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Why the Samaritan Was Good

A GOLDEN dish, centuries old, and a modern coin may be found in a treasure recovered from an eastern field. The old and the new are, often, side by side. The story of the good Samaritan is familiar; we may think its teaching old, but there is always something new to learn from this old, old story.

I.

The men who played a part in the drama that took place on the road which led down from Jerusalem to Jericho had some things in common. They were, in spite of differences, similar in nature. Each had come from the first man God had made, and shared the good and evil desires inherent in man. The Samaritan, however, had something that marked him off from the rest.

Those bandits were men with hearts of stone. While not all who are criminals are victims of circumstances, we must acknowledge that some are. The injustice prevailing within a social system can warp the character of a man, and drive him, out of desperation, into a life of crime. Knowing something of the conditions existing in a subject country, we can imagine the plight of many in Palestine when the unscrupulous Pilate ruled the land on behalf of the pagan Romans. Injustice within any social order will breed cruel men. These children of injustice will often inflict injustice on others. Thus Mr. Anyman on his journey from Jerusalem to Jericho fell amongst those who were, very likely, victims of an unjust society. So it is that the perfectly innocent can, in the cycle of events, suffer because of the ills of society. Very likely Pilate's evil led those men to take to thieving as a means of getting a living. One man's cruelty can be passed on to others who, in turn, become cruel to others, and so the circle of injustice increases.

The man who fell among the thieves was left naked and wounded by the wayside. As we have pointed out, it is likely he received his injury as the consequence of a chain of causes which went back to social injustice. However, he was allowed to

endure his agony and humiliation because of the indifference of two who were victims of a system of religion which so blinded men with tradition and custom that they could not see the need of helping those in trouble. If the injustices of society can cause one tragedy to follow another, a formal religion will allow men to be indifferent to those who suffer because of the cruelty of society. We can be victims of a cruel society and of a false religion.

II.

Racial prejudice can cause suffering and misery. Biased by false pride, people can be unkind to those of another race. It is possible for us to be indifferent to the needs of another because the man belongs to a foreign country. When the Samaritan went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, this man whom the Jews despised as if a dog saw, like the priest and the Levite, the wounded man by the wayside. While the others were so blinded by false religion that they could not see an opportunity to help, this Samaritan, overcoming racial prejudice, went down to the man, and attended to his wounds.

Between the time of seeing the wounded man and of going to his aid, a change took place within him. While the priest remained indifferent, the Samaritan had compassion for the suffering man. Compassion ignores racial differences, and opens the eyes to the troubles of another. The driving power behind his kind deeds was this compassion that moved his heart.

The dictionary defines compassion as "fellow-feeling," or "sorrow for the sufferings of another." In the gospels the word is used about fifteen times, and, for the most part, to indicate Christ's attitude toward others. It is used in parables of the behaviour of persons who represent God. As used in the gospel it designates an attitude that is best described as godly. We read in Matthew 9: 36 that when Jesus saw the multitude "he was moved with compassion," for they were like sheep without a shepherd. In the story of the Prodigal, Luke 15: 20, we read that, when

the father saw the son returning, he "had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him."

III.

Compassion is the godly emotion that creates the driving power of good actions. The origin of significant missionary moves can be traced back to the compassion of men for those living in darkness. Bede, the historian of the early British church, told the story of how missionaries were sent to the English pagans. In a slave-market at Rome, a group of fair-skinned children stood amidst a crowd of sun-tanned slaves of the East. Gregory, a deacon of the church, seeing them was touched with pity and compassion. When he was told the children were Angles he said, "They would not be Angles, but angels, if they were Christians." From that time he planned how to reach their homeland and tell the story of the Lord. After setting out to go to the land of the Angles, he was recalled to Rome to guide the work of church there. As soon as it was convenient, he had the desire of his heart satisfied. He sent Augustine and forty workers to the land of the children for whom he had such compassion. Carey was moved with compassion for the lost souls of India, and it was in his heart that the birth of modern missions took place. If society is to be changed, and if men and women are to be brought to the Lord, someone must have compassion which flows over into sacrificial service. Without it we are able to pass by on the other side. The Samaritan helped the wounded man because he had it; he was good because he was compassionate.

IV.

We have suggested that the cruelty of the thieves was partly due to social injustice and the indifference of the priest and the Levite was due to the formality associated with their religion; but while these may be reasons to account for their sin, we cannot justify sin by pointing to such causes. Remember that social injustice existed in Samaria and formalism choked the religious spirit of Samaritans, but this Samaritan did not allow either to prevent him doing what was good. A

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Evangelistic Enterprises of S.A.

Churches in South Australia are urged to emulate the example of other States and give a record offering on March 7 for home mission work.

Romance of Home Missions

A. Anderson, Conference President and Chairman Home Mission Committee.

MANY Christian people fail to see in home mission work the romance which is so frequently associated with the overseas missions. The fact that a missionary leaves home, and goes amongst a strange people and is able to speak with authority concerning the customs and land where he has labored, and is able to report frequently souls saved, adds glamor and romance to the adventure. This often blinds one to the real romance of home missions.

It can be truthfully said that without home missions the overseas work would hardly have existed. Many strong churches of to-day were once helped by home missions, and have become the mainstay of the work abroad.

As one closely associated with the overseas work, I take pleasure in paying tribute to the men in the home mission fields who, with small salaries, faithfully carry on the work among small and often scattered congregations, and sometimes under great difficulties. We honor the churches in these distant places because of their determination to carry on their witness.

To-day, the churches in Central Eyre Peninsula, having caught a new vision, are prepared to make great financial sacrifices, if the Home Mission Committee is prepared to help them in the ministry of the gospel. Dare we fall them?

Attention, too, must be given to the ever increasing opportunities at Whyalla. This important town is expanding, and brethren from various churches within the State have taken up residence there, and are determined to give witness to their faith by: (1) Settling up the Lord's table in a hall; (2) Building a suitable house for worship (as we write, the building is in the course of erection); (3) Having a resident preacher.

This means that the Home Mission Committee must assist them in their venture. The brethren there have already shouldered the burdens of the land purchase, and are helping in the erection of the building, and visits from city preachers, but they cannot fully support a preacher without some help.

In keeping with conference resolutions regarding preachers' salaries, increases have been made, but are still inadequate because of increased cost of living. The committee has faced this situation without an increased income, because they know that the brotherhood in South Australia will show their approval by increased giving. Will you refuse?

A visit to such towns as Broken Hill, Whyalla, Port Pirie or Murray Bridge will convince one that there are boundless opportunities in these places, and sufficient romance to satisfy the most romantic.

The committee want to satisfy all pressing claims, maintain all old work, and give more consideration to home mission preachers. To do this we can, and must, raise £1200 on March 7. Will you fail?

Sisters' President Speaks

Mrs. W. F. Nankivell

"MANKIND was my business," said the ghost of Jacob Marley. Mankind is in a very special sense the business of home missions. In this day of grave crisis for mankind the

task of home missions is given a new urgency. As never before the problems of the immediate future, as well as at the coming of peace, confront missions at home with tasks that are wider and deeper than any that have been faced before.

It is a time of revolution out of which new economic systems will come. It is a political revolution with different forms of government for the people, and new alignments of nations. It is a social revolution, and unless the church consciously and purposefully plans to have a part in the shaping of things to come, we shall find determined non-Christian forces in control, and destroying much that we consider of infinite value.

Jesus Christ, and he alone, has given the principles for the foundations of a new way of life for mankind. And the teachings of Jesus can be applied only as there are large groups of Christians in every nation. Our home mission offering will indicate to what extent we recognise our responsibility to the unchurched, untaught and unsaved folk of our own State.

The many demands which national service make on us should not mean the decreasing of our efforts towards winning men and women to Christ. Rather let us increase our efforts, that more and still more people may face the future with that faith and hope which belong to those whose "life is hid with Christ in God." Because Christian women are deeply concerned that the young life of our communities should develop in the knowledge and fear of the Lord, they cannot view without grave misgivings the pagan tendencies and moral depression of our time. How sincere is our concern March 7 will answer.

This is a time of testing, but not a time for Christians to despair or be depressed. Let us then, with renewed consecration, a larger loyalty, and deeper faith answer the call of him who said to his disciples, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world," and "Lo, I am with you always." Mankind was his business, and as members of his church must be our business too.

Facts, Fields, Finance

NOT for many years have so many churches been assisted by home mission funds, and we can also report that, in spite of war conditions, the prospect for development is exceedingly bright and doors are opening wide, bidding us to enter.

Advances Since Last Offering

1. *New Preachers at Work*.—By the granting of subsidies of 10/- per week to Stirling East and Aldgate Valley Circuit; 10/- to Pt. Pirie; and 20/- to Berri-Winkie-Moorook Circuit these churches have been able to secure preachers, and the three new men to the State, S. H. Wilson, A. Pledon and L. E. Johnson, are a welcome addition to our preaching force. This has meant a new expenditure of £104 per year, without which these churches would still have been without preachers.

