild in connection with your church or choir or C.E. society or Sunday school? Perhaps after a short account of the author has been given a set hymn a month (if not a fortnight) should be easy. The class need not be restricted to the young in years; I know someone nearer 80 than 70 who has memorised about a hundred hymns and hasn't done learning yet! I should be glad to hear of such guilds or classes, and might be able to render some help.

Surely singing "with melody in our hearts unto the Lord" would be promoted if we did not have to keep our eyes more or less glued to our hymnal—to see what comes next! Of

YOU can choke a lamp with oil, but you cannot have in your hearts too much of the divine grace. And you can get all that you need if you choose to go and ask it from him. Remember the old story about Elshah and the poor woman. The cruse of oil began to run. She brought all the vessels that she could rake together, big and little, pots and cups, of all shapes and sizes, and set them; one after the other, under the jet of oil. They were all filled; and when she brought no more vessels, the oil stayed. If you do not take your empty hearts to God and say "Here Lord! fill this cup, too; poor as it is, fill it with thine own gracious influences," be very sure that no such influences will come to you. But if you do go, be sure of this, that so long as you hold out your emptiness to him he will flood it with his fulness, and the light that seemed to be sputtering to its death will flame up again.—Dr. Alexander Maclaren.

Many indeed think of being happy with God in heaven, but the being happy in God on earth never enters into their thought.—John Wesley.

course, we cannot do without books in congregational singing; but individually, if we had many of our best and most used hymns memorised, would it not increase our spiritual uplift in singing them, mind and heart being the more free for soul-communion with our Lord?

Not only would it help to sweeten and strengthen our spiritual life—"roses all the way"; but it would help to improve and retain the power of memory itself, without which life would not be worth living, it would mean oblivion! Charles Dickens, at the end of one of his books cried, "Lord, keep my memory green." God helps those who help themselves.

And may not some of the lays we learned and loved on earth be some of our songs in heaven, or at any rate help to prepare us for "the choir invisible"?

"Earth's little while will soon be past,
My little song will soon be o'er;
The grace that saves shall time outlast,
And be my theme on yonder shore."

AN OLD CHOIR-LEADER SPEAKS.

THE hymns I heard, long, long ago,
When I was but a careless boy,
Remain with me, as years go on,
A lasting heritage of joy.

A stairway unto heaven above,
I've found them on my lingering way,
The old, familiar words and tunes
Grow dearer as earth fades away.

"The Rock of Ages," "Happy Day,"
"Just As I Am," "He Leadeth Me,"
I sing them o'er and o'er—until
My cares are soothed with melody.

"My Faith Looks Up"—now, as we sing,
Make us both brave and strong,
To march, true Christian soldiers, on—
A mighty, valiant throng.

Pledged in thy name to love and serve,
Wherever thou dost call;
And we shall praise, world without end,
And crown thee Lord of all.

—Lulu W. Mitchell.

S.A. Sisters' 34th Annual Conference

THE conference was held on Sept. 15 in Grote-st. church with splendid gatherings at all sessions. At 10 a.m. the devotional service which was to have been led by Mrs. Chas. Schwab was, on account of illness, presided over by Mrs. V. R. Verco, and her message, a call to worship, was very beautiful, and Mrs. Crowe's solo was thoroughly enjoyed. It was a beautiful beginning to our sisters' conference. Mrs. E. A. Riches (president) then took the chair. After the report of the obituary superintendent (Mrs. House) Mrs. Wakeley sang a very lovely solo. Dorcas report (superintendent, Mrs. Burns), Literature (superintendent, Mrs. Dodson), Temperance (superintendent, Mrs. Tippett), Morality Homes (representative Mrs. Stokes), were read, also country reports. After roll call of delegates came the election of officers and committees. It was resolved that a representative be sent to National Council of Women.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were carried:—

One expressing loyalty to the Throne and readiness to labor and make sacrifices, also urging all women to seek from God strength to fulfil their duties in these fateful times.

This conference notes the contention of leading vignerons and wine-makers that the Parliament should endeavor, by extending the night-drinking hours in liquor bars and lounges and by other means, to induce the people to consume at least four times as much wine as they are doing at present in order to get rid of the existing accumulating stocks of wine and prevent over production in future. This aim is manifestly selfish and audacious, and in the interests of national sobriety and public safety, especially in relation to road traffic at night, this conference stands rigidly for the six o'clock closing law, the refusal of permits and the suppression of drinking in dance halls. It also strongly condemns the issue of wine drinking licences to restaurants and business emporiums which supply meals and refreshments to their patrons.

This women's conference profoundly regrets the seeming unwillingness of a majority of the members of our State Parliament to recognise the extreme gravity of the evils associated with betting shops, especially in relation to the youth of the community. It protests against the despicable idea that the gambling vice should be tolerated and even encouraged because it provides an easy means whereby the State may obtain revenue; it urges Parliament to throw out the private Bill for granting gambling facilities to the contemptible so-called "sport" of dog racing, and it pleads with the Betting Control Board to avoid making any arrangements which will constitute the betting shop system a permanent vested interest that could claim compensation from the State when the electorate shall successfully demand its extermination.

As the continuance of war conditions will undoubtedly require the establishment of many camps for military training throughout the Commonwealth, this conference respectfully appeals to the Federal Government and the military authorities to make all requisite provisions to safeguard and reinforce the morals of young men while doing service for King and country, and to ensure for them freedom from the snares of vicious surroundings and healthful and pleasant recreations, along with the friendly help and guidance of Christian padres.

While definitely opposed to State grants in aid of denominational schools, this women's conference is most desirous that the Education Act shall be amended to provide that the reading of selected passages from the Holy Scriptures shall be included in the curriculum of our

State Primary and High Schools. The conference realises that the absence of religious instruction from the list of subjects taught has the dangerous tendency of leading both parents and children to regard religion as an outside subject of little or no importance to life and character. It fears that the recent grave increase in the number of juvenile criminals is mainly due to the now widespread ignorance of God's holy commandments and the life and teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In view of the proved necessity to physical, mental and spiritual health of the weekly rest day, we again exhort the Parliament, local governing authorities, business concerns and sporting bodies to safeguard the Lord's day against the inroads of avoidable manual labor and sports engagements.

Afternoon Session.

Mrs. Hutson (Port Pirie) very ably led the devotions. Her message was, "In Communion to God." Mrs. Knight rendered a solo.

After the roll call of churches (country, Adelaide and suburbs, and other visitors) the hymn "Blest be the Tie" was sung. Welcome to visitors (country and interstate) was given by Mrs. Booker; Mrs. H. Roberts (Balaklava) responded. Greetings were given by Miss Cameron, Mrs. Riches (Kalgoorlie), representatives from Y.W.C.A., Congregational, Methodist, W.C.T.U., Presbyterian Women's Missionary Board, South Australian Association of Church Women, Church of England, Mission Leagues, Baptist, Salvation Army. Dr. Oldfield gave a greeting. Other greetings were received from N.S.W. Women's Auxiliary Conference, Victorian Women's Conference Executive, W.A. Women's Auxiliary; Northern Sisters' Conference (S.A.), Mrs. Pittman (India), Mrs. A. L. Read (India), Mrs. Palmer (North Ireland), Mrs. Gordon (W.A.), Naracoorte, College of the Bible (Vic.), Federal Foreign Mission Board, Churches of Christ (Incorporated), Goolwa, Wudinna.

Mrs. Tavender sang a solo which was enjoyed. The president's address was very interesting, and was well given on "Our Responsibilities."

Secretary's report was read by Mrs. Trowbridge, and Mrs. Graham gave the following treasurer's report for year ending Aug. 31, 1939: Home Missions, balance, £112. Overseas, balance, £154/11/-. General, balance, £12/0/11. General Conference Catering Fund, £5/19/4. Hospital report was given by Mrs. Thomas, who also read a letter from the superintendent of Children's Hospital thanking the Church of Christ ladies for their wonderful help during the past year.

Mrs. Bowden rendered a beautiful solo. Home mission report was presented by Mrs. Edwards, who also handed to Mr. Ewers (H.M. organiser) a cheque for £112 for home mission work.

Overseas mission report (Mrs. Downs) was read, and a cheque of £154/11/- was given to Mr. H. Manning for overseas work. Country reports were read by Mrs. Charllick.

Evening Session.

The evening session commenced with a song service led by Mr. A. Glastonbury. The president (Mrs. E. A. Riches) presided. Mrs. Dardin led in prayer. A beautiful trio was rendered by ladies from Crofton church. The Bible reading was read by Mrs. Stokes, and the speaker for the evening was Mrs. Arthur Lewis, who gave a wonderful message on "Re-thinking the Church."

Mrs. Shipway presented a posy from the sisterhood, also a Bible, to the president.

Mrs. Riches then introduced the following officers:—Incoming president, Mrs. H. Brooker; president-elect, Miss H. Grant; vice-president, Mrs. G. Rootes; secretary, Mrs. Trowbridge;

treasurer, Mrs. Graham; assistant secretary, Mrs. H. Charllick.

Mrs. Rootes moved a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the sisters' conference day such a success.

The collections amounted to £7/18/1. We thank our heavenly Father for such a time of fellowship and blessings.—Mrs. H. R. Charllick, assistant secretary.

Two Special Anniversaries.

BRISBANE, Q.

The church at Ann-st., Brisbane, celebrated 56th anniversary on Sept. 23. A fine banquet was provided by the women's guild on Saturday night. Speakers were Bro. C. R. Burden, conference president; and Mr. Wheller, president of Council of Churches. Musical items were enjoyed. Mrs. Allen Brooke, on behalf of the women's guild, presented the church treasurer with a cheque for £35, result of guild's talent scheme. Sunday services had fine gatherings. Morning meeting was a home-coming service. Many visitors were present. In the afternoon an inspirational rally was held. Mr. Potter, minister of Jireh Baptist church, gave an enjoyable address on "The Philosophy of Christianity." Special music was rendered by Lyric Orchestra and Diggers' Choir. The great gospel service brought the anniversary to a close. One brother was baptised. Following Bro. Allen Brooke's stirring address on "The Church for To-day" a man and a lady made the great decision. The choir rendered special anthems and Bro. V. Morris sang a solo. Women's guild held a fellowship luncheon on Sept. 21. The sisters brought results of their "talents" in sealed envelopes. The total received for six months' effort was £35, in addition to memorial window and carpet presented to the church, making a total of £60.

BRUNSWICK, VIC.

