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"Speaking Truth in Love."

IT is said that these familiar words of the Apostle Paul were the favorite motto of John Stuart Blackie, who used frequently to write them on the outside of envelopes in which he sent letters to his friends. Many of our readers will recall the peculiar interest of our brethren of last generation in the phrase. How many sermons on or quotations of the striking words did we hear! The little paper published by that flaming evangelist Stephen Cheek, named by him "Truth in Love," probably did much to popularise the text amongst churches of Christ. Let us hope that, while the Pauline words are not so frequently upon our lips as once they were, there is no less desire to-day to live up to the exhortation of the apostle.

It is rather strange to find that there is a little doubt as to Paul's exact meaning. Did he mean to emphasise the *speaking* of truth in love? There is no word for speaking in the original, and many think the reference is to our conduct in general rather than merely to the speaking part of it. If we could say in English "truthing it in love," we would reproduce the apostolic phrasing. The Revised Version marginal reading is "dealing truly." Alternative suggested translations are "holding the truth," "hold by the truth," "walking in truth," "cherishing truth." We mention these so that no narrow meaning be adopted too exclusively. But there is support in classical Greek for the view that the word used by Paul means to speak truth as opposed to uttering falsehood. Common version, and both the English and American revisions alike translate "speaking truth in love," and we are justified in adhering to the usual rendering.

It is an appropriate text as we consider the evangelisation of our home land, the taking to our own people the message of the Gospel of Christ.

Australia, like other countries, has many needs, but one stands out above all others. It is the need of God, of being in right relations with him, of doing his will, and so enjoying his blessing and favor. And all this is dependent on the placing of

Jesus Christ, God's Son, in his rightful place. To endeavor to make this a Christian land is our home missionary task, and a great and worthy one. Do we realise how much Australia does stand in need of the Gospel? We speak of Christian countries—there is none such. We rejoice that there are Christian people in the countries of the world, but of the great majority our Lord is either rejected or neglected. And we who are Christian profess to believe that rejection of the Son of God means ruin. Should we not have an urge to tell people the truth about life and death, sin and judgment, and the eternal destiny of men?

The love which Christ had for us constrains us to give his truth to others. In love to them we must give the word of reconciliation. Love to Christ involves absolute loyalty to his message. Love to our fellows equally demands that we pass on the unadulterated word.

The Apostle Paul pleads that we give the Christian message in a Christian spirit. Perhaps we have failed here. It can be that even the truth of God be proclaimed from a wrong motive. So Paul found at

Rome, yet even then he rejoiced that at least the gospel was being preached. But we do not wish for other than a spirit of love towards all men for whom Christ died. There is no room for self-exaltation or pride, for a combative or merely condemnatory attitude. The Lord Jesus could give the most direct warnings against sin in a loving manner. He melted into tears even as he denounced Pharisaic hypocrisy and foretold the judgment of Gehenna.

So let us preach truth in love. But let us not forget to *speak truth*. While there must not be undue severity, neither must there be any withholding of truth because influential people are unwilling to accept it. We dare not cry Peace, Peace, when there is no peace. There must not be a holding back of any part of the message of God. The Apostle Paul was glad to be able to assure the Ephesian brethren that he had not shunned to declare the whole counsel of God, and so was free from the blood of all men. We must speak God's revealed truth, impugn it whoso lists. To have accommodated the word to suit the preferences of those who were yet aliens from Christ would not be a manifestation of love. Love prompts the telling men of their danger, and of the way of escape. Can it be that we have come to hold the position that the man out of Christ is in no special danger? In days when we combine a settled conviction as to Gospel truth with a zealous evangelism the church prospers most. Christians are revived in faith and spirit when they see others turning to the Lord. It is only to be expected that obedience to the commission of the Lord Jesus should result in blessing to those who in love proclaim his word of truth.

It is ours to present a full Gospel to men, to fulfil the terms of our Master's commission, to speak the Word which won on its first presentation on Pentecost three thousand souls to obedience to Christ. It is ours also to plead with believers everywhere to be united in the Lord and with one aim strive together for the faith of the Gospel. This is our home missionary task.

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Love and Brotherhood.

THREE extracts from our recent reading seem important enough to pass on, and sufficiently clear not to stand in need of comment.

Lucian, the second century sceptic and subtle opponent of Christianity, wrote as follows of the Christians: "Their first law-giver gave them the idea that among themselves they are brethren."

"If extravagance is bad, is not apathy infinitely worse?" asks George Jackson. "In a world like ours—here, where men sit and hear each other groan, where but to think is to be full of sorrow—I had rather the wildest, maddest dream of the socialist, who is at least anxious to do something, than the easy-going indifference of the slack and well-to-do, who only desire to be let alone and to make money."

This comes from a book, "Social Principles of the Gospel": "To exclude any man from love is as culpable in God's sight as the failure to pay our debt."

Home Missions.

THE New Testament lets us know that if we love not our brother whom we have seen we shall not love God whom we have not seen. There is a special sin in ignoring those who are so close that their need must be known to us. There is no disparagement of other missionary duty in saying that we shall be specially culpable if we neglect the evangelisation of our home land.

Questions of the relative importance of our duties, and of those outgoings of expenditure which should be curtailed in view of emergency needs, are often suggested to us in these difficult days. There is one need which can never be ignored, one expenditure which cannot be denied, one debt which must be paid. The very last curtailment must be with the offerings for the work of the Lord. God's work must go on. The greatest national service which a Christian can render to his nation is to do his best to ensure the onward march of the kingdom of God. The work of the church has a continual right to our support.

To the faithfulness of Christians of a past generation we owe our present Christian standing and privileges. Let us be similarly faithful, and pass on the heritage to others.

Our College.

THIS week the closing session of the College of the Bible for 1939 will be held. A group of students, after finishing a course of study, will go out to their life's task. It is a great day for them. They go out with firm purpose and bright hopes. May their ideals never be lowered, and may their high aims be realised. Missions and the college are in the closest

possible association. One is required for the proper advancement of the other. We rejoice that there is no lack of consecrated young men and women who are willing to offer themselves to the service of God. There is abundance of room in the great harvest field for willing workers. We pray that those who go out this year to fuller service will be greatly blessed and used as they proclaim Christ's Gospel in all its winsomeness and truth.

"These Christians!"

RECENTLY we read the following story. A missionary overheard two men talking. Said one: "What do you think of this new faith? Are you going to be a Christian, too?" The answer came, "No, how could I? I have to think of myself, and these Christians—they are always thinking of others!" Surely happy is that community where Christians have such a reputation as this. Alas, the report is not a universal one, and people refrain from becoming Christians from quite other reasons than those which kept the man in the mission field from Christ. Yet "for others" might well be regarded as a Christian watchword. We are saved to serve. We are debtors. Woe is unto us if we preach not the Gospel of Christ, and manifest also in our daily contact with men the spirit of the Master who went about doing good.

Liquor and War.

COMMENTING on the agitation for wet canteens in military camps, Mr. R. Ambrose Roberts, general director and secretary of the Victorian Local Option Alliance, pertinently says: "No evidence has been presented that tragic results followed the adoption of the 'dry' camps policy during the last war. 'Wet' camp advocates are all assuming the role of the prophets. It is not temperance writers or speakers who are charging trainees with such lack of personal control that they will disgrace themselves by heavy drinking when out of camp if no liquor bars are installed therein."

The Queensland Temperance League has issued a striking leaflet entitled "Noise or Experience." It first gives an extract from the Brisbane "Courier-Mail" of October 25, in which the recent words of Mr. Hughes were quoted. Replying to a voice from the ranks enquiring "What about a wet canteen?" Mr. Hughes is reported to have answered: "Make a noise, boys; make a noise. Make as much noise as you've just been making, and you'll get a wet canteen."

What They Who Know Say.

In striking contrast are the following quotations from men of outstanding character and exceptional achievements who

know from first-hand experience the effect of the beverage use of alcohol in time of war. We have room for only some of those published by the Temperance League:

When Senator Pearce was made Minister for Defence early in the late world war, he made the following statement: "I was for many years an advocate of the 'wet' canteen, considering that if it was properly regulated it would help to prevent the men from drinking in bad company; but as a result of my experience, I have entirely changed my views. The 'wet' canteen is a danger and an evil."

David Lloyd-George, the doughty wartime Prime Minister, during the world war said: "We are fighting Germany, Austria and Drink; and as far as I can see, the greatest of these three deadly foes is Drink."

Lord Kitchener, War Minister, during the world war gave every soldier a little slip with his pay cheque, reading: "Fear God, honor the King. Abstain from liquor."

First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Jellicoe, stated that he had gone carefully into statistics and found that the shooting efficiency of the men was 30 per cent. worse after the issue of the rum ration than before it, the ration being one-eighth of a pint.

General Joffre, the great French General, said: "It is the duty of all patriots to fight alcoholism in all its forms."

Lord Roberts ("Bobs"), speaking of the historic march for the relief of Ladysmith in the Boer War, said: "The first who dropped out were not the tall men or short men, big men or little men. They were the drinkers, and they dropped out as clearly as if they had been labelled with a big letter on their backs. I would like to see every man in the army a total abstainer. Give me a teetotal army, and I will lead it anywhere. Thirteen thousand abstainers are equal to fifteen thousand non-abstainers."

General Birdwood ("Birdie"), the idol of the Anzacs, speaking to his "lads": "And lads, there is one more thing—Drink. As long as you keep from that I know you will be all right. I do implore you to remember that even if one per cent fail, the one per cent will bring discredit on Australia and New Zealand."

M. Briand, President of France, during the world war, placed on the walls of every French post office the statement: "Drink is as much your enemy as Germany. Drinkers age quickly. They fall easy victims to many infirmities and illnesses. Drink decreases our national production. It raises the cost of living, and increases poverty."

Cardinal Mercier, the "Angel of Mercy" of the world war, stated: "Alcohol kills more men than war, and kills them more dishonorably."

Why the Church?

W. S. Lowe.

IN a world wherein the Christian church has become so familiar as to be accepted as an integral part of normal life, there is a constant danger that we may forget its chief purposes or fail to value its easily obtainable privileges. Christians or non-Christians each need occasionally to ask, "Why the church?"—Christians, in order to know what is expected of them, non-Christians to know whether they can afford to continue ignoring it.

A Nursery of Faith.

The supremacy of the life Jesus lived is commonly admitted. The transcendent quality of his self-giving, his radiant unselfishness, his magnetic certainty concerning eternal things, are the envy of all. His church exists to provide a nursery for the development of that life of the spirit which is the only road to Christ-likeness. Faith in Christ brings him to us, unbought, a free gift to those who believe and trust him. The church proclaims this truth, invites disciples to enter her ranks and there gives the opportunity for learning from Christ and the entrance into fuller life with him.

The church alone is the repository of this divine faith, and it is her first duty to keep unstained that faith once for all delivered to the saints, so that her ministry may develop in young and old the faith in Christ which saves, in the widest sense of that word.

The Assembly of Saints.

Having called men into Christian fellowship, the church becomes for them the assembly of saints—those whose lives are dedicated to life in Christ. Fellowship and co-operation are part of the genius of Christianity. In no other religion is there a church in the Christian sense. Buildings, corporate worship, special ministries, yes; but no ideal of the church as a divine family, unselfish, forgiving, each serving the good of the other and the whole.

This assembly brings inspiration to its members in their service. It has learnt that worship is not an end in itself, an ecstasy to be sought for its own sake, but a means of lifting man into divine fellowship from which he returns permanently upheld and strengthened.

Again, the church is the united voice of its membership. In preaching, witness and pronouncement on the great moral and social issues the voice of one man may do some good, but how much more is its influence if he is the mouthpiece of a united group! When the day of Christian unity does dawn upon the world we shall see this truth fully illustrated, but even now, in a limited fashion, the church is the mouthpiece of God and of its membership.

The Body of Christ.

The apostle's suggestive analogy gives to the church's mission a great importance. What a human body is to the human spirit—the essential medium of its operation and influence upon human and world situations—the church is to the Christ. In this dispensation the church is the instrument of divine purpose.

Such a conception should free us of anything unworthy in our church associations. Quarrels, bitterness, bigotry, shallowness, selfishness and all the host of things that hinder the efficiency of our Christian service would surely find no place, if constantly the remembrance that we are the essential instrument of the divine purpose sanctified our lives.

Christ is the head of his church in its every aspect. Whether preaching, let us speak as the oracles of God; whether serving, let us do it as the hands of God;

whether living, let us do it as a silent witness to his indwelling.

The privilege of membership in the church of Jesus Christ is such that at every thought of it we may well say: "I thank my God upon every remembrance" that "unto me is this grace given."