2. *Increases in Salaries*.—In keeping with the resolution of conference urging churches to bring salaries to a minimum of £5, the committee has had to come to the assistance of H.M. and subsidised churches with increased help involving an additional expenditure of £208 per year.

We believe that not one member will fail to commend these two essential advances during the year, though they mean an extra 2s per week that has to be raised.

Urgent Calls for Help for this Year.

1. *Whyalla church* has grown splendidly, and the house is far too small to hold the school, making the chapel now being erected by voluntary labor an absolute necessity. It will cost about £800. The church promises at least £2 per week, if we will send them a preacher. What a field! What an opportunity! What a challenge!

2. *Wudinna Circuit* in Central Eyre Peninsula has been without a preacher for over two years, and has been assisted by Tumby Bay, 130 miles away, at irregular intervals. For such a small cause, they now make a magnificent offer to the committee to raise £3



A Working Bee
Erecting a hall to house the rapidly growing kindergarten section of the Bible school at Edwardstown West, S.A.

per week, if we can subsidise a further £2/10/- so they can engage a preacher. If you were a member of the H.M. Committee, how would you reply to Whyalla and Wudinna?

Other Encouraging Moves

As there is now a possibility of permission being granted to erect the vestries of a building at Albert Park primarily for Bible school purposes, consideration is being given to size of building, materials, costs, etc., to forward with the application.

A new cause is being started at Salisbury as a result of a recent canvass by nine preachers. Meetings are being held in a house, but a move to the hall is being arranged, and the starting of a Bible school is being planned.

The committee funds now make possible the continuance of the work in 21 churches with 7 other preaching centres and are necessary for the support in whole or in part of 12 preachers.

With our new expenditure of 5s per week the offering will need to go well over the £1200 if the calls from Whyalla and Wudinna are to be met.

In keeping with the other States, may South Australia also show a considerable increase in the H.M. offering this year—for Christ's sake.—W. L. Ewers, secretary and part-time organiser, 24 Osmond-st., Hindmarsh.

WOMEN'S PAGE

Sacrificing for Others

Devotional theme for year, "Blue-prints for To-morrow."

Call to Worship.—"Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen and Amen." Psalm 72: 13, 19.

Hymn.—Church hymnal, 141; Sankey, 295.

Prayer.

Bible Reading.—Luke 23: 33-49.

Devotional.

The perfect example of vicarious sacrifice is that of our Saviour giving his life on Calvary for the redemption of the world. Many of our choicest hymns make reference to it, and we remember it week by week in the communion service. Some churches emphasise sacrifice for the six weeks preceding Easter. In precept if not always in practice we believe that such an emphasis should be maintained throughout the year.

Although we do not generally observe Lent, the sacrifice of Christ would mean more to us if we devoted more time to meditation to appreciate more fully its great underlying principles.

As there are laws which govern natural forces, so there are spiritual laws. The spiritual law of vicarious sacrifice is an outworking of the large principle of love—returning love for anger and hate as Christ did, even though it may mean the way of pain or a cross. Faith takes the place of fear; love overcomes hate. The "tooth for a tooth and an eye for an eye" principle is replaced by "resist not evil with evil but with good."

In these next few weeks we could study with profit the teachings of Christ concerning this law of vicarious sacrifice to gain a clearer vision of the example and meaning of his life.

Sorrow and suffering follow when physical laws are broken; and when the spiritual law of vicarious sacrifice is broken by not being practised the soul also suffers and sorrows. As oxygen is necessary to the physical life, so is vicarious sacrifice necessary to our spiritual life.

Self-sacrifice is difficult for a child to learn if he does not learn it early in the home. It is not instinctive with any of us, but it can be learned. When he is taught that money or education is the most important thing, a child is being given a wrong scale of values. The love and courage of vicarious sacrifice, demonstrated in the home, will teach the Christian scale of values more effectively than anything else.

By his life and death Jesus set before his followers the perfect example of this spiritual law, and every advance in civilisation has been made by those who have observed it.

Love, then, is the fulfilment of the law. Vicarious sacrifice is the outworking of love. Let us pray.

For the men and women of the forces, that their sacrifices made for country will lead them nearer to Christ.

For prisoners of war.

For our enemies, that thy love may draw us all into a circle of loving fellowship.

For home-makers.

For the church and all activities which place Jesus Christ in his rightful place.

For ourselves, that we may love and sacrifice for the advance of thy kingdom on earth.

Hymn.—Church hymnal, 285; Sankey, 115.

Business Session.

Collection.

Solo.

Home Missionary Notes.

Overseas letter.

Address.—"The Indigenous African Church." Hymn.—Church Hymnal, 333; Sankey, 1067. Benediction.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The State conferences resumed the executive meetings in February. This year we hope to see the women's Federal work launched among the Australian aborigines. May this year of 1943 be one of real advancement.

CONFERENCE NOTES

The secretaries of the various State women's conferences meeting at Easter wish to remind church secretaries to send in the names of their delegates by the end of March.

Mrs. Brough, secretary of the Victorian Women's Conference, wishes to remind superintendents of committees that reports for the Victorian Conference must be in by March 6.

I Met God in the Morning

I MET God in the morning,

When the day was at its best,
And his presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long his presence lingered,
All day long he stayed with me,
And we walked in perfect calmness
On every troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,
Other ships were sore distressed,
And the wind that seemed to blow them,
Brought to us both peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings
With a deep remorse of mind,
When I too had loosed the moorings
With his presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret
Learned by many a troubled way,
I must meet God in the morning
If I want him through the day.

—Exchange.

Mrs. Westcott, superintendent of the Catering Committee for the Victorian Conference, resigned through ill health. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

At the South Australian Conference meetings in February, Mrs. C. Verco spoke on "Evangelisation Amongst Women in the Services," and Miss Esther Messent, Y.W.C.A. Commissioner of the State of South Australia, spoke on her work in the Forces among the girls. She asked for donations of cushions and books for the girls.

Mrs. Jeffries, who for many years carried out the duties of superintendent of Woolooloo Visitation Committee, has resigned. The Western Australian Women's Conference regret this, and have placed on record an appreciation of her long years of service.

Mrs. Gill, superintendent of the Victorian Social Service Committee, reports that "the special appeal for the Christian Guest Home has been most successful, £32.6/11 having been received, thus exceeding our aim by £2.6/11. This amount was raised for an expense of approximately £5/10/- for printing and postage, not quite 15%. She deeply appreciates all the thought and planning given by the sisters to this appeal. It is gratifying to report that the response from country churches has been greater than ever before, and quite a number of isolated members also had a share in the offering."

The sympathy of us all goes to Mrs. Arnold, president of the Tasmanian Women's Conference, and her daughter in the death of their husband and father.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

It has been encouraging to know of the growing interest in missionary education among our women since the Women's Federal Conference in Adelaide, in September, 1941, inaugurated it as a Federal plan.

In our women's work of more than 50 years, each women's conference has thought and acted in terms of its own particular State. Where the membership was large and the leadership strong much has been accomplished. Where the leadership has been virile but membership small the achievements, though less spectacular, have been as important.

Our Women's Federal Conference is the unifying agency which is drawing the women of the States together. A weakening factor in times past has been unfavorable criticisms and comparisons by those who have moved to or visited another State. They sometimes have been made in ignorance of either the opportunities or discouragements of that particular State and work.

The Missionary Education Department of the Women's Federal Conference, which comprises two members from each State, is trying to bring to the assistance of all the States the help which before has been confined within State boundaries. With the programme material being used all over Australia and each State contributing to the efficiency of the plan, any State criticisms and comparisons will disappear.

In older and smaller countries, when church women organised for specific work, they usually began on a national scale. This has proved an asset. In such a young country as our own, with the vast distances between the States, it was not practicable for those who organised the early work among the women of our churches here to do so. It has been left to us who have been nurtured in State work, with the interest and support given to all forms of Christian service, now to make a national work which is worthy of the women of the churches of Christ of Australia.

AFRICA

The topical study of Africa, which will be the subject for the next five months, will have much illustrative material from the daily papers and magazines to add to the interest of the meeting. We suggest "Goodly Pearls," of June, 1942, for additional material.

Remember the Women's World Day of Prayer, March 12.

Why the Samaritan was Good

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compassionate heart will not allow itself to be made self-centred by social injustice, nor will it be blind to the needs of others by formalism, but will seek the good of all.

The men with the heart of compassion become the reformers ready to suffer to help others get justice, or the preachers who save souls, or the missionaries who go to the uttermost parts of the world, telling others of Christ.

Why was the Samaritan good? He was good because he had compassion for the man in need. He carried that compassion over into deeds. This world is full of those in physical and spiritual difficulties. Many are so interested in their own needs they cannot see the troubles of others; only the man with the compassionate heart can see—can we?

Notes on Current Topics

Our Young People

W. R. Hibbert

Roy Arnold's Passing

THE death of Roy Arnold is a great loss to Australia. Both in his home State of South Australia, where he did excellent service before he went to college, and in the four States (Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania) in which he labored as a preacher of the Gospel, he was much loved for his genial personality and the value of his work. When older workers are called home, we deem it but a natural thing; but the sudden call of young men, on whose future help we seemed to count, comes as a shock. Surely all of us are reminded of the brevity of life and the need of working while it is day. We have had many losses of preachers recently, by death and transfer to other forms of service. There are gaps in the ranks. Who will volunteer to fill them?

