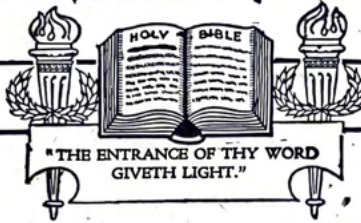


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## Faith or Works?

**M**MARTIN LUTHER was so disgusted with the practices of some in the church who laid stress upon penance and indulgences as means of gaining forgiveness of sins and salvation that he was led to give a narrow definition to the word "faith." He grasped the great truth that a man is saved by grace through faith and such faith in Christ is counted by God as righteousness.

Paul had made it very clear in his letter to the church at Rome that, since man could not save himself, salvation had to be secured by Christ. However, it is by faith in the Lord that such salvation is appropriated. Perhaps we ought to state that it is through our faith that the Lord is able to lay hold of us and to save us from our sins. Nothing sinful man can do will save him; neither faith alone, nor good works can avail. The Lord saves and he alone is able to rescue man; and that is when faith is manifested in the saving power of Christ.

**B**UT what are some of the characteristics of this faith that must be revealed as a necessary condition through which the Lord acts to rescue man?

Martin Luther sought to isolate faith from works of any kind. To counteract the evil movements within the church of his day, when indulgences were sold and ridiculous claims were made by some to be able to gain forgiveness of sins by penance, Luther went so far as to urge the exclusion of the Epistle of James from the Bible, because it is there taught that faith without works is dead. Those who have followed this line of reasoning have been compelled to define faith as a "mental" or "spiritual" act.

We have now noticed two extreme views, each claiming to show the way to salvation. One lays stress on "works" and human endeavor; the other on "a mental act."

Paul does not separate faith from works. Because a man has faith in Christ, he is born again into a new life in which sin does not hold his "members for the service

of vice," but the members of his body are dedicated "to God for the service of righteousness." (Rom. 6: 13.) Paul shows that the faith of the new life will find expression in good deeds.

We have sought to establish the broad principle that faith is involved in the process which makes sinful man into a new creature in Christ. Because the man has been born again, and has entered into a new life, he will do good deeds and will produce works worthy of repentance and of a righteous appreciation for what the Lord has done on his behalf.

**P**AUL associates Christian baptism with the divine process that is made possible by man's faith; a process that brings a man from the old life of sin into a new life—a life in which he manifests good works (Rom. 6). Paul does not hold Christian baptism to be a product of the new life: it is not to be considered as being in the category of good works: for it is associated with the divine process which brings a man from spiritual death to life.

We need to consider now one or two instances in which faith was manifested by people, and because of it Christ was able to help those in need. Consider the story of the woman who touched the garment of Jesus and was made whole. (Mark 5: 24-34.) The woman revealed faith in Christ when she touched his garment. Here faith is in a physical act. Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well." Turn to Mark 2, and read the story of the men who carried their friend to the house where Jesus was preaching: finding it crowded, they ascended the roof, uncovered it and lowered the man before Jesus. Their faith could be seen in what they did. "When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'My son, your sins are forgiven.'"

**T**HERE is a fallacy in the statement that "faith is a mental act," suggesting as it does that faith need not have physical expression. We maintain that mental and spiritual acts have an outward expression in bodily form.

Dr. Alexis Carrel, in "Man the Unknown," expresses this by saying, "Mind and organism commuñe in man, like form and marble in a statue. One cannot change the form without breaking the marble." (p. 138.) Then again he writes, "Man thinks, invents, loves, suffers, admires, and prays with his brain and all his organs."

**H**OW is faith to be made manifest (1) At the time of conversion—when a man, by reason of his faith, is seized by the Spirit and made a new creature; and (2) when a man, having been born again, lives with Christ. (Rom. 6)?

Let us give the answer to the second question now because it will help us to see what is involved when we try to answer the first. (1) In the new life faith must be expressed in good deeds and in "the service of righteousness that means consecration." (Rom. 6: 19.) "For as the body without the breath of life is dead," James wrote, "so faith is dead without deeds." We hold that the faith of the new man is shown in good works.

(2) Now how is faith made manifest at the time of conversion? Paul, in Rom. 6: 1-6, associates with the process of the new birth that has been made possible by faith in Christ, Christian baptism. Baptism is not a product of the new life: it is an outward demonstration and declaration of the process bringing the sinner into Christ. In the new life faith is manifested in deeds of consecrated service; but faith at time of conversion is expressed in the act of baptism. It may be an opinion that faith may have other forms of expression at the time of conversion, but the early disciples taught and acted as though Christ ordained that baptism is the normal form by means of which faith is expressed, therefore they requested all who desired to enter the new life in Christ to be baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Since opinions tend to divide, and it is needful for the unity of the church to be restored, we should hearken only to the explicit teaching of Christ as it was taught and practised by the early church.

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## PREACHERS' PAGE

# Call of the Aborigines

In this informative and helpful article, F. J. Funston, of North Essendon, Vic., pleads for better treatment of the dark natives of Australia.

IN two of Whittier's poems we can find notes relevant to the attitudes adopted to our own aborigines. In "The Hunting of Men" he tells of fugitive slaves who, because of their cash value, must be rounded up by "the crack of the whip and the yell of the hound as he fastens his grip." Priest, warrior and statesman were all in this, "right merrily hunting the black man whose sin is the curl of his hair and the hue of his skin." Our Australian record is indelibly stained by our hunting to kill—the black man was considered a bar to progress in this our country!

For missionary work amongst aborigines to-day, we are at least free of one obstacle which faced the worker amongst slaves. With the possibility of a Christian slave being more reliable and conscientious and therefore of greater cash value, Whittier could lay on the Christian teacher the charge:

"So shalt thou deftly raise  
The market price of human flesh; and while  
On thee, their pampered guest, the planters  
smile,  
Thy church shall praise."

To-day, we can at least come to such work with clean motives!

## Who is This Black Man?

Few judgments passed upon a race are so unjust as the stricture that the Australian aborigine is a low, degraded savage. Let us in fairness remember that he lived without the spur of competition from dangerous animals or from other races; that his food supply was so limited and so uncertain that he was compelled to roam the land without fixed habitation; and remember further that no Australian plant or animal could be usefully domesticated. Not only in overcoming these handicaps of environment, but in setting up detailed codes of laws for every contingency—youth and old age, marriage and death, warfare and arbitration, food and hunting—laws that are still a puzzle to (white) anthropologists—he has shown amazing ability. The white man would be completely at a loss to emulate his skill in hunting, tracking, fishing and in fashioning from the slenderest resources of tools and materials weapons which not only met the needs of the occasion, but were often tastefully and intricately decorated.

## The Impact of the White

So merciless was the impact of the white race on the aborigine that the wonder is, not that his numbers decreased from about 300,000 to 50,000, but that there are any survivors! Our choice of grounds for settlement was made with complete indifference to his needs, and it is significant that, while the area that was best for him would presumably also be the best for us, the most densely populated States have the fewest aborigines. Forced away from his tribal organisation, little is left to act as a buffer between the two civilisations. Part of his reaction to the white man may have been the adoption of the white man's vices, but it is difficult to consent to some of the penalties exacted of him for breach of the white man's laws. Thieving of food becomes something less when it is done by a man who has lived under laws ensuring equitable sharing and no hoarding beyond the day's needs; even murder—when it carries out an obligation solemnly imposed by age-old tribal law—loses some of its

sombre guilt. Yet what could be more helpless than an aborigine tried in a "white" court by "white" laws and "white" methods?