When Christ Comes In.

WHEN thou turn'st away from ill,
Christ is this side of thy hill.

When thou turnest toward good,
Christ is walking in thy wood.

When the heart says, "Father, pardon,"
Then the Lord is in thy garden.

When stern Duty wakes to watch,
Then his hand is on the latch.

But when hope thy song doth rouse,
Then the Lord is in thy house.

When to love is all thy wit,
Christ doth at thy table sit.

When God's will is thy heart's pole,
Then Christ is thy very soul.

—Selected.

An Opportunity that was Lost.

Ethelbert Davis.

THEY had the right spirit, Frank and Myrtle. They had both come into the church before they had reached their teens. In the church they spent the days of their youth. In the church they had found their friends. In the church they had found each other. In that suburban church home they had been married. Four months after their marriage Frank had been transferred to an inland town, his firm making him manager there. Filled with love for the church of the New Testament, they set up in their new home the Lord's table.

Hoping to start in that town a church with no name and no creed but Christ, they made enquiries and found twenty-two men and women who had once been members of the church back in other places. These had linked up with other churches of the town, and were unwilling to break away from the associations they had formed. So husband and wife remembered their Lord alone each Lord's day.

Then, one day, Myrtle met another woman at a public social function. She had been introduced by a mutual friend. In conversation Myrtle explained to her how the two of them spent their Sundays, and invited her and her family to meet with them. The invitation was accepted. On the following Sunday the whole family came to the home. Frank conducted a Bible class, in which he was careful to explain the way of salvation. At the

close, as they sang a hymn, he wondered he said, if any of the friends would like to confess Christ. Father, mother and several of the children stood up and confessed their Lord. When the confession was made the father said, "Thank God for a people who believe in asking folk to openly confess Christ. We have been looking for years for a people that did that. I am glad that wife and I, and our children, have had an opportunity of confessing Christ to-day." Later seven of them were baptised in a creek.

That little group sought the aid of the home missionary committee, hoping to establish the church they loved. The home missionary treasury was empty, and year after year their appeal remained unanswered. Discouraged in the end, and wanting a church home for themselves and their children, they threw in their lot with one of the denominational churches, and they and their children, and their children's children, have been lost to the cause of restoration, and their witness added to sectarianism.

In that town our opportunity was lost. Maybe we shall not enter that town in half a century; perhaps never. But one wonders what might have happened, what might have been, had the brotherhood enabled the committee to help at a time when there was an open door and when opportunity was calling.

How it Strikes a Returned Missionary.

G. Percy Pittman.

ON returning to Australia after years of residence in India, there are some things which appear to me to be noteworthy, which would perhaps escape the observation of those who have lived here all along.

For one thing, everything seems so sweet and fresh and clean. In India, especially in the rural districts, all is dilapidated and dirty. The villages look like heaps of ruins, and thick dust lies like a pall on all the land. I remember Mr. Fraser Sutherland, the secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Simla, when he returned to India after a visit to Australia, saying, "In Australia everything is so sweet and clean that you feel you could drink the water that flows down the gutters." Australia is a bright and sunny land, pure and fresh, and after the filth and stench of the bazaars of India, the whole place seems like a garden-continent.

Then there is the energy of the people. There is something in the air of Australia which is buoyant and inspiring. In India the prolonged heat makes one languid and enervated. After a few years of it one doesn't try to hustle the East, and resents being hustled. The midday siesta is no luxury, but a necessity, and although the climate makes one go "early to bed and early to rise," the outcome is rarely "a man healthy, wealthy and wise." In Australia everyone appears to be in a hurry, working off surplus energy and generating more.

There is an air of prosperity everywhere. The great cities like Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne (I haven't seen the others yet) seem to have grown immensely during the past few years; beautiful buildings have sprung up, and the suburbs have spread out in all directions. Architecture is varied and attractive, furniture artistic, shops a delight to the eye, motor traffic has increased enormously, and roads are much in advance of anything in India.

The standard of living is far above that of India, where people live the simple life, perforce, and the humble villager is always only one step removed from mother-earth—eating, sitting, working, sleeping and dying on the ground. In Australia there is nothing that can be called poverty in comparison with India. There are no slums worthy of the name. Everyone appears to be comfortably situated. The war will no doubt take some of the people's savings, but many will grow rich out of the war. The latest news from India tells of the resignation of all the Congress Parliaments, the Viceroy and Governors being compelled to take over all the departments and run the country, with disloyal agitators trying to hamper them in every direction. In Australia everyone seems to be intensely loyal, with the political machinery running smoothly.

Australians are a liberal, open-handed people. Their giving is simply wonderful. Every good cause seems to find generous donors. The amount of money raised for all purposes is extraordinary, and the people appear to have learned the secret of growing rich by giving. In India the people are miserably poor, so poor that missionaries shrink from saying much about giving, and I am afraid the average Indian Christian has not yet learned to give as he should, in spite of his poverty. Australians seem to give until it hurts, and then keep on giving until the pain becomes a positive pleasure. Such liberality cannot fail to bring a great blessing.

Amusements, entertainment, sport, the open air, week-ends and holidays—all the lighter side of life seems to be much more in evidence than some years ago. I sympathise deeply with preachers, teachers and church officers. The

world has a stronger pull, it is evident, than ever before. Attendances at church and Sunday school, I am told, are falling off, and the glorious climate tempts the people out of doors. In India, similar conditions are beginning to prevail in the cities and towns, but I have had the good fortune to be located in the country, where Christians have few attractions outside the church. As to the heathen, it is no use waiting for them to come to us, so we have to go to them, and all our preaching has to be done in the open-air to small groups wherever we can find them. In Australia the Sunday evening service seems to be a greater problem than ever, and it may be necessary, I should imagine, to adopt special measures to meet the need, but no doubt the experts are busy on the question. At the same time, I have already seen enough to fill me with admiration for the average membership of the churches, with their intense loyalty to Christ and his gospel. They are true to the church and its leaders, and faithfully living the life and adorning the doctrine.

Christian union does not appear to be much nearer than in the early days. Along certain lines we on the foreign field are rather more advanced on the path of re-union than the churches here, and we realise that the scandal of disunion is a positive crime on the mission field. The Indian Christian cannot begin to understand the reason for our divisions, and on the foreign field when we refuse to receive a member of another communion we place him among the heathen. How we wish that the Christians of the homelands could come together and devise a plan for the removal of denominational walls. It has been said that if all the missionaries were removed, the native Christians would flow together like water, but in the homelands it seems as if the ordinary members of the churches lag behind the ministers in the matter of union, and the ministers are not far on the way.

Finally, I am convinced that the old phrase that there are heathen at home is absolutely true. Indeed, the expression does not go far enough. Those who have the light and shut their eyes to it are worse than the heathen. There are thousands of Australians who know no more of the Word of God than the most benighted Hindu. To whom much is given, of him shall much be expected. Then there is the fact, so often lost sight of, that each new generation born into the world is virgin soil just as much as the heathen, and we "go into all the world" just as truly when we go to these as when we go to a foreign land. Home and foreign missions are parts of one great task, the task of winning the whole wide world for Christ. In many respects the work of a preacher at home is more difficult than that of a foreign missionary. The majority of the population here are ignoring the churches and alighting the claims of Christ. The people are largely gospel-hardened, but the hammer of the Word, if rightly used, will break, the rock in pieces. When in Glasgow I was told that the motto of the municipality is, "Let Glasgow flourish through the preaching of the Word"—a motto which we might adopt as Christians for our beloved land of Australia.

Home Mission Sunday is drawing near, and I would like to express what I know is the opinion of the missionaries on all the fields with regard to the offering. We plead with the brethren everywhere to do their best to make it the greatest yet. We realise something of the difficulties of the work at home. If we were not on the foreign field we would all wish to be helping in some department of home

missions. You are facing a problem on the home fields which is quite as important and as difficult as the work abroad. A soul saved at home is just as precious in God's sight as one beyond the seas. Home missions are the foundation, the root, the source of the work in all the world. The home missionary is sacrificing just as much for the sake of the gospel as the foreign worker, though, of course, in a different way. Without the glamor and glory which still attaches in a measure to the work overseas, he toils on with little encouragement, sowing the good seed which will one day produce a rich harvest for his Lord. We urge the brethren everywhere to do their utmost to support the noble band of laborers who are doing so much to spread the gospel in our beloved land of Australia. Let the offering be worthy of the men and the cause they have so much at heart.

Our Book Table.

NURSING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE South Australian Trained Nurses' Centenary Committee has published a very fine historical volume containing a record of the devotion and faithful service to the community given by the nurses of South Australia. It contains a full and adequate account of "the first hundred years of nursing in South Australia, the establishment and growth of the city public hospitals, country hospitals, private hospitals, training schools, mental nursing, military nursing, sanatoria, nurses' associations, A.I.M. Sisters' Bush Church Aid Society, Aborigines' Friends' Association, etc. It is a book full of interest and extremely valuable as a historical record. The idea of compiling it arose when arrangements were being made for a reunion and pageant of nursing in September, 1936 (S.A. Centenary year), when it seemed a pity to neglect the valuable records which had been collected for the occasion. It has been the aim of the committee to include all branches of nursing activities. The worthy aim has been worthily carried out. The volume is profusely illustrated, and contains a great mass of interesting material. The first edition of 1200 copies was sold out in five months after publication. This second edition is being published for the purpose of helping sick nurses, as all profits above the cost of production will be placed in a fund for that purpose. Copies at 7/6 each may be obtained from the following: Miss P. H. Watts, R.B.N.A., Dequetteville-ter, Kent Town, S.A.; Miss E. Sinclair Wood, Secretary A.N.P., 67 Flinders-st., Adelaide; Miss E. M. Bottrill, 49 Exchange Buildings, Pirie-st., Adelaide.

"THE INNER LIGHT."

WE have received a copy of "The Inner Light," a slender volume by Mr. Archibald de Bardwell. It could scarcely do other than contain some good things. But it would have been well had there been less dependence on the inner light and more on the revelation of him who is the Light of the World, the living Word of God, as well as on the written word.

There are few signs in a soul's state more alarming than that of religious indifference—that is, the spirit of thinking all religions equally true, the real meaning of which is that all religions are equally false.—Robertson.

A Faithful Preacher.

A. R. BENN, who passed away on November 13, was the honored and beloved preacher of Kaniva church, Vic., for 21 years. He was 74 years of age. Born at Mortlake, Bro. Benn lived at Kewell, Horsham and Minyip before coming to Kaniva. In 1891 he was married to Margaret Inglis by W. W. Tomlinson in the old Murtoa church building, which later was moved to Horsham. Bro. Benn, formerly an An-



A. R. Benn.

glican, entered into the fellowship and afterwards the ministry of the churches of Christ, being baptized by W. D. Little.

It was on July 7, 1907, that his long ministry at Kaniva was commenced. The circuit at this time included preaching places at Sandamere, Hill's Gully, Lillimur, South Lillimur and Kaniva, with visits to Bordertown and Naracoorte in South Australia. To be present to preach Bro. Benn travelled to the place of his first appointment for the day by horse and gig on the day previous. With visiting it was necessary for him to remain overnight with members of the church and go on to others the next day. People many miles from Kaniva were called on, and the visits are gratefully remembered to this day.

A. R. Benn, though quiet, was an arresting preacher. Older people can recall his unusual subjects, suggested by the events of the moment or by something noticed or experienced in his travelling about the country. His interesting and impressive manner in conversation is also recalled. There is the feeling that there was in this man a depth of thought which, because it was better so, he kept to himself. He did not speak hastily, harshly, unnecessarily.

As a country preacher A. R. Benn was familiar to those who attended the afternoon home mission session of conference. He was familiar also to readers of "The Australian Christian," to which he contributed such articles as "A Tale of the Wimmera Pioneers." Given to writing, he contributed a Christmas article to the local paper in Kaniva for many years, even after he had left the town. His latest literary effort was the writing of the book, "All the Time of Harvest."

In 1928, leaving Kaniva, Bro. Benn went for a short time to Naracoorte to preach, and then to Melbourne, where he again entered into business, but preaching wherever the opportunity was his. Year by year the Brighton church invited Bro. Benn to give the Easter Sunday morning address. It was a happy event for Kaniva church when its former preacher for so many years came back to the town in 1938 to worship, not in the building he knew, but which was possible in great measure through his faithfulness.

Failing in health when he returned to Kaniva, Bro. Benn became seriously ill at the beginning of this year. He improved sufficiently to walk a short distance from home, but the illness returning, he did not recover. People who knew him liked to go to see him, and talk with him. He was greatly loved, and though sadly missed, is mourned only as those for whom to live is Christ and to die is gain.