Not for Praise or Glory

One of the Digests contained the story of an inventor of aeroplane engines who was asked why the men who used his engines received most of the glory for the work he made possible. His reply was, "After all, who ever heard the name of Paul Revere's horse?" For those who would work for the praise and glory of men the story has a pointed lesson. Most of us probably are tempted to seek too earnestly for human credits; but there are still many men who offer service without much thought of earthly reward. The same Digest tells of the order which President Abraham Lincoln once gave to General Meade to pursue and attack General Lee's army after the battle of Gettysburg. "The order I enclose," Lin-

coln wrote, "is not of record. If you succeed, you need not publish the order. If you fail, publish it. Then, if you succeed, you will have all the credit of the movement. If not, I'll take all the responsibility." Not many can be as self-effacing as was Lincoln.

"Sugar-coated Cussin'."

To some readers it may seem like dealing with trivialities at a time when the gravest moral offences are rampant to refer to the common practice of petty or disguised swearing. But we have not neglected a warning against the flagrant sins of immorality, drunkenness, dishonesty and the like; and there is need of an occasional word of advice to Christians regarding their manner of speech. I have come across an old clipping from the "Western Baptist Recorder" which conveys a needed lesson. It dealt with "sugar-coated cussin'" and contained the following sentence:

"Those hypocrites in Jesus' day who swore by the temple claiming that this was not like swearing by God himself, were on a par with people to-day who say 'Gosh' when they mean 'God,' or 'darn' when they mean 'damn,' or 'Gee' when they mean 'Jesus,' or 'Lawd' when they mean 'Lord, have mercy.'" It is quite common to hear such expressions from people who would be horrified at the use of the vulgar, ugly words we usually call swearing. Let us all endeavor to employ pure, beautiful, helpful words.

A. R. Main.

Working or Folded Hands

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

PRAYER is perhaps one of the most emphasised things in the Bible, yet for modern Christians so often a neglected duty. Comparatively few really and regularly pray. But does God expect us who are well and strong to spend valuable time in prayer? Folded hands seem to belong to the past, to the middle ages and to religious houses. Would not God be better pleased with working hands? The strong man seems to think the old Catholic idea a waste of time. Doesn't God know our need? Surely we do not need to waste his time and ours. But I am thinking that is not all the reason. These days of ours are so busy, and to pray requires so much effort. After all, if we neglect prayer we become more worldly and find there is less and less desire for communion with God. The inner spiritual life weakens, and the pain of sin is felt less keenly. In fact we fail to distinguish between what is and what is not sin.

Prayer in the spiritual realm is an art, but not all appreciated art. All the fine arts require a certain ability, knowledge and appreciation. No man becomes a master of arts without certain sacrifice and hard work. To become mighty in prayer requires all that. We must practise and persevere. We learn by doing. The prayer art has its laws, and if we break them we shall not accomplish much. Now just as some folk say, "I do not see anything in art," so some say, "What good is it to pray? Nothing ever happens in my life as a result of prayer." Yet Jesus said, "Watch and pray," and the disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray." Are folded hands in prayer necessary?

We make some mistakes in our little thinking. If we put the emphasis on the working hands, there is a danger of running ahead of God, of thinking God can do nothing without us. In fact, we sometimes try to direct God. We say, "Dear God, this is what I am earnestly asking of thee. I know it is difficult, but if thou wilt do so-and-so thou canst accomplish it." We go ahead helping him, working and directing, and then take the credit to ourselves. See the danger. Some prayers are in the nature of an ultimatum, but God does not permit us to issue orders to him. We are impatient and cannot wait. "Mine hour is not yet come," said Jesus on one occasion. God's purposes will all be fulfilled in good time. Well, why pray? "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." And at the same time Milton must be remembered when he said, "God doth not need either man's work or his own gifts; his state is kingly; thousands at his bidding speed and post o'er land and ocean without rest." God could do without Milton and his eyes. Service for God is not always determined by what we do, for Milton ends his sonnet by saying, "They also serve who only stand and wait." Folded hands may be those of best use to God. It is the surrendered life and thought that God takes. It is not the best vessel, but the one given to him even if imperfect that is useful. But remember, too, that the best, the perfect life, the strong man, the worker absolutely surrendered and dependent on God can be of the greatest service. It is not working or folded hands, but folded hands and working hands that are needed.

Books for Boys



Dear W.R.,

My boys are growing up rapidly, and I want to help them to know and love books. Has the department a list of books that will interest boys from 10 to 12 years?

—D.C., Melbourne.

Dear D.C.,

Your boys will one day praise you for this concern. The department has no ready-made list to hand, but where there is concern for a boy there the department begins to function. We suggest you acquaint yourself with authors who provide healthy books for boys. The following list will give you a start:—

Frank Percy Westerman, sea and air yarns; G. A. Henty, stories based on historical facts; Captain Johns, air stories; Richard Halleburton, travel books; R. M. Ballantyne, school stories; Arthur Mee, talks to boys and other books.

"South with Scott," by E. R. O. R. Evans, should be in every boy's library. "Paul the Dauntless," by Basil Matthews, is the boys' classic on Paul. Include biographies of Lincoln and Dr. Grenfell and others. Introduce yourself to the "Eagle" books and "Boys' Adventure" series. They are only booklets, but serve up yarns and biography in Christian settings and objectives. They are cheap, and boys can read them without long concentration. Any of the religious book depots will introduce them to you.

You will be wise to observe any taste in arts and crafts amongst your boys, and then occasionally bring home a suitable magazine.

A Miniature Library.

We suggest you do not exhaust your interest in buying books. In leisure time indulge in a little home carpentering by making a book shelf or cabinet for the boys' room. The boys will respond to encouragement to classify them like the librarian at the public library. This lesson in tidiness, order and kindness to good friends (books) will have a life gain.

Books are Like Human Beings

This being so, you will need to teach your boys to choose their books as they choose their friends. There are many competing interests to-day. A great change is manifest in the type of book now read. The influence of the motion picture film is powerful in this mechanised age of quickened pulse. The modern adjective—dramatic, fascinating, masterly, exquisite, notable, brilliant, graphic, alive, absorbing—is totally unreliable.

Books read by adolescents are to be measured by their quality rather than by their quantity. These, generally speaking, should be classics with universality of appeal. We suggest a few as a concluding guiding suggestion:—

Mark Twain.—Tom Sawyer; Huckleberry Finn. Robert Louis Stevenson.—Treasure Island; Kidnapped. Charles Kingsley.—Westward Ho! The Heroes. Alexander Dumas.—The Three Musketeers. Charles Dickens.—Nicholas Nickleby; A Christmas Carol.



A good book is the
medicine chest of
the soul.

Tributes of a Brotherhood

Many have expressed appreciation of the faithful and able services of R. L. Arnold and S. H. Mudge. In the following selected statements the thoughts of brethren throughout Australia are expressed.

Roy Leslie Arnold

THE whole brotherhood was shocked with grief as news came that Roy Arnold had been called from this life. Only a few days earlier he had written in his usual cheerful spirit, in characteristic breezy phrases. Not a word in that letter suggested any sickness or expected hospital treatment. That, too, is characteristic. He did not discuss himself. His letter was full of his work, his plans, his opinions concerning the great business of the kingdom of God. He had visions for the development of Tasmanian churches. The need for more preachers in that State was heavily on his heart. He saw the opportunities for expansion. Speaking of experiences prior to going to Launceston, he thanked God for them, seeing the Father's leadership taking him there. He expressed loving appreciation of the Tasmanian brotherhood, especially of the fine group of Launceston church. A pastor's heart was his. Friendship for his brethren in Christ marked his life.

It was at Port Pirie, in 1920, that I first met him. His reading of a scripture lesson was impressive, showing fine understanding of the message. It was no surprise to learn later that he had entered college, nor to find that there he distinguished himself—his record shows that he attained honors in almost all subjects. Twice he was awarded the William Grindrod scholarship, in recognition of his fine platform department. Prior to coming to college he had served in Y.M.C.A. as youth secretary. In college he served the churches at Warrigal and Hampton, and subsequently at Bonaratta, Moreland, Burwood (N.S.W.), Brisbane and Launceston. In all fields the warmth of personal friendships remains a living memorial.

He was passionately devoted to the plea for unity on the basis of the New Testament. He declared once (probably more often if one had been able to hear), "I came to the church of Christ, after a struggle, from another fold. I feel I have to tell why." He did so with growing power and success, the record of souls won being evidence. In every church he won the hearts of young and old, and many have testified gratefully of his counsel and preaching power.

He was blessed in his home life, and Mrs. Arnold shared in every enterprise. To her and to their daughter are extended the tender loving sympathy of a brotherhood that mourns the loss of a valiant worker. It is hard to understand why such a life should close at the early age of 42. The Master had need of him at home, and their fellowship is complete there. We shall miss him—the world seems lonely without him—and heaven becomes more precious because he is there.—F. T. Saunders.

