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Evangelism and Days of Crisis.

H. R. Taylor, B.A., S.A. Home Mission Organiser.

THE world-shaking events which have occurred during the past two months and what will happen during the next few years (if we can predict the future) will test the church to the utmost. More than ever before in our experience it will be necessary for us to fall back on the fundamental things in our Christian faith and to keep intact the great securities. The only hope for the world as others besides Christian men are finding out is to be found in the gospel of Christ. The better world, for which we long and for which we most earnestly pray, cannot be unless we have better men, and plenty of them.

Changed Men.

We were talking to a man a few weeks ago who professes nothing religiously. He might be classified as a sceptic. We were speaking about the war and agreed that a change must take place in national outlooks before such tragedies as the present one could be made impossible. Then he made this statement, for him an amazing one: "We shall never have a changed world until we have changed men, and the only one who can change men is Jesus Christ." Everything resolves itself into that—men changed by the power of Christ. That this is what the gospel can do is claimed by the apostle Paul, "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new."

It is not new policies or new institutions that will save the men from further disasters. It is new men. A poet once said, "To mend the world's a vast design." The world needs more than mending. It needs re-creating. God alone through Christ can do that. And he will do it if the church accepts the challenge of the hour. No new message is needed. Indeed, no other message can be effective. The gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes. "There is no other name under heaven given

among men by which we must be saved." Do we still believe that?

"God may have other words for other worlds,
But for this world the word of God is Christ."

Potency of the Gospel.

The broken world demands first and foremost a fervent belief in the potency of the gospel from those who profess discipleship. It is easy for us to give way to despair. We can turn our backs on the field, defeated and dispirited, and leave the world to its sins, or we can, girded with the panoply of God, brace ourselves against the shock of a fresh onslaught of evil and advance to the attack. To despair of the world is to despair of Christ and to go over to the enemy. It cannot be that Christ has died in vain, that "love divine all loves excelling" can be ultimately defeated, that the lamp of truth can be blown out by the blasts of hate and falsehood, that the fire of evangelism can be quenched by the floods of evil let loose in the world.

Mobilise Our Forces.

The time has come for us to call up our reserves and mobilise our Christian forces and go forward into action. A mere defensive policy will not avail. We dare not simply mark time. Our Lord once spoke to a group of fishermen, sitting on the shore of the lake of Galilee, washing their nets, and commanded them to "launch out into the deep, and let down their nets for a draught." Their previous night's fishing in the shallows had been disappointing. The disciples obeyed their Master and the results were astonishing.

The sin of the church of our times is not its lack of steadfastness or of patience, but the small use it makes of great things. It sits on the bank of its opportunity and washes its empty nets when the deeps are calling. In such a time there comes the summons of the Master to launch out from the trivial and the half-hearted use of life and to let down the nets of the gospel into the deep places where we want to go. The call for aggressive evangelism is too often confined to or confused with appeals for money. We make bold to call for consecrated energy, for the devotion of the resources of faith and love in the task of home evangelism. The money question will solve itself when life is fully surrendered.

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THE UNIVERSAL CALL.

Isaiah 45: 22.

1. A Sweet Invitation.
 - (a) It is the Call of God.
 - (b) It is the Call of Love.
2. A Simple Invitation.
 - (a) All can look.
 - (b) It must be a look of penitence and acceptance.
3. A Searching Invitation.
 - (a) The sin, ruin, and guilt of all.
 - (b) The necessity of being saved.
4. A Saving Invitation.
 - (a) Salvation is offered to all.
 - (b) Salvation alone is found in God the Saviour.

—Alfred Mathieson.

Encouraging Developments

In Victorian Home Missions.

One of the Old Fields.

Thomas Hagger, Gardiner.

YARRAWONGA, in the north of Victoria, is a fine prosperous town. For years brethren met to break bread in various parts of the district, but the actual church in Yarrawonga came into existence through a tent mission effort by Bren. Hinrichsen and Pratt in 1925. After the mission the home mission fund helped to support the evangelist who was located there, and the good work continued. As is usual with churches in country towns, members have removed and have strengthened



Yarrawonga Church Group.

churches in the metropolitan area and other places; but in spite of this the church was able to assume the whole of the financial support of the work several years ago, and it continues in this self-supporting condition, although at times it proves to be difficult.

Recently the writer was permitted to pay a week-end visit to this field, and he was much impressed with the work that has been done, and with the excellent opportunity for preaching the gospel that confronts the church there. As in many a like town, the greatest opportunity is not in the town so much as in the surrounding district. The regular services should be kept going in the town, but meetings in farm houses and in other places should be held, not only on the Lord's day but throughout the week. By this means converts would be won from among the excellent people in this State who do our farming, and after they have been won they could be taught to come into the town on the Lord's day for the communion service, or if they were located very far away such weekly services could be arranged for nearer home, if only meetings of a few.

This visit more than ever impressed the writer with the value of home missions, and with the urgency of the work. It pays to support such work, and we should do it to the point of sacrifice.

Built Upon a Swamp.

R. A. Banks, Wangaratta.

"If you dig down a few feet you will find the rubbish and silt of the old swamp." This was the statement of an old Wangaratta resident concerning the area upon which the chapel at Wangaratta is built. But we would not suggest that the church building has not good foundations—it has.

If the church building is well built upon good foundations, so is the church, perhaps to a greater degree.

The church at Wangaratta commenced in a home, the home of good, solid church people who stood four-square for New Testament Christianity. We refer to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackel. Others with enthusiasm were soon added, and so a good foundation was laid. The building really commenced with a

splendid mission by Bren. E. C. Hinrichsen and L. Brooker. Since then the church has gone ahead. A loyal church has stood behind sincere and earnest preachers, and as there is no sign of a swamp or stagnation beneath the chapel, there is no sign of swamp or stagnation in the church.

A membership of over 100, with previous members scattered all over the State, and a Bible school of 125, with a branch of 25 at South Wangaratta, rather suggests clean, healthy growth, which will in time be able to stand alone.

In the meantime it depends on the brotherhood, and is grateful for support given.

For the sake of souls we again look to the brotherhood to make a worthy offering on Dec. 3.

As Spokes from the Hub of a Wheel.

A. W. Garland, Hamilton.

THE Hamilton church celebrated the first anniversary in the new chapel on Nov. 5. The work is in good heart and the prospects are bright.

Hamilton is the centre of a wonderfully rich district. On all hands there are evidences of material prosperity, while many deplore the spiritual poverty that abounds. The great western district presents a challenge to the



Chapel at Hamilton.

Restoration Movement, for until Hamilton was entered it was practically untouched. Between Hamilton and Geelong the traveller passes through some fine prosperous towns, but in only one—Colac—are we represented. Then one can go on to Naracoorte in South Australia before finding a meeting place of our brethren. The initiative of the committee in sending Mr. J. Methven, sen., to the Warrnambool-Port Fairy-Heytesbury circuit gives us our third representative in all this great area.

Immediately surrounding Hamilton, from which roads radiate as spokes from the hub of a wheel, there are towns larger than many of those in which we are solidly represented in other parts of the State. From some there comes a Macedonian call. A group of brethren with a few Sunday school scholars meet at Coleraine, coming, as opportunity allows, in to the services at Hamilton. Around Heywood and Portland quite a number of isolated members reside, many of whom would support any move made at Portland. In others again, we have a few members, such as at Casterton, Edenhope, Mt. Gambier, just over the E.A. border, and Glen Thompson. With an itinerant evangelist in this field for a time many preach-

ing places could be opened up; but the present responsibilities are hampering the committee. The story of Hamilton could be repeated in many of the centres of this vast field, if only the committee could encourage the brethren to launch out. But the committee looks to you for encouragement. Will it look in vain on Dec. 3?

New South-West Seaside Circuit.

G. L. Murray, Conference Vice-president.

WHAT will no doubt prove to be one of the outstanding events of the H.M. Department's year was the inauguration of the Warrnambool-Port Fairy-Heytesbury circuit, by the dedication of Jas. Methven to the pastorate of the group on Sunday, Nov. 5.

Special meetings to mark the occasion were held in the chapel at Warrnambool. The morning service was well attended by members of group churches. Visitors included a strong delegation from Hamilton, and the president (Jas. E. Webb) and vice-president (G. L. Murray) of conference, who with their wives had left Melbourne by car about 6.30 a.m., and reached Warrnambool just in nice time for the meeting. About 90 were present.

Mr. Webb extended a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Methven on behalf of the H.M. Committee, and on behalf of the church welcomed them into fellowship. Opportunity was given for Mr. Methven to make a suitable response.

Mr. Webb delivered appropriate messages both to juniors and adults. The ladies provided an excellent luncheon, for which the Melbourne delegation in particular (in consequence of a light and early breakfast) were able to show a very practical appreciation. Greetings from other churches were conveyed at this session. Mr. Shields is deserving of a special word of commendation for his organising work. This is the only new field the H.M. Committee has been able to enter this year on account of financial stringency, but judging by the calibre of the members and their enthusiasm for the "group," we have every confidence that it will be justified in the results and merit the support of the brotherhood.

Victoria's Aim:

£1500 ON DECEMBER 3.

W. Gale writes:—

Additional fields occupied in recent years have seriously depleted the treasury. Whereas the 1937-8 conference year closed with a credit of £480, the 1938-9 year with but £48 credit, to-day the position has deteriorated to such an extent that on Nov. 2 there was a deficit of £500.

Only a much-increased response on Dec. 3 can obviate disastrous withdrawals. However, on all sides we are assured that the brotherhood will rise to the occasion.



Wangaratta Chapel.

Evangelising New South Wales

Remedy for the World's Ills.

W. R. Avenell, Conference President.

THE days in which we live may present the church with a unique opportunity and challenge. There has been a slackening of her hold upon the people. The day of large congregations, generally speaking, is one of the past. Bible schools do not replenish the membership of the church to the extent to which they did.

What, however, is she to do to meet the needs of the situation in which she finds herself, and to justify her existence in the light of her claims and distinctive plea?

Many suggestions have been made that have had to do with matters of organisation or with the adoption of expedients deemed advisable, but the consensus of opinion is that what is most needed is the renewal from within, a renewal by the rebirth of the evangelical spirit.

There is no need for pessimism regarding the future of the church, but that is no reason for ignoring her present needs or her failure to meet, as she should do, the need of the world to which she is called to minister. Meanwhile, it is our duty to mobilise every unit of the church, every member to be up and doing, praying and working for the bringing of a better day with its renewal of the evangelical spirit upon which the salvation of the church and the world must continue to depend.

The present world situation is menacing. The church is entrusted with the remedy for the world's ill.

The principles of Christ applied to the whole of life will, unquestionably, solve all problems. Christ is calling us to great things—things that we of ourselves can never hope to accomplish, but which become possible of achievement when undertaken in the strength and guidance of the divine Spirit.

The call of Christianity to-day is to do seemingly impossible things. The call is to daring and courageous spirits, who will not be easily dismayed, who will battle on and not lose heart even when the forces arrayed against them break the line here and there and threaten to imperil the Master's cause.

Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." He issues a challenge to the utmost resources—to our time, our talents, our interest, and to our personal possessions. We are needing, I think, to restate our message in terms of challenge, if it is to make its appeal. Christ, I repeat, is calling us to great things. The evangel which we preach is the message of the glorious gospel. The churches will have the opportunity on Dec. 3 to provide the means whereby the H.M. Committee will be enabled to proceed to enlarge and extend.

May every church member in N.S.W. encourage the committee in its great task by giving so generously as to make enlargement and advancement possible. Please pray, prepare, plan and pay for the great mission directed by our worthy missionary, E. C. Hinrichsen. God grant that this offering will be a sacrificial one—and the best yet.

A Home Mission Survey.

H. G. Harward.

THERE are about fifty-six congregations known as churches of Christ in this State—thirty-six in the metropolitan area, six in the Newcastle district, and the remainder in different parts of the State. The record of

their history reveals the fact that most of the churches owe their existence to the work of home missions. This many are apt to forget.

Home mission operations in the country centres are exceedingly difficult. Most of the towns are old. The denominations were early in the field and obtained a commanding influence throughout the State.

For home missionaries to go to these communities means to encounter very strong and sometimes bitter opposition to those who present the New Testament plea.

Our present fields are widely separated, and missionaries have little opportunity for fellowship with those of like precious faith.

Committee operations reach the following districts: Albury, Gilgandra, Grafton, Inverell, Delungra, Hamilton, Mayfield, Georgetown, Epping, Erskineville and adjacent areas.

£500 is required on Dec. 3—less than that will not meet the need.

We have isolated members in many country districts. Many are lost to our work by association with other bodies. We would like to encourage them to faithfulness in setting up the Lord's table on each Lord's day. Such witness would help commend Christ and his church to others.

An earnest appeal is made to all N.S.W. members to share this fellowship on Dec. 3. "I am debtor" expresses the reality of our obligation.

Send offerings to H. G. Harward, 242 Pitt-st., Sydney.

How and Why of Georgetown

P. E. Thomas, B.A.

ON Nov. 6, 1938, a group of four from the church at Hamilton went out to Georgetown to join Mr. and Mrs. Will Fraser in an attempt to materialise a dream and redeem a promise. Some time previously, perceiving an opening in this unchurched district, they had promised the Lord that if he would enable them to build a home in Georgetown they would use it in the formation of a Sunday school.

The Lord granted the home, and they moved in. Thus the matter of the Bible school had to be faced. A small group of Hamilton members decided to attack the task. It was resolved to distribute text cards with an announcement on the back and to carry out a canvass of every home in the district.