## Can Anything Be Done?

Now that some degree of thought is being given to the aborigine, surely it is time we considered his legal position. Taking as one instance the Northern Territory, the same policeman that brings to trial offenders of whatever race combines with this responsibility the office of "Protector of Aborigines"—and is supposed to appear in their defence! The aborigine has no electoral rights, even if he is in the Defence Forces; by the Constitution of the Commonwealth, he is expressly excluded from population statistics, although no such ban operates against other races or against half-castes; as a workman he has no arbitration court awards and no recognised wage scale.

But whether anything really worth while can be done depends ultimately on the type of human material on which we have to work. Of his abilities in certain directions, we have already spoken. That he is capable of loyalty and service in the highest degree there is ample testimony from the earliest explorers down to the present day. We would do well to refresh our memories as to the source of the unremitting attention given to Eyre in his thousand-mile nightmare journey

across the Bight; of the ministrations to the dying Kennedy; of the care given at stage after stage to those who still survived of the ill-fated Burke and Wills party. It was much more recently that a heavily-manacled aborigine rescued his captor, a mounted policeman, from drowning in a flooded stream. "But," protested a police sergeant who objected when a medal was awarded for bravery, "it's nothing very wonderful; the blackfellows always act like that!"

We have suggested how the white man would fare at the black man's tasks. Exchange the tasks in the opposite direction and how would the black man fare? Have you read the records of Samuel Crowther, explorer, first bishop of the Niger, translator of the Bible into the Yoruba dialect, father of the man who was archdeacon of the Lower Niger Delta for 65 years? Or of Samson Occam, Presbyterian minister, deputationist to England on behalf of American Christian colleges, author of powerful evangelistic hymns? These were respectively African, negro and Mohican Indian. The great ability of our aborigines in their difficult environment could lead us to expect of them something at least comparable and we need not be disappointed. Already, limited as their numbers and their opportunities may have been, they have provided faithful and capable ministers of the gospel, teachers in State schools and public speakers of great fluency and ability. The rising generation has had at least one representative amongst the 90 per cent. group in our own Bible school annual examinations.

## Our Responsibility

As citizens, we cannot in reason continue to deny to the aborigine the opportunity to carry on, as nearly as may be under the

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## Grammar of Spiritual Life

Stuart Stevens

IN a tribute to the late Cardinal Hinsley, Dr. Downey credited the Cardinal's strong character to the fact that "he had ground at the grammar of the spiritual life till he envisaged all things temporal from the standpoint of the eternal." The striking phrase has its lesson for all Christians and especially for preachers and teachers.

To-day few are ready to enter upon the narrow way, by the strait gate, grinding at the grammar until they have mastered the basic elements of the principles of the Christian faith.

The situation is by no means new. It confronted the writer of the letter to the Hebrews, who was troubled that so many of his generation, although of an age when their diet should be strong meat, were even needing milk. We have, therefore, a record in that letter of what a great instructor of the second generation of Christians considered to be the grammar of the new life at which all must grind.

Every path man is travelling to-day leads to the rediscovery of sin. There is scientific inventiveness for example. How full of hope for man's abundant life that once seemed! Here gifts in endless profusion appeared to promise the building a better world. But see to what tragic uses they are being applied in our time! We have achieved electric lights, but they have not lighted the way to justice and brotherhood. We have mastered refrigeration, but it has not cooled the angry passions of man's heart.

Huge expenditure on education for suppression of crime, the promotion of peace and improved environment, have failed to solve the problem; for within man there is an evil thing—sin. Therefore man needs to be renewed spiritually.

Deep-rooted diseases need Christ's radical remedy. By grinding at a study of fundamentals, we shall be able to envisage things temporal and gain an understanding of those things that have eternal value.



# The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman.

## GOOD WILL

Have good will  
To all that live, letting unkindness die,  
And greed and wrath; so that your lives be  
made  
Like soft airs passing by. —Sir Edwin Arnold.

## THE BIBLE

**T**HIS Book contains the thought of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the lost condition of sinners, the well-being of saints.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are obligatory, its histories are true, its decisions are immutable.

Read it in order to be wise, believe it to be in surety, practise it in order to be holy.

It is the chart of the voyager, the staff of the pilgrim, the compass of the pilot, the sword of the soldier, the map of the Christian.

Christ is its theme; the salvation of men is its aim; and the glory of God is its ultimate end.

This Book should fill the memory, govern the heart and guide the steps.

Read it slowly, frequently, and with prayer.

It is a mine of gold, a paradise of glory, a flower garden of delights.

It is given to you for this present life. By its possession a great responsibility rests upon you. It will repay your labor, reward your search and condemn all those who despise its contents.—Translated from the French.

# C.E. Interests and Activities

W. W. Saunders

## VISIT OF WORLD C.E. PRESIDENT

**I**t is reported that Dr. Daniel Poling has been released from his church work in order that he may visit India, China and Australia in connection with national service. His coming will be of special interest to Endeavorers throughout the Commonwealth, and if everything moves according to schedule, they may be hearing and seeing him in the near future.

Dr. Poling has been charged with a special mission and responsibility by the President of the U.S.A., whose best wishes accompany him, as the following words from the President to Dr. Poling reveal: "The statement of the Christian conferences on war and peace is at once Christian and realistic. 'Win the war and win the chance to build a better world.' That declaration faces squarely the fact that there can be no better world until the war is won and the evil of dictators is broken. On your present mission to China, India and Australia you will have perhaps an unequalled opportunity to make clear to religious leaders of all faiths this fundamental truth which is, I believe, the conviction of the overwhelming majority of your fellow Americans."

It will be the earnest hope of Endeavorers that Dr. Poling's mission will help to build for the winning of the peace, and that his visit will give a definite fillip to C.E. throughout the Commonwealth.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GOOD LEADERSHIP

Thou shalt—

1. Prayerfully prepare the programme.
2. Commence the meeting punctually.
3. Make the meeting attractive.
4. Not talk at length—but concisely.
5. Set the standard high.

## HOW OLD?

This week's prize for brightness goes to the boy who, on being asked how old a person born in 1890 would be now, inquired: "Man or woman?"

# The Family Altar

## TOPIC.—ADORNING THE DOCTRINE

- Dec. 6—Romans 12: 9-21.  
" 7—1 Cor. 13.  
" 8—2 Cor. 12: 19-21.  
" 9—Gal. 5: 13-25.  
" 10—1 Tim. 4: 13-16.  
" 11—Titus 2: 1-10.  
" 12—Psalm 39; Titus 2: 11-15.

**T**O preach and teach the truth is insufficient unless by our purity of character we adorn the doctrine. Just as food is more appreciated, if daintily served, so the truths of Christianity are more likely to be accepted if presented by those who show themselves in all things examples of good works. Yet, unfortunately, instead of adorning the doctrine by a gracious disposition, teachers often disfigure it by inconsistent conduct or harsh presentation. Truth and grace must always go hand in hand. Greater incongruity could scarcely be imagined than is found when the sweet gospel of peace and the precious truths of Christianity are sounded forth in war-like tones by harsh, unlovely souls.