On the occasion of its 56th anniversary, the church at Brunswick, Vic., received new seating accommodation. The seats were presented at a special service on evening of Sept. 23, by Mrs. Austin and her son, Mr. A. G. Austin, as a memorial to the late Mr. Albert Austin. Mr. A. G. Austin spoke on behalf of his mother, Mr. J. E. Webb, conference president, received the gift on behalf of the brotherhood. Mr. Patching, the present preacher, drew members' attention to the renovations which had been done to accommodate the new seating. Mr. W. Jenkin also spoke. In appreciation of the gift the members presented to Mrs. Austin a church hymnbook, inscribed, and to Mr. A. G. Austin a copy of "The Old Testament as Literature." Items by the choir and Mrs. G. Smythe were given throughout the service, after which members and friends retired to the hall for supper. The seats are of pew design, made of beautiful Australian wood. A brass plaque with details of the presentations has been fixed to one of them.

Death of Mrs. M. Bell.

We call the following paragraph from "The Torch," published by the Ever-Ready Bible Class of South Wellington church, New Zealand: "It is with regret that we report the death of Mrs. M. Bell, sen. Her husband had the honor of being the first student enrolled at Glen Iris Bible College. Prior to returning to New Zealand, he married Miss Jennings, and for about 30 years she has been a most capable and loyal helpmate to him in the various New Zealand fields in which they have been located. She was the daughter, wife and mother of Church of Christ preachers. She was beloved by all for her life and character. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Bell and the children." Many friends-in-Australia will join in this expression of sympathy. Mrs. Bell was the daughter of Bro. T. H. Jennings, whom older brethren will remember as one of our preachers of a past generation.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

MEDITATION.

SPEAK kindly, for a gentle word
Is like a lovely lay
Coming from a singing bird,
To sweeten all the day.
Live kindly, for the gentle life
Garners up a store
Of good that shall not pass away,
But live for evermore.

—Marie Donaldson.

THE GREATEST DISCOVERY.

PERHAPS you have read of the great scientist, Lord Kelvin, of England, the man who made so many discoveries, and whose scientific learning was used in the construction of the Atlantic cable. Not long before his death, some one came to him and asked this question, "Lord Kelvin, what do you consider the greatest discovery you ever made?"

What do you suppose was the great and learned man's reply? You would imagine he would mention one of his wonderful discoveries in electricity, or the composition of matter, or, at least, something relating to science. But no; this was his answer, "My greatest discovery is this, that 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.'" Was not that a noble response?

"GOD IS LOVE."

AN old farmer in putting up a weather cock on his house had painted on it the words, "God is love." Someone said to him, "You have placed an immutable truth on a changeable thing." "Yes," he said, "and I mean by it, that God is love, which ever way the wind blows." That old farmer was a Christian philosopher, whether he knew it or not. Now the facts are that most everybody believes this theoretically, and profoundly believes it when the wind blows the right way, but when it whirrs around and just blows a fair blizzard in the wrong direction, it is mighty hard some times to see that "God is love which ever way the wind blows." We met a brother the other day who has been out of work the most of the time for the past two or three years, during which time his family has more than once wanted bread. We tried to preach this great truth to this unfortunate brother, but found it difficult to get him to see it. This truth can only be grasped by looking at life as a whole. If we try to apply the principle to individual circumstances in life we may not see it; but if we will take our places on the hill top of faith and look at life in its completeness we can not fail to see that God is love which ever way the wind blows.

WARNING TO YOUTH.

YOUNG people are cautioned and counselled by the history of Abalom. He possessed rare gifts, and enjoyed unusual advantages. He could have lived an honorable and upright life. Had he sought the God of Israel, whom his father David—withstanding many errors and faults—sincerely served, his course would have proved bright and happy. But he yielded to vanity, selfishness, and folly; and, eventually, to worse crimes and vices. He defied the Divine laws, he wronged his fellow men, he insulted and injured his too indulgent father, and his end was destruction.

In every age of the world, whatever may be our worldly station or personal endowments, we shall find "godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Tim. 4: 8).

THE PROOF OF LOVE.

A GENTLEMAN told me a story about his two little girls. He was in the habit of giving them sixpence every week for themselves. The one child spent her money regularly, sometimes sharing with her little sister what she bought, but the other child hastened away always with her share and locked it up in a little box. The parents were at first amused at this performance, but after a little while began to be vexed at what they considered an avaricious tendency in their child. The father teased the child about what she did with her pennies, but the little one flushed and said nothing. At length, however, the secret of the hidden pennies transpired, when, on her mother's birthday, the little one, with a beaming face, brought her gift to her mother. "I saved them all up for you," she whispered. "But," said the mother, "father always gives you money to buy me something, dear." "Yes, I know," said the child, "but it never costs me anything, and I thought I'd save them up for your birthday." The child had struck the true foundation of love—self-sacrifice.

"I CANNOT, SIR."

A YOUNG man—we will call him honest Frank—who loved the truth, was a clerk in the office of some rich merchants. One day a letter came recalling an order for goods that had been received the day before. One of the merchants handed the note to Frank, and with a persuasive smile said:

"Frank, reply to this note. Say the goods were shipped before the receipt of the letter countermanning the order."

Frank looked into his employer's face with a sad but firm glance, and replied:

"I cannot, sir."
"Why not, sir?" asked the merchant angrily.
"Because the goods are now in the yard, and it would be a lie, sir."

"I hope you will always be so particular," replied the merchant, turning upon his heel and going away.

Honest Frank did a bold as well as a right thing. What do you suppose happened to him? Lost his place? No, quite different. The merchant was too shrewd to turn away one who would not write a lying letter. He knew the value of such a youth; and instead of turning him away, made him his confidential clerk.

SUNSET OF LIFE.

SWEET, peaceful time of life!
Gone is the storm and strife
Of sailing; tranquil is the bay—
Waters all quiet at the close of day.—
Blue waves so smooth
Flow to the harbor, calm and still.
How sweet to rest from toil
And listen to God's will!
Dear heart, be glad!
Be calm and trust—
Wait patiently, for just
Beyond the sunset lies a shining strand—
'Tis home, sweet home, the golden gloryland!"

WHICH WAY?

"I say, doctor, did you ever doctor another doctor?"

"Oh, yes."
"Well, tell me this: Does a doctor doctor a doctor the way the doctored doctor wants to be doctored, or does the doctor doing the doctored doctor the other doctor in his own way?"

The Family Altar.

T. HAGGER.

TOPIC.—A GREAT SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE.

Monday, October 2.

AND you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins."—Eph. 2: 1.

The condition of those not yet Christ's is described in various ways in the Word. In this, and in other passages, they are said to be dead—dead in sins. They are not alive to God, and to their own higher interests. This is a truth that there is a tendency to forget to-day. Because of this there is not much conviction concerning sin.

Reading—Ephesians 2: 1-9.

Tuesday, October 3.

"For I declare unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures."—1 Cor. 15: 3.

To bring life to those dead in sins Jesus Christ died. He died for sins. There could be no hope at all if it were not for this. Only through the meritorious death of Christ can man obtain life everlasting. It is just as important to recognise this as it is to recognise that we are sinners.

Reading—1 Corinthians 15: 1-23.

Wednesday, October 4.

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."—Gal. 6: 14.

Crucifixion means death. And so this passage presents a third death. Man is dead in sins; Christ died for sins; the believer is dead to sin, he has been crucified. Two young women soon after their conversion were invited to a dance. They declined the invitation, stating that they could not attend, as they were dead.

Reading—Galatians 6.

Thursday, October 5.

"Ye must be born again."—John 3: 7.

This is imperative. One cannot have and enjoy the life that is life indeed until born again. One will never take pleasure in spiritual things—in the work, and worship, and sacrifices of the church—until he has been born a second time.

Reading—John 3: 1-18.

Friday, October 6.

"Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for his Son from heaven."—1 Thes. 1: 9, 10.

Regeneration is God's work of grace in and for man. The actual turning to God must be done by ourselves, and that turning is conversion. The spiritual experience may be described in one way or the other according to whether we have God's or man's side in mind.

Reading—1 Thessalonians 1.

Saturday, October 7.

"Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through faith of the operation of God."—Col. 2: 12.

It has been well said that "baptism is the grave of the old man, and the birth of the new." It does not regenerate; it does not give the new life; but it is the grave in which the penitent buries the old man, the old nature; and it is the birth or coming forth into the new life. Viewed as a burial and as a birth it becomes a very beautiful and significant thing.

Reading—Colossians 2: 1-17.

Sunday, October 8.

"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body."—Rom. 6: 12.

Having been saved; having been born again; having turned to God; having been forgiven, we should no longer be ruled or controlled by sin. We should be delivered from its power as well as its guilt.

Readings—Isaiah 1: 16-31; Romans 6.

"The Fruit of the Light."

Ephesians 5: 1-17.

Prayer Meeting Topic for October 4.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

FOR the fruit of the light is in all goodness, righteousness and truth" (R.V., Eph. 5: 9). You will notice a difference between this and the A.V. which substitutes "spirit" for "light." The preponderance of manuscript authority is in favor of "light," and it certainly harmonises with the whole context as anyone may see. "The sentence is parenthetical. . . . It is one of those sparks from the anvil in which great writers not infrequently give us their finest utterances—sentences that get a peculiar point from the eagerness with which they are struck off in the heat and clash of thought, as the mind reaches forward to some thought lying beyond."

Fruit Producing Light.

"The entrance of thy word giveth light." "Those who glory in their acquaintance with the discoveries of modern science, and literature, art, music and every sensuous pleasure are feeding on husks like the Prodigal, if their souls are estranged from God our Father and the true light, Jesus Christ." The true light is in Jesus, and where the light of the teaching of Christ is well received we have the best lives, the best fruit.

Light is antecedent to fruit. There can be no fruit without light. "The growth of fruit begins with the bud and blossom in the spring and continues through summer till the ripened fruit in later months. But the season is the time of light. Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.'"

Light has a wonderfully vivifying power. We must welcome the light that is of God and receive it, else there can be no fruit in our lives.

Fruits Produced.

"The fruit of the light is in all goodness, righteousness and truth."

In goodness there is the adjustment of our relationship to God. "None is good save one—that is God," Jesus said. Goodness is love embodied. Watts painted his Miltonic Satan with the face averted from the light of the Creator with whom he talked. Goodness will help provide an ability to bear suffering, and sometimes to impose it for the sake of the individual as e.g. punishment inflicted on a child by a parent. In goodness there is a blending of purity and gentleness. This does not rule out strong convictions and the holding of them. We can be gentle and firm. There are many kinds of goodness, all of which are the fruit of light.

Righteousness is the adjustment of our relations with man. In the first place we must be right with God. The question of doing the right thing to man and God is a large one. Shall we give tribute to Caesar or not? To-day some men are in a conflict of mind. God's righteousness and our loyalty to him is first. Anything that conflicts with that is wrong. Let us ask the question, "What would Jesus do?" At root righteousness and goodness are one. Love will not compromise. Our righteousness should not descend to that of a mere man of this world.