At the end of the day they had 95 names. Thus the Lord blessed the venture.

The following day the school was opened with 63 out of the 95 children in attendance. The Fraser home was a buzzing hive. As each week new scholars were added, it became apparent that something would have to be done.

There was not a hall in the district available, and our only alternative was to build. The officers of Hamilton, Mayfield and Merewether decided to go ahead with the project. The N.S.W. H.M. Committee by gifts and loans enabled land to be purchased in the main street.

Early in the morning of the selected Saturday, men gathered for the job, but early in the morning, too, the wind began to blow. That day is now written down in the history

of N.S.W. as "Gale Saturday," for a 70 mile westerly devastated the State. Whilst all over the district buildings were blown down the Lord's house went up.

The school has so grown that the building is already inadequate. Our average attendance is 120 children and 20 teachers. Our urgent need is a kindergarten hall to take care of the 60 children in that department.

Some three months ago the N.S.W. H.M. Committee undertook to subsidise the work, and Mr. L. Wylie was appointed preacher under the direction of the Hamilton board. Sunday evening services are growing in both interest and numbers and 43 have made the good confession.

Georgetown should become one of the strong churches of New South Wales.

The Hour Has Come.

B. G. Corlett, Chairman H.M. Committee.

FOR years we have been praying and looking for the time when we should have a sustained effort over a number of years in this most needy State of N.S.W., under the leader-



The Bible School at Georgetown, N.S.W.

ship of our esteemed missionary, E. C. Hinrichsen. We thank our heavenly Father for bringing him safely to us, and appreciate the fact that our brother is anxious to get to work.

Having recently visited many of the country churches one realises that the hour has come when further assistance is needed, and will be well worth while, for the Lord has many precious and rare souls who need encouragement by some special help in the way of successful soul-winning.

The hour has come when something should be done to induce the isolated brethren to set up the Lord's table in their homes, and to organise Bible schools in the home.

The hour has come when we should enter the new, developing, outer suburbs. To do this, men of venture, faith and action are needed to seize the opportunities. If we are to meet the growing need of this State we shall need new ideas, methods and institutions to train and develop the man power of the churches.

There is a growing desire in the churches for the winning of souls, and many churches are experiencing a revival of prayer.

The hour is hopeful by reason of the splendid type of men who have recently come to the State such as Bren. Youens, Saunders, Schwab, and now E. C. Hinrichsen, and A. Hinrichsen is coming shortly. All are men of evangelistic ability.

The hour has come for a time of hard work and earnest praying, for we all know the capacity of E. C. Hinrichsen for work, and that he will not spare himself, and also of his driving and leading force.

Give as unto the Lord, and lovingly; for he is worthy to receive the best offering possible.

Forward in Queensland Home Missions.

"They're Tough, Mighty Tough, in the West."

K. A. Macnaughtan, H.M. Evangelist.

SO we have been informed by various individuals whose none-too-melodious voices make one feel so cross about the wireless next door. But it's true, too—at least of that district which we, in Queensland, describe as "the West." I should know, for I am at present engaged on deputation work there.

What is more, it's the right kind of toughness. Paul said to Timothy: "Be tough; endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." And churches of Christ in the West are what they are largely because of the fine spiritual toughness—the ability to endure hardness—of those who maintain their witness, often under extremely difficult circumstances.

Take Roma, for example. It is our most western church, 318 miles from Brisbane. Preachers come and preachers go, but Roma church goes on, we believe, for ever. If there is a preacher, the brethren do their work faithfully in the church; if there is no preacher, they do their work faithfully and do a preacher's work, too. Because of their Christian toughness, the church is the strongest in the town and one of the firmest in the State.

Take Wallan Creek. Living in isolation, the Roberts families set up the Lord's table in their homes, and have for years maintained a splendid witness among the farmers living around. There have been decisions and baptisms, too. Miss Ruth Roberts rides a bicycle 14 miles to Drilham each Sunday to conduct a Sunday school on someone's side verandah.

But time—and space—would fall me to tell of the full chapel and fine Sunday school at Wombrook, and of the new chapel—not yet completed—and splendid attendances and decisions at Sixteen Mile, and of the church at Vickery Park, where the Sharp family lived in complete isolation for 18 years, and of the isolated, faithful members at Dalby and Glenmorgan, and Applethorpe and Docklo, and a host of other places.

What is true of the West is largely true of all Queensland. Enormous areas; impossible distances; isolated, faithful individuals and churches—it's a job for half-a-dozen H.M. Committees. But it bristles with opportunities—opportunities we cannot grasp without your practical support in good solid cash. Unlock the door of opportunity. Here is the key—December 3.

QUEENSLAND'S CLOSED DOORS

Opened by
Home Missions

THE KEY — DEC. 3

Our Aim £600.

Forward!

C. R. Burdeu, Conference President.

WHEN Stanley met Livingstone in Africa he asked in which direction they would proceed. Livingstone replied, "Anywhere so long as it's forward." This question might be asked of the Queensland brotherhood at the present, and the brethren would make a similar reply. Everybody is ready and waiting for the next move and that move must be forward.

At last conference it was reported that two-thirds of our churches were progressing. Efforts



C. R. Burdeu.

were then commenced to revive those churches which had not reported progress. This is proceeding with definite progress though the obstacles are many. At the present time the H.M. Committee is considering new fields, and the investigation has commenced. The committee has the confidence of the churches, and that confidence must be expressed in a practical way on Dec. 3 if the plans can be proceeded with.

Justified by Results.

P. C. D. Alcorn.

TWO years ago the Queensland H.M. Committee launched out on a vigorous and progressive evangelistic campaign. A mission tent was purchased, and a State evangelist engaged. As was expected, difficulties have been encountered, but by faith these have been overcome.

The first mission held was at Sunnybank. There were over thirty decisions, many of them young people. One of the encouraging experiences of our ministry in Queensland has been to see how these young converts have developed and progressed in the Christian life and service. One of them is now an acceptable speaking brother in the circuit churches. Never before have we worked with such a promising set of young people. Other results of the mission were: the chapel was improved at the cost of £100, and the church now contributes substantially towards the services of the evangelist. Sunnybank may become the

centre for the opening up of new causes at Rochedale and Woodridge.

The last mission was held in Moorooka, a rapidly growing suburb. Attendances were excellent, enthusiasm ran high, the number of decisions was thirty, and the thankoffering twice as much as we expected. Bro. Macnaughtan stayed with the church a few weeks after the mission to consolidate the work. We took up the work again at Moorooka last Sunday, and the gospel meeting was the finest we have yet conducted in Queensland.

The next mission in the circuit will be held in the thickly populated area around Stones Corner. Brethren, pray for this effort.

The committee has done its best for the advancement of the cause of Christ in Queensland. All the results will not be seen this side of eternity, but what we have seen justifies a worthy offering on Dec. 3.

Follow Christ.

Allen Brooke.

CHRIST was a home missionary. He came to his own people first. That they rejected him does not alter the fact of this initial ministry. Again, when the disciples sought to limit Christ, he said, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also; for therefore came I forth." And immediately he carried God's good news to every synagogue in Galilee. Further, when giving personal instructions to these disciples, Christ clearly pointed to their home city and home State as beginning places for evangelistic witness. As definitely as scripture can reveal Christ was a home missionary.

We must follow Christ. There must be real concern for the more than one million people of Queensland. The capital city, the next towns, all residents throughout the entire State need Christ. Spiritually he desires to walk our highways to satisfy that need. He waits the tramp of our feet to enter upon this larger ministry. Personal endeavors to spread his truth must be made by all willing to follow Christ.

We must follow him by offering gifts for home mission work. What is money but concentrated brain and brawn! This may be consecrated for gospel ministries. None needs to remain idle. None should come before Christ empty-handed. Let all regularly contribute something for homeland evangelism. Christ was a home missionary; follow Christ.

The Green Fields.

THE oft-repeated statement that a man can worship God in the green fields under the dome of heaven just as well as he can worship in church is no doubt profoundly true," writes "Commentator" in the "Liverpool Post." "Only let it be honestly admitted that very few of those who assert this do what it says."

I am quite convinced that only a negligible proportion of those who spend Sunday golfing, or hiking, or motoring, set out on their day's pleasure with any intention to worship God, or any desire to do so, and that they return home in the evening without having had a single thought of eternal things all day long. Some of the worship of God in church may be insincere, but the degree of insincerity is inconsiderable compared with that of those who delude themselves into thinking that a pleasant Sunday afternoon on the golf links, or in a comfortable car is an act of worship, or induces a worshipful spirit."

Working to a Plan

In South Australian Home Missions.

Our Watchword—Loyalty.

C. M. Verco, B.A., President S.A. Conference.

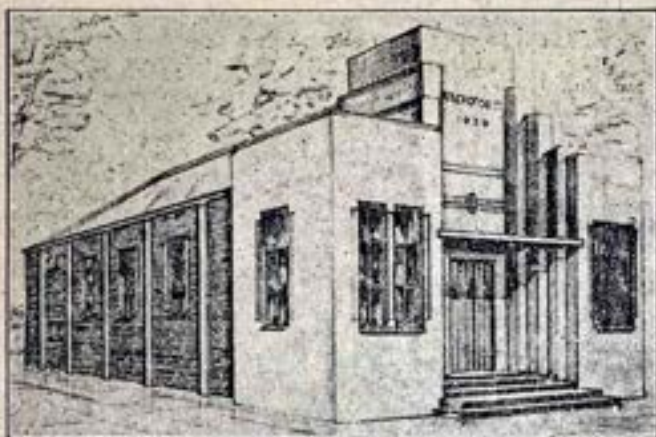
THE aims of the H.M. Committee in connection with the three-year plan should certainly be attained if all our members resolve wholeheartedly to support the committee in their objectives. Will Ewers, as organiser for the plan, has given us a good lead, and the aims set before us are high and comprehensive. May we all live up to our privileges and discharge our obligations as worthy stewards! It has already been suggested that our watchword for this year should be "Loyalty." Let us see to it that we endeavor to be more loyal to

Progress in S.A. Home Missions.

Wm. L. Ewers.

IN these days of difficulty it is heartening to hear of indications of definite progress in the work of the Lord, and some such are manifest just now in our home mission fields.

Victor Harbour.—The photo. of the proposed building reveals that the church there is bringing to fruition its long-cherished ambition of having a church home of its own. For three years now members have been praying and working to this end, and it was with much



Proposed Chapel for Victor Harbour, S.A.

the Captain of our salvation, who has set us a perfect example in steadfastness, for we are not our own, but have been bought with a price. We should therefore glorify him in our bodies and in our spirits which are his, always giving him the pre-eminence in our lives. Half-hearted support and service is not enough, he is worthy for whom we should do this. Moreover, we cannot commend, as we ought, to others the Saviour whom we profess to love and serve, unless we ourselves are really loyal to him.

There is also the need to be loyal to "the written Word" that liveth and abideth for ever; the open Bible is our great heritage; through it God speaks to us, and we should have attentive ears to listen to his voice, and a ready willingness to obey his commands. Too often to-day there is an inclination to follow the traditions and give a ready ear to the plausible doctrines of men. Let us be diligent students of the Word, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we may rightly divide the Word of truth and be ready to give an answer to every man that asks us a reason concerning the hope that is in us. Loyalty to the brotherhood, our plea and the local church is demanded of us.

FOR a long time henceforward, I am quite sure, Christian teachers and preachers will be compelled by God, and by sinister signs, to put the accent more upon life, upon a practice and behaviour in the world. . . . We shall all be made to realise that a belief which does not issue forth in deeds and in a life, is not a belief.—Watchman in the "British Weekly."

joy they recently accepted the tender recommended by the H.M. Committee, and before Easter next they hope to have their new home erected, furnished and fully paid for at a cost of under £2000.

Since the contract was signed several days ago, a number of extra gifts have been made, including a foundation-stone and a tank. We are confident that the brotherhood will make possible the completion of this wonderful venture of prayer and faith, and provide the necessary amount of about £300 or £400 to enable the building to be opened entirely free of debt. God is using B. W. Manning in a most fruitful ministry in that district.

Berri District.—I wonder if in all our Australian brotherhood we have more enthusiastic members, anxious to extend the cause, than are to be found in our Berri district churches. In the last few weeks they have ventured out in two new enterprises for the Lord, and his seal has already been placed on the work attempted.

At Moorook, an irrigation area on the Murray, about 20 miles from Berri, a Bible school and church have been organised, and a hall in an excellent location and quite suited for church purposes has been purchased. The school has grown, and five adults have already yielded to the Lord, the first-fruits of what we hope will be a great harvest in that district.

Lyrup has provided the second opportunity for extension. It is one of the oldest of the irrigation areas and is about five miles from Berri. Here a Bible school has been organised in a local hall, and is in charge of H. L. Davie, of Berri (an ex-preacher). It has grown

from 18 to 40 in a few weeks, and the end is not yet. All honor to Berri.

Port Lincoln.—It's a long jump from Berri to Pt. Lincoln, but the gospel knows no bounds. This venture is under the supervision of our Tumby Bay-Ungarra conference, and will have to be largely cared for by Tumby Bay church, 30 miles distant. Pt. Lincoln is a growing, thriving town of over 3000 population, and is the outlet for the whole West Coast peninsula.

A breaking of bread service was started several weeks ago with four local members present and has now grown to twelve or more, and is the beginning of what we confidently expect will be a flourishing cause.

