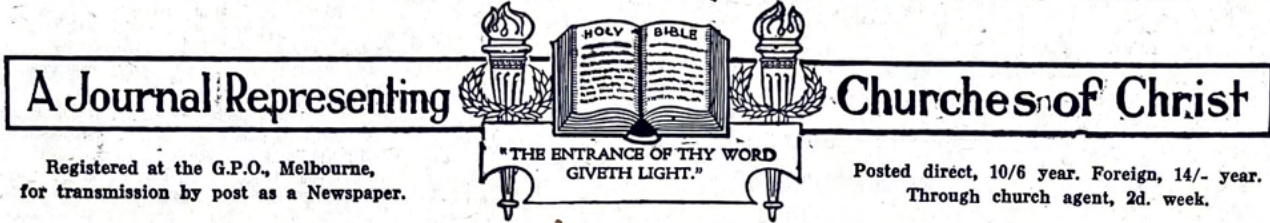


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Gadfly of Civilisation

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When discontent is linked to a heavenly vision, we may expect civilisation to advance

ANCIENT Greeks were fond of finding a moral in the disturbing attacks of the gadfly. By worrying cattle ceaselessly those insects would keep the animals on the move, and never allow them a moment's rest. Such persistent attacks would drive cattle half mad.

How easy it is for men to settle into an indifferent attitude toward life! It is possible to fall into prevailing ways and not feel disturbed by the call of some spiritual mission. Only the attack of some idealistic gadfly will stir men into action, and set them on the march again. What is the nature of such a moral gadfly?

I.

PROFESSOR WHITEHEAD, in his book, "Adventures of Ideas," said he found in the pure religion of the Hebrews a critical discontent of mere human life. However, it was a discontent that was related to the vision of perfect goodness. Critical discontent alone may produce a pessimism that robs a man of the incentive to strive to rise above squalid conditions. Let, however, that discontent be associated with a high ideal, and it will produce movements which will reach out to make a better world. Thus, in pure religion, we have a kind of gadfly maintaining a steady rate of progress.

Professor Gordon Childe, an authority on archæology and ancient history, writing in "What Happened in History," shows how necessary religion is for the progress of man. "Evidently societies of men 'cannot live by bread alone,'" he declares. "With the aid of abstract ideas men have evolved, and come to need new stimuli to action beyond the universal urges of hunger, sex, anger and fear." "Without such spiritual equipment not only do societies tend to disintegrate, but the individuals composing them may just stop bothering to keep alive. The 'destruction

of religion' among primitive peoples is always cited by experts as a major cause in their extinction in contact with white civilisation." Therefore, when a critical discontent of life is linked with a vision splendid, we find an effective gadfly for civilisation that will stimulate progress.

II.

THE Children of Israel forgot their divine mission when they were comfortably settled in the luscious fields of Goshen, in Egypt. When they were enslaved and a bitter resentment filled their hearts, a critical discontent revived the spirit of destiny within them. The call to live as God's people in the land of Canaan aroused them to action. When the time came to leave Egypt, they were ready to follow the godly man, Moses. The Israelites in Goshen were like young eagles in a nest, too comfortable to move. The mother eagle stirs up her nest so that the young will find no pleasure in remaining, but will gladly attempt to fly. Thus, we learn, as "an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings," so the Lord disturbed the selfish peace of Israel, caused a critical discontent to reawaken a slumbering sense of national destiny, and set the people on the march to find better conditions in the Promised Land.

III.

MARTIN LUTHER was disturbed by the religious conditions prevailing in Europe. He saw practices that made him unhappy. A study of the New Testament revealed to him a vision of the truth. Under such conditions the "gadfly" that created the Reformation was born. Men saw that the evils of those times could be cured only by an application of the principles of the New Testament to the spiritual needs of men.

A new advance in civilisation was made when the spiritual ideals of the Reformation were applied to life.

John Wesley became alarmed at the religious apathy of his generation. Enthused by a spiritual birth, begotten by a renewed study of the scriptures, he aroused the indifferent multitudes to an appreciation of spiritual ideals. What a forceful movement was set in progress by that revival! Both social and religious institutions were improved as a result of the evangelistic fervor encouraged during that period of divine discontent.

When saddened by the sectarian bitterness of his age, Thomas Campbell was moved by the Master's prayer that his disciples be one, to set in motion a movement to unite the Christian church. Like some gadfly he awakened many who were once indifferent, to see the tragedy of a divided Christendom. How far he was responsible in inspiring the present ecumenical movement may be difficult to ascertain, but none can justly deny he had a part in setting it in motion.

IV.

WE can learn from history that, where there is a discontent arising from unsatisfactory conditions and this is harnessed to a spiritual vision, then progress can be expected.

There is no doubt that we live in a period of considerable discontent. But somehow the ordinary man has lost his vision of spiritual ideals. It is dangerous to allow this mood of pessimism to continue indefinitely. Men need some glimpse of heaven to set them on the march again toward a higher moral plane. Men in the past caught a sight of that needful vision splendid by devoted study of the truths of the Bible. It seems we need men who not only know of the life of New Testament Christians, but who will emulate them in noble deeds and reveal to the world, by self-sacrifice, the central truths of Christ.