It was said by one, discussing Bro. Benn some years before his death, "He was a minister, and he was a good one." What Dr. F. W. Boreham has written of his friend John Broadbanks is true of A. R. Benn: "He was above all else a good minister of Jesus Christ. For many long, long years to come his name will be cherished, like a fragrant and beautiful tradition, by those whose homes have been brightened, and whose loads have been lightened by the tenderness, the chivalry and the courage of his rich and noble ministry."—A. B. Withers.

New Zealand News-letter.

W. R. Hibbert.

A Judge Speaks Out.

IT is fashionable at present to find the cause of the world's ills in things economic, and to view crime purely as a medical question. In opening a recent session of the Supreme Court, His Honor, Mr. Justice Outler, in his address to the Grand Jury, added a corrective word. "Many people," he said, "hold the belief, judging from public utterances, that though crime is partly a medical question, it is mostly economic, and when the present economic system has been changed crime will disappear and the police can be disbanded. It is not as simple as that. No doubt a certain proportion of crime is due to mental defect. In some cases—not many—medical science is able to do something to help such to become normal citizens. The great majority appear to be of normal intelligence; many are above the normal, but the moral sense is blunted. How could a change in the economic and political system cure them? There is an element of truth in the assertion that economic hardship tends to increase crime, especially against property, yet it persists when there is no hardship. It is surely illusory to suggest that crime will disappear if the present economic system is swept away and the State becomes the sole owner of all property and sole controller of the means of production and distribution. Until human nature is changed society will always have the criminal as a social problem. He will crop up in all classes, and not come only from the children of the poor." The natural conclusion of the judge's statement is that the church as ever is a necessity, and its mission the only hope of changing human nature.

A National Event.

We would have all our friends know that New Zealand is old enough to have a centennial year (1940) and big enough to conduct a Centennial Exhibition on a national scale. The exhibition was opened on November 8 in the capital city, Wellington. Until the outbreak of war it was attracting many overseas visitors. A new broadcasting station has been created within the exhibition. The religious life is represented in a church court. Churches of Christ have a special section. A leaflet prepared by Principal A. L. Haddon on the history and plea of the Churches of Christ in New Zealand will be circulated from this centre. In future letters we will have many good things to tell you about our centennial year and enterprises.

Moving Day.

Various causes have conspired to necessitate the exchange of many of our preachers. Up-

wards of twelve churches are in the process of losing, seeking or engaging a new preacher. The preacher's reference committee is taxed beyond its ability to make adequate recommendations. During 1939 two New Zealanders left for advanced studies in America, and three Australian preachers returned to their homeland, and now Bren. A. H. Hirsch and W. G. Graham have notified their congregations that they wish to return to Australia before the end of the year. The churches concerned are amongst our most responsible congregations. If it had been within our power we would have stabilised our work in times of national instability. Replacements from abroad are expensive for congregations. Several students gratulating this year are helping in this "major crisis." Apart from this aspect, our Dominion work is in good heart.

Teachers Go to Conference.

Our Bible school teachers frequently meet in district rallies, but over the Labor Day week-end in October the Bible school committee conducted the first Dominion-wide teachers' convention in Christchurch. The Educational authorities granted the use of the teachers' training college. Convention members were billeted in church homes. The convention used the method of open conference and discussion groups in addition to inspirational sessions. R. S. Knapp was convention chairman, with the youth leader as co-partner. The occasion proved an honest piece of work and reflected credit on the teaching ministry of the churches and the "teaching conscience" of the various school staffs.

Appointment of a General Secretary.

New Zealand has appointed a New Zealander to a new and important task. There has been a tendency amongst us to look overseas when we had an important position to be filled. Recently a New Zealander has been appointed to the staff of the Bible College, and now the Executive and Home Missionary Committee has appointed L. R. Umar, preacher of the Gisborne church and graduate of our Bible College, as general secretary. Only at intervals have we had a man set apart for this work. In addition to executive responsibilities his task commits him to move amongst the churches advancing the use of the duplex envelope with a view to the elimination of annual appeals, attend district conferences and conduct missions or relieve preachers conducting missions.

The Effect of War.

My youth work keeps me moving freely amongst the churches, and I have detected a deeper need of religion and closer co-operation of congregations in the sense that individual Christians need one another. Many of our men are caught up in the war machine even though not actually enlisted. They are government servants doing war work. A few of our young men have enlisted, and several men with military experience have been called up. It would appear that our young people desire an outlet for service, and in all centres they are to be found taking courses in air precautionary measures and in first aid and Red Cross work. The church membership on the whole accepts the present situation and finds no clash of principle in participation. Where, however, it is otherwise, a tolerant spirit prevails. I am sure the churches would have me express appreciation for several guiding paragraphs by the editor of the "Australian Christian" and for the leaflet "The Church and War," prepared by the Federal Social Questions and Services Board, and circulated in the Dominion by our executive committee.

It is easy to say how we love true friends, and what we think of them, but words can never trace out all the fibres that knit us to the old.—George Eliot.

The Home Circle.

Conducted by J. C. F. Pittman.

INCENTIVE.

"SOME day," a little acorn said,
 "I'll grow into a tree
 So beautiful, that those who pass
 Will pause to stare at me.
 "I'll stretch my gallant loving arms
 To make a pleasant shade,
 Where woody folks, in sheer delight,
 May scamper unafraid.
 "I'll be a sentinel of love,
 A monarch brave and free;
 So different in leaf and fruit,
 I'll never common be.
 "A true influence I will spread
 Along life's rugged way,
 And in my boughs the fairy sprites
 Of joy will daily play.
 "Each day I'll lift my face to God,
 Each day I'll sing a song,
 Because the space of life to none
 Is ever very long."

—Alice Montgomery Barr.

FORGIVENESS.

"WHAT can Jesus Christ do for you now?"
 said an inhuman slave-master, when in
 the act of applying the lacerating whip to an
 already half-murdered slave. "Him teach me to
 forgive you, massa," was his reply.
 When Mr. Wesley was on his voyage with
 Gen. Oglethorpe to Georgia, the general threat-
 ened revenge upon an offending servant, say-
 ing, "I never forgive." "Then I hope, sir,"
 said Mr. Wesley, "you never sin." The general
 felt the force of the rebuke, and modified his
 action towards the servant.
 He that cannot forgive others breaks down
 the bridge over which he must pass himself;
 for everyone has need to be forgiven. As
 when the sea-worm makes a hole in the shell
 of the mussel, the hole is filled up with a pearl;
 so when the heart is pierced by an injury, for-
 giveness is like a pearl; healing and filling
 up the wound.

WHERE HEAVEN IS.

A MINISTER one day preached upon heaven.
 Next morning he was going to town and
 met one of his old, wealthy members. The
 brother stopped the preacher and said:
 "Pastor, you preached a good sermon on
 heaven; but you didn't tell where heaven is."
 "Ah," said the preacher, "I am glad of the
 opportunity this morning. I have just re-
 turned from the hill-top up yonder. In that
 cottage there is a member of our church. She
 is sick in bed with fever; her two little chil-
 dren are sick in the other bed, and she has
 not a bit of coal, nor a stick of wood, nor
 flour, nor meat, nor any bread. If you will go
 down and buy a pound's worth of things—nice
 provisions—and send them up to her and then
 go there and say, 'My sister, I have brought
 these provisions in the name of our Lord and
 Saviour,' then ask for a Bible and read the
 23rd Psalm, and then go down on your knees
 and pray—and if you don't see heaven before
 you get through I'll pay the bill."
 The next morning the man said:
 "Pastor, I saw heaven and spent fifteen
 minutes in heaven as certain as you are lis-
 tening."

A REAL FRIEND.

I FREELY confess to you that I would rather,
 when I am laid in the grave, someone in his
 manhood would stand over me and say: "There

lies one who was a real friend to me, and
 privately warned me of the dangers of the
 young; no one knew it, but he aided me in the
 time of need. I owe what I am to him." Or
 I would rather have some widow, with choking
 utterance, telling her children: "There is
 your friend and mine. He visited me in my
 affliction, and found you, my son, an employer;
 and you, my daughter, a happy home in a
 virtuous family." I say I would rather that
 such persons would stand at my grave than
 to have erected over it the most beautiful
 sculptured monument of Parian or Italian
 marble. The heart's broken utterance of reflec-
 tions of past kindness, and the tears of grate-
 ful memory shed upon the grave, are more
 valuable in my estimation than the most costly
 cenotaph ever reared.—Dr. Sharp.

23rd PSALM.

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not
 want."
 I shall not want Rest.
 "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures."
 I shall not want Refreshment.
 "He leadeth me beside the still waters."
 I shall not want Repentance.
 "He restoreth my soul."
 I shall not want Guidance.
 "He leadeth me in the paths of righteous-
 ness for his name's sake."
 I shall not want Compensation.
 "Yea, though I walk through the valley of
 the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
 for thou art with me."
 I shall not want Comfort.
 "Thy rod and thy staff comfort me."
 I shall not want Sustenance.
 "Thou preparest a table before me in the
 presence of mine enemies."
 I shall not want Joy.
 "Thou anointest my head with oil."
 I shall not want Anything.
 "My cup runneth over."
 I shall not want Anything in this Life.
 "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life."
 I shall not want Anything in Eternity.
 "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
 for ever."

—Mrs. J. R. Mott.

THE CATCH.

The words, "Admission Free," outside a pic-
 ture-gallery, attracted the attention of Farmer
 Grubbins. He thought he would go in.
 When he was half-way up the stairs he was
 confronted at the turnstile by an attendant.
 "I must take your umbrella," said the official,
 putting out his hand for it.
 "Oh, will you!" gasped the farmer. "Oh jolly
 well know you won't! Oh thought it must be
 a swindle, as you don't usually see sights for
 nothing in Lunnon!"
 So down the stairs he went again, with the
 umbrella grasped firmly in both hands.

"Jane," said a lady to her servant, "you have
 broken more than your wages amount to. What
 can be done to prevent this?"

"I really don't know, mum," said Jane, "un-
 less you raise my wages."

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

TOPIC.—SELF-DEDICATION.

Monday, November 27.

PRESENT yourselves unto God.—Rom. 6: 13.
 Nature cannot resist its Creator, yet man
 can and frequently does. It is within our
 power to reject God or yield ourselves to him
 and his service. The latter should be our aim
 continuously, for nothing short of full sur-
 render is adequate. God would have ourselves
 and all we possess.

Reading—Romans 6: 1-14.

Tuesday, November 28.

First they gave their own selves to the Lord,
 and to us through the will of God.—2 Cor.
 8: 5.

The Macedonian disciples first consecrated
 themselves and all that they had to the Lord.
 No wonder they gave so liberally, for when-
 ever men are entirely consecrated to God no
 difficulty is experienced in contributing to his
 cause. These disciples also gave themselves
 to those who ministered to them, to be directed
 with regard to their contributions.

Reading—2 Corinthians 8: 1-15.

Wednesday, November 29.

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is
 no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me.
 —Gal. 2: 20.

Paul writes little concerning the earthly
 ministry of Jesus. His thoughts were not so much
 of Christ as he was upon earth, as of Christ
 as he now is in heaven. He has experienced
 the great transformation, being crucified with
 his Saviour he writes confidently, "I live, yet
 not I, but Christ liveth in me."

Reading—Galatians 2: 15-21.

Thursday, November 30.

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is
 gain.—Phil. 1: 21.

Without boasting Paul alluded to his own
 experience ere giving sundry exhortations. He
 had made the great surrender which he re-
 quires of others. For Christ he lived, and for
 Christ he would die, and by dying he would
 lose nothing worth keeping, but gain every
 thing worth while.

Reading—Philippians 1: 12-29.

Friday, December 1.

If I am offered upon the sacrifice of your
 faith.—Phil. 2: 17.

The apostle so fervently desires the whole-
 hearted surrender to Christ of those to whom
 he writes that he was willing for any personal
 sacrifice which would be an incentive to them.
 He wished to be quite sure that "in the day of
 Christ" he should have reason to glory.

Reading—Philippians 2: 12-30.

Saturday, December 2.

Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice
 of praise to God continually.—Heb. 13: 15.

Praise can be said to be the only thing we
 can give to God which he does not already
 possess. All the gold of every mine; all the
 pearls of every ocean; all the wealth of every
 continent, belong to God. Yet he listens for
 our note of praise. How strange that men
 should withhold that which is the only offer-
 ing they can make!

Reading—Hebrews 13.