Our recently appointed H.M. organiser, H. R. Taylor, is just taking up his duties and will shortly be preparing for our annual offering which is taken among our S.A. churches on the first Sunday in March; but gifts for extension work will be more than welcome just now to help meet the added expense of over £100 entailed in providing another car to take the place of the Studebaker in the Central Eyre Peninsula circuit where M. T. Lawrie is carrying on a good work.

The organiser's address is H. R. Taylor, 23 Robert-st., North Unley, S.A.

South Australian News.

Adelaide (Grote-st.).—Girls' club held their demonstration on Nov. 7 prior to going into recess. Councillor E. W. Peet was chairman, and the girls gave a very fine programme. On Nov. 12 Bro. Anderson gave stirring addresses to fair congregations. Midweek prayer meetings keep up well.

Semaphore.—Well-attended services were held on Nov. 12. Members were saddened to hear of the tragic loss Bro. and Sister Allan had sustained in the death of their brother in a motor accident. The church extends deepest sympathy. Communion service at night was impressive. Bro. Oram left on Monday for Kaniva for a short holiday.

Mile End.—Since anniversary helpful messages have been given by Bren. Manning, J. Pocock, W. Green and R. Lampshire. Attendances have been good. At night on Nov. 12 two special items were given by a male choir. The church is indebted to Bren. J. E. Shipway and D. Wakley for splendid addresses given at special meetings held each Wednesday night.

Victor Harbour.—A girl from Bible school confessed Christ on Oct. 29, Bro. Geo. McQueen preaching. Contract for new chapel building has been signed and work commenced. Reinforced foundation work is almost complete. Keen interest is being taken. Contract price was £1778, and counting all promises received to date, the church is within £250 of this. It is desired to reach the amount by the laying of the foundation stone on Dec. 28.

Strathalbyn.—At Bible school anniversary on Oct. 15 Bro. H. E. Paddock, of Stirling, was speaker. Scholars and helpers sang pleasingly, conducted by Sister S. Bartlett. On evening of Oct. 15 the birthday party was held. The children again sang well, and prizes were awarded. C. Wilson received a first prize for scripture examination in S.A. On Oct. 29 Bro. Steward's morning address and Bro. Filmer's sermon at night were enjoyed. Mr. H. R. Burgess and Miss H. M. Rogers were married at the chapel on Nov. 4, Bro. Wilson officiating. The school united with others in the town in a picnic at Victor Harbour on Nov. 11. Bro. B. Manning was speaker for Nov. 12. At night he was assisted by young men of the church. Two quartettes were rendered by Bren. Steward, Manning, Cross and Wilson.

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Opportunities in W.A.

For Home Missions.

The Challenging West.

J. Wiltshire.

EVERYWHERE the Christians who are definitely interested in evangelism recognise the challenge which difficulties offer to their faith. To expect to evangelise without difficulties would have its parallel in the aggressor who hopes to take the capital without resistance. One said, "The whole world lieth in the wicked one." Naturally, then, any attempt to save the world or any part of it is not going to be met by smiling favor.

This great western State makes at least a three-fold challenge to the Christian worker.

1. *Its vastness challenges.* Anybody with a map of Australia before him will not need emphasis on this point. Charles Hunt, the field evangelist of the eastern wheatbelt, may, if he can find time and petrol enough, extend his parish to the size of Victoria. The south-western district, rich with its timber, horticultural and agricultural possibilities, extends for hundreds of miles. Beyond Kalgoorlie S. E. M. Riches might lose himself yet drive his car for many weeks. To contemplate these distances, having in view reaching the small groups of disciples who are being scattered throughout this vast territory, would bring dismay to any but men and women strong in faith.

2. *Its need challenges.* Not a great many people in the earlier days came to West Australia to live; they came to make money quickly and then to go home east again. It is true that some changed their minds, a few of necessity, and others of choice. As a rule folk do not take the same care of a rented house as they take of their own: they plant few trees, cultivate few flowers, use no paint, allow rubbish to accumulate. It is only when the owner comes the desirable change is made. Rather late in Australian history the owners began to come to the West. The avaricious gold-hunter, the irresponsible tramp, the exploiting brewer contributed nothing to the worthy development of this great State of greater possibilities. But there were far-seeing statesmen and valiant servants of the Lord Jesus who saw here the home of future generations, and they labored with no little success, against all odds, to lay the foundations of a State which may yet be second to none in the Australian Commonwealth. Of course, we do not suggest the struggle is over nor that the leeway of virtue has been overtaken. Nowhere else have we seen the brewer so unashamed. Gambling, which is entrenched deeply throughout Australia, is all that and over the top in the West. Lord's day desecration, which had a considerable start here, has not quite but has very nearly been overtaken by the eastern States.

3. *Its future challenges.* Perhaps this is the most quickening aspect of the challenge. Perth will be a mighty city, backed by a territory of unknown possibilities—its future is assured. The present development justifies all the faith of former laborers for good. Churches of Christ in the West recognise that their sufficiency is of God. It is as he takes hold upon every member making him an evangelist in his own sphere that the work can be done. The message is the right one. It will develop the men who study to preach it and who labor to demonstrate it. As in olden times it was mighty in God for the pulling down of the strongholds of wickedness, so it is to-day.

On Nov. 5 the home mission offering was taken in the West. In preparation for this a field day was arranged, when country churches were visited by men from the city, and city churches by men from the country. This was followed by a H.M. conference, in which church members generally were invited to take part. It was not determinative in character, but was invited to make recommendations to the H.M. Committee; this conference, and the meeting which followed, indicated that the brethren in the West, led by our able and energetic organising secretary, Roy Raymond, have taken up this mighty challenge with the sense of conquest.

New Work and New Opportunities.

R. Raymond, Organiser and Secretary.

THE W.A. H.M. Committee is alert and aggressive. New work is being undertaken in both metropolitan and country districts. In November we shall open a beautiful chapel at Wembley. Hitherto no services have been conducted at Wembley by our people. It is a venture of faith. At the beginning of the new year North Fremantle will be definitely linked up with our home mission work. Bro. Ern. Schurmann will be with us to work this field in conjunction with Palmyra and Fremantle. Calls come from many country centres. We publish on this page a call from Norseman, a call similar to those coming to us from many parts. Norseman is 500 miles from Perth. Gutha and surrounding districts provide a good opportunity for home mission pioneering. Gutha is 300 miles north of Perth. Bridgetown, down south of Bunbury, is another challenging opportunity. Cowaramup is calling for help. In the eastern wheatbelt there are towns of importance that we hope to enter. In most of the places above named we have regular meetings, but no preacher located. These are only a few of the country places that call to us for assistance. Our home mission work is now costing us approximately £1500 per annum. Next year at our jubilee conference we hope to receive four new churches into the union.

Norseman Calling.

G. W. Harris.

THE month of September marked the first anniversary of the setting up of our Lord's table at Norseman. Regularly every Lord's day a faithful group of members meet together in Christian fellowship to "show forth the Lord's death" in his own appointed way. Although perhaps small in numbers, the brethren here are nevertheless strong in faith, and pray that the time is not far distant when they will have the great joy of hearing the gospel message proclaimed here at this centre. The winning of souls is the church's greatest mission—nothing is more pleasing to God or helpful to man. Truly the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few, and there are few places in our State to-day where the cause is more needed than in this centre. On every hand we have examples of Godless lives and misplaced energies—young folk drifting along, following examples of being "one of the crowd." Norseman, with its present-day rapidly

growing population of well over 4000 persons, surely presents an opportunity which must be grasped, and so it is that the members here express the conviction that the work of God as far as the church of Christ is concerned is must make an effort to expand, and so it is with faith and confidence that we look forward to the future, knowing that with God's help and guidance we cannot fail in the work that we have set ourselves to accomplish. To that we have the apostle Paul writes, the church at Corinth the apostle Paul writes, "Ye are God's fellow-laborers." That is our task—to be co-workers with him for the extension of his kingdom upon this earth. Each of us has a clear, God-given duty to do, namely, to work in co-operation with God, whilst we are dependent on him let us also not forget how he depends on us for the accomplishment of his redemptive work. To the brotherhood everywhere we ask that they will join with us in earnest prayer that in the very near future a branch of his church will be actively engaged here in the glorious work of proclaiming the gospel message.

We Know That Jesus.

TWO months ago there was a story from China repeated upon this page of a colporteur speaking in a village of Jesus and being told, "We knew him. He lived here." And he was taken to the grave of a medical missionary who had lived and died amongst those people. That man had so lived Christ amongst them that when one came speaking of Christ, he seemed to speak of the one they had known.

The essentials of that story are familiar. They have appeared often enough. They are to be found, for example, in a history which Howard Somervell relates in his "After Everest," but the story has a twist of its own that sets it apart. Dr. Somervell tells of an Indian catechist dismissed because, like so many of his people, he had too little sense of honesty about money. Some years later the missionary who had dismissed him was speaking in a village where he had not been before, and telling some of the stories of the kindness and the goodness of Jesus. "You need not trouble to go on with that story," he was told, "We know that Jesus. He lives in this village." A messenger was sent off, and the missionary presently found himself face to face with the man he had sacked for dishonesty, but who had lived in this village ever since, and in such a way that when Jesus was being talked of they thought it was he. As Dr. Somervell comments, "In spite of his loose conduct of money matters, the catechist had been living such an unselfish, godly, and devoted life in that village that he had interpreted Christ to the villagers in a very real way, and had probably done more practical good than the missionary who had sacked him."

The missionary had done right; but the villagers were right too. The Judge of them all also saw the fault in his servant, that was less a wilful fault than the result of an inherited national bias; but at the same time he saw that to the limit of his understanding he lived as Christ's. Therefore was his blessing with him. In such a story there is both warning and encouragement for us.—"The Messenger."

"Our lives have an influence, either for good or for bad, upon every one with whom we come in contact. The only way we could live without this being true would be to go off and live entirely alone. Jesus said, 'He that is not for me is against me.' Too many Christians try to sit on the fence, but we are on one side or the other. We can not serve God and the devil at the same time."

Looking to Home Missions In Tasmania.

Our Debt to Home Missions.

Polliott S. Morgan.

A PERUSAL of the 1882 volume of Stephen Cheek's monthly paper, "Truth in Love," has brought to mind again thoughts of the tremendous debt we owe to the past. What men they were who, in that day, reckoned their field of labor from Tasmania to Queensland! Home missions then had the glamor of the adventurous. The work in Tasmania, as elsewhere, owes its very existence to the work of those pioneers.

But another lesson looms large from the pages of this 57-years-old record of achievement. There was in that day a spirit of tremendous loyalty. The brethren of the churches gave time, talent and means to support the work. Without detracting in the slightest degree from the honor due to any leader, it was in no small measure the loyalty of the church as a whole that made the work of Stephen Cheek, O. A. Carr, R. C. Fairlam, G. B. Moysey, W. Moffit and the rest so effective. The brethren of that time recognised their debt to those energetic home missionaries and sought in every possible way to discharge it. The support of individuals was not always large in amount but they did what they could. The good sister whose name appears on the fly-leaf of the volume mentioned above still recalls with pleasure the honor that was hers as a girl of patching Stephen Cheek's only pair of trousers. A homely illustration? Possibly some who could do more will do less to support home missions this year.

To-day home mission activity has reached a stage where the work does not depend only on the zeal of individuals but has been organized so that the efforts of the brotherhood can be directed to the place of greatest need or opportunity. This does not mean that we have exchanged zeal for organization, for without zeal we shall do nothing with our organization. We need more than ever the zeal which is born of a sense of indebtedness. The fact of the debt we owe has not always come home to us. To the pioneers we owe more than respect for the work they did. We owe them our allegiance to that cause for which they gave so much. To the cause itself we owe more than the patronage implied in donations given out of our margins. We owe to the home mission cause, which is the cause of Christ, the sacrificial gifts that are demanded by a heart first given to him. To Christ we owe more than all. Upon us is a debt we can never repay, but we can recognise its greatness in the measure of our consecration of self and possessions to his cause on Dec. 10.

The Dynamic of Home Missions

W. S. Lowe.

HOME missionary activity lacks something of the glamor and venturesomeness associated with missionary activity in overseas lands. It calls for the deliberate consecration of money and effort to a task to which distance lends no enchantment. We must then find immediately some other point of appeal, some dynamic which will operate to open heart and pocket for the kingdom at our doors.

Tasmania's population approximates 230,000, divided religiously into at least 20 distinct groups, each claiming the Christian goal and ideals, yet with competitive interests, contra-

dictory messages, and too often, exclusive methods. Here is a vigorous challenge to our desire for unity and to the vigorous proclamation of our basic plea. In such a comparatively small community our plea is perhaps more needed than elsewhere. Is there in us any interest in the unity of God's people, any interest in a restored, united New Testament church? Here is enough reason for generous support of home missions.

The State's third largest town has no organised representation of our people. Our stewardship of the plea we hold is unfulfilled so long as this remains true. In the names of those of our historic past, whose lives were poured out in service, this home mission appeal is made. Surely there is among us this vital interest in the kingdom!

In the last census 33,000 Tasmanians refused to be classified as Christians. The pagan field is not all overseas! Here is a call to the stewards of the divine message to proclaim to the wanderers from God the offer of new life in Christ. Is there among us that "love of Christ" which "constraineth us" to be the medium of life and liberty to these thousands who know him not?

This appeal for the work of our own land is made in the name of our past, our future, our Lord and the boundless need of others to whom our message should go. Our trust in the faithful stewardship of the brotherhood enables us to await the annual offering on Dec. 10 with confidence.

Dividends from Home Missions

Geo. O. Tease.

THE subject allotted to me is not new, but its importance is sufficient warrant for its reconsideration. The idea of dividends from home missions is a vital idea and brings us to the point of results.