In truth we make our adjustments with ourselves. "Truth is the harmony of the inward and outward man." A lie acted or spoken is bad, and produces conflict. It is not the fruit of the light. The origin of all truth is in God and Christ, and that which agreeth not with his word cannot be true. To be true to God and ourselves means we shall not suffer inward division—we shall be free. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

TOPIC FOR OCTOBER 11.—FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.—Ephes. 5: 18-20.

Our Young People.

Conducted by Keith A. Jones.

Christmas Time Is Camp Time.

MANY enquiries have come to hand concerning the location of the next Victorian Young People's Summer Camp. We are very glad to announce that arrangements have been finalised for this to be held at Kyneton—a fine town 87 miles north of Melbourne.

Natural Inducements.

There are many very good reasons why our young people's eyes should turn towards Kyneton during Christmas week. The location is very attractive, for Kyneton is situated in the centre of an interesting district. Playing fields, tennis courts and swimming pool are near at hand. Within easy reach are mineral springs, Hanging Rock, Trentham Falls, etc.

Young folk who have attended a camp previously will need no further evidence of the quality of fellowship which exists in such a gathering.

We all want to be at our best for the service of Christ, and camp provides an opportunity to enrich our own minds through intensive study of subjects which affect vitally our life and service.

Encouragements.

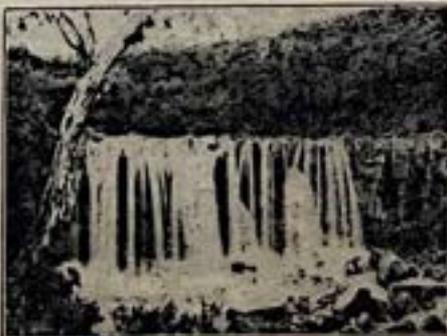
We can think of no better place than camp for a free discussion of problems of service as well as personal problems.

The camp is arranged primarily to aid teachers and leaders in their work and to encourage and equip those who will be assuming places of leadership in coming days.

We would urge the preachers and superintendents to encourage their leaders and potential leaders to attend camp this year at Kyneton. In some places it may be possible to assist a leader financially, in order that the local centre may receive the benefit of instruction and inspiration received in camp.

Are You Coming?

It is not too early to make definite plans to join the happy company going to Kyneton. The camp will open on Tuesday, December 26, and close on Monday, January 1. The cost of camp will be approximately 37/6. This covers lodging, meals, registration fee and all camp privileges. Who may attend? All young people over the age of 16 years, who desire to develop their ability as Christian leaders and workers. The camp will be thoroughly supervised, and all will be expected to abide by the rules of the camp committee. Fuller details may be obtained from your preacher or the Young People's Department. Plan to spend Christmas week in joyous, useful fellowship in delightful surroundings.



Mitchell Falls, near Kyneton, Vic.

Good Companions' Club.

MISS RITA ROBERTS, convener of the Girls' Club Auxiliary of the Victorian Y.P. Department, invited the members of the auxiliary to visit her Good Companions' Club at South Yarra on Monday, September 18. South Yarra club extended the invitation to include the clubs with which these committee members were associated. Just on 60, including the clubs from Burnley, Camberwell and Newmarket, spent a most enjoyable and helpful evening together, the members of the South Yarra Good Companions' Club acting as hostesses. It was great to witness the unbroken circle of sixty joining together in the opening and closing ceremony, to say nothing of the happy time in between.

There are now 13 Good Companions' Clubs associated with our Victorian churches; six others are finalising plans and hope soon to announce their commencement; we know of clubs which have commenced in Tasmania, New South Wales and Queensland. That interest is keen was quite manifest from this first group meeting on the 18th. It is hoped to arrange visits between other clubs in a little while.

Folk will be interested to know that the Good Companions' badge is now ready, being an attractive little brooch in blue enamel with silver letters, keeping to the coloring of the promise card. Supplies can be obtained from Keith Jones of the Victorian Y.P. office, at a cost of 10d. each, plus postage.

A meeting of the leaders of the clubs around Melbourne is planned for Tuesday, October 3, when it is hoped to have some helpful messages from leaders, the discussion of problems, together with suggestions for the future. The auxiliary plans to keep in touch with leaders by means of a monthly letter, and hopes soon to be able to make available a suggested quarterly programme.—P.H.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

AT the time of writing these notes the National Council of Religious Education is holding its biennial convention in Melbourne. Almost 400 delegates, as well as many local workers, are in attendance. These are drawn from all the States in the Commonwealth. All the sessions have been most informative and inspiring. At the opening meeting splendid addresses were delivered on "Finding and Teaching Youth" and "Education for Christian Citizenship." All day sessions are being conducted under the general headings, "Aims, Ideals and Principles"; "Problems of Organisation and Methods of Presentation"; "Youth in Action." Graded groups are also at work each day. The night meetings cover a number of most interesting subjects and demonstrations. A call to youth is being made through a great rally in the Exhibition Buildings. The exhibition of teachers' aids and equipment is an excellent display, and hundreds of workers have been in attendance.

At the conclusion of the convention I hope to be able to pass on some of the findings and results from the various discussions.

"These are the twelve apostles' names: Peter, Andrew, John and James, Two pair of brothers who fished by the sea, Jesus said—unto them, 'Follow me'; James the Less and Jude were called, too, Philip also, and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas who doubted his word, Simon, and Judas who sold his Lord."

Here and There.

THE annual offering for the College of the Bible will be taken in Australian churches on Sunday, October 1.

Bro. C. P. Hughes concludes his ministry with the church at St. Kilda, Vic., on Oct. 8, and commences his new work at Swan Hill on Oct. 15.

The following telegram from Hamilton, N.S.W., reached us on Tuesday morning:—"Crowded holding Sunday at Flood mission Mayfield; one further decision.—Wilson."

United public intercession services are to be held in Melbourne Town Hall each Wednesday from 12.30 to 1.45 p.m. Addresses will be given by church leaders and other public men.

A speaker at the convention of the National Council of Religious Education reported that mail-bag Sunday schools provide religious instruction through the post for more than 30,000 children in Australia.

F. T. Saunders writes: "The first contribution for the college offering came on Tuesday. The little church at Leonora, W.A. (seven members on roll in conference reports) sent £3/5/-. The standard is high. Can others do as well?"

Bro. V. C. Stafford, after a happy ministry of nearly five years with the church at Invercargill, N.Z., has accepted an invitation to labor with Vivian-st. church, Wellington, in succession to Bro. A. G. Saunders, B.A., who recently began work with the church in Taree, N.S.W.

The five-weeks' mission conducted by Bro. C. Flood at Mayfield, N.S.W., is being blessed. We hear that there were five confessions during the first fortnight. Bro. Flood is delivering excellent addresses and attendances are encouraging. The church has been giving itself to much prayer for the mission.

A circular letter received from Bro. Frank H. Manning, of the Congo Balolo Mission, Congo Belge, Africa, reports that he hopes to return home for a period of rest and recuperation. He expects to reach Adelaide by Nov. 18. He says that anyone wishing to write him can write (to arrive before October 27) to C/o Andrew Murray Missionary Home, 20 Belevue-st., Kloof Road, Cape Town; or to his father's address, 291 Unley-rd., Malvern, Sth. Australia.

The combined evangelistic tent mission of Middle Park and South Melbourne churches, with Bro. W. E. Jackel, missionary and Bro. L. E. Brooker, song-leader, commenced on Sept. 17. Splendid meetings were held throughout last week. 160 were present on Sunday night, Sept. 24, when Bro. Jackel delivered a splendid address entitled "The Place Called Calvary." There have been four adult decisions to date. Members of both churches are greatly encouraged.

The church at Collingwood, Vic., has during the past two weeks experienced a time of spiritual ministry with Bro. D. D. Stewart, of Geelong, as missionary and Bro. J. Northeast, of Fairfield, as song-leader. The meetings have been well attended, with other of our churches co-operating. One adult confession was made, and the church has been strengthened and its spiritual life deepened. Co-operation of the churches at Latrobe-ter. and Drumcondra, Geelong, and the assistance of the preachers' fraternal in an extensive visitation campaign, was sincerely appreciated.

In times of war the securing of paper is a real problem for publishers. Months ago a large order was placed for our usual grade for the "Christian," but the shipment did not arrive. For some weeks a good substitute has been available. Now we must continue with the quality of paper used for this issue. A fair supply is assured. It is not cheaper than the higher grade as things are at present,

but rather dearer, and there is the prospect of increased cost of all material used in printing. In periods of national stress there is a natural desire to economise, but we trust that the church paper will be considered amongst the essential things. It comes with messages of help and information concerning the work of churches and conferences. As we have often said, we believe the "Christian" in every church home would greatly strengthen the cause. Our friends are asked to give the paper loyal support, and to use their influence to increase the number of regular subscribers. With such help we hope to continue publication without undue anxiety.

The church at Thornbury, Vic., has completed a "Victorious Living" campaign under leadership of Bro. J. E. Thomas. The purpose was to deepen the spiritual life of the church. The messages of Bro. Thomas were of great help and inspiration. As meetings continued they increased in numbers and interest. The final service, held on Sept. 24, was attended by approximately 200. After a stirring message on "The Victorious Cross," two men made the good confession. Bro. Searle, the preacher, thanked all who had helped to make the meetings, an outstanding success, and made a presentation to Bro. Thomas. The church, which has been greatly enriched spiritually, is greatly indebted to Williamstown church for releasing their preacher.

Amongst those welcomed at annual conference of Churches of Christ in Great Britain held at Birmingham last month were Dr. Jesse Bader, secretary of World Convention of Churches of Christ; Mr. F. H. Groom (fraternal delegate from America); Mr. Hayden Stewart, Mr. Noan and Miss Stainton, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Manifold and Miss Knapp, New Zealand. Mr. Ernest Green (vice-chairman) brought greetings from the churches in New Zealand and Australia; in particular he had been asked to convey fraternal messages from the West Australian Conference, which he attended a few months ago. The editor of "The Christian Advocate" says that at the missionary breakfast Mrs. Ernest Green's final appeal was probably the most moving and sympathetically eloquent of the morning.

W. Gale writes: "After a busy time in the office, we set out for our fifth week-end at Albury. There were 35 at worship meeting; 26 in the school; and 47 at evening service. It was a very happy day. We have learned to appreciate highly our many friends at Albury and Wodonga. Sister Mrs. Taylor is still in hospital, but making progress. Bro. Taylor has been able to leave the institution. On Saturday evening, en route to Albury, we interviewed Bro. Banks at Wangaratta. He says the work is at the peak—they have had a wonderful anniversary with Bro. Les. Brooker as master of ceremonies. Coming through Yarrowonga we called upon Bro. and Sister Reg. Starr, whose property is on the N.S.W. side of the Murray. In Yarrowonga we met Bro. and Sister Houghton, and had a few words with Bro. Thos. Hagger and Bro. Pike, of the college, who are spending the week-end with Yarrowonga church on what we might call a home mission goodwill mission of three days. They had a wonderful Lord's day, with many decisions. We are hurrying through for an afternoon meeting at Echuca and also another at night. Bro. Chivell is due to arrive back at Albury on Sunday next after his mission at Mildura. The next big date at Albury is Oct. 11, when the church will have its anniversary banquet and note offering to help liquidate the big indebtedness to the home mission committees. We hope to go back with the president, Bro. Webb, for this event."