# Vice and Black Marketing in N.S.W.

**F**OR weeks now the chief topic of discussion here has been drink, vice and black marketing. One does not have to be an extremist to be deeply concerned about the conditions prevailing. With due regard to the fact that foolish statements have been made both in protest and in defence, it is the nearest thing to the lifting of the lid off hell that this city has witnessed.

At an urgent protest meeting called by the N.S. Wales Temperance Alliance in the Town Hall vestibule, C. T. Tomlinson, president of the Temperance Alliance, said that the Government should take drastic measures to deal with liquor and vice. R. J. Williams claimed that something should be done to clean up the city, and said that action was needed to counteract the Goebbels-like propaganda of the brewers.

A meeting of the Sydney Diocesan Synod carried a resolution urging the Government to bring in local option. A local option poll should have been taken some years ago, but the Government of the day had failed to allow the people to vote on the question.

## £30,000 for Missions

Archbishop Mowll appealed to church people to support efforts to reconstruct missions. By motion the Diocesan Synod agreed to support the appeal of the Australian Board of Missions for £30,000 to be raised in the next three years.

## Religious Teaching in Schools

Official figures released show that there has been a decline in the number of lessons given in public schools by preachers and other religious workers in 1942. Previous records had shown a progressive increase from year to year. The number of lessons given to Church of England pupils fell from 69,337 in 1941 to 63,053 in 1942; to Roman Catholic pupils from 25,945 to 22,329; to Presbyterian from 27,275 to 23,120; to Methodist from 33,049 to 28,945; and to other religious bodies from 22,556 to 18,161. The decrease is due to the fact that as a result of war conditions fewer religious workers are available.

## Congregational Union

At the 78th Assembly of the Congregational church held recently, Mr. J. R. Firth urged that the members of the church should do more for their ministers, and to use their influence to bring their salaries up to at least £300. Ivan Stebbins, preacher of the Rockdale church, and chairman of the union, said that religion alone, by its dynamic power, could save society. The false gods of materialism had twisted and perverted men's minds, and brought hell to the world. Religion inspired by love alone was the cure.

## Ninety-first Anniversary

The church at Metropolitan-rd., Enmore, has celebrated its 91st anniversary. At the Sunday morning meeting Mr. R. P. Arnott was speaker. The evening service was conducted by Stuart Stevens. In connection with this historic church, it is interesting to note that in November, 1863, there is a report over the name of Joseph Kingsbury. The church was then known as the Newtown church. The report says: "We have taken the building in the main street, formerly 'The Temporary Baptist Chapel,' now the 'Christians' Meeting-house,' where we proclaim the truth concerning the 'old paths' on Lord's day evenings, and in the week we meet for searching the scriptures, allowing everyone the privilege of speaking, and by these means many hear and understand. We have held many meetings to consider the desirability of appealing for an evangelist and the means of supporting him. . . . Can anyone 'come over and help us?'" —Ethelbert Davis.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

**L**EADERS and societies often ask, "What shall we do for Christmas?" Here are a few suggestions which, if adapted to suitable grades and individuals, may be of value.

Decorate the meeting room for the Christmas meeting. Have a Christmas pudding on the table from which could be taken pieces of paper bearing promises of Jesus, Christmas Bible passages, selected Christmas verses, etc.

Give every member a topic book as a Christmas present. Write a seasonal greeting on each present. Send a topic book to members absent because of war service.

Have a gift meeting when members bring toys to be given to a children's home. Have a working bee for making toys.

Give a Christmas tea to elderly church members, or to children from a near-by mission or orphanage.

Visit institutions taking sweets, soaps, fruit, face washers, books, magazines, etc. Sing carols or give Christmas concert.

Send posies and cards to elderly and shut-in church members, or better still, take them. A visit will radiate Christmas cheer.

In the December consecration meeting consider and discuss seriously what is needed in the individual, community, nation and world to bring a realisation of the ideal, "Peace on earth, goodwill among men."



# Here and There

L. E. Dudley, who is associated with the Y.M.C.A., has been transferred from the Army to the R.A.A.F., and is serving in Victoria in his home town.

Melbourne City Mission asks for help. Many find a blessing in responding to this annual Christmas appeal of the Mission. Contributions may be sent to F. L. Bruce, 280 Exhibition-st., C.I.

At Northcote, Vic., 171 broke bread on Sunday, Nov. 28. The chapel was crowded at night, when six decided for Christ. At the Hinrichsen-Morris services there have been nine decisions to date.

Sgt. Wendell H. Pond, son of P. J. and Mrs. Pond, of N.S.W., was amongst Australian prisoners of war recently exchanged at Barcelona. Taken prisoner while caring for the wounded at Fifth Australian Hospital in Athens, 1941, he was in German hands two years and six months.

A. W. Garland, who was a preacher for Victorian churches before he enlisted in the Army Medical Corps, was taken a prisoner during the Malayan campaign. Mrs. Garland has received news that her husband is well and is with Don Thomas, Bill Hadden, Fred Adams, Duncan Butler and Harold Phillips.

The Austral Co. has frequent occasion to refer to its lists of addresses of preachers and secretaries. It would help if changes were reported promptly. Insertion of these is made in the "Christian" without charge, as it is realised that up-to-date records are sought by State departments as well as by our own office.

Services at Maylands, S.A., on Nov. 21 were excellent; Keith Jones was speaker. Five were received into fellowship in morning. At night two were baptised, and at close of gospel message a young lady decided for Christ. On Nov. 23 the Girls' Club gave a fine demonstration. Nov. 26 was meeting of Men's Christian Brotherhood; Dr. P. Messent gave a fine talk on evangelism.

The annual offering for the Federal College of the Bible continues to show encouraging gains on 1942. Tasmania is the first State to lift its total above the record, and others are pressing close. With 193 churches reported the total showed a nett gain of over £80 on last year's giving. As a result the debt is now less than at any time during the present secretary's term of office.

There were good attendances at Annerley, Qld., on Nov. 21 when Mr. Greenwood preached farewell messages. Although he will be frequently absent on conference duties, his membership will be retained at Annerley. F. B. Alcorn commences a short ministry during college vacation on Dec. 5. In recent State-wide contest, 12 new scholars were obtained for Sunday school, and several more the day after contest closed.

The second men's quarterly fellowship meeting of south central circuit (Melbourne) was held at St. Kilda chapel on Friday evening, Nov. 19. In absence of circuit president, C. Cole, who was on vacation, the vice-president, H. Hunt, presided. The Emmanuel quartette party sang. A splendid address was delivered by Major Blenkinsop, base chaplain of U.S.A. Forces. Representatives from various denominations and sister churches were present.

On several occasions bands of women of other communions have visited the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, Vic., and have given entertainment, and in other ways have brought cheer to the guests. Recently about thirty women of a local Methodist church paid such a visit. Surely this is a tangible evidence of the fine spirit which exists amongst Christians, regardless of the denominational barriers which

separate us, when we are engaged in a benevolent enterprise. It is also an indication of the value of the social approach towards Christian Union.