Can we who plead for the restoration of New Testament lead the way in a new advance, and be gadflies of this generation?

PREACHERS' PAGE

Home and the Child

In this stimulating article, W. F. Nankivell, B.A., B.D., of Unley, S.A., and a member of the South Australian Youth Department, writes on the parents' responsibility toward the child and how the church may help to guide parents.



ONE of the greatest problems confronting the church to-day is the relation of parent to youth. For, in spite of all our development of community education, there can be no substitute for parental training of children. The very nature of the family unit makes this inevitable. It may be true that parents, because of the conditions in our present-day communal life, have less influence on their children than in an earlier day. Nevertheless parental responsibility is great. And perhaps the task reposing on parents was never more difficult than to-day. Since the beginning of this century revolutionary readjustments have been recurring with almost bewildering speed. Men and women who reached their maturity at the time of the last war, had constantly to readjust their nervous and emotional responses in order to live wholesomely. They were forced to meet new conditions for which they had not been prepared when they were children, as well as to face the responsibility of parenthood. The depression brought other new conditions, placing fresh demands on their already overstrained resources. And the present war is precipitating further crises. There are important areas of their children's lives to which parents should be giving more earnest attention.

1. EDUCATION.—The term is used here as comprehending the whole "life pattern." The education of our children begins in the home and from infancy. Truly, "As goes the child so goes the man." Vital education isn't from books only, but from "a continuously growing and enriching experience." And parents are so closely related to their children that their expression of daily life gives a "mind set" towards the experiences their children will seek. The child moves along as an imitator of mother and father. Consequently many children develop handicaps which often they never overcome. They may learn to be careless; loose, or flighty, thinkers; or to meet every crisis with an emotional brain-storm. On the other hand they may be taught to think clearly, honestly and purposefully to a satisfying conclusion. Whichever, it is rare for either habit to be broken later.

It is in these days of early childhood that foundations of honesty or dishonesty are laid. Parental threats never carried out; evasive answers to honest questions; double-dealings with neighbors—all lay foundations for dishonesty. Children learn by doing, and parents are largely responsible for the opportunities children have for self-expression and the quality thereby given to life. To hold to a narrow range of experience, and to refrain from helping children to evaluate their experiences, is to undermine the foundations for the largest life. Parents who have no time to do anything for their children except feed and clothe them, make the home a void so far as learning is concerned. The reading of our children should be a matter of real concern for parents, but how many are

very much interested? The tragic exposure of children to all sorts of moving pictures is the result of parental failure to pay the price of providing healthy recreation for their families.

11. PHYSICAL ADVICE.—"A sound mind in a sound body" is the great need. Every parent should have certain knowledge of rules for health; for care of the body; for rest, food and sleep. All should know the bearing of emotional life on health. Parents should be prepared and willing to give guidance on sex matters when the child wishes it.

III. GOOD CITIZENSHIP.—Not only is it desirable to have our children in a healthy and wholesome environment, but as parents we should be eager to make our fullest contribution, possible, to community welfare. We should be interested in securing good laws, and then show a healthy respect for them. In order that children may gain a healthy

social point of view, they should be encouraged to join worthy civic, social and recreational units. In every way our children should be stimulated to feel that they are world citizens. Certainly parents should be interested in helping their children to discover their ultimate vocation in life. It is astonishing sometimes to learn of the vocations to which Christian parents have directed their children.

IV. RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP.—The day will never dawn when the responsibility of parents to the religious growth of their children may cease. In this field the power of example cannot be over-stressed. A nominal religion, or profession without expression of it, is readily detected by our children. It is in the family environment that the lack of real religious experience is most apparent. The real self is there displayed. Children are quick to notice the Dr. Jekyll-Mr. Hyde type of personality often revealed by parents—angels of mercy and goodwill abroad, but veritable tyrants in the home.

Parents should always be prepared to meet youth's intellectual problems. It is fatal to condemn new light through scientific discovery because of one's own ignorance. It is downright wickedness to close one's mind to truth in the face of Jesus' commandment: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." It should never be possible for children to think that Christianity and its teachings cannot bear the light of scrutiny, and thereby to lose faith in its sustaining strength. He will be a dull son who does not have problems arising out of scientific studies. Parents must endeavor to keep abreast of the intellectual demands of their children, or at least

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Youthful Daring

G. J. Andrews



THERE is call to-day for super-courage, finer and more enduring than natural human courage. A revival of the daring of Jesus is required. "He who would valiant be 'Gainst all disaster, Let him in constancy Follow the Master."

Behold him, the supreme example of God's young agent, seized with a vision, full of vitality, bent on stirring life's stagnant pools and initiating a new era of progress. See him thus upon his return to Nazareth (Luke 4: 14-30), chafing at the complacency and isolationism; sure that the heavenly Father plans and offers a better order for his human family. Men read scripture like dull, ancient history, and without the rapture of a forward view. His reading

and application startled the worshippers. Reading the Bible in colorless tones, as if you are handling an old-world relic, involves no courage. But to recognise with a fresh, energetic heart, that you have in hand the programme of the eternal God and a statement of your very duty, becomes another matter. That involves the courage we need to-day. So that we enlist in the greatest of all creative crusades, saying, "The resources of God are available for this divine appointment; for human discipline and freedom; for social and economic justice; for individual consecration and Christian unity."