F. T. Morgan, of Tasmania, writes: "In spite of the humility of spirit that made Mr. Arnold shun prominence of office, he served well on many State committees. He had been only twelve months in Tasmania but was a member of the State Executive and Home Missions Committee, and was valued there for his wisdom and freshness of outlook. His work at Margaret-st., Launceston, though limited to the one brief year, was full of promise. Indeed there had already been much realisation of results. In the twelve months he had gained a remarkable grip of the hearts of the people within the church and outside too.

"In deference to his own expressed desire, his mortal remains were cremated privately.

Such a request was in keeping with the humble spirit that was so characteristic of him. The officers of his church, members of the State Executive Committee and two representatives of the Launceston Ministers' Fraternal were present at a brief, simple service in the crematorium chapel. There were no flowers. There was no show. He wished it so.

"One whose life and spirit reflected much of the life and spirit of his Master has gone from us for a little while, to be with him whom he loved until we shall join him there. We shall miss him much. But his work and his influence shall still be a blessing to us, for the memory of Roy Arnold will help many to follow Christ more closely."

Sydney Herbert Mudge

AFTER an illness of more than two years, Sydney Herbert Mudge was called home on Saturday, February 6. Our brother was widely known and respected as an able preacher among Australian churches of Christ.

He was born in 1884, at Noarlunga, South Australia. A little later the family moved to the Horsham district in Victoria, where he received his schooling. Here he was associated with the Methodist and Baptist churches, for whom he frequently preached. Whilst the family were living at Warmur West, G. H. Brown conducted a mission, and as a result the Mudge family became associated with the churches of Christ.

When the College of the Bible was opened in Victoria in 1907, Sydney Mudge was one of the first students. As a student he was diligent and popular. Whilst at college he labored with Meredith, Kyeeton, Blackburn and Castlemaine churches. From college he went to Auburn, N.S.W., then to Wellington South, N.Z. Returning to Victoria he served at Swan Hill, South Yarra and Cheltenham. He remained at the latter place for over five years, and was a recognised leader in Protestant and temperance work. Then he spent five years at Fremantle, W.A. Several of our younger ministers testify to help received from the training class conducted by Mr. Mudge at Fremantle.

He conducted numerous missions in W.A. and Victoria, and was an able writer for the "Australian Christian." His conference sermon (Melbourne, 1936), "A World is on the Anvil," was a masterly utterance. He served on conference committees in various States, and was conference president in W.A. He gave valuable service on Foreign Mission and Social Service Committees in Victoria.

His last and longest ministry, fifteen years, was at Oakleigh, Victoria. His interests were many and varied. As vice-president of the Oakleigh Football Club he was respected by players and citizens alike. Mr. Mudge took a very great interest in the establishment at Oakleigh of the Christian Guest Home for the aged of our churches. He was the first chaplain of the home, in the interests of which he never spared himself. He was beloved by both staff and guests.

Sydney Herbert Mudge was a Christian gentleman, kindly and wise in counsel, fearless in defence of the truth, unassuming, and yet able to accommodate himself to meet the needs of the child or the distraught man of affairs. Among the messages of sympathy received by the family was one from Oakleigh City Council, and another from a Catholic priest with whom Mr. Mudge had worked at Oakleigh.

A service was held at Oakleigh church on

Monday morning, Feb. 8, where the writer was assisted by L. E. Snow. There were many beautiful floral tributes of love and esteem. His mortal remains were laid to rest at New Cheltenham Cemetery, where three college mates of 1907, J. E. Allan, H. M. Clifton and R. T. Pittman, officiated. Our late brother leaves a widow and two sons, to whom we extend sincerest Christian sympathy. With them, we shall see our brother "in the morning."—Stan. Neighbour.

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

BE STRONG

"MEN may misjudge thy aim,
Men may not praise thy name,
Think they have cause for blame,
Say thou art wrong.
Hold on thy quiet way,
Heed not what men may say,
Christ is the judge—not they;
Fear not; be strong."

NEVER DO IT

NEVER make yourself the hero of your own story.

Never present a gift, saying that it is of no use to yourself.

Never fall if a gentleman, to be civil and polite to ladies.

Never read a letter belonging to some one else, unless they ask you to do so.

Never associate with bad company. Have good company or none.

Never call attention to others' looks.

Never look over the shoulder of another who is writing or reading.

Never interrupt another in the midst of a sentence. Wait patiently until he has finished.

Never refer to a gift you have made or a favor you have rendered.

Never appear to notice a scar or deformity of anyone present.

Never answer questions that have been put to another.

WORSE STILL

"Pardon me, madam, but would you be kind enough to take off your hat? I can see nothing, and I paid 2/- for my seat."

"And then nobody will see my hat, and I paid two guineas for that."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—PRESENT NEED FOR OLD-TIME ADVICE

Feb. 22—Matt. 5: 13-16.

" 23—Matt. 7: 15-23.

" 24—Matt. 11: 1-6.

" 25—Mark 9: 38-40.

" 26—1 Cor. 2: 1-5.

" 27—Acts 5: 17-32.

" 28—Isaiah 55; Acts 5: 17-32.

NOT often is neutrality advisable. Occasions frequently arise which demand a firm stand and strong language. Yet, at times, Gamaliel's advice should be followed, because unkind, harsh opposition to error is likely to give to it undue publicity. Moreover, if the flame is fanned, it will flare up brightly; if left alone it will probably die out. But truth is indestructible. Gamaliel was right when he said, "If it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it." God's plans are always right, and all others, being of the devil, will, like a boomerang, recoil with terrible vengeance upon all offenders.

Here and There

The annual offering for Church Extension work is to be taken in all Victorian churches on Sunday, March 7.

E. C. Hinrichsen, Director of Home Missions, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Canterbury-Earlwood church, N.S.W.

J. Keith Robinson, of Nelson, New Zealand, has accepted the invitation of the church at Lake-st., Perth, to succeed J. Wiltshire as preacher.

In response to an appeal for supplies made in "The Australian Christian," Chaplain H. G. Norris has received much help. He thanks all who have assisted him.

We learn that H. J. Horsell is retiring as manager of the South Australian Churches of Christ Book Depot. F. P. Langlois is to succeed our brother, who has given many years of faithful service for the book room.

Dr. Bardsley and F. Youn's will not be available this year as lecturers for the N.S.W. Bible College. The College board has recorded its grateful appreciation of their valuable services. A. W. Ladbroke, M.A., Dip.Ed., will join the faculty as permanent lecturer, while F. C. Hunting will lecture on youth work this year.

E. L. Williams, M.A., concluded four years' ministry with the church at Ivanhoe, Vic., on Feb. 14. After the evening service a cheque was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Williams. Ivanhoe esteems them highly and regrets deeply their going. P. R. Thickins, a last year student of the college, is to succeed Mr. Williams.

At the conclusion of the gospel service on Feb. 7, members of the church, Collins-st., Hobart, honored the birthday of Mrs. Dixon. Our sister has completed 52 years' membership of the church, and 50 years as a teacher in the Sunday school, being for the last 45 years superintendent of the kindergarten. A presentation was made and speakers referred to her faithful service and of the esteem in which she was held by members. Mrs. Dixon suitably responded. A written message of congratulation and good wishes was signed by over 60 members.

At Camberwell, Vic., both services on Feb. 14 were well attended; 111 broke bread during the day. Harvest thanksgiving was celebrated, and a fine response to the appeal was received, proceeds being sent to Children's Hospital. J. Turner preached at both services. He concluded a successful and most valuable two years' ministry, and has now taken up chaplaincy duties with the forces. R. L. Williams has accepted a call to commence a second term of ministry, and hopes to return at end of March. Bible school interest is well maintained. Vacation period having ended, attendance is now over 100. Mutual fund deposits now approximate £700. During Mr. Turner's vacation the church was helped with messages from J. Abercrombie, W. H. Clay and A. A. Hughes.

From "The Broadcaster," Jan. 27, the following encouraging item of news is taken:—"A year ago station 6KG established from Kalgoorlie, W.A., a radio link with the goldfields outback, and to mark the completion of the first year, a special programme is being arranged for Sunday, Feb. 28. The link is the children's broadcast service, a local talent show which takes the air every Sunday at 6 p.m. from 6KG. The session is presented by the children's choir of the church of Christ, Egan-st., Kalgoorlie, and compered by Pastor Fitch of that church. Hymns, choruses sung in unison and solo, stories for the tiny tots and inspiring addresses to older folk by Pastor Fitch make this session of outstanding interest to goldfields listeners in towns and in the far outback. An special significance of the children's broadcast services has been the spiritual

help and cheer brought to inmates of the aboriginal missions in the backblocks."