Just as a sowing precedes the harvest, so earnest, intelligent planning of home mission enterprises must precede the paying of home mission dividends. We are apt to look for the latter without attending to the former.

Home mission committee meetings are meant to be more than an hour or two spent discussing routine work, and none can deny the importance of that. They are times in which aggressive and progressive plans are to be made and then carried out. The Tasmanian members must raise the money to enable our Home Mission Committee to carry out their plans.

Let us in Tasmania "plan large." It is a long time since we had the thrill of a State-wide evangelistic campaign. It is a long while since a new church was established in Tasmania. Results, we said. That's just the point. Visible results! I'm a little tired of hearing a small number of confessions in missions or pastoral work excused with the complaisant remark, "The results of preaching are chiefly invisible, and we cannot always expect big results," etc., etc. We have a right to expect them, and we have got to work or even slave to get them.

Now what are we right here in Tasmania going to do about home mission enterprise? We may pray and hope and sing and wish for old causes to be strengthened and new churches founded, and it is all quite proper that we do; but we have also got to put our hands deep into our pockets and say to the Home Mission Committee, "Here is the money for the work." I'm not allowing sentiment or love of spiritual exercises to prevent me

from realising that home missions are much a matter of money as of prayer. Colleagues, Tasmanians, answer the challenge. Put up the money and say to the Home Mission Committee, "Here it is; do the job," and they will respond gladly.

Evangelism in Southern Tasmania.

Geo. O. Tease.

THE West Hobart delegation of nine to the Southern District Conference held at Tunnel Bay have returned from a time of hearty spiritual fellowship. All that we saw and heard convinced us that this fine district of Tasmania, the scene of much pioneering work in addition to that done by Stephen Cheek (esteemed Bro. Clifford, aged 90 years, is still at work), still presents a great opportunity for evangelism.

The Sunday services were splendidly attended. The morning meeting was the largest ever held at Tunnel Bay. 95 broke bread and 105 attended. Bro. Cooper (Collins-st.) gave a helpful and earnest message. At the afternoon meeting the Bible school scholars sang special items, five-minute talks were enjoyed by representatives of the churches, and Bro. Tease preached the conference sermon on "The Modern Need for the Existence of Churches of Christ." The chapel was over-crowded at night when the West Hobart delegation, assisted by Bro. Knight (Dover) conducted the service. Bro. Tease delivered a chart address on "Salvation." A young man confessed Christ and was baptised next day in the waters of beautiful Wedge Bay.

This group of churches have thoroughly impressed the plea upon their districts. At Kellieville all the children in the State school are children of members. One by one the denominations have dropped out of the district and have failed in repeated efforts to reorganise. At Tunnel Bay all homes in the district are represented in the Bible school, and have been so for 25 years. There are points of weakness in these churches, of course; nevertheless all the seven churches in this conference are concerned that no new cause has been opened for 19 years (West Hobart being the last). It has taken our people 67 years to establish two churches, going concerns in Hobart (Collins-st. and West Hobart). The conference passed a resolution that the incoming executive investigate every opportunity of opening a new cause if not in Southern Tasmania then elsewhere in the State, and report to a special conference session at a date not later than four months hence.

It is reported that at no time have we had 1000 members in Tasmania. The Jubilee History says that in 1903, after 57 years' work in Tasmania with a population then of 172,000, we had at the most only 500 members—one for every 344 of population. The shades of this are upon us still. After 73 years of existence we have less than 800 members in a population of 235,000, which is one for every 294 of population. Of course this does not represent the number of all who have been members, but that means nothing in the present consideration. The point is, after 73 years our membership numbers only one in every 294 people. Never have we had more than five preachers in the State (as at present), except when a visiting mission team was present, and then the song-leader was included in the count. Whilst our present figures per population are slightly better than in 1903, as a brotherhood we should be seriously troubled over our present position. The remedy is obvious. It is, as always, aggressive evangelism. And this is the spirit permeating the Southern District churches at present.

Here and There.

Senior Chaplain W. J. Crossman has completed a thirty days' camp at Warwick Farm, N.S.W.

Bro. E. Davis is planned to commence a special campaign with Bankstown, N.S.W., church on Nov. 20.

We learn that Bro. V. B. Morris has accepted an invitation to join Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen as singing evangelist during an extended mission campaign in New South Wales beginning in January.

On Monday Senior Chaplain A. E. Forbes, D.C.M., E.D., preacher of Brighton church, Vic., went into camp at Seymour with the 49th Battalion. This is the third consecutive camp he has had with this unit, by special request.

Bro. W. McDowell will close his labors at Owen, S.A., on Dec. 3, and Bro. McKenzie is expected to commence his ministry on Dec. 10. We understand that Bro. McDowell is open for engagement with some church requiring the services of a preacher.

A recent paragraph reported the death of Bro. Harry L. Wright, of Lake-st. church, Perth, W.A. Our brother was the nephew of Bro. Henry Wright, well known in a number of the States, who we are pleased to learn is enjoying a fair degree of good health.

The home missionary articles in this issue have been kindly collected by Bro. Wm. Gale. It is hoped that much missionary enthusiasm will be aroused in the churches during November, and that there will be a great home missionary offering in each church on December 3.

The Hinrichsen-Brooker mission at Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., continued during last week with very encouraging results. There were good attendances on the week nights, and a packed tent on Sunday night. To date there have been two decisions. Bro. Hinrichsen is giving powerful gospel addresses.

Brethren in the Melbourne metropolitan area and any visitors to the city are reminded of the college demonstration to be held at Lygon-st. chapel on Thursday, Nov. 23. Diplomas will be presented, and a good programme has been arranged. Outgoing students, with one exception, have been called to fields of service, and four States will gain new workers.

Our N.S.W. conference president (Bro. W. B. Avenell) represented churches at the meeting in the Conservatorium of Music on Nov. 6, Y.M.C.A. meeting in connection with Father-and-Son Movement on Nov. 7, and armistice commemoration at Cenotaph on Nov. 11. On Sunday last he spoke at Hurstville in the morning, and at Bankstown in the evening.

The sunshine committee of the Victorian C.E. Department, led by Miss Roberts, arranged a grocery day in connection with a rally held at Lygon-st. on Nov. 11. The cupboards of the Social Service Department were greatly replenished as a result. A splendid assortment of groceries, valued at about £10, was donated by the young people. Many homes will be made glad by these gifts. The Social Service Department thanks Endeavorers for their generous co-operation.

The Churches of Christ Almanac for 1940 is now ready, and samples have been sent to church secretaries. The sheet is a trifle smaller than usual, and it is believed that this will be appreciated. The need of spiritual bread is set forth in picture and letterpress, a helpful panel having been written by Bro. S. R. Baker. Suggested readings and hymns for 1940, annual offering dates, and a calendar showing phases of the moon, help to make the almanac useful for reference through the year. The price is 3d. per copy, 2/9 doz., posted to any address.

After many months of hard labor by voluntary workers, a new church building has been completed in Ebel-st., E. Preston, Vic. The opening meeting is to take place on Saturday evening of this week. On the following day worship meeting and Bible school will be held. Gospel meetings, it is expected, will start in a few weeks' time.

On Monday the college offering had reached £646/15/2, and shows a continued gain on the 1938 offering from the same churches. As money from duplex envelopes is included from some churches that have not yet reported the annual offering, it is not possible to give the exact gain, but it is approximately £90. Queensland stands out, having sent £113/19/8 to date, and 13 churches have yet to report. The offering last year was £52/6/6, and the previous best from the State, £99/15/9 (1928). Gympie and Brisbane churches show specially good gains. Other State totals to date are: Vic., £313/5/7; S.A., £111/16/9; N.S.W., £77/9/1; W.A., £18/2/7; Tas., £12/1/6. In some cases money sent to State committees is not yet included. The college board is very grateful for this fine advance.

At Dandenong, Vic., Bro. Howard Earle, of North Richmond, conducted a most successful Victorious Life Campaign from Oct. 22 to Nov. 6. Each service was preceded by a prayer meeting and organ recital. Attendances gradually increased until on the last two nights, in spite of inclement weather, the building was crowded. A young married couple, a young man, a young woman and two girls from the junior Bible class confessed Christ. At the great thanksgiving service on Monday night Bro. Lewis baptised five people, and Bro. Earle delivered a powerful and inspiring address on "Where Victory is Assured." Several testimonies to the value of the mission were given. Bro. M. Williams presented Bro. Earle with a set of books as a memento of happy fellowship and blessings received.

From Bro. A. B. Withers, preacher of Kaniva church, Vic., we received a short note dated Nov. 13, telling of the passing of Bro. A. R. Benn. Bro. Withers writes: "Bro. Benn passed away this afternoon. He has been ill since last January, but had shown considerable improvement until three weeks ago. Last week he became unconscious, and though at times he regained consciousness, it was but for a few minutes at a time. The funeral has been arranged for to-morrow morning." Bro. Benn was a faithful and honored preacher of the gospel, and was also an able writer. His longest term of service was with the church at Kaniva, of which he was preacher from 1907 to 1928. He was much beloved for his beautiful character. He leaves behind a fragrant memory. We hope to print a more adequate notice in an early issue.

At Sunday school anniversary concert at Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic., on Nov. 7, prizes were awarded and a good programme was presented by scholars and staff. An interesting and educational lantern lecture, "The Bible in Mongolia," was given by Mr. Holloway, representative of B. and F. Bible Society, on Nov. 8. Bro. W. W. Saunders has been appointed superintendent of Bible school. Service at Mt. Clear on Sunday morning was conducted by R.S.P. Bro. W. W. Saunders on Nov. 12 addressed church on "The Valley of Decision," and preached at night on "By Love Constrained." Opening services in Ballarat North were addressed by Bro. Lindsay Smith; morning topic, "Christ Calling"; evening, "The Way of Escape." Bro. J. A. Wilkie presided at Lord's table. 51 attended morning meeting, and 70 were present in evening. Fair attendance at Bible school,

with some new scholars. Bro. E. Gullock, who for many years has held office as deacon, celebrated his 80th birthday on Nov. 13 and was recipient of a token of esteem and appreciation from the official board.

The seventy-fourth anniversary and home-coming day was celebrated at Swanston-st., Melbourne, on Nov. 12. A large gathering of former members and friends assembled at morning service, which was broadcast. At afternoon meeting Mr. Maurice Blackburn, M.H.R., gave an address on "Freedom of Speech." Evening service was followed by special musical items by choir and friends. Lunch and tea were served to all visitors and members. Greetings were given by Dr. G. H. Oldfield and Bro. Percy Pittman, representing our mission fields abroad; also by Bro. Reg. Ennis, vice-president of World Convention; Bro. J. E. Webb, president of Victorian conference, and Bro. Russell Baker on behalf of the church at Lygon-st. The day will be long remembered for its wonderful and happy fellowship. Representatives were present of the fourth generation of some foundation members. Bro. F. A. Kemp (aged 92), whose name is on the first roll in 1865, and Bro. B. J. Kemp (aged 90) were present. Greetings were also received from Bro. Albert Ludbrook, of Norwood, S.A., and Bro. Dr. Andrew Meldrum, of Macrobs, N.S.W., former preachers with the church. Bro. A. A. Hughes at both services gave appropriate addresses.

BIRTH.

TIPPETT (nee Edna May Casson).—On Oct. 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Tippett, of 34 Retreat-rd., Hampton—a daughter (Patricia Janette).

DEATH.

BENN.—On Nov. 13, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. T. P. Kelly, Dungey-st., Kaniva, Adam Ben, dearly loved husband of Margaret, and dear father of George (Murrumbidgee), Dorrie (Mrs. T. P. Kelly, Kaniva), and Lorna. Aged 74 years. For ever with the Lord.

IN MEMORIAM.

HAINES.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Edith, and dearly loved mother of Myrtle (Mrs. Gross), Harry, and Stella (Mrs. Atkinson), who was called home Nov. 20, 1934.

We shall see her one bright morning,

Waiting on the other side;

We shall see her dear face smiling,

Not changed but glorified.

—Inserted by her loving husband, Ted, and family.

LACY.—In treasured memory of my loving husband and our dear father, Alfred T., who fell asleep in Jesus on Nov. 12, 1937, at Bendigo.

He is safe in the keeping of Jesus,

Away from all sorrow and care;

In the beautiful kingdom of heaven,

He is waiting to welcome us there.

—Inserted by his loving wife and sons.

WOODBIDGE.—In fond and cherished memory of a beloved husband and father, George Bartlett, who was called home on Nov. 19, 1938. "He, being dead, yet speaketh." —Inserted by his loving wife and family.

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News of the Churches.

QUEENSLAND.

South Brisbane Circuit.—Sunday school anniversary services at Sunnybank were the most successful for years. There was one confession recently, Bro. C. Trudgian preaching. Bro. Macnaughtan concluded his temporary ministry at Moorooka on Oct. 15. Y.P.S.C.E. at Stones Corner, under the leadership of Bro. T. Coward, is growing.

Boonah.—There has been one confession and baptism since the last report. "Harvest Fields" was the subject of a home mission address by Bro. Vanham on Nov. 5; at night he spoke on the second coming of Christ. C.E. society has sent away a box of articles to the A.I.M. in North Queensland, and 30/- in cash. Bro. Vanham is much used as speaker at C.E. rallies and Protestant Association meetings in the district.