Nor will God's young agent be surprised or discouraged at the odds against him. Like the Master, he will be too well acquainted with the Elijahs and Elishas to be really shocked at the weight of opposition. From the same source as he gets his programme he will get the challenge not to "fall nor be discouraged" in his task. So Albert Schweitzer, commencing in Africa, says "I feel more convinced than ever that this land needs to help it, men who will never let themselves be discouraged."

Not the least important feature of Christian daring is the assurance that there is always God's way through. Jesus was able to "pass through the midst" of the menacing mob at Nazareth, because it was God's way through. There is always that way, until God's servant can say, "It is finished!" Even then there is God's way through, in the resurrection!

A New Song

The hymn chosen for mention in October by F. J. Funston is No. 328, and is listed for October 17.

"Do you think any of the modern hymns are up to the standard of the old favorites?" I was asked. Speaking for two hymns only—our numbers 328 and 428, both so recent as to have just squeezed into our book—these at least are surely of such calibre as to be enduring!

The two are by the same author, a man still living, greatly respected and loved by a long line of students of Yale Divinity School. For 28 years a lecturer in Practical Theology, Henry Hallam Tweedy realistically confronted his students with vital problems of theology, worship and life. Not only are his writings along these lines extremely stimulating, but his hymn-writing and hymnal editing are works of lasting value. In a letter dated July 28 of the present year, Professor Tweedy wrote that his interest in producing modern hymns had been heightened by his preaching almost every Sunday in some school or college. "I could not look into the faces of those young people," he says, "without wondering just what they meant when they sang some of the older hymns, full of symbols, imagery and theological theories which were strange to them, no matter how much of truth the words, when interpreted as poetry, contained. To my mind there was a real need of modern hymns which, expressing their faith simply, could be sung sincerely."

His magnificent hymn "Eternal God, whose power upholds both flower and flaming star" shows unequalled realism and clearness in its conception of God. Verse by verse, the Eternal God is viewed (1) powerful in Nature, loving all men; (2) Life and Light, bringing peace and kindness; (3) Truth for the searching mind; (4) Beauty for art and melody and pure living to reach out to; (5) Righteousness and grace as in Christ the Son and calling on us to serve "till Christ be formed in all mankind and every land is thine." These qualities won the hymn, on its first appearance in 1929, the prize of the American Hymn Society as the greatest missionary hymn of the year.

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be sympathetic towards those who try to help them in their religious problems.

V. WHAT CAN THE CHURCH DO ABOUT IT?—There is a lamentable lack of teaching, both in our educational system and in the church, about home-making and child training. Really, the church should interest herself. There should be a planned effort to contact the parents of the community with a planned programme. The church should organise classes for parents, for the study of all phases of child life and child training. Aspects other than religion might be dealt with first, as this would in some instances break down antagonism on the part of some parents. Clubs for young mothers; classes, e.g., for study of hobbies, of child psychology, for guidance in reading would be a great help. But parents' duty toward the religious life of the child must be faced, and every effort should be made to link them up in interest in the church. "It is the Christian parents, serving a never-changing God, who will meet and solve the problems of rearing children to be Christlike in a changing world." The child is the hope of the kingdom of God.

The Devil's Wardrobe

It is suggested that there are three guises under which Satan approaches men. H. J. Patterson, M.A., discusses these in this study.

DR. JOWETT once said, "The devil has a fairly extensive wardrobe, but his common and more familiar guises are of three types—a serpent, an angel of light and a roaring lion." He is also represented as a Fowler, a wolf and a sower of tares. Some folk seem to think the devil is easily distinguishable, but they are entirely mistaken. The devil seldom if ever comes in his natural garb, and frequently he induces the idea that he doesn't exist. But let us take the three guises suggested by Dr. Jowett.

A Serpent

When God said to Eve, "What is this that thou hast done?" she answered, "The serpent beguiled me and I did eat" (Gen. 3: 14). In Revelation 12: 9 Satan is referred to as "that old serpent, called the devil, which deceiveth the whole world." Temptations that befall us are often of a kind to enchant the imagination. "We are fascinated, bewitched, paralysed by the influence of some illicit and unclean spell." We see people held in the gambling evil. They cannot get away from it. It holds for them a paralysing power and the whole life comes under its sway. The lure of money for others, though it be more or less through legitimate channels, is a bewitching thing and nothing else remains in the mind.

An Angel of Light

Paul gives a warning against false teachers in the church and says, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as

the ministers of righteousness" (2 Cor. 11: 13-15). He may come in form as an evangelist. So he suggests to not a few, "You do not think highly enough of God who is all loving and all merciful and kind. A few sins will not destroy the soul, and in fact, all will ultimately be saved." Now if he can get men to believe that, he has accomplished his purpose. Do not be so exact, he seems to say, for God will understand and forgive. Miss a divine service now and again, for he knows you are tired and need rest. There you have Satan as an angel of light.