The closing exercises of the Federal College of the Bible took place last week. The ordination service was held in Swanston-st. chapel on the afternoon of Nov. 25. T. Hagger conducted the service and J. E. Thomas delivered the special message. Five men who graduated this year were set apart for the work of the ministry. They were E. T. Hart, S. G. Prentice, K. N. Roberts, A. A. McRoberts and P. R. Thickins. The public meeting in Lygon-st. chapel in the evening was well attended. Dr. W. A. Kemp presided and diplomas were presented by Principal T. H. Scambler. Addresses were given by E. T. Hart, A. A. McRoberts and P. R. Thickins. The final meeting was held at the college on Friday morning. Prizes won in the sports events were distributed, and various messages of goodwill were expressed to the students and faculty.

Chaplain-General Allen Brooke has been kind enough to forward the following message of appreciation of the services of C. J. Robinson who resigned chaplaincy work to serve the church at Hartwell, Vic. The letter was written by Major H. F. Gough; he writes:—"I want to tell you that I have been with this regiment during the whole time that Padre C. J. Robinson was associated with it, and have been in a position throughout to measure the value of his work with us. We have but one regret—that he did not continue with us, for his ministry was very valuable. His kindly understanding, untiring enthusiasm for his job and the welfare of others, with his deep spiritual sincerity and firm principles won for him a place in every man's heart which one could scarcely help but envy. I just felt it will give you satisfaction to know this for we are all grateful for knowing him."

Bible school anniversary at Margaret-st., Launceston, Tas., on Nov. 14 and 21 was very successful. T. J. Wilmot conducted scholars' singing. At first service on evening of Nov. 14 over 350 were present, S. H. Wilson being

preacher. On afternoon of Nov. 21, cradle roll department held a service when over 50 mothers were present with their babies. Awards were presented to cradle roll, kindergarten and primary. W. H. Brice, city missionary, delivered a fine message to scholars. In evening about 400 were present. Mr. Wilson preached splendidly, and singing of children was very fine. Concert and prize-giving took place on Nov. 22. Secretary's report showed school staff was 29. In past seven weeks 19 new scholars had been enrolled. In State examinations 35 scholars had been successful. School gained 13 prizes, 17 honor certificates and 5 passes. Sister A. Barton and Peter Stevens scored 100 per cent., and latter was awarded a Commonwealth prize. The school held a picnic at Mowbray on Nov. 1. As a result of Temple Day appeal augmented by sisters' time and talent fund, £132 has been handed to church officers for various funds including home and foreign missions. In recent weeks fellowship has been enjoyed with Mrs. Roy Warmbrunn (N.S.W.); Colin Orr and Aubrey Shipp (R.A.A.F.), and many others.

## Young People Note!

COPIES of the 1944 issue of "Youth's Own Diary" are now available. The diary is published by the Victorian Young People's Department, but sponsored by the States and may be secured from all State young people's departments at 7d. per copy. Last year the diaries proved popular as goodwill souvenirs to friends in the Services. The diary makes an ideal Christmas and friendship token. New features have been included to make the diary even more attractive.

The Christmas camp under the auspices of the Victorian Young People's Department is proving a popular event. Already the quota of young men has been reached, and only fifteen more young women can be accepted. Facilities necessitate limiting registrations to 160. There is however, ample room in the new year camp from Dec. 30 to Jan. 3. In view of this the department notifies that it is now able to accept registration from those fifteen years also. Even though holidays do not permit attendance for full period leaders are encouraging campers to attend for Saturday and Sunday.

## From Week to Week

REALISING how much the future depends upon the spiritual life of the people, many are hoping that there will be record home mission offerings in all States making the appeal. Since there are many home mission churches in country towns, it is important that these be maintained during wartime, because there is growing proof of the move to decentralise industry. By holding church work now, there will be opportunities for big advances when young men and women return to normal life at the close of the war. An encouraging sign is the evidence of a growing appreciation of the need to evangelise during this difficult period of national strife.

THE closing sessions of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic., on Nov. 25 provided proof that the good work of training Christian evangelists is being maintained. With over 34 young men enrolled in the Federal college and about 11 in the N.S.W. Bible College, the supply of preachers for the post-war period seems to be assured. However, losses from the preachers' ranks have been fairly heavy in recent years due to deaths and the response of several men to the call of interdenominational work. The British training college has been severely handicapped because of war conditions. Overdale College, Birmingham, Eng., has only two students; part of the building

has been given over to the government for use during the duration.

IT is examination time. The school-year is coming to a close. Students, young and old, are making final efforts to cover the work set for the year. Many are being put to the test. Will they be able to give proof that they have completed the required course of studies? Practice in facing the ordeals of school examinations prepares a person for the problems he will face in life. Those who can face up to, and solve, real difficulties make a success of life. Those who would pass a school examination must do what is right and correct. We cannot avoid the correct and right way of solving life's problems if we are to make our mark in the world. Some people think moral principles have no part in success. I can recall many instances where young men with brilliant gifts have failed to gain success because they did not do what was morally good when faced with a problem of life. There are more failures due to wrong choices than to insufficient ability. If each young person would apply what mental powers he has with consistency towards the goal of moral and spiritual righteousness, he will make a worthy contribution to the sum total of goodness in the world. Our plea is that young people never become weary in doing what is good.



# News of the Churches

## Western Australia

**Perth.**—On morning of Nov. 21 visitors included Major Chisholm (Tasmania). J. Keith Robinson gave a highly instructive talk. At 7.30 p.m. Chief Petty Officer Stevens rendered a solo, and Mr. Robinson preached.

**Kalgoorlie.**—Roy Beard exhorted on morning of Nov. 21, and in evening F. J. Stephenson preached and Ben Wesley sang. F. Stephenson has resigned his secretarial duties of the church and has taken over superintendency of Bible school from L. Park. The church elected A. E. Morrow as new secretary. W. Berridge received notice to report in Sydney with Air Force and has left. He will be missed.

## Queenland

**Monkland.**—An excellent service was held on Nov. 21, when L. Larsen was present and greetings from absent members were received as part of anniversary celebrations. On Nov. 16 Mrs. Runge took charge of J.C.E. Ladies of church have completed camouflage net making, their work totalling 13 nets.

**Charters Towers.**—During October the church experienced a time of blessing. Special messages were given by H. E. Greenwood, organisings secretary. Chaplain Perry, of U.S.A. Forces, conducted special service at one weekend. Social hour for troops after gospel service is still held. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Lieut. and Mrs. Darrell E. Davis, of Daisetta, Texas, U.S.A.

**Roma.**—H. E. Greenwood visited on Nov. 10 in interests of home missions, and gave an interesting address at night. On Nov. 17 annual church meeting was held. Income, including home and foreign missions, was £404/5/6. All auxiliaries showed substantial credit balance. A building fund was established to erect a new church building as soon as conditions allow. All holding office were re-elected. Bible school has decided to commence at 10 a.m. on Sundays during summer months, and J.C.E. holds meetings on Fridays at 6.30 p.m.

## CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

### GREETINGS FROM MEN IN FORCES

**GYMPIE.**—The 57th church anniversary passed off successfully on Nov. 21, when L. Larsen was present as guest speaker. Services were largely attended, and a deep spiritual note was manifest. Greetings from many isolated members and men in the Forces were received, and an act of recognition was participated in by newly-appointed officers and church. Annual thankoffering was received, total of over £45 for day exceeding aim of £40. Mr. Larsen also was chief speaker at C.E. district rally at Dagon on Nov. 20. C.E. Society has prepared over 150 gifts for men in the Forces.