COMING EVENTS.

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OCTOBER 1, 8 and 11.—Carnegie Bible School Anniversary Services. Speakers, Oct. 1, afternoon, Bro. A. W. Candy (South Yarra); evening, Bro. R. P. Morris (Brighton). Oct. 8, afternoon, Bro. J. Lewis (Dandenong); evening, Bro. L. E. Snow (Carnegie). Distribution of prizes and demonstration, Wed., Oct. 11. Cordial welcome to all.

OCTOBER 5.—Ringwood Church of Christ anniversary reunion, Sunday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m., Mr. J. Abercrombie; 3 p.m., Mr. R. E. Burns, special young people's session; 7 p.m., Mr. G. L. Murray, vice-president State conference. Dinner and tea provided. Come and enjoy a day of fellowship.

OCTOBER 15 and 18.—Surrey Hills Sunday School Anniversary. Sunday, Oct. 15, 3 p.m., speaker, Mr. C. L. Lang; 7 p.m., speaker, Mr. J. McIlroy. Wednesday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m., Mid-week Service. Special items by scholars.

OCTOBER 8, 15 and 18.—Footscray Bible School Anniversary. Oct. 8, 3 p.m., speaker, Mr. J. E. Webb, conference president; 7 p.m., Dr. R. Killmier. Oct. 15, 3 p.m., speaker, Mr. A. A. Hughes; 7 p.m., Mr. W. Wakefield. We invite you to enjoy these meetings with us. Concert, Wed., Oct. 18, 7.50 p.m.

OCTOBER 24.—The Annual Demonstration and Prizing of the Victorian Young People's Department will be held in Lygon-st. on Tuesday, October 24, at 8 p.m. Items by schools. Illustrated children's address by Les. E. Brooker.

NOVEMBER 5.—Preston church 37th anniversary. 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., A. J. Fisher; 7 p.m., C. J. Robinson. Special anthems by choir. All former members invited to come "back to Preston." Dinner and tea provided for visitors. Further particulars from secretary, L. Morflew. 'Phone, JU 1284.

BROADCAST SERVICE.

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7 p.m., speaker, Mr. G. M. Mathieson.
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News of the Churches.

TASMANIA.

Devonport.—During past month services have been conducted by local and visiting brethren from Invermay, Margaret-st. and Sandhill. On Sept. 9 Sister Ann Neithrop exhorted on "Reflection," and Bro. Neil Cheal conducted evening service. Mrs. Cheal sang a solo. Isolated Sisters Hudson and Reid have enjoyed fellowship. Five scholars passed in B.S. examination. New seats and hymnbooks have been purchased, members helping.

West Hobart.—On Sept. 13 the Bible school gave an enjoyable concert. Sister Mrs. C. Smith, of Kellevie, sang at evening service on Sept. 17, when the subject of Bro. Tease was "He Fell in Love with his Wife." On Sept. 21 a lantern lecture was given on beauty spots of Tasmania; collection for building fund. Both meetings well attended on Sept. 24. Subject at night was "God and Our Troubles." Soloist was Mrs. Crombie. A new scholar rally is being held by Bible school, taking form of a trip through Palestine.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—In connection with the 55th anniversary of the church a birthday banquet was held in school hall on Sept. 20. W. S. Lowe, the preacher, presided. Greetings received included some from previous preachers of the church and from C. J. Garland, Federal conference president. Gramophone recordings were received from Bro. F. Collins (Adelaide) and Bro. Ira A. Paternoster (Sydney), former preachers. Speakers included Messrs. H. Clemons (Invermay), W. Gilham (Sandhill), Miss Cooke (Mole Creek), E. A. Stevens (home mission committee), W. Duff, F. T. Morgan and W. S. Lowe. Sunday services were conducted by Bro. P. R. Baker. At breaking of bread 141 attended; gospel service, 180. Sister Mrs. H. Sulzberger has the sympathy of the church in the loss of her father. Home for invalids monthly service was conducted by a number of church members.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Collie-Ewington.—Attendances are improving at all services, except Bible schools, which are still handicapped through illness. All scholars who entered passed the scripture examinations with an average of 80 per cent. marks. Robert and Betty Lawrie gained second and fourth prize respectively.

Perth (Lake-st.).—On Sept. 17 the church celebrated 49th anniversary. In the morning the speaker gave the large meeting an inspiring and challenging address. At gospel service, when the building was well filled, the visiting speaker, Col. F. J. Miles, presented a vital and encouraging address.

Kalgoorlie.—Ladies' mission band has for months been preparing Indian Christmas box. All work was displayed on Sept. 20, when missionary items were rendered by the three C.E. societies and an address on Africa delivered by Bro. Riches. To usher Mrs. Pascoe in as new president, Y.L.O. organised a social for Sept. 19. First and third State prizes for S.S. teachers' examination and first prize for intermediate scholars were awarded to members of Bible school. C.E. societies are all in a healthy condition. I.C.E. society recently painted and renovated portion of the vestry. Both Boulder and Kalgoorlie Bible schools are engaged in anniversary practice.

Bassendean.—Bible school anniversary on Sept. 3 and 4, was very successful. The chapel was filled at kinder display and programme was very good. Fifty-two kinders on roll all received a prize. Cradle roll began year with 43. Four had entered the kinder department, 19 had been added. The new year has 57 on roll. The public meeting, preceded by a tea, was much enjoyed. Over 40 prizes were presented. School choir, trained by Mr. S.

Nelson, rendered many beautiful songs. Offering amounted to £8. On Sept. 11 the church tendered a social to Miss Emily Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gray, on the eve of her marriage to Mr. F. G. Richards, of Claremont. Representative brethren expressed appreciation of her services to church and auxiliaries, and a presentation was made. On Sept. 13 the father of the bride conducted the marriage ceremony.

QUEENSLAND.

Rockhampton.—Improved attendances are reported for last two Sundays. At prayer meeting Bro. Greenwood is giving a series of talks on the Reformation. Y.P.S.C.E. has paid for painting interior of school hall. The church was greatly blessed by a visit from the conference president, Bro. C. R. Burden, on Sept. 16 and 17, his messages being full of help and encouragement. Sunday school scholars are practising for anniversary.

Zillmere.—On Sept. 10 Bro. W. A. C. Wendorf, of Brisbane, exhorted very acceptably. At night the local State school headmaster gave the gospel message. Bro. D. R. Stirling, of Albion, gave the morning address on Sept. 7, and in the evening Albion flying squad took charge, seven young men taking part. There was a church parade of the Protestant Alliance Lodge, and the chapel was almost full. Four new scholars were at S.S. on Sept. 17.

Mackay.—Preparations are being made for a Bible convention and concert to be held in October. The exterior of the chapel has been painted. Bible school anniversary on Sept. 17 was very successful and attendances at all services were good. A young lady from C.E. society was immersed, and another young lady has signified her desire for baptism. Bible school has received the gift of eight kindergarten chairs, the work of Bro. Bradbury.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Walleroo.—On Aug. 23 the sisters' auxiliary held a successful social afternoon. Guests were Mrs. S. Durbin and Mrs. T. Brealey, it being the occasion of their birthdays. Kadina church and ladies' guild were represented. Numerous greetings and gifts were presented.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—To good congregations on Sept. 24 Bro. Schwab preached farewell sermons. Morning subject was "Finally." At night a stirring address was given to a large congregation on "The Full Gospel." Choir sang anthems and Mrs. Crowe a solo. Farewell meetings were to be continued on Monday.

Forestville.—One young man confessed Christ and was baptised on Sept. 24, and two who had previously made the confession were also baptised on that day. Members were glad to welcome Bro. Theo. Edwards back into fellowship on Sept. 24 after his absence in N.Z. Bro. K. M. Leak and A. E. Brown gave addresses on Sept. 17. Junior and intermediate societies of Christian Endeavor held their annual rally on Sept. 23. A bright and successful evening was enjoyed.

Hindmarsh.—On Sept. 24 fellowship was enjoyed with Bro. and Sister Albert Anderson. Bro. Anderson was speaker at both services. In the morning giving a fine address on "Our Peace," at night giving a beautiful message from "God's Searchlight." An anthem was provided by the choir and Miss Lorna Goodall sang a solo. The church thanks brethren who filled the pulpit during September.

Prentley
Dalwich.—On Sept. 17 Bro. Collins gave an especially apt and appreciated message on "The Christian's Joy in these Dark Days." At gospel service Dr. Oldfield gave an absorbing talk on mission experiences. On Sept. 24 Mr. Schurmann, of College of Bible, gave a timely address on "Mastery of Self," and Bro.

Collins spoke at night on "The Restored New Testament Church: Its Membership." Kindergarten is suffering severely from epidemic of whooping cough.

Maylands.—At half-yearly business meeting of church on Sept. 13 plans were adopted for next two years. Sisters Ludlow and Grocock were received by transfer from Brooklyn Park and Miss Olive Ey by baptism on Sept. 17. Principal Scambler paid an appreciated visit to the church on Sept. 24. His message was much enjoyed, as was his address to Bible class in the afternoon. He was also guest of honor at the fellowship tea. Bro. and Sister Reid are expected back at the end of this month.

Pt. Pirie.—Several members attended annual conference. Bro. Hulson gave a report of same on Sept. 24. His subject at night was "The Saving Name." S.S. is practising for anniversary. A visitor at church on Sept. 24 was Bro. Stephenson, of Kalgoorlie. Bro. P. J. Harrison and H. Hunter are in hospital, but both are making good progress. A surprise social was held at Bro. McCauley's home on Sept. 23 in recognition of his long term as S.S. secretary. Bro. A. E. Arnold presented him with a fountain pen and pencil from the young people.

Berri.—Under leadership of Bro. H. Davie and R. Morrell, Bible school was commenced at Lyrup with very promising attendance. Berri church is financing the new school. A splendid witness was made on Sept. 24 when two women travelled 100 miles to be baptised. At quarterly youth parade on Sept. 24 about 30 young people occupied the platform. Bro. Holland's address was on "Sharing Christ with Someone Else." Bro. Holland conducted worship service at Winkie and gave "Conference Echoes." Berri Bible school took the efficiency star for second occasion at recent State conference.

VICTORIA.

Chelsea.—Bro. Hunt's series of addresses entitled "Can we Believe the Bible?" is very interesting and helpful. Gospel attendances are good. A number of young people are very interested.