J. E. Thomas, of Williamstown, Vic., writes:—"In the early days of my ministry at Grote-st., Adelaide, it was my privilege to go to Port Pirie and conduct a mission. It was there I met Roy Arnold, the son of a worthy couple in the church in that busy town. He was a keen member of the J.C.E. Society, and showed great promise. He and his brother, Elliott, became preachers. I have followed with interest the work of Roy. It was a joy to have a part in his induction into the work at Margaret-st., Launceston. When I left him, but a few months since, I told him that I wished for him a long life of service. But he has gone bearing many sheaves into the presence of the Lord of the harvest. We all feel richer for knowing him, and his memory will be an inspiration to many. We pray that God may raise up others to follow in the needy work in Tasmania, for the brave folk in this beautiful island are in great need of laborers. They are a great brotherhood who will not soon forget Roy Arnold."

Members at Unley, S.A., welcomed back Mr. Nankivell from vacation at Pt. Sturt. At church business meeting on Jan. 27 C. L. Johnston and H. L. Wenham were elected to diacnate. Despite loss of 53 members to forces and auxiliaries, reports from church organisations were encouraging, work being well maintained by younger members. On Dec. 3 number on roll was 323; total average communicants 165 as against 169 last half-year. The preacher's report showed that Mr. Nankivell had a very full year, he having delivered 185 addresses and talks, made 339 calls, in addition to which his duties as supervisor of religions

instruction at Unley school had entailed a great deal of work. Reference was made to F. W. Bennett's good work as church auditor over a period of 30 years. During recent examinations, young people distinguished themselves. In leaving examinations Keith Lovell and Don. Bowes gained bursaries which will entitle them to enter the University in the Schools of Medicine and Science respectively. In intermediate examination Gaynor Kretschmer, Ian Nankivell and Colin Phillips gained bursaries, and in the qualifying examination Audrey Lawrence and Geoff. Goodwin gained scholarships. T. E. Yelland, who has been ill for some weeks, is improving. On Jan. 31 the S.S. made presentations to Miss E. Messent and Lindsay Howes in appreciation of their services.

C. S. Cooke, secretary of the church at Mole Creek, Tasmania, writes: "At close of Sunday morning meeting at Mayberry recently, a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Byard, who are leaving the district because of Mr. Byard's ill health. His departure is a serious loss to the church. As elder and joint treasurer, he has served the church faithfully and well. The church has been enriched by the unswerving loyalty and devotion of Mr. Byard throughout his almost life-long residence at Mayberry (previously known as Circular Ponds). Mr. Byard's deep Christian character and kindly sympathetic nature earned for him the greatest affection and regard in the church; and his honorable sterling qualities have commanded the respect and esteem of the whole district. An old school scholar paid a tribute to the life and witness of Mrs. Byard, who has served the church as joint treasurer, secretary and organist. A presentation was also made to them at Mole Creek. Our prayers, thoughts and gratitude follow them to Devonport, where it is sincerely hoped Mr. Byard's health will improve."

From Week to Week

ACCORDING to "The Herald," Feb. 4, there are 800,000 men and women in the Services. In addition there are many in the V.D.C. and A.R.P. services. Then in the various war factories there are many thousands of workers. In order to maintain the fighting forces men and women are leaving retirement, and are assisting the workers in factory, office and farm. Essential supplies must be sent to the American forces within the Commonwealth. For a small population to defend such a vast area, great sacrifices must be made. Anyone who reflects upon the achievements of the past year will recognise that the greater part of the population of Australia is making a great effort to hold off the invasion. While there are a few strikers (some of these, perhaps, have just cause for complaint), the rank and file are bearing the heavy burden gladly.

Australia is, indeed, a land of the sun. For many months of the year vast areas of the continent are "sun drenched." It is our time of harvest. The rolling plains, covered with golden corn, become places full of activity. Strippers, reapers and tractors are busy bringing in the bounties of Nature. Orchards, with trees laden with ripe fruit, await the pickers. Suburban gardens, with some attention, provide families with vegetables.

This land of Australia which 150 years ago was a vast wilderness has, by the labors of pioneers, become the rich home of fortunate people. Here people can live close to Nature, and gaze upon the incredibly blue sky. To be able to do this, Tolstoy said, is one of the requirements of a healthy religion. The wealth of the continent and the freedom of the open-air life tend to make us indifferent to the call to worship. Australians need the dis-

cipline of the Christian faith. A general acceptance of the truths of the teachings of Christ will help to maintain the spirit of the pioneers who struggled to open up the wealth of the land, and it will encourage a willingness to share the fruits of the harvest among all according to each man's need; then poverty will be banished from cities and towns. For Australians to become worthy of their sunny home, they must lay hold of the essential principles of the kingdom of God.

It is the essential aim of the Restoration Movement to call members of the Christian church back to the teaching and life of the New Testament church. The primary principle of the kingdom of God is to DO the will of the Father. Acting in a Christ-like way is essential. It is necessary for men to surrender their life to Christ and to live as he would have them.

The separation of the interest of the church from the events of daily life is disastrous for church and for society. It is possible for people to get an obsession about doctrinal statements. They can find time to argue about little points while neglecting to apply obvious principles of the kingdom to daily life. We believe there is a need to know and teach true doctrine, but it is more fundamental to live the Christ-like life. Lip service is not enough; there must be obedience. This emphasis upon obedience, so evident in the "Declaration and Address" of Thomas Campbell, ought to make members of churches of Christ the most missionary and revolutionary Christians in Australia. It was the quality of the life of the early Christians that enabled them to turn the world upside down. While being anxious to know and teach the right doctrine, let us likewise aim at living the life required of real Christians.

News of the Churches

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Perth.—On morning of Feb. 7 the service was broadcast. The choir rendered an anthem, and J. Wiltshire gave a helpful exhortation. Offering for aborigines mission reached £37/3/-. At 7.30 p.m. the meeting was broadcast. A trio was given by A. B. Povey, E. R. Berry, Frank Ewers and Mr. Wiltshire spoke.

TASMANIA

Launceston (Margaret-st.)—The church was profoundly stirred and grieved on Feb. 7, when, at morning service, F. T. Morgan conveyed the sad news that R. L. Arnold, the preacher, had passed away suddenly the previous evening. On Feb. 3 he entered hospital for an operation, and was progressing satisfactorily, but suddenly collapsed and passed peacefully to be with his Saviour. A few days previous to entering hospital Mr. Arnold had returned from brief vacation, and preached at both services on Jan. 31. He would have completed his first year of service with the church on Feb. 13. The work had made rapid progress under his ministry, and plans were in hand for a forward move. The church mourns the loss of a beloved leader, pastor and brother. Many tributes of regret and sorrow have been received from all parts of the State and Commonwealth. Deepest sympathy and Christian love are extended to Mrs. Arnold and Helma in their great sorrow and trial.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Prospect.—Owing to illness Mr. Schwab has been unable to preach, and has gone into a rest home for treatment. P. Baker is assisting the church. Combined C.E. held a social evening on Feb. 6.

Milang.—The church has been without an evangelist since last October. The work has been carried on by local brethren. A Stoner has exhorted the church every other Sunday, and his addresses have been much appreciated. E. E. Newell and other brethren have also given great service. Morning meetings have been well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Newell had the sad experience of losing their only son in New Guinea, on Jan. 19. The church extends to them deepest sympathy.

Tumby Bay.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Jan. 31. Meetings were well attended. Helpful messages were given by C. B. Cartmel. A record thankoffering was taken, which leaves all church property free of debt. Mr. Cartmel, who has been serving the church very acceptably during college vacation, gave farewell messages on Feb. 7. On the 9th a combined meeting of church and C.E. Society bade farewell to Mr. Cartmel. A happy evening was brought to a close with a basket supper.

Semaphore.—The church had fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Clark and daughter, of Broken Hill, N.S.W., over Christmas season. On morning of Feb. 7 C.E. graduation service was held. At close of Mr. Paddick's address a young man made the confession. He was baptised in the evening with a young woman, who has been a Christian for many years, and who gave her testimony prior to immersion. The large attendance was much impressed. Miss Avis Lutjens and Mr. Colin Penalarick, A.J.P., were married on Feb. 11.

Adelaide (Grote-st.)—At close of Mr. Hurren's gospel address on Feb. 7 Miss V. Ellis confessed Christ. She was baptised at midweek prayer meeting, and received into fellowship on Feb. 14. On Feb. 10 aged G. N. Glastonbury, late of St. Kilda, Vic., passed away. His remains were laid to rest the following day in Hindmarsh Cemetery. The church extends loving sympathy to all bereaved ones. The church has had fellowship with a number of visitors, including Mr. Thompson, of Bunbury, W.A. Mr. Hurren spoke at both services on Feb. 14.

Whyalla.—On Feb. 3, at close of prayer meeting, a chrome tray was presented to Miss W. Hale on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. M. Knight on 6th. Farewell was also said to S. Ryles on 5th, and a cheque given from the church as a token of love for services rendered. He enters the college. On Feb. 7, and at midweek prayer meeting, Mr. Noble, from Murray Bridge, was speaker at all services, and his fellowship and messages were enjoyed by all. Miss P. Kirby and Mr. C. Kirby, both of Port Pirie, were received into fellowship.