A Roaring Lion

Peter writes to Christians about to suffer persecution, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5: 8). "He appears as sheer brutal force, an antagonist of terrific and naked violence, bearing down his victims under the heavy paws of relentless persecution." In that form he is about in certain parts of the world to-day. This is the frightening way, but Christians must not be afraid. John Bunyan tells how Christian on the way to the City of Zion saw two lions in the way. His companions Mistrust and Timorous ran back. "The lions were chained but he saw not the chains." Very often that also is true for us, but sometimes there are no chains. The early Christian found that the lion left nothing but bones on the sand in the arena. Jesus himself was crucified by the blood-thirsty enemy. The roaring lion of persecution does great damage, but "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Beware of the many guises of our adversary the devil.

Our Christian Hope

F. A. Youens, of Chatswood, N.S.W., expresses, in this helpful article, the central message of the cross and the resurrection of the Lord.

LESS than an hour ago I was seated in a little cottage. The message had come that another "boy" would never return. It was a dark little room. The air struck cold as one entered. Those within seemed oblivious to all save a very great sorrow. Then it was time for me to go. I stepped from that cottage into the warmth and glory of a Spring day. The street was animated by the movement and merriment of children (it being school holidays). How unrelated were the two atmospheres! One, so dark, chilling, and depressing; the other, so exhilarating (it is really a brilliant day). With but half-dozen steps we strode into another world. Yet they are not different worlds, for is not the gospel picture of the resurrection similarly constructed? In it we find the gloom and chill of a tomb removed by but three paces (days) from angelic voices and transcendent glories. In the light of our Christian hope the beauties of this delightful day are not unrelated to the gloom of the little cottage room. The believer, even though deep in "the valley" knows the Spring day is always just a few paces on. And in these days we shall do well to think upon our Christian hope.

How Firm a Foundation it has. We have probably heard it said that the resurrection of the Lord Jesus is the best attested fact of history. Even if this were shown to be an exaggeration, the fact that such a claim could ever be made is in itself testimony to strength of evidence supporting it. But to establish

the resurrection of the Lord is to guarantee such to every disciple. He was the firstfruits. Paul leaves us in no doubt as to the nature of our Christian hope. Nothing he more desired than to attain the resurrection "out from among" the dead. Similarly, Paul leaves us in no uncertainty as to the basis of this hope. As Christ most certainly triumphed over death and the tomb, so by his own word shall we. The Christian's hope is built on sure grounds. We shall do well in these days to recall

How Practical are Its Prospects! They give dignity to being. They provide purpose in living. There is more to life than the measure of its earthly day.

Our dear ones in Christ are ours for eternity; our hope is their hope, and that which is common to all in Christ spells out in such terms as *reunion, enlargement, at-one-ment*, and so forth. In short, many of the mind's most brilliant concepts, and sweetest thoughts, owe existence to the hope which is theirs who dwell in him.

Because he is possessed of a superior hope, the Christian's conduct should be correspondingly distinctive. We sorrow not as those who have no hope. Neither do we suffer as those without comfort. Then our bearing, in these days of anxiety and stress, should be such as to compel notice; it should witness both to the *reality* and the *worth* of our Christian hope.

Notes on Current Topics

Forged Protocols

IT is remarkable how discredited documents continue to be circulated to deceive the unwary. Dr. Mowll, Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, chairman of the Council of Christians and Jews, has warned the public to disregard as a forgery a document entitled "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," copies of which, he stated, there is reason to believe, are being circulated in Australia to poison relations between Christians and Jews. The archbishop states that the document, which has appeared in many forms, is undoubtedly a forgery, drawn up in 1905 to influence discontented Russian people to believe they were suffering under a world-wide Jewish conspiracy. The fraud (Dr. Mowll added) was exposed by "The Times," London, on Aug. 16, 17, and 18, 1921. A South African Court in 1934 called the protocols "an impudent forgery."

Pope's Position

For nearly 60 years—until Mussolini made his treaty with the Vatican in 1929—the Pope voluntarily confined himself to the small papal territory, as a protest against the taking away of his temporal power when Rome, the last of the papal territories, was incorporated in the kingdom of Italy. The phrase, "the prisoner of the Vatican," was frequently used, though the Pope was no more a prisoner than the freest person who reads this note. Since the fall of Mussolini the Italian and papal positions have been as confused as they are interesting. It is now reported by Reuter's Zurich correspondent that, "as a sequel to the German occupation of Rome, the Pope intends to constitute himself a voluntary prisoner by re-establishing the conditions prevailing before the Lateran Treaty was signed in 1929."

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

STAND FOR THE RIGHT

THEY are slaves who fear to speak
For the fallen and the weak;
They are slaves who will not choose
Hatred, scoffing, and abuse,
Rather than in silence shrink
From the truths they needs must think;
They are slaves who dare not be
In the right with two or three.

—Lowell.

THE KEY TO HAPPINESS

IN every path of life hoarded treasure is a mistake.

Gold is always difficult to find. In fact, most of the large goldfields which are to-day turning out wealth into the world were discovered by accident. A goldfield was discovered at Ballarat as the result of digging a grave, and this incident has a striking parallel in a story told of the early days of gold-finding in California. Two miners, Oliver Martin and Flower, had prospected in vain for months, until Flower died of exhaustion. His half-dead comrade proceeded to dig his grave, and in digging it, his pick struck a nugget which weighed over 151 lbs., and realised £7254.