**Maryborough.**—Mr. and Mrs. Dallinger have returned from holidays. Speakers during their absence were Messrs. Mason, Hamann, Wiltshire and West. There was a good attendance at Brooweena service on Nov. 14. C. H. Carter, secretary Queensland Band of Hope Union, brought a talking picture programme on Nov. 11. Mr. Greenwood held a meeting on Nov. 3 in connection with H.M. work. On Nov. 21 services were well attended. Mr. Price's leg has knit perfectly, but he is very weak still. Jim Smith has had a rather serious accident. Jack Wiltshire, Mr. West and Sisters Mason and Ruble and Margaret Grohn have all been sick.

## South Australia

**Forestville.**—Mr. Hammer presents forceful evangelistic messages on Lord's day evenings. On Nov. 21 a lad from Bible school confessed Christ. Two were baptised the same evening, one being a young lady, superintendent of J.C.E. society of a neighboring Methodist church.

**Prospect.**—Meetings on Nov. 21 were addressed by C. Schwab. Basil Shields, R.A.N., was home on leave. Members express sympathy with relatives of late J. D. Thompson, who was connected with the church for many years. P.B.P. chapter is packing parcels for boys and girls on service. Bible school is gaining new scholars.

**Strathalbyn.**—Messages from Mr. Riches are appreciated. Services have been brightened by solos from Mrs. Willing and Mr. Grosvenor. On Oct. 24 Mr. Stanley (Seamen's Mission, Pt. Adelaide) spoke morning and night. On Nov. 13 parents and friends joined children in S.S. picnic at Glenbarr. Pte. M. Millard spoke helpfully at both meetings on Nov. 21. A young woman has been received by faith and baptism.

**Flinders Park.**—Bible school has completed another year, and has now 89 scholars on roll. 19 scholars gained diplomas for regular attendance without missing a Sunday. H. Francis was re-elected superintendent; G. Houston assistant; Ivan Schmelzko, secretary; Mrs. Parker, kindergarten superintendent. School donated £3/11/- to Children's Hospital cot fund. On Nov. 21 Mr. Wilson was morning speaker, and in evening S. Matthews preached.

**York.**—J.C.E. Society gained West Torrens District Union banner for best work during year. Women's Guild concluded a successful year with a social on Nov. 17. Miss Avis Parker, of Long Plains, has assisted gospel service with singing. The church suffered a great loss by the death of A. W. G. Glastonbury, who formerly served faithfully as chairman of trustees, S.S. superintendent and as a deacon. G. Rootes has accepted a further two years' engagement with the church. Bible school shows improvement in attendance, 147 scholars being present recently. Sister H. Warner, after long illness, was able to be present on Nov. 21.

**Cottonville.**—At 47th annual business meeting of the church, R. H. Caldicott was added as an elder; W. Ferris, S. Beck and A. Glastonbury were elected as deacons. All other retiring officers were re-elected. Sympathy was extended to Mr. Glastonbury in the death of his father. Measures to liquidate debt on church property before 50th anniversary in 1946 were adopted. Good attendances at all meetings have enjoyed the messages of Mr. Brooke. All departments are enthusiastic, and general consolidation of the church's activities is evident. A young people's social proved very successful. It is proposed to hold such gatherings monthly.

**Unley.**—Mr. Nankivell has been away on ten days' leave. On Nov. 14 F. Lade (S.A. Alliance president) spoke in morning, and A. Anderson at night, at a young people's service. On Nov. 21 W. E. A. Nankivell (Baptist) spoke in morning and Dr. R. W. L. Crosby at night. College offering exceeds £25. Christmas hampers and canteen orders are being sent to boys and girls on service. A creche has been arranged for babies and small children during Sunday morning service. Mr. Max Hart gave a talk and showed pictures of educational mission work in Uganda to teachers and scholars on Nov. 14. Teachers stayed to tea and had further talk and discussion. Allen Lovell has been awarded a prize for essay on our Indian mission fields. Albert Chatfield,

Kevin Lambert, Max Holmes, W. Rose, Arthur Milne, Alan Chappell, Peter Taylor and Norman Stokes are Service men who have worshipped with the church recently.

## New South Wales

**Bankstown.**—Attendances have improved and keen interest is shown in all departments. Lieut. John Budgen has been home on leave. Rube Wellington and Harry Farrow have had happy fellowship with the young people. At a special Bible school night on Nov. 21, one senior scholar made the confession.

**Paddington.**—There was a good attendance at morning service on Nov. 21. Several members of the Forces were among visitors. Mr. Greenhalgh gave the address on Bible school work, and the service closed with dedication of teachers and helpers. On Nov. 16 the 50th anniversary celebration closed with demonstration and prize-giving. A fine cantata, "Mary of Bethany," was rendered by school.

## SUCCESSFUL ANNIVERSARY

ATTENDANCES AVERAGE 400; FOUR BAPTISED

**GEORGETOWN.**—Fifth B.S. anniversary was a great success. R. N. Grout (Stockton Methodist) spoke at kinder display on Oct. 31, when items were given under leadership of Mrs. W. M. Fraser. Senior school led evening session. There were three decisions during the day. At the demonstration held on Nov. 1, a leading feature was unveiling of prize banner won by school in scripture examinations. Average attendance at these services was 400. On Nov. 7 A. W. Ladbroke was morning speaker. Anniversary was continued. Singing at all sessions was led by W. M. Fraser. Picnic was held at Belmont Park on Nov. 13. R. V. Amos spoke at both services, and in evening baptised four. These were welcomed into fellowship on Nov. 20, speakers for day being E. Oswald and R. Bingham (B. & F. B.S.).

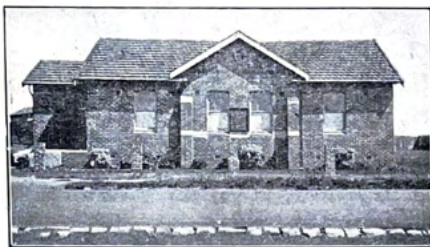
**Canley Vale.**—A successful church fete was held on Nov. 20, when £55 was raised. Opening service was conducted by Mr. Retchford, several enjoyable items were rendered, and Mrs. J. Clydesdale officially declared the fete open. There was a large crowd present, including many visitors from other churches. A great deal of work had been put into the function by Ladies' Church Aid and girls' and boys' clubs, with the result that the debt on the piano will be liquidated, with a good surplus.

**Hurstville.**—On Nov. 20 the church celebrated purchasing of residence for preacher, also first anniversary of arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Ladbroke and family in Sydney. Mr. Ladbroke is ministering to the church in conjunction with his duties at N.S.W. Bible College. A short service to set aside the property for use of the preacher was presided over by B. G. Corlett, secretary of the Bible College board, at conclusion of which afternoon tea was served and a time of fellowship enjoyed.