Swan Hill.—During absence of a preacher, district brethren have carried on all services. Members have been faithful. Woorinen Sunday school anniversary was held on Sept. 17 with good attendances.

Dandenong.—A social to assist Christmas cheer was conducted by Loyalty Bible Class on Sept. 23. On Sept. 24 Bro. Lewis led with two fine addresses entitled "Forward to Victory" and "Essentials."

Camberwell.—On Sept. 24 Bro. A. White, from the College of the Bible, spoke to a large congregation. In the evening Bro. Williams' subject was "The Essence of Christianity." Mid-week fellowship gathering is well attended.

Azarat.—The 20th Bible school anniversary festival began on Sept. 24 with ideal weather and happy fellowship. Meetings were well attended, and all were glad to meet Bro. Lang again. Singing of the scholars was very enjoyable.

Bet Bet.—Bro. W. Berthelsen, of the college, and Bro. I. Living, of Amphitheatre, ably conducted all services during Bro. McKenzie's absence on vacation. On Sept. 24 Bro. McKenzie rendered a solo previous to his gospel address on "Drifting."

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—On Sept. 24 Bro. S. Russell Baker, of Lygon-st. church, was morning speaker and his message dealt with the College of the Bible. Bro. Hughes addressed a good meeting at evening service on "What can I Believe about God?"

Brim.—At afternoon service on Sept. 17 Bro. Edwards spoke on Psalm 23. In the evening his subject was "The Wedding Feast Prepared by the King." Sister Violet McPherson, who recently underwent a serious operation, is making rapid progress toward recovery.

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Foreign Missions.

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CURRENT NOTES.

NEXT week we will present a financial summary for the year that has just closed. The general receipts are the best since depression years. Receipts from all States and New Hebrides total £7221, an increase of £126 over last year, and a gain of £103 over 1937. The estimated Federal budget was £7200, but unexpected increases caused the expenditure to exceed the budget amount by a few hundred pounds. The sum of £154 was carried from general receipts to Sinking Fund. Allowing for this amount as cash in hand, our actual expenditure will exceed receipts by about £80.

On the other hand, the number two account will show that a splendid consolidation has taken place, and income from all sources this year will exceed previous years by several hundreds of pounds. We are not unmindful of our loyal and praying brethren, and tender our thanks to them.

Brethren will be pleased to learn that Mr. A. L. Head, chairman of the Federal Foreign Mission Board, and Mrs. Head are now on their way from India to Australia. During their enforced stay at Bombay they were able to visit the stations in India. Advice has been received that Mr. R. J. Finlayson, another of our Board members, accompanied by his wife, has sailed from America en route to Australia.

Cancellation of sailings and lack of information concerning shipping make it impossible to make definite plans concerning the coming and going of missionaries and the forwarding of Christmas boxes. Miss Foreman will leave India for Australia in December if booking can be arranged. It will be advisable for all who have goods for Christmas boxes to continue preparing, but not to forward any goods to capital cities until word has been received from State P.M. secretaries. Owing to the cancellation of the boat planned, it is unknown when boxes will actually go forward.

The Federal Board urge all to consider the call of our overseas work, and if possible to forward donations. It is imperative that amounts be forwarded to India each month, as the authorities will only allow an average amount to leave the country each month. Each application to send money abroad must pass through the hands of the Government. Some of our monies have already been delayed owing to the new rule in operation. If our workers in India are to be kept supplied there must be a steady monthly income to maintain the supply. Word has also been sent the Indian field that any constructional work in hand or any work that can be held over, should not be undertaken. Difficulties are ahead, but we are assured of the prayerful consideration of our brethren in these matters.

Word has been received that Pearl Anderson, who for four years has been training in the C.H.M.S. Hospital, Yunnanfu, has passed her examinations as a qualified nurse. In her letter Pearl says: "We do trust God will help us to know more of his Word and to do better duty each day for all the weak and suffering people." It is her intention to take the obstetric course and thus gain the two certificates.

We learn that Bro. Dow is well, but has been placed under difficulties because of mails going astray. He states that he is preparing to come up to Australia by the "Merinda," due in Sydney early in November. It is possible that Mr. and Mrs. Dudley will be returning to Australia on the same boat.

Miss Vawser is quite happy to be back in the midst of things. Except for week-ends, when Miss Wiltshire comes over from Dhond, she is working without other white companions.

She feels that the work has made good progress during her year on furlough. This extract is taken from one of her recent articles: "God has indeed blessed the work in Dhoraja, and there is much for which to give him thanks. At Pargaon there are those who very soon will be added to the church meeting there. Preaching and teaching play a very important part, but it is as one of the Hindu leaders in the Mahar wada at Pargaon said the other day, 'The witness of the daily lives of those who have confessed Christ in this village is breaking down prejudice. More will become Christians this year and more next year, until many will belong to Christ.'"

ONE OF OUR GIRLS.

I HAVE an appeal to make to you all this week. I want you to pray for a girl who was for many years in this Children's Home. She was married in early childhood to a man who has remained a Hindu. Her parents died leaving her without suitable guardians, and Mr. Coventry was instrumental in placing her in the home. She asked for baptism several times while here, but it was at first thought better to wait, as the consent of the husband would have to be given as she was a minor. Later she insisted about this matter, and said that she would not wait for his consent, that she was now old enough to make such a decision for herself. She had some teacher training, and about two years ago went to live with her Hindu husband. Fortunately we were instrumental in securing for her a position in one of the settlement schools. She has earned good money, and the young couple have been able to save a considerable amount in spite of the demands for help from the relatives. The money is in the bank in the name of the husband, although it is the earnings of the wife. Gungi has not presented her husband with a son and heir, and so the husband has determined to take unto himself another wife, which will mean that all the money now saved because of Gungi's earnings will go in paying for the wedding, etc., etc. The poor girl is very unhappy. She will have to continue to live in the same house with the new wife, and the house is given to her as part payment for services; her house and her money to keep the family. She will have no redress because she was married according to Hindu custom. We will be unable to help.

She told me the other day when we met in Bombay that she had refused to wear the mark on the forehead worn by Hindu women to denote that they are married women. I had at one time seen the mark on her forehead,

and I spoke to her and to the husband about it, and said that the Christian women did not wear that mark. Gungi there and then wiped it off her forehead, and the husband said that she need not wear it unless she liked. Since then he has demanded that she wear it, but Gungi has refused. He has locked her up and refused to allow her to go out until she put it on, but Gungi remained firm and said that she would not eat while he acted so. She has refused food on this account, and has said that she would rather starve than be disloyal to her Lord. He will not allow her to go to a place of worship. He says that she cannot go alone, and he will not go with her; she has no fellowship with other Christians, and there are no other Christians near where she is living, but she says that she does not forget to read her Bible and to pray. Poor young girl, all alone, fighting her battle in the midst of so much trouble and opposition.

Here is a girl, true to her religion, facing greater difficulties than we can ever imagine; let us pray for help for her, that her husband will delay bringing another woman into the home and that Gungi will have the strength to win her husband to Christ.—E. Vawser.

CHILD WELFARE WORK, BARAMATI.

THERE is a proverb in Marathi which says that "The woman whose hand holds the rope of the cradle is a support of the world," but because of the old-fashioned ways and customs in India, it is very hard to teach the women here. Knowing that fear causes mothers to hide their babies, we attempt to make friends first. Four afternoons, along with Bible-women's work, we visit the homes. On Fridays we take charts on maternal welfare or baby care along with us into the villages and give a lecture from them. If we find a sick child we tell them to bring the child to the mission centre, but because of old customs they do not always come. There was a caneworker's child in the village very sick with pneumonia. When we saw this child we said, "Woman, you take your child to the doctor. If you will not, then at least make linseed meal poultices at home and apply them to the child's chest." But she did neither. We met her again two days afterwards. Again we told her to take her child to the doctor. She said: "Don't tell me to take the child to a doctor. He has trouble in his stomach; the gods have caused it." Two weeks later we again met her, and asked how the child was. She said, "He died. A holy man told me he belonged to Satawar" (one of the gods). "He said, 'You did not give Satawar a fowl in offering, so the god was angry and carried him away.'" We then told her there was only one God, in whose hand were hers and our breath, and he gave his blood because of our sins. He, Jesus Christ, was the only true God, and she should worship him.—By a co-worker.

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War and Intercession.

ON the eve of war our president sent out a telegram to all our churches calling them to engage in special intercession at 7 p.m. (all our evening services commence at 7.30 on the Lord's day). A few churches reported excellent attendances, but in W.A., as in most places, intercessors seem to be in a minority. At Fremantle united intercessory services are held every week in connection with the international trouble.

Church and Gambling.

There was some plain speaking at the recent Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Perth on the question of the morality of the church accepting money from the Lotteries Commission. It must have come as a shock to many, both within and without the Anglican fold, to read of one prominent Anglican canon declaring that he could not see any wrong in buying a lottery ticket. He would not be ashamed to gamble, he added, amid applause—according to press reports. "I have many friends who are gamblers," he said, "and may I say that I regularly take a ticket in the lottery, and I should have delight in winning it." The Primate did not make matters any better when he concluded the debate by asking, "What was gambling? Was a lottery necessarily wrong? When you ask me to say that you are never to touch funds from lotteries because they are morally wrong, you are saying what is not true." It is a pleasure to record that not all Anglicans think like the Primate, nor do they act like the canon.

Social Service.

Our W.A. Social Service Department is in an aggressive mood. And well it might be in the light of the preceding paragraph. On a very wet night towards the end of August, Lake-st. chapel was well filled following a tea at which about 200 sat down. One attractive feature of the meeting was the singing of a number of songs from a sheet of about a dozen pieces all of which were composed by Bro. Jas. Gordon. Spirited addresses were given by Mrs. Driver, of the W.C.T.U.; Mr. Ray Hocking, of the Methodist Social Service; and Mr. J. Wiltshire. Our Social Service Department is not only alive on the matter of big moral issues, but has in mind the securing of a home for the aged. The annual tea and demonstration is arranged partly to assist with funds towards this ambitious objective.

A New Work.

Wembley is a rapidly growing suburb of Perth, where we have several members residing, but where there is no hall or other public place where worship can be conducted. The Home Mission Department has taken the initiative, in starting our work in this district by having a chapel erected, even before we have a church service. The stone of the new building was declared "well and truly laid" by Bro. D. M. Wilson. Bro. Wilson, who is aged 80 years, has been a member of the Churches of Christ for 65 years. He is the first secretary of the new work. As we see the enthusiasm with which our brother faces this new opportunity in his district, we are reminded of Caleb as he buckled on his sword to go up and take as his possession of the portion promised to him of old. Said Caleb, "I am this day four score and five years old, and I am as strong this day as in the day that Moses sent me. . . . How different Barzillai.

Caravanning.