But every searcher can find the best kind of wealth, which is love and happiness.

The key to happiness is helping one another, not in only helping yourself, but remembering the fact that it is "love which makes the world go round" with song and happiness.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York (Dr. Spellman) declared in a public address that "the Pope's position is very difficult. Like St. Peter, he is a prisoner, not free to communicate with his archbishops throughout the world," and added, "We have no positive, concrete way of helping him."

Films for Children

In Sydney, judging by newspaper correspondence, many parents are concerned at quality of films shown to children. I was glad to note last week a helpful sub-leader on the subject in the "Sydney Morning Herald." This stated that "the present classification of films shown to the public has become a dead letter, and there needs to be some stricter form of supervision, in default of the care which exhibitors and a great many parents have alike failed to exercise." This criticism was made in full recognition of the value of properly selected programmes and means of entertainment of juvenile audiences and also of their education.

The carelessness of parents is, as the "S.M. Herald" implies, one of the reasons for the present evil position. We must all agree with the newspaper's conclusion that "the effect of an unrestricted diet of crime stories, interspersed with highly-seasoned love scenes, cannot but be deleterious to an impressionable young mind." We have had at different times improvements in programmes as a result of public pressure. The present deterioration indicates the need of constant watchfulness in order to safeguard the children.

A.P. Main

BOTH ENDS STOPPING

Nervous Lady (about to get off trolley car).
—"Which end of the car do I get off, conductor?"

Conductor.—"It doesn't matter, lady. Both ends are going to stop."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—A SATANIC CONSPIRACY

Oct. 11—1 Cor. 4: 1-12.
" 12—2 Cor. 5: 1-10.
" 13—2 Cor. 10: 1-5.
" 14—2 Cor. 12: 1-10.
" 15—2 Cor. 13: 1-10.
" 16—Acts 23: 12-24.
" 17—Gen. 37: 13-38; Acts 23: 25-35.

HELL loosed its fiercest rage against Paul when more than forty Jews vowed that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed him. A satanic conspiracy illustrating the depths to which men can sink when swayed by bitter prejudices. So as a modern example, amid the horrors of war, when hospital ships are sunk, men disregard every rule of justice and fair play, so long as enemies are slain. Unfortunately, we can go further, and assert that even some so-called Christians will do their utmost to stop the mouths of those whose views do not coincide with their own. It is well that, in the providence of God, such wicked plots are usually thwarted, as was this devilish conspiracy of our New Testament lesson.

C.E. Throughout the World

W. W. Saunders

HOW is C.E. doing throughout the world in these abnormal days?

Dr. Poling (world president) answered the question in London recently. Addressing Endeavorers at an enthusiastic "black-out" meeting, he said, "In spite of the tumult and shouting of war, C.E. is going forward throughout the world. From the occupied countries reports are infrequent or incomplete, but they reveal that the movement is marching on. There are societies in Germany, Norway, the border countries and the Balkans. Indirect information has been received from the Hungarian C.E. Union and also from Spain. The light has not gone out, though it might shine dimly in many places, and Endeavorers must remain faithful so that they may make their contribution to C.E. in Europe after the war."

The following facts were also stated by Dr. Poling. There had been a net gain of 203 societies in China last year. The movement was making headway even in occupied China. Australia had the strongest C.E. federation in the world in comparison to its population. There were now a great many American Endeavorers in Australia, and they often wrote to say how homes and churches had been opened to them. Through his conversations with British C.E. leaders, Dr. Poling had sensed that C.E. in Britain was going on to revival now; there was to be no waiting until the end of the war.

Andrew Wright, general secretary of the British Union, says that all who talked with Dr. Poling during his brief visit had felt better for it—he was full of inspiration for other people. He concludes, "C.E. news is definitely good these days. There is a growing movement in many places."

Good News from N.S.W.

The following cheering comment was made in a recent letter received by the national secretary: "The churches of Christ are making big efforts to enlarge their C.E. borders. The Congregationalists are re-forming their C.E. Association. The Baptists have always been strong in C.E. The Methodist C.E. Band is putting C.E. on the map in many more places. Nine new Methodist C.E. societies have been formed in country districts, five of them Y.P."

Conventions

In the September "Queensland Endeavorer" the 52nd annual convention is reported as successful and profitable. Held from Thursday, Aug. 5, to Saturday, Aug. 7, the convention comprised an "at home" with the alumni, convention tea, intermediate rally, annual assembly meeting, junior rally and crowning consecration meeting. Cheerful singing, happy fellowship, challenging addresses, individual and concerted items, interstate and international greetings, and earnest participation on the part of all contributed to the worthwhileness of the gatherings.

Both Victoria and N.S.W. will hold annual conventions in October; the former on Friday, Saturday and Monday, October 29 and 30 and November 1, and Saturday, November 6; and the latter on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday, October 7, 8, 9 and 11. Convention headquarters for Victoria will be Wesley Church, Lonsdale-st., Melbourne; and for N.S.W. the Central Baptist Church.

We learn that Mr. Howard Earle, preacher of our Kaniva church and national Bible study superintendent, will be the guest speaker at the jubilee convention of the Port Adelaide district union (S.A.), and will afterwards conduct a country tour, touching Balaklava, Kadina, Port Pirie. October 14 to 21 will be the period of the above service.