Sunday, December 3.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the
 mercies of God, to present your bodies a living
 sacrifice.—Rom. 12: 1.

The Jews, under the law, offered sacrifices
 of animals. Such sacrifices were not volun-
 tary, so far as the victims were concerned.
 On the contrary, we are required to sacrifice
 ourselves, presenting living, and not dead
 sacrifices, and to continuously make such an
 offering, for such alone is acceptable to God,
 and a reasonable service for man to render.

Readings—Proverbs 25: 11-22; Romans 12.

The First Home Mission Day.

Acts 2: 1-14.

Prayer Meeting Topic for November 29.

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

WE Christians look to Pentecost as the day of outpouring of God's Spirit and the commencement of the preaching of the gospel of the risen Lord. To the Jews Pentecost was associated with the passover in that it was celebrated fifty days after the offering of the wave-sheaf on the second day of the passover. It was a festival of thanksgiving for the harvest, and among the sacrifices appointed for it were some of the first-fruits of the harvest—loaves made of the new meal and grain. The later Jews associated this feast with the giving of the law on Sinai on the fiftieth day of the departure from Egypt. There is a symbolism in all this which finds its fulfilment in the Christian experience of Pentecost. We may really regard it as the first home mission day.

Harvesters.

Jesus had once said to the disciples, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest. . . . I sent you to reap that whereon ye have not labored; others have labored, and ye are entered into their labor" (John 4: 35-37). They were harvesters of souls. On another occasion Jesus using another metaphor had said to Peter, "Thou shalt catch men." The great commission given but ten days or so before Pentecost had clearly indicated that they were to be preachers of the gospel and were to gather men into the kingdom. "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved."

The harvesters were men who in individual experience at times had failed. They were human but they had also experienced the forgiveness of God and knew Christ lived. God calls very ordinary men to the task.

Harvesters at Work.

The Jews offered the first-fruits of harvest to God. The day of Pentecost saw not the end but the beginning of a great ingathering. Pentecost feast was for one day. The Christian Pentecost is a great day lasting until now, and the offering of the gathered souls is continuous. Peter, the preacher, put in the sickle of truth and the grain fell before it. What an ingathering! And these became bread. In remarkable fashion the grain was ground and bruised and became bread for the souls of many others. Ignatius said, "I am the wheat of God, and by the teeth of beasts I shall be ground, that I may be found the pure bread of God." The work was just home missionary in that it was at Jerusalem where they had been commanded first to preach. And as it spread abroad so it is with all the work of home missions.

Harvesting To-day.

Some folk seem to think there can never be a repetition of such an ingathering as that on the day of Pentecost. Why not? We have the same sickle of truth—the same gospel—and we have many more workers. We acknowledge that the work is difficult—all harvesting work is—but nothing is beyond the power of the Spirit of God. Are you a harvester for God or a mere critic? In the early church this harvesting work was the main consideration, and if there were no harvesting, the church had no right to an existence. "Go ye" was imperative to them, and it should be to us. If the word of the Lord go not forth from Jerusalem, it is not likely to reach the uttermost parts of the earth. Be a gatherer of souls to present to God.

TOPIC FOR DECEMBER 6.—MAKING THE GOSPEL BEAUTIFUL.—Titus 2.

Our Young People.

Conducted by Keith A. Jones.

Tennis Fellowship.

SINCE April a large group of young people associated with our Melbourne churches have greatly enjoyed sports activities and fellowship afforded by tennis associations. So far the sport has been confined to the northern and south suburban groups, but it is hoped that at an early date we will have associations in the east and west. Steps are being taken to organise these areas.

Northern Group.

Excellent progress has been made here in the last two years, and the ties of Christian brotherhood have been greatly strengthened. Scores of young people in the churches, unknown to each other two years ago, are now warm friends and co-operate in the progressive work of the church in this area. Thirteen teams have been affiliated this year, and these have divided into an A and B grade. The officers of the association have been: President, Dr. E. R. Killmier; vice-presidents, Messrs. Roy Anderson and W. McLauchlan; secretary and treasurer, Trevor Howe; assistant secretary, Roy L. Green. In the finals of the B grade, Thornbury defeated Reservoir in an evenly contested struggle, with only one game in hand. Thornbury were also victors in the A grade, the members of the winning team being Miss Gladys Harvey, Mrs. E. R. Killmier, Mrs. M. Shaw, and Dr. Killmier, George Argo and Jack Freeman. The annual banquet was held at Thornbury on Nov. 13 and Mr. Keith Jones presented trophies to the successful contestants.

South Suburbs.

This was our first year, but we are glad to report a very happy and successful one. The play has been of good standard, and all have appreciated the splendid fraternal spirit existing among all players in the association. The office-bearers have given efficient leadership. These are president (acting), A. W. C. Candy (since C. P. Hughes left for Swan Hill); vice-presidents, A. W. C. Candy and A. Houghton; secretary and treasurer, Miss Jessie Ward; co-secretaries, social committee, Mrs. Fler and Miss Adams. The finals were fought out between Prahran A and Gardiner teams, with the former as victors. Prahran A players were Mesdames Fler, Harvey, Miss J. Ward and Messrs. Fler, Geyer and Peach.

The banquet is to be held on Saturday, November 25, at Prahran, when Mr. F. N. Lee will present the trophies.

Members of the tennis association are joining a cricket team which will be visiting Adelaide during Christmas holidays. Members of the cricket and tennis teams are keenly ant-

icipating fellowship with brethren of Adelaide churches. Mr. W. A. Fordham will be manager for the trip.

Have You Chosen Your Summer Camp?

CHRISTMAS time is camp time. Thousands of young people will be making their way to beaches, the hills and country districts. Church camps are being arranged and some young people are attending Christian conventions.

The eyes of many young folk are turned toward Kyneton, where the Young People's Department is conducting its leadership camp. This splendid district is most inviting for a camp, as there are many places of interest to visit and numerous sporting facilities. Better even than the location will be the joyous fellowship of those who attend. It must be shared to be fully appreciated.

We warmly and confidently commend the camp to all our Victorian young people. We want you to come, and we assure you of the happiest welcome and the best of good times. Camp opens on Dec. 26 and closes on Jan. 1. Intending campers are asked to register as soon as possible with the Young People's Department.

A Remarkable Bible School.

OUR picture tells a story of answered prayer, dauntless faith and splendid achievement. Georgetown, N.S.W., has held the interest and admiration of all lovers of Bible school work. It is just one year since this school in the Newcastle district was opened in the home of Bro. and Sister Will Fraser. These good folk had prayed for an opportunity to open the work in this growing district.

Their home was used for the school for some months, as there was no hall or public building available. On the opening day their home was besieged by 63 children, and each week the numbers grew until the 100 mark was passed.

Eventually a building was erected, but already it is proving to be inadequate for the pressing needs of the area. The average attendance is 140 scholars and teachers, and new members are being added. Quite a large number of the young people are attending church services which have been commenced in the building, and some have been won for Christ. This is one of the most romantic pieces of Bible school work achieved among us for years. Could not such enterprise be shown in other areas?



Senior Department, Georgetown Sunday School, N.S.W., on First Anniversary, November 6.

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W.M.F.

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P. E. Howe

Here and There.

WE learn that Bro. A. G. E. Smith, after preaching for five years for the church, has resigned his work at Fairfield, Vic., the resignation to take effect in March next.

Some Directories of Churches of Christ in Australasia are still available and may be had for 1/1 posted from F. T. Saunders, 99 Queen-st., Melbourne, or from the Austral Co.

We learn that Bro. I. J. Chivell, preacher of Albury church, has acceded to the request of the church at Gilgandra, N.S.W., to return to labor in that field. The death of Bro. Hodgson, preacher of Gilgandra church, was recently reported.

In our Chatswood (N.S.W.) report last week it was stated that Bro. Y. M. Middleton, the treasurer, had completed 25 years of unbroken attendance at officers' meetings. Bro. Middleton writes to say the period should have been given as 21 years. Even so, it is a great and worthy record.

The cost of removal expenses of preachers from one State to another has long been a serious problem amongst our churches, and is accentuated during wartime. We regret to learn that, owing to this difficulty, Bro. G. M. Mathieson and the church at Subiaco, W.A., have reluctantly agreed to cancel their engagement. We understand that Bro. Mathieson is now open to consider a call.

The Hinrichsen-Brooker mission at Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., continued during last week with very encouraging results. There had been 16 decisions to Sunday night. Week-night meetings have all been good, whilst the marquee was absolutely packed on Sunday evening. Bro. Hinrichsen continues to give inspiring messages which are not only drawing strangers but creating a spirit of revival amongst the members of the church.

Our Victorian Social Service Committee announces as follows: "The Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, will celebrate its first anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 9, and Lady Gullett has consented to open the garden fete. A final united meeting of the women's auxiliary and the groups of women from the various suburbs is convened for Monday, Nov. 27, at 2.30 p.m., in the board room, Bible House, 241 Flinders-lane. Plans are in hand for an attendance of over 1000 at the fete."

A spiritual mission was held at Oakleigh, Vic., from Nov. 5 to 12. Helpful messages were given by Bro. Allan (Cbeitenham), Clipstone (Bambrard.), Langdon (Oakleigh Methodist) and Lewis (Dandenong). Bro. F. Russell was song-leader. On Nov. 12 Bro. Mudge was speaker at morning service. Young people's quarterly tea was held, at which Bro. Snow gave an interesting talk. Bro. Collyer was speaker at evening service, which was the concluding meeting of the mission. On Nov. 19 Bro. Mudge addressed both meetings.

At Gympie, Qld., 53rd church anniversary celebrations on Nov. 5 were inspiring. 112 were present at Lord's table in the morning, when the roll was called. 131 broke bread for the day. Greetings were received from members unable to be present, including one from a brother on active service at Singapore. Bro. van Eerde, of Maryborough, spoke helpfully on "Strengthening the Walls of the Soul." Bro. Westwood gave the Bible school a special talk in the afternoon. At evening gospel service three young people were baptised, and Bro. van Eerde preached on "The Influence of Christ on the British Nation." At annual church business meeting on Nov. 8, encouraging reports were received from all departments, and Bro. Westwood's term of engagement was extended for a further two years.

Our N.S. Wales Y.P. Department is holding its next tea-table conference on Thursday, Dec. 7, at City Temple, Sydney, commencing at 6 p.m. and terminating at 7.45. The subject is "Teaching Training." Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., is to present an outline, and general discussion is to follow. The annual sports day for Churches of Christ Christian fraternal orders in N.S. Wales is to take place on Anniversary Day (Jan. 29) at Parramatta. Provision is made for C.E. and other young people to participate.

F. T. Saunders reports having received the following anonymous letter: "I am enclosing £50 for the college. Sincerely hope that this year's offering will be above your expectation. The brotherhood has every reason to be proud of the men who are preaching the Word so acceptably, as a result of the faithful teaching and training received at Glen Iris. May the college faculty and students continue to receive God's richest blessing is my prayer." The kindly words and gracious gift of this brother are much appreciated by the college board.

At Geelong, Vic., on morning of Nov. 12 two young lads were received into membership. Bro. D. Stewart addressed both meetings. "The Parables" have proved very helpful discussions at midweek prayer for past few weeks. Latrobe-ter. and Drumcondra mission bands held a united meeting at Drumcondra chapel on Nov. 14. Speakers from Melbourne gave interesting messages. Bro. C. Jackel spoke helpfully on morning of Nov. 19. At night Bro. D. Stewart spoke on "No Distinction." Ladies' choir assisted. Miss Green Gay gave a splendid message in song. Sympathy is with Bro. D. McGregor and family in the loss of loved ones recently.

The three weeks' mission conducted at Granville, N.S.W., by Bro. F. E. Alcorn, of Hurstville, closed with a thanksgiving service on Nov. 13. Splendid interest was maintained, and Bro. Alcorn's messages were very much appreciated. Nine persons decided for Christ, all being received into fellowship of church. Thankoffering more than covered expenses. At Monday night's meeting over a social cup of tea opportunity was taken to thank Bro. and Sister Alcorn for their services, and small tokens of esteem were presented. Bro. Acland is in camp at Liverpool as chaplain to 17th Batt. He spoke at gospel service at Granville on Nov. 19. Bro. Boswell, of Seven Hills, addressed church in the morning. Mrs. Leask, of Greystanes, is ill.