**Bexley North.**—Women's Fellowship anniversary on Nov. 18 was a great success, with over 80 present. Mrs. W. J. E. Lewis, of Marriekville, gave a helpful message. A presentation was made to Mrs. Weir from the sisters. On Nov. 20 a farewell evening to Mr. and Mrs. Weir was presided over by P. E. Thomas, conference president. Gifts from auxiliaries and from Bexley Baptists were given. I. A. Pater-noster represented Preachers' Fraternal and C. Cunningham Young People's Department. J. Saville spoke on behalf of church and made a gift of money to Mr. Weir. On Nov. 21



Mr. Weir spoke morning and night to good congregations. A Bible school boy and a married lady made the confession, and the husband of the woman reconsecrated his life.



Chapel at Bexley North, N.S.W.

Sgt. D. Cook gave a testimony. Help is sought by voluntary workers for new church building.

## Victoria

**Dandenong.**—Meetings on Nov. 28 were well maintained, 145 breaking bread. Mr. Marshall gave a stirring sermon and one lady confessed Christ at gospel service.

**Red Hill.**—On Nov. 14 S. Prentice completed his ministry with the church. Gifts were made to him from church and C.E. Society. Local brethren are doing the speaking till N. Kingston commences on Dec. 26.

**East Kew.**—On Nov. 14 Mr. Morris gave morning address. Sunday school took part in "Gallery of Ideas." Mr. Candy gave both addresses on Nov. 21, and Mr. Combridge gave an illustrated talk to school.

**Emerald.**—On morning of Nov. 21 several visitors were welcomed. In afternoon Bible school scholars continued anniversary. Singing by scholars included a delightful solo by Dorothy Eaton. W. Pike gave an interesting talk.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—The messages of C. G. Taylor on Nov. 28 were appreciated. Two previously immersed were received into fellowship. Miss Curtis was present after illness. Miss Winnie Lee was soloist at evening service.

**Hampton.**—Physical culture classes concluded year's work with a display in local hall on Nov. 24. W. J. Evans spoke at both services on Nov. 28, and at night a Bible school girl confessed Christ. Mrs. W. D. Lang is in hospital and has undergone an operation.

**East Doncaster.**—Members are pleased that Mr. Allison, of the college, has consented to stay with the church for another year. Combined gospel meetings are held fortnightly with Donvale Church of England and prove helpful. Mr. Allison's messages are appreciated.

**Castlemaine.**—Returning from three weeks' vacation, C. E. Curtis was accorded a welcome home social, and has accepted another year's engagement. Distribution of awards was made at Bible school. Lois Walters was awarded first prize for introducing most new scholars in increase campaign.

**North Fitzroy.**—A. E. Smedley addressed the church on morning of Nov. 21, and R. Enniss preached at night to a good congregation. At the close three were immersed and received into fellowship. On Nov. 28 R. Enniss spoke at both services, and at close of evening service four lads confessed Christ.

**Collingwood.**—On Nov. 21, after gospel address by T. Fitzgerald, five young men confessed Christ. These were baptised and welcomed into membership of church on Nov. 28, when another two made the good confession. On Nov. 23 school hall was crowded when a farewell social was held in honor of E. Hart and K. Roberts, who have graduated from college.

**Doncaster.**—Bible school picnic was held in local park. In evening the superintendent, Les. Petty, entertained with movie films in school hall. In absence of Mr. Banks, who spoke at Blackburn on morning of Nov. 14, Les. Petty gave the address. M. McIntyre, lately returned from Colac, presided.

**Parkdale.**—Homecoming services on Nov. 28 were enjoyed. T. H. Scambler's address in morning service was appreciated. After fellowship tea at 5 p.m., S. Wilson conducted a song service. Choir, under leadership of Mrs. P. Sampson, assisted in evening meeting. A. W. Stephenson spoke. Attendances for day were—morning 136, evening 130.

**Cheltenham.**—The church regrets the passing of G. Organ, one of the pioneering brethren. V. C. Stafford officiated at graveside. On Nov. 14 and 21 Mr. Stafford gave the talk at Sunday School over the Air at 3DB. He exchanged with Mr. Metcalfe, of local Methodist church, on Nov. 28, in morning. Mr. Metcalfe's message was appreciated.

**Boort.**—At half-yearly meeting on Nov. 18, it was decided to accept the help of Mr. Streader and Mr. Lanyon with preaching for another six months, and a vote of thanks was tendered to them for their close attention to the task. The church put on record the great service done to the church by late Mrs. Lacy. Visitors lately have included L/Cpl. Dudley Lanyon.

**Belmont.**—On Nov. 14 the church held third anniversary. There was a good attendance, and many visitors from Terrace attended. Mr. Macnaughtan gave a helpful message. In evening Belmont members attended Terrace church, and some took part in service. On Nov. 13 Mr. and Mrs. Rechenberg lent their home for a church social, a very nice evening being spent.

**Mont Albert.**—Nov. 28 was Temple Day. Mr. Allsop, of Hawthorn church, delivered the morning message, and Dr. W. A. Kemp gave an inspiring address in evening. Many kind wishes were expressed to A. A. McRoberts on eve of his departure to take up work with the church at Maylands, W.A. Girls' Club came forth in Good Companions' annual sports at Jolimont Oval on Nov. 27.

**Moreland.**—After the address on Nov. 14 Heather Dunn and Keith McKinnon took their stand. On Nov. 21, Junior Crusader boys' club took part in both services, boys forming choir at gospel service, when many parents were present. Good Companions won pennant for field day sports on Nov. 27. Two boys were baptised at gospel service on Nov. 28, and one girl and one boy confessed Christ.

**South Yarra.**—On Nov. 14 Mr. Cole spoke at both services. On Nov. 20, Good Companions held a sale of gifts in aid of Dhond Hospital, resulting in £5/11/-. Dr. Killmier addressed church on Nov. 21. Mr. Funston gave the gospel message. Bruce Graham presided; he was to leave for north attached to R.A.A.F. A former scholar (Stan Wallis) has been killed in New Guinea. Sympathy is extended to the relatives.

**Burnley.**—Anniversary services were well attended and enjoyed on Nov. 7 and 14. Messrs. Muller, Huntsman, Morris and Crisp gave special messages. Ladies took mid-week prayer meeting on Nov. 24, also visited South Richmond for combined mission meeting. Church has been encouraged by addresses from Messrs. Fitzgerald, McRoberts and Burt. Tennis club held a social on Nov. 27 and a church parade on 28th.

**Brighton.**—At meeting of Bentleigh-Brighton-Gardenvale circuit on Nov. 22, R. Goldsworthy was granted release owing to his decision to return to Kaniva. Appreciation of his services was expressed. Mrs. J. T. Lang and Mrs. Emmett, sen., were sufficiently recovered in health to be present on Nov. 28. Before C. B. Nance-Kivell's address on home missions, Percy R. Thickers gave a brief message prior to departure for W.A.

**Rochester.**—Successful Bible school anniversary was conducted by W. B. Payne on Nov. 7. Special singing by young people was enjoyed. On Nov. 9 a splendid concert programme was presented. Half the proceeds were handed to Mr. Payne to help aboriginal work at Cumerooogunga. On Nov. 21 Mr. Atkinson, of Cumerooogunga, was speaker and Mr. Payne presented S.S. prizes. Meetings are very well attended.