Hindmarsh.—Mr. and Mrs. Ewers have recently returned from holidays at Pt. Elliott. The church appreciates the help of Messrs. Patching, Mossop, Matthews and C. R. Badger, who exhorted the church during their absence. Mrs. Helgeson has been received by letter from Maylands church. Miss Valda Jones, a senior scholar from Bible school, has made the good confession. Bible school picnic was held at Largs Bay on Feb. 1. The work of renovating kindergarten room is being carried out. Several members are sick. Hamilton Brooker has been seriously ill, but is recovering. Fellowship has been enjoyed with men from the forces. Keith Ewers has been able to be present for first time since leaving home. Finances of the church are in a healthy condition.

Fullarton.—On Jan. 24 Mr. Beller was away on Bible school work. Morning meeting was addressed by George Bridgman, of Dulwich, whose message was appreciated. Mr. Mackstead and quartette party, from Brooklyn Park, assisted at gospel meeting. Message and singing were enjoyed. Over 80 were present. Taxis Society is growing in numbers and interest—about 20 in attendance to date. On Jan. 31 there was a good meeting in morning. Good messages were given by Mr. Beller. By an almost unanimous vote Mr. Beller was invited to labor with the church for a further 12 months as part-time preacher, with increase in salary. On Feb. 7 attendances were good. Splendid messages were given. Work generally is very satisfactory. School attendance is keeping up. H. Gittsham has gone to Queensland to do military work. Women's Guild commenced for year with a successful afternoon at Botanic Gardens. Ladies are doing a splendid work for the church.

VICTORIA

Baywater.—Morning meetings are well attended; average attendance over last two weeks was 45. Mr. Burns has commenced a series of special addresses which are proving very interesting.

Hampton.—C. G. Taylor gave appreciated addresses on Feb. 14. At night an offering of £4/4/- was made for beach evangelism. The auxiliaries are doing good service. A Girls' Fellowship is being formed.

Malvern-Caulfield.—There were splendid meetings on Feb. 14. Mr. Buckingham preached at both services. Miss Mott rendered a solo and the choir sang. Among many visitors were a number of members on military service.

Portland.—Average attendance for January meetings was 25. Members greatly appreciate the help of those who visited through the holidays. Speakers: Jan. 3, Bert Rivett; 10, A. Crofts; 17, I. Chivell; 24, J. Wyatt; 31, T. Davey.

East Kew.—Mr. and Mrs. Candy and family have returned from holidays at Colac, and Mr. Candy gave addresses at morning and evening meetings on Feb. 14. A trio of young men rendered messages in song at gospel service. During Mr. Candy's absence Mr. Reid, converted jockey, gave a gospel address. Alex. Wilson presided on morning of Feb. 14. An offering of £5 was received for Australian aborigines fund.

Red Hill.—S. Prentice has been serving this church for ten weeks. Interest in all meetings is maintained. Mrs. R. Holmes is able to come to fellowship after serious illness. Norman Brown is recovering from his accident. J.C.E. has resumed. Recently visitors and soldiers on leave have been to meetings.

Dunolly.—A gift evening was given in honor of Miss Dulcie Birkett, who was married to Mr. Hector Flett. Mr. Hindman commenced his ministry on Jan. 31, delivering appropriate addresses. Miss S. Beasy has been able to return home after being for seven months an inmate of hospital. Sunday school, after some weeks' holiday, resumed on Jan. 31.

Stawell.—Mr. Randall was preacher on Jan. 31 and Feb. 7. Open-air meetings are conducted on Sunday nights after church service during summer months. Thelma Byrnes has left the district. Members and friends regret her departure. Christian Endeavorers were delighted to welcome Les. Arnel, returned from New Guinea, to their meeting on Feb. 9.

East Malvern.—Visiting speakers since beginning of the year have been J. Mackay, C. L. Lang, A. Wilson, I. E. Snow, F. T. Saunders, W. H. Clay and W. E. Quirk. Bible school resumed on Jan. 31. Mrs. C. B. Nance-Kivell spoke at Sunshine Circle meeting on Feb. 9. H. L. E. Tranter introduced discussion at fellowship meeting on Feb. 3. Offering for aborigines was £1/15/-.

Oakleigh.—Messrs. Corlett and Clay spoke at services on Feb. 7. Reference was made to the homecall of S. H. Mudge, an esteemed member and former preacher, and of Mrs. Treloar, who passed away at Morwell on Feb. 6. At worship service on Feb. 14, four new members—transferred from Dandenong—were received into fellowship; 130 broke bread for the day. Aborigines' offering amounted to £11.

Duncester.—Bible Class and C.E. Society spent an enjoyable evening at a social. Mr. Banks' messages are appreciated by all, including Young Worshipers' League, who attend well at Sunday morning meetings. On evening of Feb. 11 a large number of members and friends met to have social intercourse with young men home on leave. Offering for aborigines work amounted to £14/18/-.

North Carlton (Rathdown-st.)—Gospel services have reverted to 7 p.m. in lieu of 4 p.m. Loss of several members and wartime upsets have made the task of carrying on more difficult to small membership. Helpers from Lygon-st., etc., assist greatly at worship meetings. Mr. Milne has commenced a series of gospel addresses. Bible school attendance on Feb. 14 was 25 scholars and teachers.

Ballarat (York-st.)—A successful S.S. picnic was held at Lake Burrumbeet on Feb. 6, with large numbers of parents and friends present. Mrs. Feary, sen., has improved in health. Miss Gwen Feary underwent an operation for appendicitis, and Miss Merle Davies is also ill. H. Edwards, T. Maxwell and J. A. Wilkie have given fine addresses. A new competition for scholars has commenced.

Moreland.—On Feb. 7 Mrs. Marshall and A. Marshall were baptised by W. Graham. Attendances on Feb. 14 were good, and at morning service Dr. W. H. Hinrichsen addressed the church. Intermediate Endeavorers recently enjoyed a picnic at Black Rock. At a recent graduation ceremony 11 juniors were graduated to intermediates, strengthening the older society, which has been very active.

Hamilton.—Attendances at all meetings are increasing since holidays. Sunday school shows improvement; average for last three months was 69.5, highest attendance 85. Kindergarten school is very strong and more room and furniture are needed for them. C.E. Society held a social to gain funds for painting outside of chapel; result was over 30/-. Miss Eileen Harman and Mr. Arthur Stent were married last month. Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Lloyd are recovering after operations.

Bendigo.—The church is greatly encouraged by increased attendances at services, and by the splendid addresses given by G. M. Mathieson. C.E. anniversary was held with a rally on Feb. 9, an open-air prayer meeting in the park on Feb. 13, and at services on Feb. 14.

North Fitzroy.—Attendances at both services on Feb. 14 were best for a long time past. The work of R. Enniss in visitation and preaching is attracting good congregations, and many non-members are becoming regular attendants. The church is in great heart, and planning for a definite programme of work for 1943. At gospel service on Feb. 14 Miss Summers, of Oakleigh, rendered two beautiful solos.

Reservoir.—Well attended meetings were held on Feb. 14, when Mr. Grainger spoke at both services. On Feb. 13 a kitchen tea was tendered to Miss D. Trathen, who will shortly be married to Mr. V. Russell, of R.A.A.F. Many useful gifts were received, among which was a beautiful tray, the gift of church members, and presented by Mrs. McGinnis, president of Ladies' Guild. Aborigines offering amounted to £1/7/6.

Preston.—Attendances at both services on Feb. 14 were very satisfactory, particularly at gospel service. At close of the address by Mr. Combridge a young man stepped out for re-consecration. A duet by Hazel and Don Macdonald (home on leave) was enjoyed, as was also an anthem by the choir. Special mention was made at morning service and prayer offered on behalf of Angus Macdonald, assistant church secretary, who is entering the College of the Bible.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On Feb. 14, 135 were at breaking of bread. Open-air services have commenced for the year with good messages, many helpers, and large numbers listening from their homes. At evening service two ladies were baptised by Mr. Baker. Geoff. Barnett enters the College of the Bible this week. Don Simpson, of R.A.N., and C. Crichton, of A.I.F., were home for the week-end. News of the death of Allan Mills, of R.A.A.F., is now openly confirmed. Loving sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Millis and family.

Mitcham.—Mrs. C. H. Pratt, of Albury, N.S.W., attended a gospel service and sang a solo. Mrs. Roberts, from Baywater, and Miss Reeves, from Malvern-Caulfield, have been received into fellowship. The church extended deepest sympathy to Mrs. Rhodes and Miss N. Donkin in their loss of J. Rhodes, who received the home-call in New Guinea. At annual business meeting of the church, all departments were reported to be in a healthy condition, and showed progress for the year. Mr. Wilkie was elected church secretary, and Reg. Bullen and Sister Styles superintendents of Bible school and kindergarten respectively.