Rosewood.—A two-weeks' mission conducted by Bro. L. Larsen has just concluded. The effort, despite Bro. Larsen's illness, was very successful, four—two young men and one young woman from the Sunday school, and another young man—made the good confession. At a well-attended meeting on Oct. 31 these four were baptised, and the State evangelist (Bro. Macnaughtan) gave an interesting address on home missions. On Nov. 3 the Children's Day service was presented by Sunday school scholars and Endeavorers.

Mackay.—During last few weeks the church has experienced some splendid times, especially during the week's mission conducted by Bro. Greenwood, of Rockhampton. Attendances were good, mainly of church members, and Bro. Greenwood's addresses were very helpful and greatly appreciated. A young man confessed Christ and was baptised on Nov. 5. The lantern slides of the life of Christ were of great assistance to the meetings. On Nov. 3 a successful social was held in the home of Bro. and Sister Snow. There has been some sickness, especially among Bible scholars, of late.

Roma.—On Oct. 29 all services were well attended. At night a young people's service was conducted by the young people of the church. Helpful addresses were given by Bro. Percy Brock and Norman Cardinal. The church was favored with a week-end visit from Bro. C. R. Burden. On Nov. 4 the men met with our brother at a tea, after which a public meeting was held to welcome Bro. Burden, and his messages at this and fellowship tea were very much enjoyed. On Nov. 5 Bro. Burden conducted all services. Morning service was broadcast, and the message on "Pressing On" was very inspiring. 60 broke bread for the day. At afternoon meeting Bro. Burden spoke to the children. Gospel service at night was very well attended, when there were 73 present, this being a record for many months. Bro. Burden spoke on "To-morrow's Birthday." A girl from the Bible school made the good confession.

Toowoomba.—During October Bro. and Sister Trezise visited many isolated members in the west. This month they go to Kingaroy for a short mission. An inner porch in church building has been dedicated to the memory of Bro. and Sister J. C. Greenwood, pioneer members; it is a gift from their family. Young people of Bible class and Endeavor society have donated palms. Toowoomba had an inspiring time for 57th anniversary. At fellowship tea and thanksgiving service there were 140 members, including some on isolated roll. Thank-offering received amounted to £116. (Bro. A. Brooke, Brisbane, gave an address on "The Church Takes Heart." There were splendid meetings on Oct. 28, Bro. Brooke preaching. On Nov. 5 State evangelist K. Macnaughtan

spoke at both services. There was one confession. Sister V. Greenwood and Bro. G. R. Gwynne have transferred to Brisbane. Bro. H. J. Parsons is ill.

Gympie.—Bible school anniversary celebrations, held on Oct. 29 to 31, were most successful. The scholars provided a delightful programme on Sunday afternoon, when kinder prizes were presented by Sister Westwood, kindergarten superintendent. The children's choral items were very fine. Miss Dorothy Judge, of Queensland F.M. Committee and Young People's Department, gave a children's address on "The Good Shepherd." At night further children's items were rendered during an inspirational gospel service. Miss Judge gave a touching gospel address based on the "Conversion of Saul." The building was packed. Miss Judge illustrated her address by the use of her film projector. On Tuesday evening prizes were distributed to older scholars and a fine concert programme was provided by the children. The young people, trained for anniversary by Bro. and Sister Westwood, gave splendid performances.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—Bro. W. J. Campbell exhorted on Oct. 29. Gospel message was presented by Bro. J. Methven, of Ipswich. Meetings on Nov. 5 were well attended. Bro. Allen Brooke gave a timely message to the church on "Pack Up Your Troubles." Bible school presented Children's Day service. At gospel service Bro. Allen Brooke delivered a stirring message on "Under New Management." Bro. V. B. Morris was soloist, and the choir rendered an anthem. Young people of the church had a happy outing to the beach at Redcliffe on Nov. 4. The church has been saddened by the sudden passing of Bro. Fulton on Oct. 27. He was received into fellowship a few weeks ago. Sympathy of the church is extended to Sister Fulton in her tragic loss. In his address to the church on morning of Nov. 12, Bro. K. Macnaughtan stressed the need for support of home missionary enterprise. In the evening, at the close of a stirring message on "Remembrance and Rededication" by Bro. Allen Brooke, one lady made the good confession. Bro. V. B. Morris sang a solo and choir rendered an anthem. Bro. Allen Brooke officiated at the marriage of Sister Miss Hilda Martin to Bro. Ern Collins on Nov. 11.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Collie-Ewington.—Bro. Theo. Bamford, of Northam, commenced a fortnight's gospel crusade on Nov. 5. At a splendid evening service Mrs. Fogarty confessed Christ. Bro. W. H. Nightingale spoke at Ewington.

Perth (Lake-st.).—On morning of Nov. 5 seven new members were welcomed into fellowship. A splendid message from Bro. J. Wiltshire was greatly enjoyed. Kensington-South Perth Sunday school anniversary was held in the afternoon. Many parents and friends gathered. Bro. J. Wiltshire gave a most interesting message. At gospel service Bro. Wiltshire's subject was "God's Evaluation of the Soul." The good confession was made by two ladies. On Monday a week of special pre-mission meetings was commenced.

Subiaco.—On H.M. field day (Oct. 22) Bro. Fieldus and Fewster spoke at morning service, and Bro. C. Hunt at night. Bible school anniversary was held on Oct. 29 and 31. Bro. Wiltshire spoke to the children in the afternoon, and Mrs. Wiltshire distributed kinders' and primary prizes. After Bro. Hurren's address at night, two scholars of the school made the confession. The school singing, under leadership of Bro. Siggers, was excellent. Attendances at all anniversary services were the best for some years past. The young people

had charge of prayer meeting on Nov. 2 preparatory to young people's day on Nov. 5. The young men took morning service, Bro. Oswin Banks giving the address. At night a young people's choir rendered special music and addresses were given by Bro. Roy Richards and Jeff Gordon. Another school scholar decided for Christ.

TASMANIA.

West Hobart.—Former girl guides arranged an enjoyable concert to aid building fund on Nov. 2. Bro. A. E. Heard, of Collins-st., exhorted the church on Nov. 5. At night Bro. Cameron preached. Some members attended Southern Tasmanian District Conference at Tunnel Bay. Sister Mrs. Ashlin is in hospital undergoing operation. A fair organised by Dorcas class was held on Nov. 11. Proceeds, £14, went towards building fund.

Hobart (Collins-st.).—On morning of Nov. 5 a young man was welcomed into the church. Bro. Bowes was speaker at both services. He exhorted on "The Church, the Body of Christ." Subject at gospel service was "Neutrality—it is Possible!" On Nov. 6 the boys' club spent an enjoyable day at Opessum Bay. Girls' club has been converted into a Good Companions' club. On morning of Nov. 12 Bro. Bowes, continuing a series on the church, spoke on "The Church a Brotherhood." At gospel service his subject was "The Wonder of God's Way with Men." A young woman made the good confession. Sister Bowden, of South Yarra, Vic., was a visitor.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—Splendid meetings were held on Nov. 5. Evening service was largely attended to hear Bro. Lowe's address on "God and the War." Bible school held a successful annual picnic at Freshwater Point on Nov. 6; about 250 were present. Bible school anniversary services were commenced on Nov. 12, when nearly 400 crowded the chapel. The scholars together with the choir members numbering nearly 140 occupied a special platform, and under conductorship of Bro. T. J. Wilmot sang splendidly. Bro. W. S. Lowe gave an illustrated talk to the children, and delivered an impressive address to the congregation. At the appeal 11 older scholars signified their intention to accept Christ. Sister Miss Akan, from Brunswick, Vic., was a visitor.

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VICTORIA.

Surrey Hills.—At close of Mr. Nankivell's gospel address on Nov. 5, a youth confessed Christ. This was the sixth decision during last few weeks. Several are Sunday school scholars.

Dandenong.—Four persons recently baptised were received into the church on Nov. 12. A young lady was baptised in the evening. Bro. Lewis' addresses were on "The Effect of an Awakened Conscience" and "Deferred Decision."

Newport.—Bro. L. Johnston has left to labor with the church at St. Kilda. On Nov. 2 a social evening was held to bid him farewell, when a presentation from the church was made. Bro. W. Quirk commenced his ministry on Nov. 5.

Ararat.—On Nov. 5 Bro. L. W. Jones exhorted and Bro. W. M. Baird preached the gospel during Bro. Fisher's absence at Preston. Bible school picnic was held on the Hopkins River on Nov. 7, a large number of parents and children attending.

Horsham.—A recent sale of work held by the sisters realised £47. An enjoyable Bible school picnic was held at Bungally on Nov. 4. On Nov. 5 Bro. F. J. Sherriff addressed church and preached at night, when a young lady who had made the confession at Haven was baptised.

Northcote East.—Services continue well attended. On afternoon of Oct. 29 a special service was conducted by Bible school. Examination prizes were presented and an inspiring message was given by Bro. R. Payne. Reports at church business meeting showed work is progressing well.

Warragul.—On afternoon of Nov. 5, interesting talks were given on the girls' fellowship by Miss Thompson, Miss Scambler, and Mrs. Brough, who journeyed from Melbourne for the occasion. It was decided that a branch of the club be formed at Warragul. Sunday school attendance is increasing.

Mildura.—At first men's fellowship tea on Oct. 29, 30 men enjoyed fellowship. 36 young people were present at C.E. meeting on Oct. 24. On Nov. 1 the Bible school tea and concert completed another year in that work. On 5th Bro. Waters exhorted church on "The House of the Potter." At night the subject was "The Unpopular Side of the Commission." One young woman confessed Christ.

Hampton.—On Nov. 12 there were good attendances. Bro. H. B. Coventry, representing C.F.A., spoke to the church. At school Dr. G. H. Oldfield gave a talk, and received £15 as the giving of teachers and scholars to Dhond Hospital for the year. At tea he and Bro. Coventry answered questions concerning India. The doctor also spoke at night, Bro. Stephenson and Coventry assisting in the service.

Stawell.—A surprise party was tendered Sister Ercil Cunningham at Bro. and Sister Thurrowgood's home on eve of her departure for Ballarat. A new member was added to Phi Beta Pi after initiation on Nov. 2. Bible school anniversary services on Nov. 5 were well attended. Bro. Pratt, from St. Arnaud, delivered inspiring addresses at all services. The singing of the children was much appreciated.

Ormond.—On Oct. 30 the ladies of the church held a concert for ladies' aid funds. This was given by the Church of Christ ladies' choir. On Nov. 5 Bro. Lang gave the church a good message on giving. This brought to a close a month of self-denial, when a special offering was received. Gospel service took the form of "favorite hymn service." The church sympathises with Miss Marg. Saxon in the loss of her mother. Bible school picnic was held at Frankston on Nov. 7.

West Preston.—Meetings continue good following the mission. On evening of Nov. 5 Bro. Abercrombie gave an appreciated address on "Talents," and three young ladies made the good confession. Bro. Wigney delivered a very helpful address on morning of Nov. 12. At

night Bro. W. Gale spoke on "Naaman," when a young lady accepted Christ. All phases of the work are in excellent condition. Bro. Wigney continues to do an amazing amount of pastoral work.

South Melbourne.—The church is settling back in the chapel after six Sundays of tent mission effort. Six were added to the church through the special effort. Bible school anniversary services began on Oct. 29. Bro. J. C. Cunningham, morning; Bro. Les. Brooker, afternoon; Bro. H. McCallum, night. Speakers on Nov. 5 were Bro. H. McCallum, Bro. W. F. Nankivell and Bro. J. C. Cunningham. Attendances were the best for some years. The scholars under laton of Bro. J. Nicholls sang splendidly.

Doncaster.—A very interesting lantern lecture was given to the young people's club by Bro. Connor on "Recent Discoveries in Ur of the Chaldees." At women's mission band final meeting of this session Mrs. Oldfield, the speaker, was recipient of a gift from the sisters. Bro. Murray and Gale at officers' meeting spoke on the work of the H.M. committee and its financial needs. Bible school picnic at Seaford on Nov. 7 was well attended. Bro. Tully spoke on morning of Nov. 12 on "The Value of Money."

Castfield (Bambra-rd.).—On "Family Day" (Oct. 29) Bro. Clipstone addressed church on "Running the Race," and at gospel service on "The Pilgrim's Guide." 162 broke bread for the day. On Oct. 26, officers entertained church members at a happy social. On Nov. 5 Bro. Clipstone gave the church a searching message, "Is the Church Losing Her Power?" The young people's fellowship held an interesting debate, "That Women have More Influence than Men." Sympathy is expressed to Bro. W. A. Brown in the sudden home-call of his father.

Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—Bro. I. Robinson gave a good address on morning of Nov. 5; subject, "Temptation." At gospel service Bro. Shepherd led singing, and Bro. Robinson gave an excellent message on "A Warning from Heaven." Mr. B. Sherry rendered a solo. Bro. L. Robinson's address at morning service on Nov. 12 was on "Who is my Neighbor?" He is giving a lesson on "Revelation" to Bible school. At gospel service his subject was "Looking for God." Sister Miss Thomas rendered a solo. Bro. W. Mildern, sen., has made a donation of four dozen hymnbooks to the church, and J.C.E. made a donation in cash.

Yarrowonga.—A kitchen tea was held in honor of Miss N. Cowper and Mr. C. Daff, who were married on Oct. 14. On Oct. 15 Bro. R. T. Morris, of Brighton, gave a vital message on "Prayer." Sister P. Daff and Bro. T. Daff helped in song of morning and evening services. Mulwala S.S. anniversary was held on Oct. 22, and a social on Tuesday following. A move to liquidate building debt has been made

and £29 was raised the first quarter. Special services were held on Oct. 22 for the "Back to Yarrowonga." Bro. K. Jones' message on "For What Purpose was I Born?" was much appreciated. The talent social on Nov. 2 realised over £30. A church paper is to be issued monthly. A woman made the good confession at close of gospel service on Nov. 5.