Conference Discusses Evangelism

P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A., conference president of Queensland, reports an interesting half-yearly conference, on the election of C. F. Adermann to Federal Parliament, and discussions on "Church and New Order."

THIS year the half-yearly conference of the Queensland churches held on Sept. 25 and 26 was combined with the twenty-first anniversary of the church at East Ipswich. The theme of the conference was "Evangelism." Group discussions were held at the Saturday afternoon session. E. Berthelsen, of Ma Ma Creek church, opened the discussion with an address on the subject, "Evangelism—Its Methods." It was suggested that the possibilities of open-air work and radio be explored. One hundred and fifty sat down to the anniversary tea. The conference president addressed a large congregation at the evening session on the subject, "Evangelism—Its Motives." One hundred and twelve broke bread on Sunday morning when V. G. Boettcher, of Toowoomba, spoke. C. J. Williams addressed a youth rally on Sunday afternoon and Chaplain L. A. Trezise took the gospel service. The conference was a great inspiration to Ipswich church. Visitors attended from sixteen other churches, some coming from as far as Roma and Bundaberg.

A Worthy Representative

Gratification is expressed that C. F. Adermann, member of the church at Kingaroy, has been elected to the Federal Parliament. The Adermann family have been well known members of the Queensland brotherhood for many years. For some time Mr. Adermann as "Uncle John" has conducted a radio Sunday school from station 4SB. As chairman of the Kingaroy Shire Council, chairman of the Queensland Peanut Board, member of the Queensland Council of Agriculture and District War Agricultural Committee, Mr. Adermann has won the esteem and trust of all with whom he has come in contact. We congratulate him on his success, and wish him well as he strives to realise his ideals.

Morals

Divorce trials listed for hearing during September at the Supreme Court, Brisbane, showed a big increase on the number heard in September last year, which itself was a big increase on pre-war figures. Mr. Percival Watson, newly-elected president of the Congregational

Union, declared in his presidential address that "foolish governments had encouraged promiscuity by subsidising the unmarried widow. This looseness broke up family life, spread disease, and prepared a tragic harvest of post-war problems." Mr. A. E. Bickmore at the 66th Annual Assembly of the Baptist Union, said that "evidence was not lacking that even Christian homes had been affected by immorality. No parent could claim to fulfil his duty unless he had given Christian guidance to his children."

Gambling is rife. Our soul is stirred within us as we pass chocolate wheels, golden casket agencies, raffles and art unions along Brisbane streets. Those who think they are virtuously supporting the hospital when they buy a golden casket ticket might note that in 1942-1943 golden casket receipts totalled £1,516,562. The hospitals received £215,185. That is, one-seventh or ninepence for every five and threepence paid.

Church and New Order

The Bishop of Goulburn, Mr. T. C. Warriner, and Dr. A. J. Waldock have recently made statements on the new order. Mr. T. C. Warriner, president-elect of the Baptist Union, said that—(1) The peace treaty should give expression to the Christian principles of justice and love; (2) All nations must be allowed access on equitable terms to the commodities which were required for their industries or for their material needs; (3) Australia must be properly populated; (4) Steps must be taken to prevent widespread unemployment. The last point was also stressed by Bishop Burgmann.

Dr. Waldock expressed the view that the one thing above all else that the human family needed was not a world built on scientific lines, but one in which the whole family of God could live together in brotherhood and love.

Visitors

Many visiting speakers from southern States have been in Brisbane recently. We are very disappointed that the authorities did not grant a priority permit to Mr. and Mrs. Main to travel to Queensland for Ann-st. jubilee and the half-yearly conference.

C.F.A. Youth Patrol

Several young men with speaking ability have banded themselves together to further C.F.A. interests in the churches, particularly amongst young people. The Girls' Club at Thornbury was visited on Tuesday evening, Sept. 28, and after addresses by A. Moroney and H. Grosse, a number of the girls signed membership cards. Refreshments were served at the close.

New Order

All the proposals for the new order visualise a world free from fear and free from want. This can come about only as the "haves" are willing to share with the "have nots." C.F.A. adopted, as its motto, "My Neighbor as Myself," and the underlying principle of the movement is co-operation for mutual welfare. Christians should be ready at all times to practise this. We have always urged that the new order should be Christian, and that the church should show that it is possible by demonstrating it within her own ranks. To-day she may give the lead, to-morrow she will follow.

The Beer Famine

The Minister for Customs, Senator Keane, has expressed his fear lest, owing to the shortage of malt production, the quotas of beer

Meditation

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

—Marie Donaldson
in "Christian Standard."

Social Service Notes and Comments

Will. H. Clay

The Christian Guest Home

THE home is filled to capacity, but is still understaffed. For fifteen months an appeal for a cook has been made to the churches throughout Australia in vain. An offer of fare paid and good wages has had no response. The position is desperate. Two elderly sisters, who have helped us out for more than a year, moved to private quarters on Tuesday last. The task was too heavy for them. Surely our prayers are not in vain.