North Williamstown.—A week of special services was commenced on Feb. 7. A fine morning service was addressed by Jas. E. Thomas. Sunday school was splendidly attended. There was a large attendance at night. Newport closed their meeting and united with the effort. S. R. Baker gave a great address, and Miss Amelia Scarce rendered two beautiful solos. She also sang at the social hour afterwards. Many brethren are helping during the week. The offering for aborigine work is £5/2/6. Special mention was made of the home-going of S. H. Mudge and Roy L. Arnold, and their loved ones were remembered in prayer.

Cheltenham.—Since holidays morning meetings have been fairly well attended; evening meetings have been smaller, some being away on holidays. E. Lewis and R. Keir were home on leave. Mr. Stafford has given some very fine addresses. Sunday school picnic was held in Cheltenham Park. The amount of Temple Day offering taken on Feb. 6 now totals £177/6/-. Mr. A. Huntley, a valued worker, is now serving in the R.A.A.F. On Feb. 14 Mr. Stafford was speaker at both services. At night a quartette of young women and Miss Frances Cowper assisted with messages of song. One young woman made her confession of faith in Christ.

Gardiner.—H. Campbell and T. Hagger were speakers on Feb. 7. R. T. Pittman visited 2nd degree N.S.P. on Feb. 9 and gave a talk on archaeology. J. H. Mill, returned missionary from the Solomon, visited Youth Bright Hour on Feb. 7, and the first of a series of monthly fellowship meetings on Feb. 10, and told of interesting experiences. Visitors on Feb. 14 included Miss Bentley on furlough from work among aborigines at Norseman; Mr. Davies, of Cottesloe, W.A., now in the navy, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Amos, of Georgetown, N.S.W. Mr. Amos delivered a stirring exhortation at morning service and T. Hagger was evening speaker. R. J. Canterbury was received into membership by letter from Prahan, and his son Robert by faith and baptism.

Ringwood.—During the holidays Mrs. C. H. Pratt and Valma were visitors to Ringwood services. Mrs. Pratt rendered an appreciated solo. At annual business meeting the following officers were elected: Secretary, F. Burden; treasurer, C. Barlow; Messrs. Deilar, Cochand, Collings, Taylor and D. Russell; the latter also reporter to "Christian"; F. Collings, Bible school superintendent; and Mrs. Pratt, kindergarten. The work of the church and auxiliaries has improved. Mrs. Pratt reported 32 new scholars added to kindergarten during the year. Churches at Ringwood and Mitcham are grateful to speaking brethren who assisted during past year. R. Wilkie represents Mitcham on circuit committee. Eleven members of Ringwood are in the forces.

Geelong.—At morning service on Feb. 7 the offering for aborigines' work was received, following an appropriate address by Mr. Macnaughtan. With the amount received from some who contributed at evening service, over £10 was given. Under auspices of Men's Fellowship League a public meeting was held during the afternoon. B. R. Wylie, of Yarra-st. Methodist church, spoke on the abuses of the liquor traffic. A resolution of protest was carried unanimously; this was published in the "Geelong Advertiser." There was an excellent attendance at evening service, which was special for young people. Young men of the church took part in the service and rendered an item under leadership of W. Symes. Special prayer was offered by T. Pope for the young people who have gone into the services from the church, and a solo was rendered by A.C.W. Ivy Phillips. A further sum for reduction of building debt has been given, reducing amount owing on chapel by £122, given by freewill offerings in six months.

QUEENSLAND

Ma Ma Creek.—Since commencement of Mr. Bethelsen's ministry there have been four baptisms. Two more Sunday school scholars made their decision on Feb. 7. A meeting was held at West Haldon on 7th inst. Monthly visits are made to Fordsdale. Aged Sister Metcalf, one of the pioneers, passed away recently. C.E. Society has been reorganised.

Townsville.—Services are attended by numbers of visitors. Finances are still on the upgrade. Home missions subsidy is reduced each quarter. G. T. Miller, of Charters Towers, addressed both services on Jan. 24. Lt.-Col. J. O. Methven was present at gospel service on Jan. 31. He gave an interesting address on his experiences in Palestine.

Rockhampton.—Mr. Vanham has resumed his ministry after holidays. During his absence services were maintained by brethren with assistance of Chaplain Ned Graves. Fortnightly meetings have been resumed at Moongan. Y.P.S.C.E. and Bible school are active again after Christmas recess. The church sympathises with Mr. Dobbs and Mr. Winter in their loss of son and son-in-law.

Albion.—During past few weeks Roy Roberts and Dave Kellond, of C.C.C., both from Melbourne, have had fellowship with the church, and the latter confessed Christ and has been baptised. At second business meeting on

Feb. 3, encouraging reports were received from all auxiliaries, and it was decided to change all time of meeting for Bible school from after-time to morning. All young people's organisations have resumed after holidays. On Feb. 7, 76 broke bread for the day.

Gympie-Monkland.—An excellent concert was held on Feb. 5, which resulted in over £2 for Aborigines' Mission. At this also, a presentation was made to N. Kingston, who is entering the Federal College of the Bible, and attendance seals and certificates were awarded to Monkland scholars. A rally shield was also presented to the Monkland school. Both schools have made a good start after the holidays, with several new scholars. N. Kingston preached at G.E. Day gospel service on Feb. 7, there being one confession.

South Brisbane Circuit.—Attendances are well maintained. Fellowship has been enjoyed with men of the forces. Mrs. Stansfield, who has been very ill in hospital, is home again. Rocklea work amongst young folk shows signs of spiritual revival. A further six new scholars have been added to the school. Stone's Corner witness is continued, Mr. Kirkwood supplying preachers for services and being on call for sick visitation. Moorooka church held annual business meeting on Jan. 27. Reports showed encouraging progress, with additions to the membership of 30, and losses of 10. Financial report showed big increase in income, and increased giving to Home Mission, Foreign Mission and other conference committees. The mission and other conference committees. The mission improvements within the chapel were a cause for deep thankfulness. Officers elected for three years: J. O. Norup, chairman; Mr. More, sen. (life elder); C. Beckett, secretary; Geo. Milligan, Jack Jenkins, Wylie Nicol, deacons. Mesdames More, Turner, Raynor, and Misses Merle Caldwell and Mabel Kirkwood were appointed district visitors. Other appointments were also made. T. M. Kirkwood is ably assisted in the circuit by Bruce More, student preacher.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Chatswood.—The first Sunday in February saw the church and all auxiliaries in full swing after holiday period. Mr. Youens commenced a special series of subjects for February. All members co-operated by inviting friends to evening service, resulting in a splendid attendance. Fellowship with many visiting members of the forces was enjoyed, also with Phil Verco on leave. The choir, under leadership of David Verco, continues to give able support to gospel services. Church finances are in better state than at any previous period, and the high attendance at mid-weekly prayer meeting suggests a rise in the spiritual life of members.

Sydney (City Temple).—Work is progressing steadily and encouragingly. Morning and evening services keep up a good average. During past two months there have been four baptisms. At Christmas every member of the congregation serving in the forces was given a Christmas gift to value of 10/- each. Ladies' Mission Band meeting is well attended. Dorcas sisters render considerable aid in making garments for Soldiers' Comforts Fund. The women's class meeting maintains a high average attendance and a fine spiritual tone. Splendid work is carried on amongst men of the district by A. C. MacLean, W. H. Quirk and helpers, and is the means of many men being restored to the faith. The men's meeting is held at 6.30 p.m. on Saturdays. A. C. MacLean is in his fifth year's ministry with the church, and is doing an excellent work.

Tempe.—All auxiliaries are back at work after holiday period and showing good interest. The sisters held first meeting on Feb. 4, when officers were elected. F. C. Hunting was preacher at all services on Feb. 7, when he began his "Happy Hour" campaign with the Sunday school. Mr. Hunting will take the children every night from 4 to 5 p.m. after day school for special teaching and en-

couragement. Chaplain W. McDowell was a visitor morning and afternoon on Feb. 7.

Greystanes—Messrs. Leask (Harold, Alec, Harry, Malcolm) are on leave. P. J. Pond spoke to a good congregation on Feb. 7. Other speakers this month were J. H. Adams, W. Roberts and N. Taylor.

Pendle Hill—This month Mrs. Escott received the home-call. Bible school picnic was arranged by W. T. Smith and workers. P. J. Pond spoke on Feb. 14. Other preachers this month were S. B. Hibbard, J. Boswell and J. H. Adams.

Granville South (John-st.)—During this month P. J. Pond is conducting special services. Improved attendances at church and school. Thursday nights young people's services are attractive. Recent speakers were S. B. Hibbard, J. Carruthers and C. Dainty.

Granville (Ritchie-st.)—P. A. McKenzie has been awarded B.E.M. Reg. Frost is visiting from Queensland. During P. J. Pond's absence this month, R. Kenyon, W. Roberts, W. Youngusband and W. Bunker have acceptably supplied. L. Rillstone has had charge of Bible class of 20 young people.

Loftus Park—During absence of Mr. Jones on holidays, meetings were taken in mornings by Messrs. Fraser, Stevenson and Kenyon and gospel services by Corporal Leask. All gave appreciated messages. On Jan. 31 both services were conducted by Mr. Jones. In the evening a baptismal service was conducted, and another young man decided for Christ. Many have returned from holidays, and Sunday school attendance was again over 100.