Bro. Ira A. Paternoster writes as follows:—"A very happy function was held at Sydney Y.M.C.A. on Monday to extend a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Dudley. In the absence of the chairman of the F.M. Board (Bro. Adams) through illness, Bro. Ira A. Paternoster presided, and short greetings were given by Mr. Avenell (conference president), who spoke on behalf of the churches; Mrs. Evan Lewis (president of sisters' conference) for the sisters; and Mr. Roy Arnold and Mrs. P. D. McCallum for preachers and preachers' wives respectively. Representatives of all committees were present, and were delighted to hear Bro. and Sister Dudley, who spoke of their joy at once more being home. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley left on Monday night for Shepparton, and expect to reach Melbourne about the end of the week, proceeding later to Adelaide and Western Australia."

At Prahran, Vic., 87th anniversary and homecoming day was celebrated on Nov. 19. Happy and profitable services were appreciated by the large number of brethren at each meeting. Morning meeting was one of the best attended in recent years. The message of Dr. W. H. Hinrichsen, "The Spirit of Progress," was an

inspiration. At afternoon meeting reminiscences and anecdotes were given by several older past members. Some sisters revealed that they had had associations with the church for nearly 70 years. The message of Bro. Keith Jones was very helpful. Evening meeting was largest in attendance. One of the features of the day was the fellowship of past members with present around the dinner table. Over 160 received hospitality at evening meal. Solos of Mr. Val. Wolf, and duets of Mr. Wolf and his son Mac, contributed to the inspiration of the meetings. A day of very rich blessing was enjoyed by all.

The cost of war cannot be stated in terms of money. But the colossal figures which indicate the financial cost are somewhat staggering. The millions of Australia's expenditure mount up with dreadful rapidity, and indicate a burden to be borne for many years after the war is over. The newspapers of Saturday last, telling of the repeal of the arms embargo in U.S.A., contained the following impressive sentences: "Colossal expenditure by the Allies, including more than 1,000,000,000 dollars (about £A330,000,000) in the first month, is expected to follow the approval by the House of Representatives of the repeal of the arms embargo. Britain and France, together, are believed likely to raise about 8,000,000,000 dollars (about £A2,600,000,000) to buy war materials in the United States on the basis of their present war plans. The American aviation industry, expecting the biggest boom in its history, has already engaged thousands of extra employees, and will work day and night. The Allies will buy, principally, planes, and it is estimated conservatively that 8000 will be required. Huge contracts are pending also for motor-trucks, ambulances, explosives, gas masks, searchlights and army field equipment."

W. Gale writes: "On Sunday last a deputation from the home missionary committee, comprising Bro. J. McG. Abercrombie, T. R. Morris and the writer, visited the churches in Ballarat and spoke at morning and evening services. A most enthusiastic welcome was extended to the visitors in the churches at Peel-st., York-st., Dawson-st. and at Doveton-st. (the new cause at Ballarat North). It was of particular interest to visit this latter cause, which was only opened on the previous Sunday. Over fifty broke bread for the day. There were 52 in the Bible school. The brethren, who are being led by Bro. Lindsay Smith as preacher, meet in a shop. The windows are tastefully draped with red chenille curtains. Once inside, it is hard to believe that one is not in one of our regular chapels, for there are comfortable folding chairs for the audience, and on the platform there is a beautiful carved communion table and suite of chairs together with a new reading-desk. An ante-room is used as a vestry and as a kinder room. All are very enthusiastic about the future of this new centre, which is the fifth meeting-place in Ballarat. At conclusion of evening service Dawson-st. acted as host and invited the brethren from the other centres to meet in the school-room for an after-church lantern lecture given by the home mission secretary. At this latter meeting, which was thoroughly representative, and which included the brethren from Mt. Clear, it was learned that over 350 had broken bread at the five centres. We are being assured on every hand that the brethren are behind the home mission committee in its big task, and will give liberal support on December 3."

IN MEMORIAM.

WEYMOUTH.—In fond and loving memory of our dear mother, who was called home on Nov. 22, 1935, at Launceston, Tas.

"Not to-day, but every day in silence we remember."

—Inserted by her loving daughters and sons-in-law, Grace and Herbert Scott-Brown, of Wangaratta, Cissie and James Workman, of Moreland, Victoria.

News of the Churches.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Maylands.—Bible school anniversary was celebrated on Oct. 29 with splendid attendances all day. The school is the largest for many years. The kinders, under the able leadership of Mrs. Gemmell, gave their items very nicely, and each child was presented with a book. The scholars, under the baton of Bro. Reg. Prince, sang admirably. Bro. Ray Vincent gave an interesting talk. Bro. R. Hilford preached at night, the scholars taking part with their songs. Children's tea was held on Oct. 31 with a record attendance. At a public meeting the scholars gave several items very creditably, and prizes were distributed. The work of the church is going along steadily, and attendances at all meetings have improved.

TASMANIA.

Launceston (Margaret-st.)—Bible school anniversary services were continued on Nov. 19. At worship meeting a teachers' recognition service was held. The superintendent of the school, Bro. Geoff. Foot, presided, and teachers read the lessons. A report showed that the school had made fine progress during the year. Enrolment totalled 155, with a staff of 20 teachers; average attendances, 129. Bro. Lowe delivered an appropriate address. Cradle roll service and distribution of school prizes was held in afternoon before a large congregation, Bro. F. T. Morgan, of Invermay, being speaker. Over 400 crowded the building for final anniversary service at night. Bro. W. S. Lowe delivered a telling and instructive object address on "The Church." Five more senior scholars signified their desire to accept Christ. These, together with those who made the decision on Nov. 12, are receiving instruction in a class under direction of the evangelist prior to baptism.

QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane (Ann-st.)—On Nov. 19 Bro. G. Gwynne was received into fellowship by transfer from Toowoomba. There were good congregations. In the afternoon items given by metropolitan Bible schools at annual youth rally and distribution of prizes were enjoyed. Bro. Allen Brooke's topic for gospel service was "The Strength of Youth." A solo was rendered by Miss Halley.

Zillmere.—On morning of Nov. 5 Bro. Tinney, of Albion, was the speaker. At gospel meeting Bro. Payne gave a helpful chart address from Daniel on prophecy. Bro. N. Cane, of Albion, exhorted on Nov. 12, subject, "Broken to Become New." In the evening Bro. Payne spoke impressively on the death and resurrection of Jesus, his address being illustrated with lantern pictures. On Nov. 14 Bro. Greenwood, of Rockhampton, gave a splendid address on "Faith of our Fathers." Our aged Bro. C. Stabe passed away on Nov. 4. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Payne.

Annerley.—Bro. D. R. Stirling conducted the wedding of Bro. Les. Roberts and Miss Mercia Vurrel in chapel on Oct. 21. Bro. C. Trudgian preached and immersed a sister at a good gospel service on Oct. 29. After a month of chaplain's duty in Caloundra camp, Bro. N. G. Noble resumed on Nov. 5. The wedding of Mr. P. C. Shepherd and Sister Mavis Rogers took place in chapel on Nov. 11. Bro. Noble officiating. A Christian Fellowship was formed on Nov. 12. Eighteen men sat down to tea, and later, appreciated an address from the conference president (Bro. C. R. Burdeu). Sisters Jessie Halley, Joyce Elliott and Dorothy Griffith have helped in song.

Kingaroy.—An in memoriam service to our late Bro. B. Christensen was largely attended. There have been one confession and three re-

consecrations since last report. The church appreciated the messages and fellowship of Bro. John Christensen, who has been a visitor here. The ladies' guild conducted a successful tennis afternoon and social evening at the home of Bro. and Sister Adermann. The guild also presented the church with a new organ. Services on Oct. 29 were conducted by Bro. C. Adermann. A pantry evening was held at the manse on Nov. 6, when members and friends gathered in good numbers to bid welcome to Sister Clark. Bible school anniversary, conducted by Bro. Trezise, of Toowoomba, was most successful. Bro. Trezise also conducted a special series of meetings from Nov. 8 to 12. His messages, which were of a very high order, were much enjoyed and proved most fruitful. Morning service on Nov. 12 was broadcast. The evening service was well attended, the chapel being crowded. There were three reconsecrations.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Winkle.—On Nov. 16, at C.E., suggestions were received on "How We Could Improve our Meetings." On Nov. 19 Bro. Hollard addressed the church on "Simon, the Canaanite." At night Bro. S. Mayfield preached on "Light."

Semaphore.—Numbers are well maintained in absence of Bro. Oram. On morning of Nov. 19 Bro. J. C. Stanley exhorted the church on "The Spirit of Christ." At night Bro. P. Baker gave an inspiring message on John 17. Bible school attendance is down owing to sickness among the children, but a splendid spirit prevails.

Port Pirie.—Both services on Nov. 19 were conducted by Bro. Hutson, whose evening theme was "What Hinders You to be Baptised?" Master Charles Kirby confessed Christ. At Y.P. club parade on evening of Nov. 19, special items were rendered. Four girls were baptised. We regret to report the sudden home-call of Bro. T. Piliar on morning of Nov. 18. He had attended mid-week prayer meeting on Nov. 16. The church extends sympathy to his loved ones. Bro. Hutson conducted the burial service on Nov. 19.

Kadina.—On Oct. 29 Bro. H. J. Andrews, of Wallaroo, addressed church on "Be Strong." At night Bro. A. P. Russack preached on "Between Two Opinions." "Threefold Growth in Christ" was subject of Bro. D. J. Lawrie (Mooonta) on morning of Nov. 5. At night a "Scout Day" service was held. Bro. E. Keith Russack delivered an address on "Be Prepared." Scouts took part in service. Choir rendered an anthem. On Nov. 12 Dr. Jas. Johnston spoke morning and evening. He also addressed J.C.E. and Bible school. Sister Miss Feronia Wilton sang a solo.

Forestville.—At annual business meeting on Nov. 15, it was reported that since last April there had been 13 additions by obedience and 18 by letter of transfer. Work of all auxiliaries showed good results. Bro. Theo. Edwards was re-engaged for a further period as preacher. On Nov. 19 members had fellowship with Bro. C. M. Vercio, B.A., State conference president, who gave a helpful address. During the month three were received by letter from Berri church. On Nov. 11 a kitchen evening was tendered to Miss M. M. Barnes on the eve of her marriage to Mr. Eric Pascoe, and one was also given on Nov. 13 to Miss Mavis Rogers, whose marriage to Mr. J. Davis is shortly to take place.

Naracoorte.—The S.S. picnic was held on Nov. 11. On Nov. 12 Bro. F. Collins, of Dulwich, exhorted the church on "The Unity of the Spirit." Many visitors were welcomed. At night he preached on "The Kingdom of God and His Righteousness," and at devotional meeting on Tuesday evening on "Have Faith in God." All services were well attended, and ad-

resses greatly appreciated. Ladies of church entertained at supper after devotional meeting. On Nov. 15 the half-yearly conference of Bordertown and Kaniva districts and Naracoorte churches was held in the town hall. Inspirational addresses by Bro. Collins, musical items and fellowship were enjoyed. Bro. H. Cave was speaker at both services on Nov. 19.

Hindmarsh.—On Nov. 19, Bible school anniversary services were continued with interest greatly maintained. At communion service 101 broke bread. Bro. W. L. Ewers gave a good exhortation on Romans 9. About 250 attended afternoon service, when the school again sang well under leadership of Mr. C. Wood. The address of Mr. F. Collins, of Dulwich, was greatly appreciated by the young folk. Gospel service was well attended, about 250 gathering to hear the school sing. Bro. W. L. Ewers' message was "The Price of Life." On Nov. 15 an excellent concert was presented by the Bible school. The hall was packed. Class items reflected credit on teachers and scholars. A short playette, "The Prodigal Son," by Y.P.S.C.E., was also well done.

Henley Beach.—Good meetings have been maintained, morning meetings being very encouraging. Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. Mortimer and Mrs. Maunder have been welcomed by letter and Miss Joan Harding by faith and baptism. Another young lady confessed Christ on Oct. 29. C.E. held a moonlight meeting on Mt. Lofty. An inspirational time was spent. On Nov. 16 a surprise social was tendered by clubs to Misses Watson on their coming of age. On Oct. 11 Mr. Gordon Brown (recently returned from Hollywood, America) addressed the fellowship meeting. Sunday school and Junior C.E. have added several new members. Bro. Jones has been asked to remain for a further term of twelve months and has consented to do so. A fine spirit prevails in every department.

Brooklyn Park.—At annual church business meeting some splendid reports were given. Bro. Schiller, Whyatt and Maxted were appointed deacons for two years. Bible school anniversary on Nov. 12 proved most successful. Bro. Durdin gave a helpful message in morning. Bro. Brooker captivated the young people in afternoon with his "Familiar Signs." Bro. Boller bringing "Messages from the Flags" at night. Singing under Bro. Willing was hearty. The orchestra helped. The public meeting on Nov. 15 was full of interest with special singing, the secretary's and treasurer's report, two splendid items by scholars, an object talk by the preacher, and distribution of prizes. Meetings were fair on Nov. 19. Bro. Smith speaking in morning and Bro. Boller continuing his series on "The Christian Soldier" at night. Lois Baker sang a solo.