Parkdale.—Sisters have improved platform by providing new covering. Bro. Keith Jones and party conducted gospel service on Nov. 5 very helpfully. Geoff. Ward confessed Christ. 14 members of Bible class attended Black Rock C.E. anniversary rally on Nov. 6. S.S. picnic to the Zoo on Nov. 7 passed off successfully. Bro. Allan, Cheltenham, was speaker at worship service on Nov. 12, when Sister Miss Lily Green was welcomed back into fellowship from Upwey. Following gospel message by Bro. Cliff Taylor, Brian and Max Fielder confessed Christ. Several members are still laid aside.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On Oct. 5 the 74th anniversary was held. Many old members and visitors attended for the whole day. About 600 were provided with meals by the ladies of the church. The building was full for all meetings. The choir gave splendid assistance with several anthems. One was received in by transfer. Bro. Baker spoke at 11 a.m. on "A Parable of Discipleship." Bro. J. E. Thomas gave a fine address at 3 p.m. on "A Religion Bigger than Our Circumstances." Mrs. Colin Dabb gave a recital and Bro. A. Haskell a solo. N.C.B.C. orchestra gave several selections. Sunday school also gave appreciated items. At night service Bro. Reg. Enniss spoke on "The Attraction of the Religious Life." Mrs. C. Ferris was soloist. One man made the good confession on evening of Nov. 12.

Dunolly.—A series of addresses by Mr. Nixon has proved very interesting and helpful. The young ladies' fellowship entertained Church of England girls' club at the regular meeting. Ladies' guild has presented the church with an attractive pulpit cover. On Oct. 29 farewell messages were received from Mr. McKenzie, of Bet Bet, who is shortly to leave for South Australia. Bible school anniversary services held on Nov. 5 were very successful, attendances being 140 for the afternoon, with the evening meeting slightly less. Bro. Nixon addressed the church in the morning on "Milestones." Bro. Cole, of Maryborough, spoke to the children in the afternoon on "Clean Hearts." Singing by the school was excellent, and individual items were enjoyed. Fellowship around the tea table was enjoyed with those who came from afar and the teachers and senior scholars. Bro. Cole presided over a discussion on "Working Among Youth." The services were resumed in the evening with bright singing and items by the school, and Bro. Cole spoke to the children on "Falling and Holding," and to adults on "Decision for Christ."

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Titus 1.

Prayer Meeting Topic for November 22.
H. J. Patterson, M.A.

OF late in our churches considerably more attention has been paid to the question of appointing elders or bishops than was so formerly. In some parts a district eldership has been set up, and it is generally felt that an eldership is a necessary part of good church government. It is of New Testament origin.

Names Given.

"The same persons who in Acts 20: 17 are denominated elders are in the 28th verse of the same chapter called overseers. Paul left Titus in Crete to ordain elders in every city; but in describing their qualifications he calls them bishops or overseers. The reason is obvious. No one of these terms expresses all the attributes, properties, and accidents of the elder. Elder simply signifies an old man. An overseer is a superintendent—one who has the care and oversight of something. The word bishop is a mere Anglo-Saxon corruption of 'episkopos'; the same that is commonly and correctly rendered overseer. Hence when contemplated with reference to their age, they are called elders. But when regarded with respect to their official relation, they are called overseers or bishops because their duty is to watch over the flock" (Alexander Campbell).

Necessity for Elders.

It is quite apparent to many that on occasion we have run into the extreme of congregationalism or mobocracy. Of this Campbell wrote, "There are extremes of congregationalism and monarchical despotism. There is popery and a fierce democracy. Neither of these is the Christian institution. Mobocracy may become as tyrannical as unlimited monarchy. Both are to be eschewed for the same reasons." We therefore need an eldership for good government. There are not found wanting passages which tell of the rule of the bishop or elder (cf. 1 Thess. 5: 12, 13; 1 Tim. 3: 5; 5: 17; 1 Pet. 5: 1-3). It is considered by many today that churches would be saved a lot of trouble if we considered more earnestly this question of an eldership. Hence the idea of a district or city eldership. We have not space here to write for or against, but it would seem that elders were appointed in cities in which there were more than one meeting of Christians. Titus was instructed to appoint "elders in every city." Surely it would be a reasonable thing, where small churches or congregations were not able to secure a plurality of qualified men for such an office in the local meeting, that a district or city or company of churches should appoint such so that good government might be promoted.

Qualifications.

It is because of the qualifications that even good men sometimes will refuse office. No man ought lightly to accept such, for the duties are not easy. They are to be teachers and rulers, and if rulers then others are to obey. Such is the unhappy state of some congregations that all wish to rule and none is willing to obey. In short, elders must attend to all the spiritual interests of the congregation or congregations of which they have been made bishops or overseers. "Feed the church of God which he has purchased with his own blood" is one of the most solemn and impressive charges ever delivered to mortal man. A list of qualifications is given in the letters to Timothy and Titus. A study of these with a good commentary at hand to guide will well repay the Christian who is interested. "The husband of one wife" is not the most important of all the qualifications. The subject is urgent and worthy of our best attention.

TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER 29.—THE FIRST HOME MISSION DAY.—Acts 2: 1-14.

College Notes.

EXAMINATIONS are in progress this week, and the annual demonstration will be held in Lygon-st. on Thursday evening, Nov. 23. An interesting programme has been prepared. Addresses will be delivered by exit students, diplomas will be presented, and Mr. J. E. Webb, president of the conference, will deliver a special message to the students. Closing exercises will take place at the college on Friday morning, Nov. 24.

The annual sports day was held on Oct. 20. Mr. J. C. Cunningham won the honors as sports champion for the second time in succession. Mr. A. E. White won the tennis championship, which he had previously won in 1937. The sports banquet, at which the faculty and other friends were guests, was held on Oct. 24.

The student body has been helped by a number of visitors who have come to speak at the morning devotional service this quarter. Dr. F. W. Boreham addressed the students on Oct. 31. On the evening of the same day Mr. Victor Trotman, who for several years has honored the college by providing the final programme of the Literary Society, presented an elocutionary programme. He was assisted by Miss Flett.

Principal Scambler attended the Queensland conference in August, and addressed a number of meetings. Several churches were visited in Brisbane and in the country, Bro. Scambler going as far north as Rockhampton and west to Toowoomba. Churches in northern New South Wales were also visited. In September Bro. Scambler, accompanied by Bro. E. R. Schurmann, a senior student, visited the Adelaide conference. The Western District conference (Victoria) was visited on Sept. 13.

Bro. Randall T. Pittman, B.A., Dip. Ed., has now been instructor at the college for 25 years.

Arrangements are well in hand for the beginning of the correspondence course, particulars of which were announced in the "Australian Christian" of Oct. 25. The tutors for the first term, which will begin in March next year, will be Messrs. R. T. Pittman, T. Hagger and T. H. Scambler. Several people have already indicated their intention of taking the course. Interested people are asked to write to Bro. Scambler for further particulars.

The Principal will be glad to hear from churches which may be helped in the coming year by students of the college. A combination of circumstances has resulted in some men being without preaching appointments for two years. Students need remunerative employment when they have been some time in college. There are small churches which would be greatly blessed by the services of these student preachers. Some of our men have made great contributions to the upbuilding of churches under their care, and the churches which have engaged them contributed to their development as preachers, as well as helped them to meet the financial obligations of college life.—T.H.S.

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News of the Churches.

(Continued from page 730.)

Blackburn.—On evening of Nov. 12, a young man accepted Christ. Members enjoyed morning address of Mr. H. A. G. Clark, from Box Hill.

Northcote.—About 200 attended an enjoyable Bible school picnic at Montmorency recently. At gospel meeting on Nov. 12 a lad from Bible school confessed Christ.

Ivanhoe.—Bro. Goldsworthy, of the college, addressed morning meeting on Nov. 5. Bro. E. L. Williams spoke at night, when a lad from Bible school confessed Christ.

Footscray.—There were splendid services on Nov. 12. At night 110 were present, and after Bro. Wakefield's address a young man confessed Christ. 119 broke bread for the day.

Brim.—Bro. Edwards' addresses are much appreciated. Sunday school has commenced an efficiency and increase campaign. Ladies' guild held annual fair on Nov. 9, and approximately £23 was made.

Hartwell.—On Nov. 5 Bro. A. L. Gibson addressed the church. Bro. Webb has commenced a series of addresses on "The Origin of the Churches." At evening meeting on Nov. 12 two ladies of senior Bible class accepted Christ.

Gardenvale.—On Nov. 5 Bro. W. Andrew spoke in morning. Bro. Pigdon, of the college, at night, both addresses being appreciated. On Nov. 12 Bro. McCullough addressed both meetings helpfully. Bro. Sampson is now out of hospital and making satisfactory progress.

Reservoir.—As a result of a time and talent effort the ladies' guild handed church secretary £15/12/3 towards building fund principal. A special gospel effort for November has been planned, and Bro. Watson's subjects are stirring. Attendances at all meetings have been good.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—Bro. Randall's morning address on Nov. 12, "The Deathless Church," was most helpful. Sunday school is in healthy position. Over 90 were present, and much interest is shown by scholars. After a fine message entitled "Gospel" at a well-attended evening service two ladies gave their lives to Christ.

Swan Hill.—J.C.E. has re-commenced under leadership of Mrs. Hughes. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are living in Swan Hill again, and Mrs. Thomas is assisting at the organ. Bro. J. Hodgson has been received into fellowship from South Richmond, and is now a Sunday school teacher. Last Sunday a young man decided for Christ.

Kyneton.—Addresses recently have been appreciated from Bro. Goldsworthy and Pike of the college, and from Bro. R. Goudle. Two members from Drummond church have been received into fellowship. Bible school is conducting an increase competition in the form of a cycle race. Bro. Reed gave earnest addresses on Nov. 12.

Middle Park.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Nov. 5 and 12 with excellent attendances. Scholars sang splendidly under leadership of Bro. Stan Annear. Messages by Bro. K. Jones, Dr. Kemp, L. Snow and W. Jackel were appreciated. Midweek meetings have been resumed, and members are finding Bible study under Bro. Jackel interesting and helpful. He has been doing extensive visitation.

Boort.—On Oct. 22 Bro. R. Sandells spoke morning and evening. On Oct. 25 a social was held at Sister Lanyon's in aid of new kinder room. On Oct. 28 the Y.P.S.C.E. held a picnic at the Granites. On Oct. 29 Bro. Sandells spoke in morning. At night Bro. P. Storcks spoke, Bro. Sandells taking the service at Pyramid Hill. On Nov. 5 Bro. Sandells spoke at both services. Sister Mrs. Lacy sang a solo at night. On Nov. 12 Bro. Sandells spoke morning and evening. Sister Sandells sang a solo at night. Bro. Sandells went to Pyramid in the afternoon.

Moreland.—Bible school picnic to Wantirna on Nov. 7 was a happy occasion. Speakers at recent services have been Bro. C. H. J. Wright, W. Gale, H. G. Rasmussen and T. H. Scambler. Attendances at church and auxiliary meetings are increasing. Mrs. Bailey, from Gardiner, and Bro. Dickson were received into fellowship on Nov. 12.

Echuca.—A very enjoyable time was spent at Sunday school picnic on Nov. 7. At worship on Nov. 12 Bro. Hargreaves gave a good address on "What is a Christian?" and at night he preached on "Why Churches of Christ?" The church has invited Bro. Hargreaves for a further term of one year, and by arrangement with him will relieve the H.M. committee of any financial responsibility.

Camberwell.—After conducting a mission on behalf of Northcote church, Bro. R. L. Williams preached two challenging messages on Nov. 5. At evening meeting a young man from the K.S.P. club was baptised. On Nov. 8 Mrs. Pettigrove, on behalf of hospital visitation work, delivered an address to the mission band. Work is prospering, and happy fellowship is enjoyed. An aim for Temple Day is reduction of £200 on church building debt.

Ballarat (York-st.).—Three car-loads of men journeyed to the agricultural plot at Bangaree on Nov. 11, when, under supervision of Bro. Lowme, the first working bee was held, and one acre put under cultivation. There were excellent meetings morning and evening on Nov. 12. Bro. Ritchie preaching well. Bro. Feary exhorted most acceptably on Nov. 5. Bro. Stan. Rowell has returned from hospital much improved; Bro. W. Alexander has been seriously ill.

Frazer.—Sympathy is with and prayers are offered for many members who are sick. Meetings have maintained fair attendances. An attempt to meet the problem of low attendances in Bible school is being made by increasing efficiency of teaching, worship and visitation. At gospel service on Nov. 12 a brother gave his life in fuller obedience to Christ. On Nov. 12 a youth rally was organised for young people of church, Mr. K. A. Jones being special speaker.

Castlemaine.—As part of a plan to brighten up the house of worship, a beautiful communion table, the gift of Bro. and Sister L. E. Baker, was dedicated to the service of God on Nov. 5. The young people are purchasing new communion trays. The annual picnic was held at Malmesbury on Nov. 11. The church is uniting with other churches of the town in a special drive for scholars during a Sunday school week. The local press is opening its columns to the S.S. Council for the period.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Maylands.—Bro. and Sister H. J. Creeper were received into fellowship on Oct. 22. At monthly fellowship tea on Oct. 29, Bro. and Sister Reed were guests of honor. Bro. Reed gave an interesting talk on their Christian contacts abroad. Bro. Wakeley has given helpful messages from the Book of Acts. Bro. Ross Graham spoke on morning of Nov. 5.