I am writing this letter in a caravan. It is my privilege, in connection with my home mission duties, to visit this south-western part of our State.

New Zealand News-letter.

W. R. Hibbert.

War Days and Ways.

THE outbreak of war found our Government united and in readiness. Precautions and wartime regulations were instantaneous with the announcement. One of the first regulations places restrictions on petrol. Petrol at present is only issued for necessary transport. Private cars are out of action immediately they use their supply. There is a cheerful submission. This regulation will embarrass church life in rural areas and to certain urban dwellers. The Government is hoping to amend the restriction to ten gallons per month. There is no doubt about the loyalty of New Zealand, yet one detects a sense of sin and shame that war is again part of our national life. It is good to find an absence of bitterness against the people who have been marshalled as our enemies. Public utterances show a wise restraint on certain emotions that hitherto have been considered a necessary part of the war machine. Our prayers are for a speedy and permanent peace according to the purposes and principles of Christ.

Our Centennial Year.

New Zealand is moving forward to its celebrations in 1940. The Centennial Exhibition opens in the capital city in November. It was first thought that the war would hinder this venture. The Government is now encouraging its progress. It is thought likely that the Scout Jamboree will need to be cancelled and other events involving overseas co-operation.

Crusading for Christ.

There is increased missionary activity amongst the churches. The Wanganui church engaged in a special evangelistic campaign with L. Usmar as preacher. A splendid piece of team evangelistic work has been accomplished by our Auckland preachers, Bren. G. T. Fitzgerald, E. P. Adermann, A. Grundy and L. Beaumont, at Devonport. At present Theo. Edwards, of South Australia, is on a special campaign work at Gisborne, a town on the East Coast of the North Island where our brother previously labored. Great activity is always in evidence amongst the sisterhood at this season of the year. Mission boxes are being prepared for despatch. There is no piece of work that appears more Christlike than this. The sisters give it thorough attention and it brings them great joy.

Spiritual Vitamins.

The Wellington South church repeated its action of the last two years in donating 3000 oranges on a given day to the patients of the Wellington Hospital. Oranges are not plentiful in the Dominion, and this goodwill act is appreciated by the patients and the Board. W. G. Graham sponsors this effort. He has now completed three years with the church, and has been invited to continue for a further term. This he has consented to do subject to a three months' notification of termination on either side.

A Better Climate.

Bro. and Sister Saunders have left us for the warmer clime of Taree, N.S.W. Their farewell gathering proved the affection of the New Zealand brethren towards them. The following minute of the Dominion executive indicates the mind of the brotherhood: "That we place on record our deep affection of the outstanding services of Bro. A. G. Saunders, B.A., to the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand as preacher of the Vivian-st. church, Wellington, president of conference, preacher of conference sermon, member and secretary of the home mission committee, and for his able representation to brotherhood interests on many important inter-church committees. We commend him and Sister Saunders and Claire to God and the work of his grace, and express good wishes and sincere hope for a happy and fruitful ministry at Taree."

A Sainly Life.

As these notes are being penned, news comes of the passing of our Sister Matthew Bell, wife of our esteemed Bro. Matthew Bell who, because of ill-health, has had to relinquish evangelistic work. Our sister's early years were spent in Melbourne and in membership with the Lygon-st. church. She was loved by all for her saintliness and spiritual power. Her radiant faith was a constant and eloquent witness. Both sons, Allen and Matthew, are evangelists. Friends may address Bro. Bell at "Wainella," R.M.D., Taihape, N.Z.

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News of the Churches.

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Echuca.—On Sept. 24 Bro. A. Medford gave an appreciated address on "The Lord's Supper." At night Bro. H. Hargreaves delivered a helpful message entitled "Is there a God?" Aged Sister Mrs. Johnston passed away peacefully on Sunday morning after much suffering.

Ormond.—Bro. C. L. Lang gave a very good message at prayer meeting on Sept. 21. At worship service on Sept. 24 Bro. H. Farmer gave a good message to the church on "Meekness." At night Bro. Staley gave a good message. Sister Mrs. Furler is now home from hospital.

Oakleigh.—On Sept. 17 Bro. Mudge addressed morning meeting. At night Mr. Maurice Blackburn, M.H.R., was speaker, subject being "The Price of Peace." On Sept. 24 Bro. Mudge and Dr. W. A. Kemp were the speakers. The church continues to enjoy fellowship with staff and guests at Christian Guest Home.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Good congregations attended all meetings on Sept. 24. Bro. A. A. Hughes, of Swanston-st., was speaker at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., giving two very fine addresses. Bro. Jeff Moore, of Nallsworth, S.A., was a visitor in morning and Bro. Will Beiler, from S.A., at Bible class. Bro. Baker preached at night.

Hampton.—In the chapel on Sept. 23 Miss J. Gumley was married to Mr. R. Hart, Mr. A. W. Stephenson, M.A., officiating. Bible school anniversary began on 24th with addresses by F. N. Lee in morning, L. E. Brooker afternoon, and A. W. Stephenson at night. The school sang excellently under leadership of Mr. J. Y. Buckley.

Reservoir.—At close of gospel service on Sept. 17, two boys who had confessed Christ recently were baptised. They were received into fellowship on morning of Sept. 24, when Bro. Wigney, from West Preston, was speaker. This was the first baptismal service since erection of the chapel, and was witnessed by a large congregation.

Rochester.—On Sept. 19 thirty-five were present at midweek prayer meeting held at home of Bro. and Sister D. Turnbull. Afterwards an enjoyable social was held. The secretary on behalf of the church presented Bro. Turnbull with a reference Bible as a token of esteem to commemorate the 44th anniversary of his decision for Christ.

Essendon.—On Sept. 24 Bro. A. G. Smith was morning speaker. Visitors included Bro. and Sister Mason, of W.A. Bro. McCallum, a faithful worker, has removed to Greensborough. A successful concert by P.B.P. and N.S.P. clubs, in aid of church building fund, and a banquet to mark conclusion of football club for season, took place during previous week.

Mildura.—During past fortnight Bro. Chivell, of Albury, has been conducting special services. Meetings have been well attended. Several helped in song. On Sept. 17 and 24 the building was filled. Subjects for 24th, "An Apostle's Last Message" and "Life's Greatest Question Answered." The mission concluded on 25th with a thanksgiving service.

Malvern-Caulfield.—Sept. 24 was the final day of an eight weeks "Go to Church Campaign," and was known as Decision Day. In the morning five were received into fellowship, making a total of eighteen since May 21. Attendances were good, and Bro. Buckingham delivered both addresses. An attractive pulpit has been presented to the church by one of the members.

North Fitzroy.—During September the church has been helped and edified by morning addresses of Bro. R. Morris, A. Wilson, F. Lee and Dr. Kemp. Bro. P. Foster has taken gospel services, and two more young men from Bible school have decided for Christ. Bro. J. W. Baker is making slow progress towards health again, and expects soon to be able to attend services. Sympathetic reference was made last Sunday to the death of Sister Hopton, an old-time member at North Fitzroy.

Ivanhoe.—Bible school anniversary concluded with prizegiving and demonstration. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith arranged the fine programme presented. Miss Lal Pettigrove gained a prize at recent scripture examination. Bro. and Sister Harris, late of Dandenong, have been welcomed. Bro. Abercrombie (morning) and E. L. Williams (evening) were speakers on Sept. 24.

Bentleigh.—Bro. and Sister Winston, from North Richmond, have been received into fellowship. Two clubs have been formed for young people, the "Good Companions" for girls and the "Explorer" for boys. Bro. Andrew, from Gardenvale, is holding special gospel services during October. The full working of circuit scheme is looked forward to before close of year.

Box Hill.—Sunday school anniversary was celebrated on Sept. 24 in town hall. Bro. L. Williams spoke to the children in afternoon and Bro. Keith Jones spoke at night. The children's singing under leadership of Bro. Salisbury was of high standard, and attendances were very satisfactory. In recent Sunday school scripture examinations, Box Hill gained six prizes, the highest number in the State.

Gardenvale.—Bro. R. T. Pittman brought a message from the college on Sept. 17. At night Bro. McCullough gave an address, "Our Second Childhood." On Sept. 21 the church meeting was held with good attendance, Bro. Sumpton presiding. Bro. McCullough gave the address. Ladies' mission band served refreshments. On Sept. 24 Bro. Frecker brought a helpful address. Bro. Hector Campbell was speaker at gospel service.

Northcote.—On a recent Sunday 39 boys from Burwood Boys' Home were guests of church for the day. On Sept. 24 Bro. Jack Burnham and Sisters Jessie Fisher, Shirley Travill and Rhodda Rogers, by faith and baptism, were welcomed into fellowship. Three young men, members of Bible school, decided for Christ at gospel meeting. Last Saturday the choir visited Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, and entertained inmates.

Footscray.—On Sept. 10 Bro. C. Thomas, of Ascot Vale, spoke on the needs of the college. At worship service on Sept. 17 Sister Mrs. H. E. Easton was received into fellowship. At night a splendid temperance meeting was held. Representatives were present from several organisations in the community, and Mr. Ambrose Roberts, secretary of Local Option Alliance, was speaker. On Sept. 24 there were two decisions—a mother and son.

Geelong.—On Sept. 17 Bro. Pope and Jackel were speakers in absence of Bro. D. Stewart at Collingwood. At midweek prayer meetings all have enjoyed studies of John's Epistles. Encouraging meetings were held on Sept. 24. Bro. Hering spoke in morning on "Faith Plus Obedience." At night Bro. T. Pope gave a stirring message on "The Value of a Soul." Mrs. Blackwell delighted with her message in song. Sister E. Barnes has been welcomed home after an extended holiday to Brisbane and Sydney. Prayers of the church are with Sister Mrs. Olive, who is in hospital. Valda Cashmore gained a second prize in her division at recent S.S. examination.

Balwyn.—On Sept. 17 and 24 the Sunday school anniversary was held. Scholars sang many beautiful hymns under leadership of Mr. Hayward. Prizes to younger children were distributed. Speakers on 17th were the State president, Mr. Webb, Mr. Hagger and Mr. Patterson; on 24th, Mr. Naankivell, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Patterson. Attendances were good at all services. At sunshine mission band on Sept. 21, the home mission committee took charge. State president, Mrs. Brough, and secretary, Miss Rometch, were present. Beautiful solos were sung, and a talk given on home mission work. A good attendance of ladies enjoyed a very happy afternoon. One young man has owned Christ.

Stawell.—J.C.E. society enjoyed a visit from Ararat J.C.E. on Sept. 17. Y.P.S.C.E. held a cottage meeting at home of Bro. and Sister Thurrowgood. Church members are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Sister Thurrowgood's father, Bro. Tewksbury, of Hornsby, Sydney. Sister I. Pritchard is spending a fortnight in S.A. Bible school scholars have commenced practice for anniversary. Bro. Thurrowgood continues to preach helpfully.