The Women's Appeal

for £600 for the Debt Extinction Fund is meeting with a good response. Two donations of £30 and £25, as well as many smaller ones, have come from private sources. The women of the churches have been invited to select an objective at which to aim. Many have done this, and it is hoped that all will fall into line. The Women's Auxiliary is keen to have a measure of the prospect. Although the women have initiated the appeal, the men are invited to contribute.

Proposed Hospital

Donations are reaching us for the proposed hospital. The brotherhood must face this obligation in the near future. It must be expected that our guests of the home will require nursing as their years increase. At present the staff is trying to meet the demands of the night as well as the day. This cannot continue for long. A co-operative effort by 13,000 members would make the raising of £10,000 a simple thing. It is interesting to note that the Commonwealth Government is asking for £64,000 an hour to meet the costs of the war—a million and a half every day, and the government will get it. As the membership of churches of Christ in Australia is approximately 1 per cent. of the population, and taking it for granted that this 1 per cent. is a fair average of the whole, our share will be £105,000 per week. It would appear that under compulsion there is scarcely a limit to our giving. The Christian community must rethink the matter of giving to the Lord's work and Christian benevolence after the war.

cannot be maintained. He stated that he intended to approach the Minister for Labor, Mr. Holloway, with a view to a release of manpower to meet the need. We have written to both Ministers on the subject, and also the press. This is an indication of what we are to expect during the next three years.

The Raceless Saturday

The Raceless Saturday has gone. This is no surprise to us. The Melbourne Cup season is approaching; and although the day has been changed, we may be certain that certain prohibitions will be lifted to meet the demands of the racing fraternity. We have noticed that already large horse-transports have removed their gas producers. Petrol is flowing more freely in certain directions. The statement made at the last Victorian conference in the presence of press representatives that not less than 3000 gallons per month were being granted breweries and their auxiliaries in Victoria has not been denied. We are waiting to see whether transport for interstate horses for the Cup will be provided. Will the racing public be given priority?

Children's Day

As the holiday known as "Cup Day" in Victoria is again to be recognised, although the Melbourne Cup race will be run on another day, we suggest that our Bible schools will name the day "Children's Day." For too long have our schools and churches been advertising mediums of this sporting fixture.

Here and There

Gr. R. H. L. Sparks, Victorian conference president, has been appointed mayor of Box Hill for a second term.

Intending students at the Federal College of the Bible for 1944 are reminded that the Board desires applications to be in the secretary's hands by Oct. 15.

The following news came by telegraph on Monday: "Hinrichsen-Morris conducted golden jubilee service and commenced mission Dandenong (Vic.) yesterday; magnificent meeting; man and woman decided.—Marshall."

South central circuit of Melbourne churches held quarterly united meeting at South Melbourne chapel on Sept. 15. L. E. Snow, R. P. Morris, of the Christian Union Committee, had charge of the profitable and enjoyable service, which concluded with supper served by South Melbourne sisters.

S. E. Riches, of South Australia, has been appointed deputation secretary in South and Western Australia for the Mission to Lepers. Mr. Riches expects to leave for Melbourne on Oct. 18 to receive instructions before taking up his new duties. We trust our brother will have much blessing in this important work.

W. B. Payne, of Darling-st., Echuca, Vic., whose services amongst aborigines are appreciated, writes: "The Cumeroogunga church choir and concert party recently gave recitals at Echuca and Deniliquin in aid of the hospitals in those towns, and had 'houses' of £60 and £82 respectively. A further series has been arranged in the district, in aid of P.O.W. Fund. We are in need of several instruments. We need two guitars, and thought some of our brethren may have one for which they have no use and might let us have it. This church choir is doing a splendid service, and we have plenty of musical talent, but lack instruments. Any string instruments would be welcome."

At York-st., Ballarat, Vic., three young ladies who confessed Christ on Sept. 5, together with one other whose confession Mr. Edwards received on Sept. 12, were baptised on evening of Sept. 19. Social evening followed annual business meeting, at which retiring officers were re-elected. Treasurer's report revealed amount raised from all sources for year approximately £556. Stan Carey, R.A.A.F., and Miss M. Davies were married by Mr. Edwards on Sept. 11. Presentations on behalf of church and school were made. On Sept. 26 Sisters Quayle, Feary, Cameron and Davies were received into membership by Mr. Edwards. Attendances at all meetings are very fair. Mr. Edwards' messages are appreciated. A. Sheppard is unable to attend regularly on account of ill-health.

Tasmanian women held a day of fellowship at Collins-st. chapel, Hobart. Addresses were given by C. P. Hughes and H. J. Ralph (Congregational); the devotional leaders being Mrs. C. P. Hughes and Mrs. Saunders, of the Salvation Army. Spiritual talks were given by Mrs. T. C. Button and Mrs. Saunders. A welcome was extended by the conference president, Mrs. Madel-Cole, to members of the Methodist, Baptist, Congregational, City Mission, Salvation Army, Presbyterian and churches of Christ country sisters. Organ recitals at both sessions were given by Mrs. C. C. Johnson. Mrs. Staples recited, and vocal items were given by Mesdames Drake, Crombie, Watkins and Taylor. At the basket luncheon greetings were read from the sisters of Margaret-st., Invermay, Kellevie, Geveston, Dover, Federal Aborigine, Education Department, Mrs. Annot, Mrs. Munro Ford (Scots Church), Mr. Wilson, Margaret-st., and Mr. C. P. Hughes. This is the fifth annual fellowship day arranged by the State conference auxiliary.