Berri.—K.S.P. conducted a father and son banquet; 40 were present. The chapter won State banner for indoor sports. On Nov. 5 Bro. Hollard exhorted on "Marred, but Remade." Bro. Mauger conducted gospel service. P.B.P. raised 15/- at a talent night. Prayer meeting attendances have improved since young people undertook to support them. Sunday school attendances have lessened because of measles epidemic. Lyrap school makes good progress. For Bible school anniversary on Nov. 12, Mrs. Mauger compiled the entire programme of "Songs and Sayings of David," and led the school. The singing was splendid. In morning Bro. Hollard spoke, and in afternoon gave a chalk talk about David. At night the scholars sang to a good audience. Bro. Hollard addressed children on "Magnets" and adults on "Boats." A young man made his decision. Anniversary services were continued on Nov. 14. The sisters enjoyed a visit from Miss Ada Bromham on Nov. 17. Bro. Greenwood spoke at morning service on Nov. 19, and Bro. Hollard at night, when one was immersed. Sickness has affected all meetings.

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Foreign Missions.

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NEWS AND COMMENTS.

DURING the months of September and October the income for general funds amounted to £536. This sum represents an average amount. As £450 monthly must be sent to India, it can be clearly seen that the required income will have to exceed the average giving for the past few years. So far no extras have been sent to compensate losses due to fluctuations in exchange. Should these extras have to be found, the situation will not be made any easier.

Again we are pleased to report that a Victorian brother has left a bequest to F.M. funds. The exact amount cannot be ascertained at the moment, but it is estimated that between £750-£800 will be added to the endowment fund when the estate is finalised. The increasing number of bequests now being received reveals that brethren and sisters are in favor of the idea, and can see what it will mean in the future for our overseas work. As announced a week or so ago, the endowment fund has now reached the splendid total of £5000. This sum is exclusive of the above-mentioned bequest.

After reading Mr. Loh's letter in a recent issue of the "Christian," a friend writes saying, "I just feel I would like to help. I can pray for him, but I don't think that is all God wants me to do. I am enclosing cheque for £10. Will you, dear brother, kindly see that it reaches our sorrowing brother in China? My heart goes out to him in sympathy, and my tears fall for him in his time of sorrow and trial. Isn't it wonderful how staunch those dear Chinese are! I feel ever so proud of them when I read different articles concerning them. Their faith is strong." Mr. Loh has done a splendid work despite many handicaps. We now have £11/5/- to forward Bro. Loh, and as the Shanghai dollar is cheap, it will realise a nice sum for him. He asks for our prayers; continue to pray for him.

A recent list of orphans allowed us to fill up the gaps in our waiting list. There are now two boys left over who need supporters. One boy, Yoel, is now nearly five years of age. His father is dead, and the mother recently died of T.B. in a mission hospital. Another mission has his two sisters, and we were asked if we would care for the brother. Our second lad, Madhukar, is about nine years old. His parents are poor, and struggle to eke out an existence. Being Christians, the parents would like the boy to have a Christian education in Marathi. Madhukar's uncle is a teacher in the school at Baramati, but desires the boy to be kept in the home with the other boys. The boy is described as "a smiling little fellow; but rather than play he prefers to go about quietly and do his study. For his age the third standard is high, and the master says he is clever at his work." We have photos of both these boys. Here is an opportunity for an Endeavor society or Bible school to have a more vital interest in overseas work. Perhaps a Christian family would like to take over one of the boys.

The older generation will remember that the Australian brotherhood had a vital link with Japan through Bro. P. A. Davey, who though under the American Board, had his support from Australia. Our plea is still preached through various agencies, and the Yotsuya Mission at Tokyo, Japan, continues to carry on despite many difficulties. These workers also have a Bible college in Seoul, Korea. Both in Manchuria and Korea the question of the Shinto shrine worship has made it extremely difficult

to give the loyalty demanded by the State and remain loyal to Jesus Christ. We are asked to pray that Mrs. Cunningham might be led of God in finding new helpers she is seeking for the Bible school.

We give a reminder that the next issue of "Goodly Pearls" will be published early in December. Owing to uncertain knowledge re the despatch of Christmas boxes, the September issue was unavoidably delayed. The next issue will contain some splendid new pictures of India. These were brought back to Australia by the chairman of the board, who has just returned. Will all who have not paid their subscription for the current year kindly make payment or forward direct? If all paid their subs the magazine would pay its way. We also invite new subscribers.

"The Gospel Bell," the Chinese monthly published by the Chinese Home Mission Society, reports some splendid summer conferences held in Yunnan. During these conferences the Chinese Christians experienced great spiritual blessing, and many souls were won for the kingdom. Some pictures accompanied the articles, but unfortunately are too dark for reproduction. It will be recalled that several of our Hucili students are in the C.H.M.S. Bible school at Yunnan and had a part in these gatherings.

Not a great deal of news is coming to hand from overseas. We can, however, report that things are normal on the field and missionaries continue in good health.

THE MISSIONARY SITUATION IN CHINA.

RECENT articles from China reveal that even in areas occupied by the Japanese strong progressive Christian work is still carried out. It is estimated that 80 per cent. of the Protestant mission stations (about 1000) are still occupied by at least one missionary each. A few have been closed because of lack of workers, at the request of foreign consuls or on the demand of the Japanese. Some societies even report more stations in operation than two years ago. The number of British and American missionaries on the field (about 5200) is almost as large as in July, 1937, when the conflict began.

Many societies report large increases, viz., English Baptists, a threefold increase, and the church of the Brethren, 100 per cent. Others

show a falling off. About fifty stations report mission stations destroyed or damaged.

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5. A strong demand that America and Europe stop furnishing war materials to the aggressor nation, Japan.

BARAMATI BOYS' HOME ANNUAL REPORT.

SINCE October, 1938, the work of the supervision of the boys' home at Baramati has been in our care. In October, when we took charge, there were 56 boys in the home. At Christmas time we were glad to rejoice with the boys as they received their Christmas gifts, given through the generosity of the folk at home. We thoroughly enjoyed our first Christmas among them. The boys' health during the year has been on the whole good. School has been well attended. A few minor illnesses have kept some boys home, but none has been for any great length of time.

After their exams, the boys were taken out to Shirsuphal by their housemaster, and there they had a happy time camping for five weeks. Some boys went to stay with parents or relations during the holidays, and several did not return. However, with four boys from Shrigonda, four from Dhond, two from Shirsuphal and one from Bombay, we have made out our total up to 63. I think that the boys of the home are just as proud as we are of the fact that Ratan William Parkhe has been sent to Bombay to study at Wilson College. He has begun a science course preparatory to studying medicine. He seems to be comfortably situated at the Old Residence there, and is evidently entering into the study and sporting life of the college. We hope and pray that he will do well. I should say that, although we realise the responsibility of this work, we are happy in it. The lads have been faithful in their devotions at nights and their Christian Endeavor meetings. We pray for them that when they go out from the orphanage they will not only go out fitted for the battle of life to earn their daily bread, but also to witness for Christ in every possible walk of life.—C. V. Thomas.

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Continental Sunday.

THE Queensland secretary of the Federal Council of the Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees' Association, in announcing a decision of that body to oppose the introduction of Sunday entertainments, said that efforts were being made to introduce the Continental Sunday in several Australian centres, and that the council was unanimous in its opposition, and had decided to ask the Federal Arbitration Court to place a clause in their award prohibiting Sunday work.

Band of Hope Union.

The 13th annual report of the union shows an increase of 3257 members in the year. Membership is now 18,912. Mail-bag membership had increased by 2634, and attendance at meetings by 2258 to 29,137. Eighteen new bands had been started. Many temperance lessons had been given in State schools, and open-air meetings, especially at the seaside, had been successful. The motor van open-air equipment had been of great help.

Murder Novels.

Mr. Justice Brennan made some caustic comments in the trial at Maryborough of a youth of 16 who was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for the callous murder of his employer's wife. He had a record of crime extending over the past four years. It was stated that he, when with his mother, had refused to attend school or work, and spent most of his time reading murder novels. His Honor said, "Murder novels! It is a pity the Commonwealth Government does not insist that these 'true detective stories' should be banned, and those selling them prosecuted." Referring to a certain radio serial he said that there were ten murders every night, and it took four headache powders to clear his head after listening to it. In the interests of the youth of Australia he appealed to the Commonwealth Government to see if it could not do something to stop it.

Golden Casket.

The following figures from the annual report of the Golden Casket Art Union will give an idea how strongly this evil is entrenched and how hard it is to attack it successfully. A record year is reported with sales totalling £1,902,500, and a profit of £445,294 (23 per cent.). Income tax paid was £95,125, being 5 per cent. on ticket sales. Inquiries and applications for tickets come from all over the world. Of the total sales £271,559 were sold in other States of the Commonwealth, and £88,338 outside Australia, making a total of £359,897 (or nearly one-third of all sales) outside Queensland.

Twenty-first Birthday.

The Queensland Temperance League gave a dinner at the Canberra on Nov. 8 to celebrate the 21st anniversary of its formation. Its origin was in 1918, when the Queensland Strength of Empire Movement was organised, the Queensland Temperance Alliance merging into the new movement. Twenty-one years ago Queensland had the weakest State organisation, with the smallest staff and resources of any State alliance. To-day it has the strongest organisation, largest staff and financial resources, and greatest activity of any State. Then it had a larger drink bill than any State excepting Western Australia, to-day it has the lowest. At the dinner presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. A. Watson, Mr. Watson having been chairman of the league during the 21 years.

The War and Religious Services

The war has interfered somewhat with the holding of religious services in Great Britain. A paragraph in "The British Weekly" under the title "staggered Fellowship," says: "Many churches changed their hour of evening worship on Sunday last, the general tendency being to meet half an hour earlier, but some have boldly abandoned the evening service for one in the afternoon. In Liverpool, for example, St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Northrd., began at six on Sunday, and a fortnight hence will start at 5.30. Everton Valley announced three o'clock, and Sefton Park intimated that for the present there would be no Sunday school. Several Congregational churches in Sheffield have adopted at once the hour of three in the afternoon, while Methodists in the same city are keeping to the evening, with the announcement of a service of a single hour's duration. Mr. William Wallace, the new minister at Victoria Hall, will hold service in the afternoon. Most evening services in London on Sunday commenced at six o'clock. A few churches are adopting the method of the last war and covering the windows of a hall for Sunday services. A number of ministers on Sunday put out feelers as to whether members would care to 'stagger' fellowship by meeting in small groups in their homes."

ADDRESSES.

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F. Hollans (preacher Cowandilla church, S.A.).—11 Bagot-ave., New Mile End.

A. W. Johnson (secretary Lygon-st. church, Vic.).—150 Blyth-st., East Brunswick, N.II.

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News of the Churches.

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Cowandilla.—The church is in very good heart, and very happy since Mr. Hollams has come. He has been with the church now for eight weeks. Attendances have considerably increased lately, and at services on Nov. 12 there were 112 at breaking of bread and 118 at gospel service. Mr. Hollams is giving a series of second-coming addresses at gospel services this month, and in response to the invitation on Nov. 5 two girls confessed Christ. Junior Endeavorers are conducting a competition, and attendances have increased (34 on Nov. 12 and 42 on Nov. 19). Bible school teachers held an enjoyable and profitable conference on Nov. 18. At tea a discussion on "The Teacher Overcoming his Problems" was introduced by Mr. J. Hemer. At night a conference was held on "How Best to Spend our Half-hour in Class," introduced by Mr. W. Beller. At evening meeting on Nov. 19 two girls who confessed Christ a fortnight previous were baptised. Mr. Hollams spoke on "Christian Baptism." 125 were present, and one girl confessed Christ.

VICTORIA.

Fairfield.—Bro. and Sister F. E. Smith, faithful members for many years, have transferred to Thornbury. Bro. Smith was esteemed elder of the church.

Dimboola.—Bro. Mulvogue addressed the church on Nov. 12, and was much appreciated. Bro. J. Butler conducted the service on Nov. 19 and again gave one of his interesting addresses.

Newmarket.—On Nov. 7 Bible school picnic was held at the Riverview Tea Gardens. On Nov. 12 Bro. Funston, of North Essendon, presided, and Bro. Payne addressed both meetings.