Boronia.—On morning of Sept. 24 the service was in memory of Sister K. Chandler, who passed away on Sept. 19 at the age of 90 years. Bro. Lyall Williams spoke of her Christian life and service; 86 were present. At quarterly business meeting the church adopted a three-year plan to raise £250 and to increase membership and average attendances. A teaching and evangelistic mission is planned for March, 1940. Bro. L. G. Read is to continue as preacher for a further twelve months.

Castlemaine.—At half-yearly business meeting of the church reports showed progress. Bro. Baker continues faithfully to present the gospel. Satisfactory support is being given the effort to liquidate debt on new hall. Gift-bags distributed to encourage direct giving have produced £105 to date. Mr. E. E. Kramer, of B. and F. Bible Society, spoke at morning service on Sept. 24. Measles, etc., adversely affected Bible school attendances of late. The church has enjoyed fellowship with a number of visitors.

Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—On Sept. 19 a social was held at home of Sister Mrs. Shephard to assist the ladies' efforts on behalf of Sunday school scholars. S.C.E. held a nice meeting on Sept. 20, and on 21st attended a meeting at Collingwood church. Bro. Robinson spoke at prayer meeting at home of Sister Mrs. Salmon on Sept. 23. On morning of Sept. 24 Bro. Robinson spoke on "The Parable of the Sower." At night he preached on "Out to Win." Several visitors were present. Sister Jean Simpson and Bro. Jack Andrews were married on Sept. 23.

Bendigo.—On Sept. 17 Bro. A. D. Pettigrove spoke in morning on "Joshua." At night Bro. E. H. Duns' theme was "What Christ Means to Me." Special services were held on Sept. 24. Morning aim was "every member present at communion." About 85 broke bread. Bro. Combridge spoke on "The Inspiration of a Great Memory." A family service was held in evening with 120 present. Bro. Combridge spoke powerfully on "When Idols Fall." Choir rendered special music at both services. A local church news-sheet is being printed each week and distributed free to each family.

Wangaratta.—Good meetings with increased attendances were experienced during September. Bible school anniversary on 16th and 17th was a splendid success. The kinder display depicting the story of the lost sheep was in charge of the kinder superintendent, Miss M. Prensley. Mr. L. Brooker, the special speaker for Sept. 17, delighted with illustrated addresses. The school established a record during September with over 100 present each Sunday, 115 being the highest. A profit of about £18 was result of the golf catering.

Preston.—Bro. Mounsey, of Thornbury, presided at Lord's table on Sept. 24. Bro. Robinson delivered messages at both services, his morning address concluding with a special appeal on behalf of College of the Bible. Bro. A. A. Hughes and W. T. Atkin have given helpful messages at week-night prayer services in continuation of the special series, subjects being "Christ in the Acts" and "Christ in the Gospels" respectively. The church loyalty campaign, commenced this month, is bearing fruit. Attendances at Sunday services having increased. Absentees are visited regularly.

Brunswick.—At a sale of works held by Junior Endeavorers about £5 was raised for piano fund. On Sept. 17 all services were held in hall while main building was being prepared for new seating. Bro. Patching's subject was "Renovations." On Sept. 23 and 24 special

services were held in connection with church anniversary. Bro. Alex. Wilson was speaker at morning service on Sunday. Building was filled to capacity at night, Bro. Patching preaching on "Examining the Crops." A special setting of the Te Deum was rendered by choir. About £35 has been received toward cost of renovations.

Doncaster.—At church annual business meeting, the various auxiliaries reported good work. Special reference was made to splendid efforts of Bible school, sewing guild and women's mission band. Secretary's report showed present membership 189, including four additions from Bible school. Bro. Connor is in his sixth year with the church. A splendid concert was arranged by the quartette party to raise funds toward Christmas box for missionaries. At women's mission band on Sept. 14, members of ladies' home mission committee attended and conducted the meeting, an enjoyable time being spent.

Hartwell.—On Sept. 17 Bro. H. Patterson gave the church a fine talk on the College of the Bible. At night Bro. J. E. Webb gave an inspiring message. Annual business meeting was held on Sept. 20, with Bro. J. E. Webb in the chair. A very fine spirit was shown. Bren. Wallace Tyler and Hayercraft were re-elected to the board along with Bren. Body and Haley. Treasurer's report showed building debt greatly reduced. On Sept. 24 Bro. Webb gave the church a very beautiful address on our Lord's Prayer; 125 broke bread. At night his splendid address was entitled, "Will we Know our Friends in Heaven?"

St. Klida.—On Sept. 20, members of C.E. attended Middle Park-South Melbourne mission. Bro. K. A. Jones on morning of Sept. 24 brought a special message for Sunday school teachers, conducting teachers' consecration service. Afternoon continued school anniversary. Mr. Sandlands ("Mac" of 3LO) giving the address to the children. Cradle roll cards and kinder prizes were distributed. At night Bro. T. R. Morris gave an address on "Little Foxes." Under leadership of Bro. C. P. Hughes the singing of the children was a treat. Bro. L. Finger, S.S. superintendent, as leader has made a success of the anniversary.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—All meetings are well attended, 170 breaking bread on Sept. 24. Auxiliaries are functioning actively. Members of K.S.P. conducted service at Mt. Clear on Sept. 17. P.B.P. girls have undertaken to provide and arrange flowers for church. Since commencement of his ministry Bro. W. W. Saunders has spoken at all Lord's day services and addressed all save one of the auxiliaries. The messages have all been of a high standard. Morning subject, "A Need for a Restless Age"; evening, "A Winning Challenge," on Sept. 24, were particularly helpful and impressive. A happy and successful ministry with Bro. Saunders is anticipated.

Parkdale.—Average weekly attendances for September were 77 morning and 45 evening. Good messages have been given by Bren. C. G. Taylor, W. Wilson and J. E. Allan (Cheltenham). A very good knitting display conducted by members of P.B.P. club on Sept. 2 resulted in a profit of £2/6/6. Seven members of Bible class visited Black Rock special service on Sept. 11. Bro. Alan Parkes rendered a solo splendidly at gospel service on Sept. 17. Miss Eva Wilson, former member Y.W.L. and S.S., was interred at Cheltenham New Cemetery on Sept. 23. Members sympathise with Bro. and Sister Stan, Wilson in their sad loss. Sickness among members continues.

Brighton.—On Sept. 10 Bro. McCullough, of Gardenvale, spoke in the morning and Bro. S. H. Wilson, of the college, preached a splendid sermon at night, at the close of which a lady made the good confession. Home-coming Sunday on Sept. 17 marked the 80th year of Brighton church. All meetings were of a most inspirational character. Bro. A. E. Illingworth was morning speaker, Bro. J. E. Webb spoke in the afternoon, and Bro. Forbes preached at

evening service, at which there were two confessions. A large number of old members and friends were entertained for lunch in members' homes and at tea in the school hall, when interesting reminiscences of former days were exchanged. Bro. B. J. Kemp, sen., told of his part in acquiring the site of the present church buildings in the early sixties. Many greetings were received from old friends. Thanks are extended to all who helped to make the day one of Brighton's best home-comings.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—On Sept. 24 there were good attendances for Family Day; 177 broke bread for day. Bro. Clipstone spoke in morning on "Put on thy Strength." Mrs. Ferris, of Adelaide, was special soloist at night. Bro. Clipstone closed a special series of addresses with "Home at Last." Special offering was over £40. Bible school observed Children's Day in afternoon; F.M. boxes were returned, and Miss Grace Lambert gave an interesting survey of work at Shrigonda. C.E. societies celebrated anniversary on Sept. 17. Young men of I.C.E. took part in morning. At night four Y.P. Endeavorers gave brief messages. At an inspirational rally on Sept. 18 Bro. L. Snow, of Carnegie, gave a challenging address on "Building a Character." Items were given by junior and intermediate societies. Under leadership of Bro. Sheehan, young people's fellowship now holds a pre-Bible school session at 2.15 p.m., and on Sept. 24 Mr. R. Storey, a returned missionary of Amazon Valley, gave an interesting talk on the work there. Concert to raise funds for kindergarten improvements was very successful.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Kingsford.—During Bro. Flood's absence at Mayfield Bro. Gowans has been addressing morning meetings. Bren. Alcorn, C. Burns, and Casperson have conducted gospel meetings. The church appreciates their able assistance. A visitor from China was present at morning meeting. Miss Doris Lum spoke at midweek meeting and £2/10/- was collected for Bethel Mission.

Marrickville.—Attendances are well maintained; over 100 members were at morning services. Visiting speakers have been Bren. Cyril Burns and Goode. A girl from Bible class was received into fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. Stanhope entertained girls' club with lantern and travel talk on California. The church is making arrangements to welcome the new preacher, Bro. Schwab. Bible school is preparing for anniversary.

North Sydney.—On Sept. 9 a former well-known member, Sister Mrs. Woollams, was called home shortly after her return from Melbourne. After a brief vacation Bro. Paternoster resumed work on Sept. 17. A well-attended roll call morning meeting marked the close of another year of service with the church. During the vacation period the platform was well supplied by Bren. Larcombe, Allen, Laney and G. C. Saxby.

Bexley North.—On Sept. 21 three brief messages were given by Bren. Stow, Yelds and Saville, subjects being "Full Surrender," "Holiness and the Lord's Return" and "A Victorious Life." Bro. R. Hindman (Belmore) exhorted on Sept. 24. At night, after the baptism of Miss L. Sutton, Bro. Stow preached to a congregation of fifty. Bro. J. Morris, of City Temple, rendered a solo. A mission prayer band has been commenced, with Bro. J. Saville as leader.

Paddington.—There was a good attendance on morning of Sept. 24; Bro. Greenhalgh's topic was "Glen Iris." At gospel service Bro. Greenhalgh commenced a series of addresses on "War Under the Bible Microscope." On Saturday, Sept. 23, Bro. and Sister Greenhalgh were welcomed back from their holiday at a social and concert. Bro. W. R. Avenell (conference president) conveyed conference greetings. The evening was also the occasion for return of offerings to organ fund, which amounted to about £9.

Taree.—Bro. Henry Edwards, a man of outstanding ability as a writer, temperance advocate, debater and preacher, passed away on Sept. 18 after a lengthy illness. His body was laid to rest on Sept. 19, Bro. A. G. Saunders conducting services at church and cemetery. Bro. Edwin Saxby paid a high tribute to our brother's life and influence over a period of fifty years as a preacher and defender of the faith. On morning of Sept. 24 Bro. A. G. Saunders gave the first of a series of addresses on Paul's letter to the Romans. At night he spoke on "What is Truth?" Both messages were enjoyed.