**East Preston.**—Fourth anniversary services were held on Nov. 14, when A. B. Withers exhorted. Excellent attendances afternoon and evening were addressed by T. A. Fitzgerald and R. Muller with models. On Nov. 16 a scholars' tea was followed by B. and F. B.S. programme and prize-giving. Scholars on roll, 75; average attendance, 60. A thankoffering of £34 means that church will become free from debt by end of year through direct giving.

**Ascot Vale.**—Women's Auxiliary had a successful afternoon on Nov. 16. Mrs. Lowry demonstrated making of skin gloves. A jumble stall netted over £8 for funds. Sunday school teachers gave a tea and presentation to Miss Eva Holland and Mr. Foch Wolnizer prior to their marriage, at which L. E. Snow officiated. Mr. Bensley is still helping the church in preaching and teaching. Sunday school concert and prize-giving night on Nov. 17 was a great success.

**Balwyn.**—The sisters recently handed over to church treasurer £85 towards reduction of building debt. Bible school picnic on Nov. 13 was held enjoyably at Wattle Park. The short mission with E. C. Hinrichsen and V. Morris was helpful to the church. There were large attendances. Two people from Dandenong and two young folk from Balwyn confessed Christ. On Nov. 26 three were baptised at Mont Albert, and on 28th were received into fellowship at Balwyn.



## GOSPEL IN DRAMA

### STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY

**NORTH ESSENDON.**—On Nov. 21 a play, "The Lost Church," was convincingly presented at gospel meeting. "Lads and Dads" of cricket club held an enjoyable sports evening on Nov. 26. On Nov. 28 E. T. Hart closed a beautiful and consecrated ministry of two years. On previous evening he had been presented with gifts from church and auxiliaries. Annual thankoffering for building fund, taken at same meeting, realised over £50, and a good programme including a tableau was presented. H. F. Swain (to carry on an interim ministry) and J. K. Bond (to commence in February) were present; each brought a greeting.

**Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).**—One young woman was received by faith and baptism on Nov. 28. Men's Fellowship tea, with 38 present, was addressed by A. A. Hughes, who also spoke at gospel service. Men's choir rendered items and C. Lomas was soloist. A senior Bible school scholar made the good confession. School made presentation to Miss Doris Saunders on occasion of her recent marriage. Church presented wallet to Jack Smith (R.A.A.F.), on final leave.

**Wangaratta.**—On Nov. 24, annual thanksgiving service and banquet took place very enjoyably. Mr. Stafford, from Cheltenham, was speaker. Offering of £144 was a record. Representatives from churches of the town, and from Yarrowonga and Cheltenham, were present. Greetings were read by Ivan Jackel, secretary, from absent members. A presentation was made by G. O. Jackel to Mrs. Whittaker and Mrs. Lomax prior to their leaving Wangaratta. A gold C.E. pin was presented to Max Whit-



taker from J.C.E. The church regrets the loss of these esteemed members.

**Bendigo.**—All sections of the work are being greatly helped by Mr. Mathieson's messages. During his absence at Dunolly on Nov. 21 R. Streader and E. Duus gave splendid messages. Bible school has commenced an efficiency campaign, and for the four weeks 1 teacher, 2 relieving teachers and 11 scholars have been added to roll. The picnic was held at Lake Woorana on Nov. 10. C.E. is making progress, and on Nov. 16 held a concert in aid of cheer for soldiers, realising £5/7/5. Ladies' Auxiliary entertained parents of Bible school scholars on Nov. 25. Mrs. Mathieson has returned home from hospital.

**Hamilton.**—On Nov. 7 Chaplain Jones gave fine messages. Members of R.A.A.F. took part in evening. On Nov. 11 Mission Band held annual meeting, a very good report being given. Anniversary services were held on Nov. 14 with splendid meetings and fine singing by scholars led by Chaplain Jones. Mrs. Waterman met ladies of church on Saturday evening and gave details of work done in city. On Sunday morning she gave a fine message, and in afternoon held attention with stories of China. Mr. Chivell spoke at night. Scholars' tea and prize distribution took place on Monday. Members have renewed fellowship with Mr. Waters, and enjoyed his messages at mid-week meeting and on morning of Nov. 21.

**Ballarat (Dawson-st.)**—A special business meeting was held on Oct. 27 to consider adoption of a constitution. Both services on Oct. 31 were addressed by W. W. Saunders. Charity Sunday offering was £11. At S.S. anniversary on Nov. 7, T. Hagger gave splendid addresses to excellent attendances. In afternoon a presentation from school was made to Jean Bailey, past teacher and primary superintendent, home from Maryborough for week-end. Four lads from school confessed Christ at night. Scholars sang special numbers with credit. Anniversary tea, annual demonstration and prize-giving were held on Nov. 10, when scholars, prepared by Miss L. Franklin and Mrs. H. W. Morris, presented two cantatas. School has been requested to repeat programme for Ballarat Orphanage. P.B.P. devotional meeting on Oct. 4 was conducted by the preacher. Teachers' quarterly meeting was held at superintendent's home on Nov. 6. J. A. Wilkie addressed morning meeting on Nov. 14. Promotion day was observed in school. T. Maxwell has joined staff as Bible class teacher, Miss L. Dunstan as post-primary teacher and Miss D. Meade as kinder teacher. Miss Madge Dowling has accepted primary superintendency. A young woman was baptised during evening service, and at close of W. W. Saunders' address two girls made the good confession. I.C.E. members attended district union hike and rally on Nov. 15. Speakers at Doveton-st. have been C. Hill, W. Reid, H. Edwards, in morning, and W. Reid and W. H. Benson at night. E. Davey is preparing school for anniversary. Mt. Clear has been served by W. Reid and W. Feary. School is preparing for anniversary, and Miss Jean Horbury has been added to teaching staff.

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**BIRTH**

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**DEATH**

WAITE.—V186662 Trooper Ronald William, dearly loved only child of George and Florrie, 22 Head-st., Elwood; accidentally killed at Seymour, Nov. 20, aged 27 years; loving nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, 36 Elphin-gve., Hawthorn.

**IN MEMORIAM**

COMBRIDGE (J. R.).—In loving memory of our dear one, who passed away suddenly on December 3, 1934.

"Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest;  
 We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best;  
 Good-night! Good-night! Good-night."  
 —Inserted by his loving wife and daughters, May and Doris.

HARROP.—In loving memory of my dear dad, remembered often since Dec. 1, 1936; also mother, who passed away on Aug. 4, 1942.  
 —Inserted by their daughter Hilda.

RANKINE.—With cherished memories of our beloved brother, Andrew, who fell asleep in Jesus at Adelaide on Nov. 28, 1941.

"Forever with the Lord,  
 Amen! so let it be:  
 Life from the dead is in that word,  
 'Tis immortality."

TUCKER.—In treasured memory of my beloved husband, our devoted father, and her loving grandfather, Charles Henry Tucker, whom God called to higher service on Nov. 26, 1943. "Till the day dawns, and the shadows fade away."  
 —Inserted by his loving wife, sons, daughters and grand-daughter.

**BROADCAST SERVICES**

DECEMBER 19.—Swan Hill church, Vic. 11 a.m., station 3SH. Devotional session every Saturday, 12 a.m.

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 All friends cordially invited to farewell our brother and family, who leave Victoria to take up college work in N.S.W.

**CASTLEMAINE CHURCH OF CHRIST ANNIVERSARY.**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12,**  
 in Chapel, Campbell St.  
 Meetings at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
 Speaker, Mr. A. A. Hughes.  
 Past members welcome.