Kaniva.—Local brethren maintained the preaching during absence of Bro. Withers, at Hamilton. There were good meetings on Nov. 19. Two confessions of young people were witnessed at night.

Wangaratta.—Church meetings and Bible school attendances have suffered owing to epidemic of measles. On Nov. 12 Bro. and Sister Brown and Neville were received into fellowship from the church at Ormond. Sister Mrs. Banks is greatly improved in health.

Horsham.—Attendances are maintained. On Nov. 12 Bro. G. Miller addressed the church and Bro. J. Butler preached at night, and exchanged appointments on Nov. 17. Brethren of the church will fill preaching appointments until arrival of resident preacher in December.

Hampton.—The ladies' guild annual sale of work, opened by Mrs. C. R. Brough (women's conference president) on Nov. 17, realised about £80. Meetings on Nov. 19 were addressed by Bro. Stephenson. At night Mrs. Henshilwood helped with a solo, and Bro. Buckley led the song-service.

St. Kilda.—On Nov. 8 a public welcome was given to Bro. L. Johnston to mark beginning of his ministry at St. Kilda. On Nov. 19 a lady, formerly of Baptist church, was received into fellowship. At night a young man who had made the good confession a week before was baptised.

Stawell.—Bro. Sutton, of Hornsby, Sydney, was guest of Bro. and Sister Thurrowgood for the week past. He gave a series of special addresses on "The New Testament Church" and spoke at both services on Nov. 12, when the anniversary was continued. Bro. Thurrowgood exhorted helpfully on Nov. 19. At gospel meeting a lad from Bible school made the good confession. A kitchen tea was tendered Sister Mavis Gilbert prior to her marriage with Bro. L. Frances.

Ararat.—On Nov. 13 Bro. R. O. Sutton, of Hornsby, N.S.W., addressed the C.E. on "The Restoration Movement in Prophecy." A banquet was given by the ladies' church aid society on Nov. 16 to girls and boys who are

forming the "Good Companions" and "Explorers" clubs.

Essendon.—On morning of Nov. 19 Bro. Murray (conference vice-president) gave a helpful and practical address. Bro. Illingworth at evening meeting spoke on "The Salvation of God." A literature cabinet has been installed in the church and will fill a need for enquirers. Bible school held a successful picnic on Nov. 7.

Ormond.—At monthly meeting of deacons and deaconesses Bren. Murray and Clipstone, of H.M. committee, spoke of home missions and the annual offering. On Nov. 18 the J.C.E. society held a rally, a good time being spent with other J.C.E. societies of the district. Bro. C. L. Lang gave good messages on Nov. 19.

Fitzroy (Gore-st.).—Bro. L. Robinson spoke on morning of Nov. 19 on "Faith." At night a good message was given on "Jesus Saves Sinful Men." Sister Mrs. Robertson rendered a beautiful solo. Church cricket boys held a social at home of Bro. W. Johnson. Bro. J. Andrews met with a painful accident last Saturday.

Preston.—One sister was received by faith and obedience at morning service on Nov. 19. Bro. R. Coventry delivered a message emphasising the work of C.F.A. He also gave an interesting talk on India at young people's fellowship in the afternoon, and assisted in evening gospel service. On Nov. 7, the young people enjoyed a happy outing at Belgrave.

Ballarat (York-st.).—In interests of home mission appreciated visits were paid on Nov. 19 by Bren. Gale (morning) and Morris (evening). Attendances were fair. Bro. Ritchie has not been in best of health for few weeks. Latest effort of ladies' guild has been the provision of beautiful crystal electric light shades for church. Sister Floate is confined to her home with tonsillitis.

Gardiner.—On Nov. 12 and 19 the church received inspiration from the messages of Bren. Whately and Scambler respectively, and from Bro. Hagger at night. A warm welcome home was extended to Sister Alison Thompson, who has returned from her trip abroad. On Nov. 19 a young girl made the good confession. On Nov. 15 Bro. B. Story gave an illustrated lecture on Papua and Amazonia.

Thornbury.—Meetings continue on the upgrade. On Nov. 18 the North Suburban Church of Christ tennis association held its annual banquet and presented trophies. Thornbury club, which was victorious in both A and B grades, presented the church with a number of radiators from their joint trophy money. On Nov. 19 Bro. and Sister Smith were received back into fellowship by transfer from Fairfield.

Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).—On Nov. 12 Bro. Clipstone gave a chart address on home missions. In the evening a memorial service was conducted to Sister Mrs. Everett, who was called home suddenly on Nov. 6. Ladies held a successful afternoon and donated £5 to Bro. and Sister P. Pittman. Bible school picnic was held at Glen Waverley on Nov. 7. Bro. Clipstone gave challenging messages on Nov. 19 on "Spiritual Decline" and "What is a Christian?"

Box Hill.—Since last report five young people have been received into church membership. At night on Nov. 12 a rose service was held with a magnificent display of blooms which were afterwards distributed to sick folk and hospitals. An address appropriate to the occasion was delivered, and a solo by Mrs. G. McCredlin was enjoyed. At conclusion of Bro. Clark's address on Nov. 19, two young women confessed Christ. Sunday school picnic was held at East Burwood on Nov. 7.

Bendigo.—On morning of Nov. 12 Bro. B. J. Combridge spoke on "Divine Delays." Bro. E. H. Duus at night preached on "God's Plans and Man's Desires." On Nov. 19 Bro. Combridge gave a character study of the life of Matthew, and in evening spoke powerfully on

"The Christ of Everyman." Bible school held annual picnic at Ravenswood on Nov. 15. On Nov. 19 awards won at recent annual examination for Bible schools were presented to successful scholars by Bro. Combridge.

Surrey Hills.—A week of fellowship is being observed amongst churches of the district. On morning of Nov. 19, Bro. W. F. Nankivell exchanged with Mr. P. O. Parnaby, of Methodist church. At the close of Mr. Nankivell's evening message a youth from junior Bible class confessed Christ, and another youth was baptised. Building fund is now well past the £1000 mark. After 27 years of faithful service as a church officer, Mr. W. P. Lawson, owing to indifferent health, has resigned. Mrs. Lawson has been isolated through illness.

Cheltenham.—On Nov. 12 Bro. Taylor, of Parkdale, was morning speaker. On morning of 19th, Bro. Allan delivered a very interesting address entitled "Where? Who? Why?" In the evening the C.E. anniversary was celebrated, when Bro. E. Lewis, president of senior society, delivered the address. Other members of C.E. and J.C.E. assisted. The choir rendered an anthem. Church and school tendered a social to Mr. and Mrs. C. Daff on the occasion of their wedding, and presented them with a clock. The church was pleased to have a visit from Mrs. T. B. Fisher, of S.A.

North Williamstown.—Attendances were well maintained on Nov. 19. Eighty-five broke bread. Sister Mrs. Richards, a former member of Malvern-Caulfield, was received into fellowship. Sister Trowbridge, from S.A., was amongst visitors. At close of Bro. Thomas' address at night two brothers, Ray and Kevin Morgan, made their decision. The family of the late Sister Green have had a text placed on the chapel as a memorial to their mother. The work is in a most flourishing condition. Bro. Thomas is doing a wonderful work in the district, and the church is entering into the work with great enthusiasm.

Baywater.—On Nov. 18 Mr. Gibson, of B. and F. Bible Society, gave a very interesting lantern lecture, "The Stepping Stones to Australia." On morning of Nov. 19, Bro. G. M. Mathieson gave a stirring exhortation on "The Benediction." In the afternoon, at the women's mission band first anniversary, Bro. Burns spoke on "Our Relationship to God." Reports showed a very successful year of service. At gospel service Endeavorers took full charge of the meeting. Bro. Burns made a wonderful appeal entitled "Can We Do Without God?" Certificates won in recent examinations were presented to ten S.S. scholars.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On Nov. 14 the annual girls' gymnasium display was held in Victoria Hall. On Nov. 14 a church social evening and welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Pittman, from India, took place in the lecture hall. Teachers of Bible school held annual outing on Nov. 18. Services on Nov. 19 were well attended, and many country and interstate visitors were welcomed. Dr. G. H. Oldfield spoke in morning on "Medical Missions Justified," and at 3 p.m. held a "question hour." At night Mr. Baker was assisted by three young people of Lygon-st. Solos were rendered by Misses M. Osborne and E. Bevan.

Gardenvale.—On Nov. 16 Bren. Lewis, Saunders, Rust and Brooker conveyed in their cars a party of 22 to the Malvern-Caulfield mission. On morning of Nov. 19 Bro. Collyer, from Gardiner, gave a splendid address. At night Bren. Rust and Lewis conveyed in their cars all present to the Malvern-Caulfield mission. Bro. Sampson continues to make satisfactory progress. Owing to indifferent health Bro. McCullough has asked the church to relieve him of his work with them at the end of the year. In complying with his request the members thank him for his services and trust that his health will soon be restored.

Ringwood.—A recent sale of work realised over £56. On Nov. 8, Endeavourers enjoyed fellowship with Blackburn society. Helpful messages and testimonies on "Prayer" were given by the visitors. On Nov. 12 Bro. Mathieson brought appreciated messages, Bro. Brooke being at St. Arnaud for Bible school anniversary. On Nov. 19 Bro. Walmsley, Mitcham, was morning speaker. In afternoon Bible school commenced anniversary celebrations. Bro. C. Robinson gave an interesting and helpful message to the scholars. In the evening all enjoyed Bro. C. G. Taylor's address. The chapel was almost full, and many visitors were present. Scholars sang splendidly under leadership of Mr. Vass.

North Essendon.—Big numbers attended Bible school's very successful picnic at Eltham on Nov. 7. Special meetings have been held in connection with building fund thankoffering. Bren. T. Hagger and T. H. Scambler speaking on Nov. 9 and 14. With the aid of an appreciated gift of over £10 from ladies' guild, over £38/10/- is in hand towards aim of £40. Bren. Gale and Connor placed the work of home missions before officers on Nov. 13. Speaker at morning service on Nov. 19 was Bro. R. L. Williams with a very thoughtful message. The help of young men is becoming a notable feature, including a prayer meeting address by Bro. D. Ploog.

St. Arnaud.—On Nov. 5 Bro. A. H. Pratt visited Stawell to conduct Bible school anniversary services. On Nov. 12 the S.S. anniversary was held. Bro. Holloway, of H.M. committee, gave a fine message at worship on "Evangelism." In afternoon Bro. J. E. Brooke, from Ringwood, delighted the children with an address on "Pockets." In the evening he interested the congregation on "The Weathercock." Bro. A. H. Pratt conducted the singing. The church extends sympathy to Bro. C. Fletcher, whose mother passed away on Nov. 9. Mrs. Pratt was appointed delegate to W.C.T.U. convention. The national director of education of W.C.T.U. (Miss McCorkindale) addressed a meeting in the building on Nov. 16. Sister Mrs. J. Adams has returned after some months' sickness.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Taree.—Bible school annual picnic on Nov. 18 was very successful. On morning of Nov. 19 Bro. Saunders addressed church, continuing studies from Romans. There was one response to the invitation after his evening address.

Erskineville.—Local workers are effecting general repairs to church buildings and school hall, preparatory to a back-to-Erskineville celebration. New scholars are being won. The school recently sang over 2 CH. Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., is continuing week-night lantern lectures and holding interest.

North Sydney.—Bible school anniversary was continued on Nov. 12, when Bro. Paternoster's gospel subject was "The Holy Spirit and Power." Sickness is still prevalent, but good recovery is being made in most cases. The school picnic, held at Balmoral on Nov. 18, was the best attended by visitors for some years.

Wagga.—Bible school recently completed their anniversary services, great interest being shown. Meetings were well attended. The school gained a 100 per cent. pass in recent scripture examination. 17 out of 26 entrants received honors, four were highly commended and one had gained third prize. The school picnic held last month was a pronounced success. The work is being well maintained under the guidance of Bro. D. Butler.

Bankstown.—Bible school anniversary was celebrated on Nov. 19. Scholars provided a delightful programme at afternoon and evening meetings. Kindergarten prizes were presented. Mr. Arnold, from Burwood, in the afternoon gave an illustrated address on "Think." Mr. Crossman spoke at night. Special revival meetings, conducted by Mr. Ethelbert Davis, of Auburn, will be held for the next fortnight.

Rockdale.—On Nov. 5 Bro. Carter exhorted, and preached at night, a baptismal service being held at the close. On Nov. 12 Bro. R. Wakeley exhorted, and at night Bro. Goode addressed a good meeting, a baptismal service being held. Prayer meetings show improvement. Bro. A. Hinrichsen is expected to commence his ministry in the middle of January. The church hopes to be able to hold a mission in near future.