Winkie.—At C.E. meeting on Nov. 2 there were 25 members present. On Nov. 5 Mr. Hinde, from Queenstown, spoke to the church on "The Encouragements of Paul." Mr. E. P. C. Hollard preached at night on Nov. 5 on "The Five Destroyers." On Nov. 6 young people met with Berri young people in K.S.P. and B.P.B. clubs. On morning of Nov. 12 Bro. Roy Morrell spoke on "Wonderful Peace."

Fallarton.—Meetings are well maintained. On Oct. 22 Bro. Lowry, from Camberwell, Vic., presided in morning. Sister Joan Nieman and Bro. Basil Meyer, Bible school scholars, were welcomed into fellowship. Oct. 29 closed with another young man making the good confession. Bro. Rankine continues to inspire the church with sound doctrine. On Oct. 27 a sale of gifts was held by the ladies' guild.

Owen.—An epidemic of measles and whooping cough has affected Sunday school and J.C.E. Endeavorers have distributed scores of bunches of flowers to the sick. After Bro. McDowell's message on Nov. 12 on "Why I Believe," a young lady took her stand for Christ.

Pt. Pirie.—Alderman J. Reid gave a lantern lecture on "A Trip Round Australia." Proceeds were for church building fund. A Y.P. fellowship social was held on Nov. 4. Members of Y.P. fellowship gave items at gospel service on Nov. 5, when Bro. Hutson's subject was "Doing the Big Thing." Three young ladies of Bible school made the good confession. Mrs. Parker, of Wardang Island, was received into fellowship by transfer. Bro. Hutson had charge of all services on Nov. 12. Miss Claire Harrison made the good confession at night.

Bordertown.—Meetings have been excellently attended. On Oct. 23 Christian Endeavorers, who had been in camp at Murray Bridge, gave an enjoyable "Echo Meeting." On Oct. 29 Bro. B. W. Manning, of Victor Harbour, exhorted church, and Dr. C. A. Verco, of Sydney, preached at night. Many Bordertown members attended the prophecy meeting addressed by Bro. B. W. Manning on Nov. 2 in Mundalla hall. Bro. Russell addressed the church on Nov. 5, and Bro. Hudd, of Adelaide, preached at gospel service. Several of our young men have gone into military camp.

Nailsworth.—At conclusion of Bro. Shipway's address on Oct. 29, a married woman came forward and was baptised with one who had previously confessed Christ. The anniversary of the church was celebrated on Nov. 5 with special meetings. Bro. Verco (conference president) being morning speaker. Bro. Shipway preached at night. At conclusion of gospel service a song service led by Bro. Mauger, was held in the school hall. The building was filled at all services. Special singing was rendered by the choir. On Nov. 8 a special tea was held. Mr. Dickson, of Methodist church, addressed the meeting. Special items were enjoyed, and many happy reminiscences were given by members. Many young men are at present in camp. Mrs. Humphries, an aged sister, was called to rest. All auxiliaries are working well.

Dulwich.—Miss Florence Cameron gave splendid messages on mission work in India to the church and J.C.E. on Oct. 29. There were excellent attendances at all Bible school anniversary services on Nov. 5. Dr. Trevor Turner addressed teachers' dedication service in morning. In afternoon the dramatised Bible story, "Jacob and Esau" was presented, the dialogue being interspersed by singing by augmented school choir. At night Bro. Collins spoke on "The King of the Trees." The Bible drama was repeated, and prizes and certificates presented at a week-night meeting. Bro. Kentish has been re-appointed superintendent of Bible school, Sister Grant secretary, and Bro. Collins, Rudd and Grover vice-superintendents. Dorcas society concluded a year of great service on Nov. 9, and presented a birthday cake to the president (Mrs. A. M. Ludbrook).

Queenstown.—The 70th anniversary services of the church were continued. At young people's evening on Oct. 30 enjoyable items were presented by all the young people's auxiliaries. Bro. Hinde gave a short address. On 31st Bro. Brooker showed pictures of the 70 years of work in Queenstown. Nov. 1 was a reunion night. Sisters and brethren from various churches gave greetings, and Bro. Ewers gave an inspiring address. On Nov. 2 Bro. Rankine and S. Mathews addressed the meeting, which took the form of fellowship and thanksgiving night, followed by a social cup of coffee. All meetings were well attended. On Nov. 5 Bro. Brooker's evening subject was "Restoration or Reformation?" All were sorry to hear of the sudden home-call of aged Bro. Hall, father of Bro. J. Hall, the S.S. superintendent. Sympathy goes to him and all the family.

Ualey.—At morning service on Nov. 5, Bro. F. Garnett exhorted church. In the evening Mr. E. H. Swan, local secretary, spoke of wonderful work of British and Foreign Bible Society, and offering was taken up for society's funds. Bro. H. R. Taylor returned from Woodside military camp and baptised a young married woman, and a youth of 16 years. Church officers were pleased with inspection of Bible school. Women's mission band conducted Endeavourers' meeting on Oct. 30; subject, "Dorcas and Her Example." Mission band at last meeting made pleasing presentation to Mrs. H. R. Taylor, as token of affectionate appreciation of her 12 years' good service as president. Prior to gospel service on Nov. 5 Endeavourers visited Myrtle Bank Soldiers' Home and conducted song service. Dr. Trevor Turner delivering helpful message. Bro. Albert E. Messent, an old and honored member, was suddenly called to higher service on Nov. 6. He had worshipped with the church on previous day. Much sympathy is extended to his sorrowing sisters and brethren. Bro. and Sister R. J. Finlayson were welcomed back to church on Nov. 12, after trip to Britain, Continent and United States.

Hindmarsh.—On Nov. 5 Bro. W. L. Ewers commenced a month of special services with a "Youth Day." His morning address was on "Building for the Future." At night a youth service was held. Bro. Edmond Batcliff led the meeting. A young people's choir led the singing, and Bro. Ewers preached a fine sermon on "A Young Man Meets Christ." A young people's measuring social held on Nov. 2 was very successful. The church was deeply grieved at the sudden home-call of Bro. Gordon Pickering, and extends heartfelt sympathy to the family and relatives. Nov. 12 was Bible school anniversary. 125 members broke bread in morning and Bro. W. L. Ewers gave a fine address on "The Bible School and Evangelism." The school helped with singing. Fellowship was enjoyed again with Mrs. Battersby, who has been in N.S.W. for some months. In the afternoon the school did well in special singing, augmented by orchestra under baton of Mr. C. Wood. Attendance was about 340. Bro. W. L. Ewers spoke to the young people on "What is that in thine hand?" The gospel service was well attended, 270 gathering together to hear the children sing and Mr. Ewers preach splendidly on "Christ Lost in the Temple."

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Georgetown.—The first year of the work closed with remarkably successful anniversary services and picnic. At the picnic over 165 scholars were present, together with over 100 parents and friends. The school entertained the old folk from the benevolent home at afternoon session on Nov. 12. A young man and a young woman offered to serve on teaching staff.

Lidcombe.—The marriage took place on Oct. 28 of Miss Daisy Bell and Aircraftman R. W. Taylor. The 56th anniversary of the church took place on Nov. 5, Bro. J. Dean being morning speaker. Bro. Crossman's subject at night was "The Voice of the Seraphim." Bro. James Fraser has left on an extended visit to New Zealand.

Marrickville.—Bro. Schwab's messages are very helpful. Attendances are well maintained, and all departments actively engaged. Miss Hurst, from Nailsworth, S.A., was received into membership. We regret to announce the home call, at the age of 26 years, of Bro. Fred Clegg, connected with Marrickville since kindergarten days.

Bexley North.—November ushered in a month of special services. On 5th, 42 broke bread for the day. Bro. Stow spoke at both services, evening topic being "The Distinctive Message of the Churches of Christ." Miss Beville, of Rockdale, and a quartette sang. A working bee has put kindergarten room in order for the thirty odd tiny tots who meet there.

Taree.—Mr. G. E. Hansford, representing Sudan United Mission, gave an interesting ad-

dress on morning of Nov. 5; also spoke to Bible school. On that day Bro. A. G. Saunders conducted gospel service at Comboyne, and was evening preacher at Taree. A successful Bible school anniversary was held on Nov. 12, singing of the children being much appreciated. Miss G. Bills conducted the choir. Prize-giving took place in the afternoon, and the visiting speaker (Mr. H. E. Evans) gave an appropriate address. At morning worship and in the evening Bro. A. G. Saunders gave splendid messages.

Chatswood.—On Oct. 29 the Sunday school held anniversary services. The enthusiasm of the afternoon and evening services was evidence of the school's growing strength. One scholar made the good confession. A series of special evening messages has been prepared for November. A unique record is claimed by the treasurer, Bro. Middleton, who recently completed his 25th year of unbroken attendance at officers' meetings.

Auburn.—The church is in a very happy condition. In all departments steady progress is being made. On Nov. 4 the church organist, Miss I. Graham, was married to Mr. E. A. Cove. At a pre-wedding tea church members fully stocked the kitchen. The choir at an informal social also presented our sister with a useful gift. To mark the occasion of the beginning of the third year of Bro. Davis' ministry with the church, a social gathering was held on Nov. 9, Bro. S. Woolley presiding. Presentations were made to Bro. and Sister Davis, and the choir sang tastefully under conductorship of Bro. R. Smith.

North Sydney.—On Nov. 4 Sister Miss Eileen Hillier was married to Mr. Brockie, Bro. Paternoster officiating. Bible school anniversary was commenced on Nov. 5. The scholars did very well. They were trained by Bro. Paternoster, superintendent, who also composed music and words of their vocal items. Afternoon session for kindergarten department was well attended and addressed by Bro. A. Surtees, who gave an illustrated talk on the ark. Gospel service was addressed by Bro. Paternoster on "A Cricket Match." Regret was expressed at the announced transfer to Klama of Bro. Roy Wasmann, who was recently received by transfer letter from Launceston.

Lane Cove.—There has been one confession and baptism since last report. Morning services are well attended, and of late larger numbers at gospel service. The theme of a special service conducted one night was "The Exaltation of Christ," and six men took part. During minister's vacation Bro. E. Caldecott, C. J. Thomson, C. C. Rush, B.A., and C. J. Morris (of City Temple) occupied the pulpit. Preacher's themes of late, "Point Me to God," "The Forgotten Person—the Holy Spirit" and "Jesus Saves." Last Saturday a working bee cleared the grounds. At annual meeting Bro. S. G. Goddard was re-elected church secretary, Bro. Withers treasurer, and Bro. Colin Saxby Bible school superintendent. The church is in splendid heart.

Mosman.—Bro. Paternoster concluded two weeks' special services on Oct. 27. On 29th Stuart Stevens exhorted on "Christian Responsibility"; at night G. E. Burns preached on "A Judge's Challenge," which he supported with his own solo. Mr. and Mrs. Houston, of Adelaide, had fellowship. A special thanksgiving service was held on 20th, following the "soul-stirring" campaign. Bro. and Sister Paternoster were presented with mementos in the form of books—his messages have been very helpful. Mr. Hudson's message for the church on Nov. 5 was "God's Best Wine"; at night the friendly societies representing four lodges attended gospel service, when G. E. Burns presented a powerful address on "The Quality of Christ's Kingdom"; he also contributed a solo.

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COMING EVENTS.

NOVEMBER 19, 22 and 26.—Ringwood Bible school anniversary. Nov. 19, 3 p.m., speaker, Mr. C. J. Robinson; 7 p.m., Mr. C. G. Taylor. Nov. 22, Wednesday, combined concert of Box Hill and Ringwood schools. Prize-giving, special singing by scholars. Nov. 26, 3 p.m., Mr. A. A. Hughes; 7 p.m., Mr. S. H. Mudge.

NOVEMBER 24.—The Ministers' Wives' Association will meet in Swanston-st. lecture hall on Friday, Nov. 24, at 2.30 p.m. A large attendance is desired.

NOVEMBER 25.—Surrey Hills Church of Christ Ladies' Guild will hold a sale of work in the school hall, The Avenue, on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 3 p.m., to be opened by Mrs. Brough. Proceeds in aid of Jubilee building fund. Admission free. Come. All welcome.

NOVEMBER 26.—Wesley Church Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, 3 p.m. Broadcast address over 3 LO by Bro. Doug. Nicholls (deacon of Northcote church) on "The Aboriginal through the Eyes of a Dark Man."

CHURCH OF CHRIST, HIGH ST., PRAHRAN. 87TH ANNIVERSARY AND HOME-COMING. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

11 a.m., Dr. W. H. Himrichsen.
3 p.m., Mr. Keith A. Jones.
7 p.m., Mr. Frank C. Hunting.

Former members and friends cordially invited to spend the day with the church. Hospitality provided. Greetings appreciated.—Geo. W. Matt, Sec., 14 Loch-ave., E. St. Kilda, 52.

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10.20 a.m., Y.W. league.
11 a.m., worship. A. L. Gibson.
5 p.m., tea in kinder room.
7 p.m., Gospel service. Cliff G. Taylor.

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CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

11 a.m., Family Service. Speaker, Mr. A. R. Main, M.A.
7 p.m., "Christian Union: How?" Mr. J. E. Webb.

Soloist, Mr. Val. Woff.

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 6.45 p.m., Fellowship Dinner.

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TOPIC.—"MERCY UPON ALL."

Monday, November 20.