**GARDENVALE CHURCH OF CHRIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12.**

11 a.m., Mr. C. B. Nance-Kivell, B.S.Litt., B.D.  
 3 p.m., Mr. L. Brooker.  
 7 p.m., Mr. R. Goldsworthy.  
 All past members and friends cordially invited.

**FUNKSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST ANNIVERSARY SERVICES. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12.**

11 a.m., Mr. C. Robinson.  
 3.15 p.m., Mr. C. H. J. Wright.  
 Thanksgiving service. Thankoffering.  
 7.30 p.m., Mr. J. K. Bond.  
 Soloists, Mr. C. H. J. Wright, Mr. J. McKenzie.  
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# Furloughs for Indian Workers

WE inform those interested that length of service in India is five years for single ladies and for all others six years. Owing to the war situation Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bolduan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Escott have not deemed it wise to return to Australia, though the former have been about seven and a half years in India and the latter over eight years. The return of Miss Caldicott to India and the movement to send reinforcements to India have awakened interest in India regarding pending furloughs.

## Probable Procedure

Mr. and Mrs. Escott will not return to Australia, but will take what is known in India as short term furlough in the hills. This means that when Mr. and Mrs. Escott go to the hills for summer vacation they will extend such vacation for several months. This will give them, the needed rest, and relieve them of all field responsibility for the period. By so doing, they will probably add an additional year or so to their present stay in India. This action is quite voluntary on the part of these workers, as they prefer to remain in India.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bolduan, not wishing to compromise a normal furlough in Australia, do not favor a short term furlough in hills, but prefer to remain on duty and await developments regarding the war situation. Sympathy will be felt for Mr. Bolduan and family as they face this situation. As Mr. Bolduan is only recovering from a serious illness, his future movements must in part be governed by this factor.

Miss Edna Vawser will normally be due for furlough early in the new year. She has elected to return to Australia at the earliest possible opportunity. Her release is made easier because of the expectation of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who will probably relieve her from oversight of Boys' Home, Baramati.

## New Indian Worker

Following the policy of securing well-trained Indian workers who could carry responsibility in the event of mission workers having to leave their posts, either because of war or other emergencies, Mr. John Bairagi, B.D., is likely to be engaged for a period on the Indian field. Mr. Bairagi was born in Fiji of Indian parents, but journeyed to India more than ten years ago for education and experience. Making his own way, he secured an education and secured his B.D. at Serampore College, the training school founded by William Carey. This worker comes to us well recommended, is an experienced teacher, and has good missionary zeal. We are hopeful of being able to announce that his services have been secured for a few years.

## NEWS BRIEFS

**Christmas Cheer.**—One hundred pounds has been forwarded to India, and some further amounts are coming to hand. All gifts for this fund should be sent at once.

**Foodstuffs for India.**—Though not certain, it is probable that some foodstuffs unprocureable in India will be sent there at an early date. Permission is being sought to send about two tons. This may not be possible to work out and send by Christmas, but the Victorian F.M. Committee will endeavor to work out a plan.

**Famine Relief.**—Some amounts for India and China have been received, and sent forward to respective countries.

**China Remittances.**—Again good news. China remittances have been received in inland China, and plans are now under way to send all arrears and current amounts up to December 31. Remember the Chinese church in prayer, and help us in securing amount towards subsidy. We are now completing our ninth year of such

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## Obituary

### Mrs. Harriet Brown

THE home-call came to Mrs. H. Brown on Nov. 2 at the age of 83 years. Her confession of faith was made in the chapel at Langridge-st., Collingwood, Vic., and with her passing there is removed another of the early pioneers of the work in that centre. She was in fellowship with the church at North Richmond for 10 years and with Fairfield for 20 years, and in all, 60 years of her life were spent in fellowship with the brethren. When the work commenced at Stanton-st., Collingwood, she sang the solo on the day of the opening, and was active in all branches of the church's service. Until the end our sister manifested a lively hope in Christ her Saviour, and her testimony was radiant with the hope of her Lord's second advent. Her body was laid to rest in Melbourne General Cemetery on Nov. 4 in the presence of many friends. To her children and grandchildren we offer Christian consolation.—T.A.F.

### A. W. G. Glastonbury

THE church at York, S.A., has suffered a severe loss through the death of Albert William Greig Glastonbury, who passed away at his home on Nov. 13 at the age of 49, after an illness extending over many weeks. Our brother was received into fellowship at York on Nov. 22, 1914, being transferred from Hindmarsh. During the intervening years he served the church with zeal and enthusiasm. Among the offices he occupied at various times were those of chairman of trustees, deacon and Bible school superintendent. He took pride in seeking to keep the church premises in good repair. During the closing weeks of his illness, though enduring extreme physical weakness, he manifested a magnificent Christian spirit. Mr. Glastonbury leaves a wife and two sons, and to these in their sorrow goes out the deepest sympathy of the church. The large company of friends gathered, both at the home and at Cheltenham cemetery, was a splendid testimony to the respect and esteem in which our brother was held. The writer, assisted by R. E. Mossop and H. P. Manning, conducted services at home and grave.—G.R.

### Mrs. Holden

ON Monday, Nov. 8, Mrs. Holden passed away at the Caulfield Convalescent Hospital, and the funeral left the home at 6a Elm-gve., McKinnon, proceeding to the Springvale Crematorium, on Tuesday, 9th. Our deceased sister leaves a little son Barrie, a daughter, Mrs. P. Jones, of Bamba-rd., Caulfield, two other sons—Dudley, of the R.A.A.F., and Dick, also grown-up—and her husband. The family became associated with the Bentleigh church some years ago during the ministry of W. Andrew. We extend sympathy to those who mourn the passing of this kind and affectionate woman.—R.C.G.

### Mrs. F. Newby

CITY TEMPLE, Sydney, lost one of the most loved and faithful members in the passing of Mrs. F. Newby. She was the oldest member, having been connected with the work in the early days, when the church met in Elizabeth-st. Mrs. Newby and her husband were loyal workers in the church, and were ever ready to give a helping hand to young and old. Mrs. Newby was one of the very humble, yet radiant Christians whom it was a joy to meet. She was loved because she loved. Up until two or three years ago, she was regularly each Lord's day at the Lord's table, and was active in the work of the Temple Mission Band. She is survived by two daughters (Mrs. A. Allen, of Rockdale, and Mrs. Ford), and one son, Fred Newby, of Rockdale, to whom sympathy is extended. May the Lord, whom their mother truly served, be their comfort and guide.—A. C. Maclean.

## Faith or Works?

(Continued from front page.)

We do not hold with the idea that salvation can be gained by deeds. Faith in Christ is a condition the Spirit of God needs to be able to create a new life dedicated to the service of righteousness.

To sum up—the divinely ordained means by which faith is expressed at the time of conversion is baptism, but in the new life faith is shown in good works.

## Call of the Aborigines

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changed circumstances, the virile, independent life which is his by right of inheritance. Beyond that, we must feel the responsibility of recognising him by some reasonable legislation—surely, as instalments of justice, service to the white should not be rendered on conditions analogous to slavery and the franchise should be extended to at least those aborigines who could make formal application for it.

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