Wingham.—The work is showing signs of improvement. The preacher of Taree church, Bro. A. G. Saunders, B.A., continues a ministry each Lord's day. In October the first gospel service was held in the afternoon, Bro. Saunders being preacher. Over 50 were present. Taree preacher usually speaks each Sunday morning, gospel service in the evening being conducted by one of the men from Taree congregation. On Nov. 19 Bro. Saunders addressed church, and also gave an interesting address in the afternoon, when Bible school anniversary services were commenced.

Burwood.—Sunday school anniversary, held on Nov. 12 and 14, was very successful, the children taking their parts very nicely. The two anniversary addresses by Mr. Paternoster on Sunday afternoon and Mr. Arnold on Sunday evening will be remembered by all. The fellowship of Petersham and Concord West schools at Sunday school picnic at Parramatta Park on Nov. 18, was enjoyed. Mr. Arnold spoke both morning and evening on Nov. 19. Morning subject was "When Dreams Come True," and evening one, "Witnessing for God." Endeavourers welcomed their ex-president (Dr. Miller, of Toowoomba) at their meeting on Nov. 19.

Paddington.—Thanksgiving services were held on the occasion of the complete renovation of the church building, including a new baptistry, windows and vestries. The secretary expressed special thanks to Bro. Knight, contractor, for the fine work put into the building and for many extras done. This renovation was made possible by a legacy left by the late Bro. Wm. Hickey, a member of Paddington for many years. It is certainly a fine memorial. Bro. Avenell (conference president) gave a greeting from conference executive, and also spoke on "Stewardship." Bro. Greenhalgh preached to a large evening congregation from Matt. 16. After taking the confession of three adults, he baptised them.

Mosman.—G. E. Burns' message for the church on Nov. 12 was on "The Great Commission." Mr. and Mrs. Hudson were received into fellowship. Bible school anniversary services were commenced in the afternoon, when Bro. Youens, of Chatswood, addressed a large audience on "The Sword of the Lord"; kinders and senior school rendered choruses and items. Miss Mitchell presented kinder prizes. At night special service was conducted by G. E. Burns, who spoke on "Doors"; school assisted with choruses, Miss Verco being soloist. Anniversary concluded on 13th, programme consisting of choruses, dialogues, and presentation of senior scholars' prizes by P. J. Pond, B.A. On 19th Bro. Burns exhorted on "The Message Beautiful"; his evening subject was "Samson the Weakling." Miss Verco rendered a solo. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, of Taree, were visitors.

Bexley North.—The ninth anniversary services of Bible school were held on Nov. 12 and 13. On the Lord's day Bren. P. J. Pond (Y.P.D. organiser) addressed morning meeting; C. G. Flood (Kingsford) spoke in afternoon on "Postage Stamps," and F. B. Stow gave the gospel message. All meetings were well attended, over 170 gathering for afternoon rally on 12th. Splendid singing by the scholars under the leadership of Bro. W. Baker added to the success of the anniversary. The secretary reported an increase of 42 on the rolls of the school and kindergarten, the latter section being doubled from 26 scholars in 1938 to

52 at present. In all there are now 100 scholars in the school. On Nov. 19 Bro. Goode (Rockdale) addressed the church, and Bro. Stow delivered evening address. After a long illness Sister Mrs. Wilson has been called home. The church extends sincere sympathy to Bro. Wilson and children in their sad loss.

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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."

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Starting Price Betting.

There seems to be no diminution in S.P. betting in Perth, notwithstanding the increased penalties imposed by Mr. Moseley, S.M. The Chief Secretary informed the Legislative Council that 989 persons were convicted for S.P. betting offences in 1938-39 compared with 852 in 1937-38. The number of such convictions to September 30 last, being the first three months of 1939-40, was 263.

Our Drink Bill.

I take no pleasure in parading our vices, but if you would see us as we are you may as well know the facts. West Australians consumed beer, wine and spirits of a total value of £3,661,432 in the year ended June 30 last. This expenditure represented £7/18/2 per head of the population. Beer alone was consumed to the extent of 7,576,079 gallons, or 16.375 gallons per head. This is an increase of 365,000 gallons on the previous year.

Home Missions.

Our annual offering for home missions is taken on the first Lord's day in November. A Sunday or two prior to this we hold a "Field day." Through the courtesy of car owners our country churches have visiting preachers from the city, and the country preachers visit the metropolitan churches. In the arrangement the members of the H.M. committee also have part in all the services. The Tuesday following field day is devoted to a half-yearly conference on home missions. This is also the day for the sisters' annual home mission tea and demonstration. This year's conference was most successful, and the tea and demonstration well up to standard.

Men's Outing.

On a recent Saturday afternoon men from all of our metropolitan churches met together on a reserve a few miles from the city for a time of fellowship and inspiration. Motor car owners again assisted to make possible a large gathering. Games were played in the afternoon, tea was partaken of in the open, and this was followed by an open-air community song service and an inspiring "testimony" meeting. Men, young and old, spoke out of their hearts to the encouragement of us all. It is hoped that many more such gatherings will follow.

A Disappointment.

It is a matter of very keen disappointment to many in W.A. to learn that Bro. Mathieson is not coming to Subiaco. We had looked forward to welcoming him to our State, but seemingly arrangements could not be completed. It is officially announced that negotiations in this connection have broken down.

Southern District Conference, Tasmania.

THE 27th conference was held at Tunnel Bay from Nov. 4 to 6. Bro. F. E. Smith presided over business session, and welcomed delegates from six of the seven churches in the conference. Officers were elected as follows:—President, Bro. H. Knight; vice-presidents, Bren. S. Rickards and F. Ashlin; secretary, Bro. E. Ashlin; treasurer, Bro. T. Lillye.

Afternoon session was opened by a devotional session conducted by Bro. G. O. Tease. Reports from all churches showed that the work is generally in good heart. A number of resolutions were presented, all calling for a survey of home mission enterprise in Southern Tasmania.

It was resolved, "That the Southern District Conference executive investigate opportunities of establishing a new cause in Southern Tasmania or elsewhere, or means of strengthening old causes or making a part-time church self-supporting, and report to the Southern District Conference at a date not later than four months hence. A further resolution expressed appreciation of the Federal Government's intention to establish dry military canteens and urged the Tasmanian Temperance Alliance to take a strong line of action in the matter. Bro. Ashlin was appointed preacher of next conference sermon.

The three Sunday services were splendidly attended. The morning meeting was the largest recorded at Tunnel Bay, there being 105 present; Bro. Cooper (Collins-st.) was speaker, and Bro. Knight (Dover) president.

In the afternoon meeting a large gathering was held, at which five-minute talks were given by representatives of each church. Items were given by Tunnel Bay Bible school scholars. Bro. Greathatch, of Nubeena, gave a recitation. The subject of Bro. Tease's conference sermon was "The Modern Need for the Existence of the Churches of Christ." The West Hobart delegation was conspicuous in the evening service, their contribution being the song service, solos and quartette; Bro. Knight (Dover) read the scripture and Bro. Tease gave a splendid chart address on "The Bridge of Life." A young man made the good confession. The conference picnic at Wedge Bay on Monday was spoiled by rain; a large number attended, however, and witnessed the baptism of Sunday's convert in the open sea. The next conference is to be held at Dover in 1940. Gracious hospitality was extended to delegates and visitors, and a happy spiritual time was spent at conference.—B. J. Golder, acting secretary.

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"THIS IS A DAY OF TROUBLE."

Our day, like the day of Hezekiah (Isa. 37: 3) is a time of trouble, which calls for true godliness and prayer. (2 Kings 18-20; Isa. 36-39; 2 Chron. 29-32.)

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Observe the significant fact of religion in the home! Hezekiah's personal penitence and prayerfulness at home were in accord with his public acts of devotion. To be sure, we may be a people of great idealism, but our high ideals will never materialise and be brought to birth if we are out of touch with the living God.



"WROUGHT BY PRAYER."

Cromwell sought out men like John Milton to be associated with him in diplomatic work. He believed, also, and practised prayer, for more things are wrought by prayer than are dreamed of in man's philosophy.

With Tennyson, he held that "with prayer men are bound as with chains of gold about the feet of God." One day, overpressed with work, he went into the country to spend the night with an old friend. After the Lord Protector had retired, the host heard words, as of one speaking. Standing by the door of Cromwell's room, in which he feared that some enemy might have found entrance, he heard Cromwell pouring out his heart to God, telling him that this was not a work that he had taken up for himself; that it was God's work; that the people were God's children, and the world God's world.—N. D. Hills.

S.A. Sisters' Auxiliary.

THE monthly meeting was held at Grote-st. on Thursday, Nov. 2. Devotional sessions were led by Miss H. Grant (vice-president), and her message on "Doors of Opportunity" was greatly enjoyed. 95 sisters were present, 61 of whom were delegates.

The president then took charge of the business session. Miss Cameron was welcomed to the meeting. She responded, telling a little of the work in India. Miss Grant gave the missionary prayer. Mrs. Cornelius was elected delegate for P.M. Board and Mrs. De Laine as proxy delegate for Victor Harbour sisters. Collection amounted to £1/10/6.

Home mission superintendent (Mrs. C. Verco) reported money collected in October amounted to £3/0/2.

Overseas superintendent (Mrs. Downs) reported that a visit was paid to Stirling sisters. Mrs. Ross Graham was soloist, and Mrs. Downs gave the address. Money collected in October amounted to £4/18/-.

Treasurer's statement for month of October.—Home missions, £7/6/4; overseas, £8/16/2; general fund, £15/9/1; catering fund, £11/12/10.

Mrs. Collins will be devotional leader for December meeting.—Mrs. H. R. Charlack, assistant secretary.

Obituary.

Carl Stabe.

BRO. CARL STABE passed away on Saturday, Nov. 4, aged 87. He arrived in Queensland from Germany when ten years of age, and most of his life was spent in Zillmere district. He lived at Caboolture for a few years, and there he was baptised with his wife by the late Carl Fischer 47 years ago. Three years later he returned to Zillmere. On April 5 he and his wife had been married 60 years. A year ago his health began to fail, and four months ago he took to his bed. At this time he said, "I have never been in bed through sickness in my life, and if it is the Lord's will that I should remain here until he takes me, I have no complaint." He bore intense suffering with Christian fortitude, then "God's finger touched him and he slept." His body rests in the Lutwyche cemetery. Loving sympathy is expressed to Sister Stabe and the family. To them heaven will seem more like home now he is there.—H.G.P.

Mr. A. D. Fulton.

THE church at Ann-st., Brisbane, sustained a great shock and loss at the sudden passing of Bro. A. D. Fulton on October 27. A life-long disciple, he recently obeyed Christ in baptism and was welcomed into our fellowship. He was indeed a good man—full of good cheer and good works. Formerly a member of the 26th Battalion, A.I.F., he became "a good soldier of Christ Jesus." Members of the church and friends at the chapel and crematorium on Oct. 28, and others from afar, expressed genuine esteem for this brother beloved. Mrs. Fulton, a member of Ann-st. since youth, has been sustained and comforted by the presence of Christ and the affectionate sympathy of the church.—A.B.

Mrs. E. A. Roberts.

MRS. ROBERTS fell asleep in Jesus on Oct. 28. Our sister was baptised on July 24, 1921, by Bro. G. McKie, and was received into fellowship on the same date. She had a long season of sickness. When she was well she was always found at the Lord's table. We sympathise deeply with our Bro. Elder Roberts, also our secretary, Bro. L. Parker, who was son-in-law of our sister, and who also has just lost his father. Sister Roberts leaves two children—Sister Rita Parker and Alfred Roberts.—J.C.S.

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Father, we bring two lives to thee,
That thou may'st make them one;
Our prayers, our wishes, nought avail
Save thou the union own.
May each to each be doubly bound
In Christ the corner stone.

Give faith, to put a trusting hand
In thy hand ever near;
Give hope, that sees from higher ground
Above this mortal sphere;
Give perfect love, that counts no cost.
And casts out every fear.

Let every joy be shared and thus
Of double value made,
Each sorrow lightened as the load
On close knit hearts is laid;
Each joy, each sorrow, sanctified
By love that cannot fade.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

THERE are many secret disciples
whose lives and influence count
for a great deal; but to-day what
we need most is their open witness.

—Canon Barry.

TRUSTING in God and doing our duty, these
T are words which bind us together. If you
or I can feel that those who know us best
can say of us that we are trusting God and
doing our duty, it is enough to teach us that
this is a ground of communion which neither
the difference of external rites nor the difference
of seas or continents can ever efface.—Dean
Stanley.

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