Belmore—Good attendances an interest continue in all departments. For past twelve months an average per Sunday of 153 have taken communion. The gospel has been faithfully preached by Mr. Corlett. At evening service on Jan. 31 two girls made the good confession, and another on Feb. 7. There is still much enthusiasm in Bible school work, and a comprehensive missionary tour of the world has been commenced from which much is expected. On Feb. 7 the Bible class held a consecration meet and tea, the Bible school teachers being guests; an excellent time of fellowship was enjoyed. On Feb. 10 the Christian Endeavorers took the prayer meeting, and the talk was given by Colin Bowser, one of the senior boys. Ladies' Aid and Mission Band have resumed after short recess. K.S.P. and P.B.P. continue their club and comforts fund activities.

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MÜLLER (nee Lily Roach).—At St. Georges Hospital, Kew, on Feb. 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Rom Müller, of 17 Langham-place, Hawthorn—a son (Paul Ronald).

SHARP (nee Tully).—On Feb. 8, at "Lynwood," Mont Albert, to Joyce, wife of Lieut. Keith H. Sharp (A.I.P., returned)—a daughter (Lynette Joyce).

IN MEMORIAM

BOX—In loving memory of my dear sister, Myrtle, who passed away on Feb. 20, 1942:

"Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest;
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast;
We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best—
Good night."

—Inserted by her loving sister, V. Adams.

BROMELL—In remembrance of my dearly loved husband, who departed this life on February 19, 1942. Sadly missed.

"Begone unbelief,
My Saviour is near,
And for my relief
Will surely appear.
By prayer let me wrestle
And he will perform
With Christ in the vessel
I smile at the storm."

—Inserted by his sorrowing wife, Eva.

LYALL—In ever loving memory of Clifford, who passed away on Feb. 16, 1932; the dearly loved younger son, of Nellie and the late Alex. R. Lyall, and brother of Sidney. "Till the day breaks, and shadows flee away."

McCLEAN, Frank—In tenderest remembrance of our saintly father, who entered "the rest that remaineth for the people of God," February 23, 1933.

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We find him worthier to be loved."

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WARD—A tribute of loving remembrance to our beloved brother in Christ, evangelist and trustee, William Ward, who fell asleep in Jesus, Feb. 12, 1941.

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Our hearts in Christian love."

—Inserted by officers and members of Northcote East church.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 28—Mr. A. B. Withers is concluding his ministry at Brighton, and farewell services will be held on Feb. 28.

FEBRUARY 28—South Yarra church home-coming day. All old friends and members are invited to spend a happy day of fellowship with us. Special services. Soloist, Miss Amelia Scarce. To facilitate catering arrangements, please ring F. Lewis, U 7525.

MARCH 7—Newmarket church of Christ 60th anniversary services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Past members and friends welcome. If unable to attend, send a greeting.

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Churches of Christ Conference, Victoria.

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"Fodder is so dear that I have decided to sell our boarding bullock. In fact, it was sold on Thursday and the man is coming for him this evening. We have been able to let Mrs. Coventry have about 500 bundles of fodder to help out with the Bible-women's animals. It would have been almost enough for our one animal for about another three months, but what is the use of having the fodder used by us when the other folk are needing the fodder for a more important piece of mission work, and we can manage with a hand cart, and when we need a bigger cart, then we can ask for the use of the other mission cart, and the loan of the women's bullocks. We are only trying to economise as much as we can. Fodder is now ten times the usual price, so you see we are having to look at our resources all round. I hope that I have done the best thing, but our little bullock can be replaced when times improve, and it is not such a big expense to get a little animal. It was purchased for Rs. 20 several years ago, and now we received that same amount back. It is very little, but then everyone is selling these days and prices for animals are very low. Unless things improve, the animals will not be worth much at all soon, so I thought that it was well worth while to sell while there was still some kind of a demand. Last week we read in the 'Times' that many Poona bakeries had had to close as they have not any flour. The Dhond bakers have stopped supplying bread except to those living in Dhond. Our Baramati bakery will be closing in a few days unless more flour is available. What will happen next? Wheat is not seen in the markets these days, and flour is terribly scarce. Fortunately a few of us can live without wheat, as we can manage on the country grains, but they are scarce too. Already we have taken upon ourselves to feed a blind man in the Boys' Home—he will probably be the first of more to come. People are leaving the villages and going to the cities in order to find work. This week several children from the school have been taken away by their parents, for there is no work and no money and little food here. They think they will get some military work if they go elsewhere. Things are bad enough for us to be ready to want them to go if they can do better elsewhere."—E. Vawser.

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LET us do our duty, not in dreamy sweetness, but in active energy; not in the green oasis of the future, but in the dusty desert of the present; not in the imaginations of the distant, but in the realities of now. —Farrar.

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WAR ON CHILDREN

IN a recent issue of the "Christian" a paragraph which, to my mind, has neither point nor interest in a journal calculated to propagate Christian ideals was published. I refer to the paragraph headed "War on Children." The details had already been given wide publicity by newspaper propagandists, and no good purpose was served in reprinting it in the columns of the "Christian." These stories only add fuel to the fires of hatred which burn all too fiercely in this modern world. Such stories also have a subtle way of identifying a whole nation of people with the crimes of some individuals of that nation. A decent Australian would not like to be identified with such individuals, for instance, who are disgorged from any hotel at 6 p.m. on week days in our own land. It is reasonable to expect that a decent German, or Japanese for that matter [yes, there are some I have met—at least one of each] would be similarly desirous of being treated according to his individual merits.—E. McIlhagger.

Obituary

Mrs. H. Curtis

MRS. H. CURTIS, of Balaklava, S.A., was called home suddenly on Dec. 17, 1942, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mildred, at 75 years of age. Mrs. Curtis was baptised at Bowilla, when the church began there over 50 years ago. She has been a member of the Balaklava church for many years. She has been an ardent and conscientious worker throughout the years. She made the Dorcas Society a centre from which and through which to work for the Master she devoutly loved. She was held in the highest regard by all who knew her in the community as well as in the church. She will be sadly missed. She was laid to rest at Balaklava beside her husband who predeceased her by several years, W. L. Ewers, W. Bartlett and the writer taking part at the graveside. Her sorrowing family have much comfort as they contemplate the life of a good mother and a devoted follower of our Lord Jesus Christ.—A.H.

Mrs. Merchant.

MRS. MERCHANT of the Balaklava church, S.A., passed away at the Riverton Hospital on Jan. 25, 1943, at 76 years of age. For some years she has lived in comparative isolation from the Balaklava church. Recently, however, she was able to renew fellowship with the church for several weeks. Her last illness was comparatively brief. She was laid to rest at Riverton, S.A.—A.H.

R. Nancarrow

DON. NANCARROW died of wounds in New Guinea on Jan. 24, 1943. He was just under 24 years of age. He had only been overseas for about six weeks when the home-call came. Ron was baptised at Balaklava, S.A., in March, 1933, during the ministry of Les. C. McCallum. He continued a loyal and faithful member of the church ever since. The church deeply mourns his loss. Deepest sympathy is extended to his parents, wife, brother and sisters, who have been so deeply bereaved by the sudden home-call. They have,

however, great comfort and consolation in their hour of sorrow knowing that their loved one is ever with the Lord.—A.H.

Mervyn Pang

ON Dec. 24, after having wired his folk at Warracknabeal, Vic., that he was coming home for Christmas, Mervyn Pang was killed instantly when he fell from a crowded train passing through North Melbourne. Mervyn had served for 12 months with the militia and had volunteered for the A.I.F., and papers were in readiness for his signature on return from leave. Mervyn's cheerfulness, generosity, sincerity and loyalty to Christ won the respect and love of all who came in close contact with him. Mervyn was 19 years of age, and was born at Hamilton, Vic., and came with his parents to Warracknabeal when quite young, and became a scholar in the Bible school, and with two of his sisters, made the good confession on May 19, 1940. He often took part in the morning worship, and the dignity and reverence with which he did his part added to the joy of worship. His dear ones mourn his loss, not as those who are without hope, for they rejoice in the knowledge and assurance of reunion, and their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and in this assurance they take courage.—G.T.B.

Joseph Rhodes

ON Jan. 2, 1943, in New Guinea, Joseph Rhodes, of Blackburn and Mitcham churches, Vic., received the home-call. He enlisted in the A.I.F. 2nd/5th Field Ambulance, and served in the Middle East. On his return home, after seven days' leave, he was transferred to New Guinea. Our brother was noted for his quiet sterling character. He rendered faithful service in church, Bible school and C.E. Society. He was baptised by Mr. Hunting during his ministry at Blackburn in 1934. His two brothers, Dick and Will, are serving in the forces. During his military career he witnessed for Christ among the men, holding services and seasons of prayer with them. To his widowed mother and relatives and to his fiancée, Miss N. Donkin, the church extends deep Christian sympathy. He has gone to be with Christ, which is far better. He will be remembered by what he has done for the Master.—A. H. Pratt.

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