THE Lord is good to all.—Psa. 145: 9.
Any doctrine which contradicts this assertion must be rejected as unscriptural and God-dishonoring, for complete impartiality characterises God's dealings with man. Therefore we who profess to follow him dare not differentiate, for God, who is good to all, offers the best to the greatest and the least.

Reading—Psalm 145.

Tuesday, November 21.

Everyone that asketh receiveth.—Matt. 7: 8.
"Everyone"! So that God's illimitable resources are available to all, and asking is the only condition. God is willing to give of his best to the worst, if they repent and turn to him for salvation.

Reading—Matthew 7: 1-12.

Wednesday, November 22.

For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off.—Acts 2: 39.

The full significance of Peter's words may not have been recognised by him until later, when it was shown to him by a vision that the promise was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews. God calls every creature of every land.

Reading—Acts 2: 37-47.

Thursday, November 23.

He is not far from each one of us.—Acts 17: 27.
The aim of Paul was to prove the foolishness and wickedness of idolatry, and to show that all nations have the opportunity to become acquainted with the true God, who is "not far from each one of us." He is here, to be found of every seeker. Being the source of all life, he is able (and willing) to give life eternal to all who call upon him.

Reading—Acts 17: 22-31.

Friday, November 24.

The same Lord is lord of all, and is rich unto all that call upon him.—Rom. 10: 12.

Both Jews and Gentiles have the same Lord, who is rich unto all, for he has an illimitable supply to meet man's every need. The only condition is that men must call upon him. Asking must precede the giving; supplication calls forth the answer; calling upon the name of the Lord ensures the coming of the Saviour.

Reading—Romans 10: 1-15.

Saturday, November 25.

All shall know me, from the least to the greatest of them.—Heb. 8: 11.

The reference is to all who accept the proffered salvation; it therefore signifies that, unlike those who were under the old covenant, who were born into it ere ever they had the power of choice, all who are of the new covenant have exercised their right of choice, and so know the Lord, from the least to the greatest of them.

Reading—Hebrews 8.

Sunday, November 26.

For God hath shut up all unto disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.—Rom. 11: 32.

Like those shut up in prison, God encloses or confines all sinners, yet gives to all the offer of liberty. God does not compel men to be thus confined; imprisonment results from their own disobedience. On the other hand men are not compelled to be liberated, yet if they call upon the name of God their fetters are snapped and they are set free.

Readings—Isaiah 59: 1-3, 16-21; Romans 11: 13-36.

New South Wales News-letter.

C. B. Nance-Kivell, B.S. Litt., B.D.

End of Bible Schools.

WE regret statements made by Mr. H. H. Mills and Mr. W. E. Simmonds, Congregational ministers, at the annual session in their Pitt-st. church, that "the Sunday school has had its day" received such publicity. Besides influencing many people who are fighting against odds to continue this work, and some scholars who are always looking for an excuse, we do not think the Sunday school will end. It should and will be carried on. These men would be more optimistic had they made contact with young people's work in U.S.A. and England.

Home Missions Chairman on Tour.

Asked to supply his impressions of our work in general after travelling 1500 miles and visiting several of the churches in this State, Bro. B. G. Corlett said: "We need a deeper passion for Christ and our particular message; a re-reading of the scriptures; a greater concern for lost souls; to experience anew the power of prayer; we must be aggressive and concentrate on new centres; not remain in the centre of the cities but go to the outskirts and start Bible schools; this way I am sure will assist the general work."

The Tragedy of the Road.

The year ended June 30 sixty-three youths and girls were killed in N.S.W. Naturally this shocking toll called for a statement from the Minister of Transport (Mr. Bruxner). "This serious wastage," he says, "is the most disturbing feature of the road accident statistics. Parents must co-operate with the Road Safety Council." For several years the writer has pleaded from platform and in the press that Christians should set a worthy example on the road.

A Conversation.

An officer of the New South Wales Temperance Alliance recently paid us a visit. He supplied the following information: For sixty years the Alliance has been working with almost every church against strong drink. They begin with children. Last year 37,000 received definite instruction. They specialise with the adolescent. More than 18,000 entered for health and temperance examinations held in co-operation with the Education Department directed by the Alliance last year. Open-air campaigns are pursued. Lunch-hour addresses to factory workers have been accomplished with outstanding success.

Books for Soldiers.

The Lord Mayor (Sir Norman Nock) has requested the public to supply literature for trainees in various camps. To date thousands of books have been sent. Now is the time for Christians to do something. Send readable and interesting religious books. A wise selection will be necessary.

Earphones in Church.

Those to whom the spoken word of the gospel has been denied because of ear affliction will be grateful to an anonymous member of the congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Wahroonga, who has installed an amplifying system of twelve sets of earphones. Picture shows instal headphones for patrons; why should our deaf brethren be denied the joy of hearing the gospel?

A Loss by Death.

We deeply regret the passing of a brother preacher, Bro. Hodgson was not well known to some of us, but reports from the field where he labored convince us that we have sustained a serious loss.

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PRAY AND PREACH THE PLEA.

Like Cushi of old (2 Sam. 18: 21), either persons or churches might be 'out-run as king's messengers, and yet the fleet-runners are to be outshone by such as Cushi, without whom the vital tidings remain untold.

To Cushi was given the definite and suggestive commission, "Go, tell what thou hast seen!" But on greater authority we are told: "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee" (Mark 5: 19). "Go and show again those things which ye do see and hear" (Matt. 11: 4). "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16: 15). "Go ye therefore and teach all nations" (Matt. 28: 19).

Have we not seen the supremacy and centrality of the divine Christ?—"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Have we not seen the answer of scripture when men ask, "What must I do to be saved?" Have we not caught a vision of the Christian unity for which Jesus prayed?—"That they all may be one: that the world may believe." Have we not seen a scriptural signpost pointing the way to Christian union? (Ephes. 4). Have we not seen in the New Testament a pattern of the church for all time?

In the presence of various and often competing pulpits to-day, let us pray that with all good courage and fidelity we shall fulfil our ministry, preaching a whole gospel—publishing the plea!

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O Christ, who didst pray that thy people might be one, even as thou and the Father art one, help us to strive for the unity of thy church. May we never be guilty of the sin of schism and separate ourselves from the bosom of thy flock. Help us, we beseech thee, to see from heresy and to teach only the truths of thy holy Word. Grant, we pray thee, that by our submitting to the one baptism we may hasten the day when all men shall know thee, and the divisions which separate us from our brethren shall be no more. By thy great love help us to exercise charity to all men, and to thee we shall ascribe the honor and the glory. Amen.—William Robinson.

Victorian Women's Conference Executive.

MEETING was held on Friday, Nov. 3; attendance, 115; Mrs. C. R. Brough, president, in the chair. Devotions were led by Mrs. A. E. Forbes. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. C. C. Dawson, Mrs. J. W. Baker, Mrs. Pettigrove after her illness, and Mr. Gale.

The resignation of Miss Arnott, superintendent of prayer committee, was received with regret; Mrs. McDowell will act as superintendent until conference.

An interesting illustrated address by Mr. Gale on "Home Missions" was much appreciated. An earnest appeal was made asking that we stress the needs of the home mission fund.

Home Mission Committee visited Box Hill,

Preston, Parkdale, Oakleigh and Hawthorn. The superintendent visited brethren and sisters at Yarravonga.

Oversea Missions.—Six boxes have been packed for India. Christmas cheer received in money, £66 (£42 from mission bands). Young people's organisations have given for orphans since conference, £84. Dhond hospital receipts, £86; Mr. Hughes is organiser. Children's Day receipts to date, £28. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pittman are home. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley are expected soon. Good meetings and interest were shown at Preston, St. Kilda, W. Preston.

Mission Band Committee visited North Essendon. In addition the committee met with four other bands. Mrs. Methven has organised a band at Dimboola.

Prayer Meeting Committee visited Williamstown and Collingwood. Real spiritual fellowship has been enjoyed. The committee deeply regret the resignation of their superintendent, Miss Arnott.

General Dorcas Committee acknowledges with thanks many parcels of useful articles sent in by interested friends. We regret to report the continued illness of Mesdames Thurgood, Knight and Bound. Goods totalling 60 articles were sent to Hospital Committee, Eye and Ear Hospital, Convalescent Home and a private case. £3 was given for oversea Christmas cheer. The gift store was opened by Mrs. C. R. Brough. Business was brief and realised the sum of £4/15/-. We thank all who made this function happy and profitable.

Hospital Visitation Committee paid 76 visits to the various institutions, and during past three months have visited 694 patients. Many have contributed comforts and cheer. Will all accept grateful thanks?

Isolated Sisters.—75 letters were written, and eight replies were received.

Social Service.—During the month 20 parcels were received at the department. 25 parcels were despatched. Garments have been provided for men in or about to enter hospitals. Parcels have been sent to the country. A family consisting of eight children have been helped with food and clothing; two of them, girls 9 and 10 years, have infantile paralysis.

At next meeting of executive on Dec. 1, at 2.30, Mrs. Geyer will lead devotions. Topic, "Young Married Women in the Church." During the afternoon gifts of cheer will be received for the hospitals.—Miss Rometch, secretary, 32 Craigmores-st., E. Malvern.

Obituary.

Mrs. E. A. Humphrys.

ON morning of Oct. 29, Sister Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Humphrys fell asleep in Jesus. Sister Humphrys had reached the age of 85 years. She was in the early days connected with the churches at Grote-st. and North Adelaide, and later at Walkerville. Much of her time was given to Dorcas work. Of late years, because of bodily affliction, it was not possible for her to attend church services. Our sister retained her mental faculties right up to the last, and it was her joy to hear of the success of the churches and to talk of the work of the early years. She died strong in the faith, and her passing removes another of the early pioneers to which the cause of the past was greatly indebted. We commend her loved ones to the comfort of Christ.—J. E. Shipway.

Many have grasped the golden prize and won the victor's wreath because loving and heroic helpers pushed a way for them through the crowd, broke up the roof, and let them down into the presence of fortune and glory.—W. L. Watkinson.

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Black Rock.—The first wedding in the chapel
took place on Sept. 30. Miss Gwen Nichols
and Mr. George Mawson were married by Mr.
A. E. Stephenson. At C.E. anniversary on
Nov. 5, several members took charge of the
meeting, a young man giving children's talk
and Bro. Schurmann the address. On the
6th a rally with visiting C.E.'s took place, and
the address was given by Mr. Pike, of C.I.M.
At annual meeting held recently all reports
were good. Auxiliaries are working well.

Maryborough.—On Oct. 29 Bro. Cole spoke in
morning on "Filled with the Spirit," and in
evening on "Life's Sunset." A solo was ren-
dered by Sister Mrs. Cole. On Nov. 5 Bro.
Cole gave a splendid address to the church on
"Consistency." In his absence at Dunolly Bro.
H. Hill gave a fine address on "A Quest of
Life." On Nov. 12 Bro. Cole spoke at both
services, subjects being "Praying Earnestly"
and "Can a Man be Saved Outside the Church?"
Bro. Nichol and Sister Mrs. Cole rendered a
duet. Several visitors were present.

Preston.—Bro. A. J. Fisher, of Ararat, was
speaker at 37th church anniversary on Nov. 5.
In the morning his subject was "Hold High
the Torch," and at a special gathering of Bible
school he gave an illustrated message on "The
Rescue of Snow White." Bro. C. J. Robinson
delivered a special appropriate gospel address
on "Landmarks." Bro. Fisher assisted in this
service. A large gathering of former members
attended throughout the day, and availed them-
selves of hospitality provided by the ladies'
social committee and young people's auxiliaries.
Bro. C. Watson, of Reservoir, addressed morn-
ing meeting on Nov. 12. At gospel service a
young lady was baptised. Bren J. Searle (Thorn-
bury) and S. L. Patching (Brunswick) have
given helpful messages at week-night prayer
services.

Drumcondra.—All auxiliaries are functioning
effectively and harmoniously. Lord's day at-
tendances show increased interest. A visit from
a party of sisters from Melbourne fostering the
girls' fellowship movement was enjoyed. A
girls' society has been formed under leadership
of Sister Ross. Bro. C. Lang's lantern lecture,
"Nature's Wonderland," was given in West
Geelong town hall. Over 300 attended, and
gross takings were approximately £16. This
brought the church anniversary to a success-
ful conclusion. Bro. C. W. Jackel is giving
helpful series on "The Bible in the Light of
Present and Future Events." Sister S. Lugg,
who has been very ill, is recovering. Miss D.
Cardwell (secretary Y.W.C.A.) gave an interest-
ing message at young people's tea on "Visits
to the World's Youth Congress." On Nov. 6
the first anniversary of the men's society took
the form of a banquet.

Hamilton.—On Nov. 3 the teachers' annual
meeting was held, a splendid year of work be-
ing reported. On Nov. 5, Bro. Withers, of
Kaniva, was the speaker for the day. His gos-
pel subject was "Seasons of Refreshing." After
evening service Bro. Withers was officially wel-
comed, the meeting ending with a social cup
of tea. On Monday, Nov. 6, Bro. Withers
commenced a Victorious Life Campaign, con-
tinuing every night during the week, the aver-
age attendance being 50. A young lady made
the good confession. Members were greatly
uplifted and helped by these addresses. On
Nov. 12 Sunday school anniversary was held.
The singing of the children, led by Bro. J.
Morrison, was greatly appreciated by big con-
gregations. Bro. Withers' address to the boys
and girls, entitled "Sticks," was listened to with
great interest. His gospel theme was "Living
unto God." Members of Horsham, Warrnam-
bool and Port Fairy churches were present. Al-
together a wonderful week of fellowship was
enjoyed.

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