Granville, Parramatta, Seven Hills Circuit.—On Sept. 17 there was a good meeting; five confessed Christ at Seven Hills and one at Greyville. On Sept. 24 the new building at Greyville was opened by Mrs. Leask. There was a splendid representation from churches and conference committees. Bro. Avenell (conference president), Bro. Stuart Stevens (for H.M. committee), Bro. R. Wakeley (for F.M. committee) gave greetings. Bro. Stuart Stevens preached to a crowded audience which overflowed the building, many standing outside. Evening service was well attended by local residents. Prospects are particularly bright. There were good meetings at Granville at both services, Bro. J. H. Adams preaching.

IN MEMORIAM.

BURROWS-THOMSON.—In fond memory of our dearly loved son, Pte. J. Keith Burrows, killed in France, Sept. 29, 1918, grandson of the late E. Amess, of North Melbourne. Also his dear comrade, Pte. Horace (Curly) Thomson, died of wounds Oct. 4, 1918. Memories.—W. and M. Burrows, Hampton.

PATERNOSTER.—In loving memory of my dear wife, and our loved mother, Phynella Paternoster, who died on Sept. 30, 1937, aged 92. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. (1 John 2: 25.)—Inserted by E. J. Paternoster, sen., Fredrick-st., Welland.

PERKINS.—In loving memory of our dear little grandson, Vernon Cyril, died Sept. 30, 1938, result of an accident.

When last we saw your smiling face
You looked so sweet and well;
And little did we think that time
Would be our last farewell.
—Inserted by Grandma and Grandpa, W.H. and M. A. Perkins, Bendigo.

WINSON.—In ever loving memory of William Andrew, dearly loved husband of Clara Winsor, who passed away Sept. 29, 1913; also our dearly loved Myrtle, who passed away Aug. 6, 1921; also our loved little Clare, who passed away Oct. 24, 1938. All so dearly loved; and still so sadly missed.
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Obituary.

Mrs. Campbell.

AN old and highly esteemed member of Kaniva church, Vic., Mrs. Campbell, passed away on Sept. 7 at the age of 88 years. Mrs. Campbell was born in Strathalbyn, S.A., in 1850, and married to Mr. Donald Campbell by Mr. William Hindle in 1883. As Mr. Campbell had selected land in Kaniva district, he and Mrs. Campbell came to Victoria and made their home there. Mr. Campbell, however, died in 1890, and Mrs. Campbell was left with her four young daughters to manage alone. Determined and independent, she refused to leave the farm, and employing someone to do the farming, and working hard herself, she continued with success, retiring to Kaniva in 1917. It was not only determination which enabled Mrs. Campbell to succeed, but she had also a strong faith. In old age she could say that she knew God heard the believer in him. Visitors, including visiting preachers, were gladly given hospitality by Mrs. Campbell. Her generosity was notable. She loved Christ in sincerity. The four daughters are members of the church, one living in N.S.W., the others in Kaniva and Yanac, Victoria. Most of the grandchildren also are members of the church. They have the great possessions of memory and hope.—A.B.W.

J. Dodd.

ON morning of Sept. 10, Bro. J. Dodd was called to his eternal home. Our brother was very highly esteemed for his quiet Christian life. He was converted under the preaching of Bro. Cyril Flood eight years ago. He had served the church at Hurstville, N.S.W., as deacon and Bible school teacher, and brought to both offices a consecrated heart and mind and a will to give of his best. He had been in bad health for a long time. He had only reached the comparatively young age of 53. His remains were taken to the chapel in Hurstville, where a memorial service was conducted by the preacher, Bro. F. E. Alcorn, assisted by the Baptist minister. The many floral tributes and the large attendance were a testimony to the esteem in which he and the members of the family are held. He leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter, all members of the church at Hurstville, to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father. We commend these to the care and comfort of the loving Father in heaven.—H. Button.

S. McD. Ellis.

AT his home in Fife-st., Walkerville, S.A., on Sept. 4, Bro. S. McD. Ellis fell asleep in Jesus at the age of 77, after a protracted illness. Our brother was baptised at Hindmarsh Christian church in 1911 by Bro. Alf. Marshman, where for some years he faithfully shared in the work of the Lord in a quiet but none the less worthy manner. On moving to the country he identified himself with our cause at Murray Bridge, then later, returning to the city, he threw in his lot with the church at Brooklyn Park, and more recently with the brethren at North Adelaide. Bro. Ellis was a devout lover of the Word of God, and ever sought a deeper knowledge of the things of God. In his illness he drew much comfort from the promises of the scriptures. He leaves behind him a widow, three sons, and two daughters, and to these sincere Christian sympathy is extended.—G.R.

Mrs. E. A. Glastonbury.

MRS. ELIZABETH ANN GLASTONBURY passed to her rest on Sept. 1, at the age of 77 years. Here was a long illness in which she displayed a fine spirit of patience, maintaining to the end her interest in the work of the Master. Shortly after her marriage she was baptised by Milner Black at Collingwood

church in 1890. At Collingwood and North Fitzroy she was a Sunday school teacher. Later at Windsor and St. Kilda her supreme interest was Dorcas work. For 23 years at Windsor she gave, with her husband, wholehearted service.—C.P.H.

Mrs. Jane Agnes Woollams.

SISTER WOOLLAMS was born in Adelaide, S.A., on Nov. 15, 1852. She passed away on Sept. 11, 1939, at Sydney. While in her teens she accepted Christ under the preaching of Bro. Gore, and after was active in Christian service at Lygon-st., City Temple and Lane Cove. Whilst at City Temple she married Bro. Woollams, who was choir leader, and later moved to Enmore Tabernacle, where she took a lively interest in Band of Hope, Dorcas and Bible school work. During the memorable ministry of Bro. G. T. Walden she had the joy of seeing her children, Zora and Charlie, make the good confession and being received into the church. Assisting the teachers she was delighted in helping the Chinese to learn about Christ and the English language. Until the end she was faithful in attendance at God's house, bright and reasonably strong physically. She was greatly loved. She was strong in the faith, and would fight unflinchingly to secure such civil rights that may be debarred the less vigorous. Her end was peace. A service was conducted by Bro. Nance-Kivell, assisted by Elder G. Saxby, B.A., at Lane Cove, and the remains were cremated at North Sydney. This service was conducted by the writer and Mr. Croft, Anglican clergyman, friend of the family. We thank God for a long life of faith and witness, and commend the family and loved ones to our heavenly Father who understands and is ready to bless.—C. G. Nance-Kivell.

SISTERS' AUXILIARY, S.A.

THE monthly meeting was held at Grote-st. on Thursday, Sept. 7. The devotional session was presided over by Mrs. A. Anderson, who gave a helpful message on "I will be with thee." Business session was taken over by the president (Mrs. Riches). There were 95 sisters present, 57 being delegates. A welcome was given to Mrs. S. Riches, of Kalgoolie, who is on holiday, and who ably responded and brought a greeting from Kalgoolie sisters. Thanks were given to the president for the efficient manner in which she has carried out her duties during the past year. The collection amounted to £1/9/7.

Overseas superintendent reported that a visit was paid to Glenelg church and meeting held; Miss Cameron was the speaker. The collections for August amounted to £67/15/7.

Treasurer's statement for September.—Home missions, £17/16/3; final total for year ending Aug. 31, 1939, £112. Overseas, £38/1/3; final total for year ending Aug. 31, 1939, £154/11/-.

General fund, £12/0/11; catering fund, £1/19/4. Temperance committee.—Superintendent Mrs. Tippet reported splendid response for cake stall at the Alliance fair. The takings on stall amounted to £16/15/2.

Prayer meeting committee paid a visit to Mrs. McNicol (Nailsworth), who has been sick a long time.

Obituary committee.—Superintendent Mrs. House reported that during the month the following sisters had received the home-call: Miss Devine, Mrs. Tuck and Mrs. Hunt (Balaklava), Mrs. Gale (Long Plains), Miss Binney (Strathalbyn). Letters of condolence were sent to the bereaved ones.

All business was finalised for conference.—Mrs. H. R. Charlick, assistant secretary and treasurer.

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Some of us should be far more faithful with this invitation and testimony: "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears" (Psa. 34: 3, 4).

MIRROR TABOO.

In a short work on the world of imagination of the Pabouins, he (Monsieur Lavignotte) relates the story of the cure of Nyngone, the woman whose taboo was that she must never see her reflection either in glass or metal or water. If she was returning home from the plantation with a heavy burden on her back and had to cross a stream by means of a tree-trunk lying across it, she must not keep her eyes on her feet, as was necessary for a safe crossing, because she might chance to see her portrait in the water. If this did happen, she fainted and fell in. She had several times been rescued from drowning. In despair over what she had already suffered from this taboo, she came to Monsieur Lavignotte. "This taboo," she said, "is a dreadful force. I can't help being afraid of it. But I know, too, that God, whom you know and preach, is stronger than Satan, in whom we hitherto believed. So with your help I hope to get rid of my taboo. When you have prayed with me, I shall fearlessly turn round the mirror I hold in my hand and look at myself in it." After the prayer she had courage to do as she had said. She looked in the glass for a long time glowing with happiness because nothing happened. When at last she raised her eyes she said to Monsieur Lavignotte, "And to think I never knew how beautiful I am. . . ."—Albert Schweitzer in "From My African Notebook."

"THOU FEARLESS CHRIST!"

O Lord, thou fearless Christ, whose word of assurance, "Fear not!" was heard so often giving liberty to the conscience-stricken and those of anxious heart, fill us with courage, we beseech thee, and lead us into that perfect love that casteth out fear. For thy name's sake. Amen. (Luke 5: 10; 8: 50; 1 John 4: 18).

ASSAULTS OF EVIL.

THE place of privilege is always the place of temptation; the hour of blessing is the hour of trial. Let us remember this, for to be forewarned is to be forearmed. When, by the reception of the Holy Spirit, we have become better fitted to do work, it becomes more necessary for the devil to seek to destroy our power. A worldly, inactive, useless Christian he can afford to leave in peace; a consecrated Spirit-filled Christian he must withstand to the utmost. The higher we rise into the light of God, the better target do we present to the shafts of the enemy.—G. H. C. Macgregor.

THE SEEMINGLY INDIFFERENT SHEPHERD.

A VISITOR to a Welsh mountain district saw the rescue of a sheep that had fallen over a cliff and lodged on a shelf of rock. The shepherd was lowered by a rope, at the risk of his life, to bring back the sheep. And yet the shepherd had known for three days where it was. The visitor could not reconcile the shepherd's courage in rescuing the sheep with the apparent callousness he had shown in leaving it in peril so long. But it was explained to him that if the rescue had been attempted earlier the sheep would have been alarmed and would probably have leaped to destruction. The shepherd had to wait until it was helpless and too weak to move. Mr. Harold Derbyshire, who tells the story, says: "It seems as if God causes us to fail in order that we may not rely on ourselves but turn to him."

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