At North Fitzroy, Vic., on Oct. 3, 70th anniversary services were held with large attendances. In the morning Chaplain-General Allen Brooke gave a thought-provoking address, and the augmented choir sang "The Gloria." Many greetings were received from old-time members. In afternoon H. Swain, probably the member longest associated with North Fitzroy church, unveiled and dedicated a beautiful lectern, suitably inscribed, to the memory of the late J. W. Baker, minister of church for forty years. The address was given by Major P. M. Blenkinsop, Base Chaplain of U.S.A. Forces, who delighted all with his message. Miss Betty Francis rendered two solos, and the orchestra conducted by Mr. Barnden provided music. R. Enniss presided morning and afternoon. In evening R. Enniss preached, Mrs. Walter Finger sang three solos, and the choir sang the anthem. Luncheon and tea were provided. A great company partook of the church's hospitality, and reminiscent talks were given.

On Sept. 18 and 25 Bible school at Camberwell, Vic., celebrated anniversary. Singing under leadership of E. Peters was enjoyed. Speakers were W. R. Hibbert, Dr. Killmier, E. F. McIlhagger and R. L. Williams. Large attendances appreciated the messages. Communion services have been well supported. Members are giving loyal support to Mr. Williams. The Christian Forum is proving helpful. Five members of the church recently brought before the meeting aspects of "The Church and Public Questions." On Oct. 3, evening service was combined with Presbyterian and Congregational in Presbyterian church to hear Dr. Macaulay speak on his recent visit to Christian conference in America. Mr. Chipperfield has resigned as Sunday school superintendent and E. Peters

has been appointed as successor with assistance of B. F. Huntsman. Chaplain John Turner, on leave, has been taking active part in services, and his fellowship has been enjoyed.

Ann Street Church, Queensland 60TH ANNIVERSARY.

GOOD meetings, good fellowship, good offerings summed up the very happy and helpful 60th anniversary celebrations of Ann-st. church, Brisbane, held from Sept. 19 to 26.

"This time must be not only a time of celebration but also of re-dedication," Chaplain L. A. Trezise said at a fellowship tea in Ann-st. church social room on Sept. 23, the actual anniversary date.

W. Mills, a member of the church for 52 years, recalled the early days in an excellent epitome of the church history. He spoke of the open-air meetings that marked the church's early activities when it gathered at the old Temperance Hall, since demolished. Then of the meetings in a church in Wharf-st., and the ultimate purchase of the present church building for £1100. Ann-st., Mr. Mills also recalled, is the mother of three suburban churches—Albion, Annerley and Hawthorne—while Moorooka and Kedron churches might be called her grand children.

P. C. D. Alcorn, conference president, spoke on behalf of the Queensland brotherhood. Mr. Rasmussen, of Coburg, Vic., spoke of the heritage the pioneers had left. Chaplain-General Allen Brooke urged the need of looking forward while remembering past victories.

A birthday cake was cut by Mrs. Potter, the oldest member present, who joined the church in 1885. The offering totalled £110. On Sept. 19 Chaplain L. A. Trezise was preacher, and on Sept. 26 Chaplain-General Allen Brooke. Those partaking of communion numbered 206 and 214 respectively for those Sundays.

From Week to Week

SO far as our overseas work is concerned we are on the march again. The very fine response to the annual appeal is encouraging. A sum of about £6500 is now in sight. What is most pleasing is the answer of new workers to the call of the committee for reinforcements. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Coventry are South Australians, who have been serving the churches in Victoria. When the need for workers was set before these young people they responded, knowing well some of the hardships and dangers they must face in going out to India at a time of unrest, due to war and famine conditions. Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas are also undertaking the return trip to India, after a sojourn in their home State. For them there will be no false hopes, since they have already tasted the trials of missionary life, yet they are going forward in faith, to serve on behalf of their brethren among the unbelievers of a troubled land.

The going of these brethren will bring joy to missionaries on the field. It will give opportunity to some to secure a period of well-earned rest. We admire the courage and faith of our missionaries, and trust they will continue to find much blessing in their work.

AT the last Victorian conference the need of forming circuits of churches to help relieve the present shortage of preachers, due to the number of men now serving as chaplains, was discussed. It was agreed that further consideration ought to be given to such an important question. The executive committee was asked to study the possibility of doing something to encourage the formation of circuits. Among those appointed on a sub-com-

mittee, to carry out the wishes of conference, was T. R. Morris, of the Brighton church. For some years our brother has been interested in a scheme in which district-elderships would be formed to take the oversight of a number of areas that would take in the whole of the State; it being his hope that, wherever members went, they would come under the care of brethren in the church. Under these district-elderships he desires to have circuits working, in which various brethren will share the preaching appointments along with a full-time preacher. On Sept. 30, officers of Melbourne churches were invited to a meeting in the Lygon-st. chapel, to discuss the proposition, after it had been presented from different angles by three speakers. Over 200 were present. The proposition was well received, and it was agreed to urge conference to set up a commission to put such a scheme into operation. No doubt the question will be debated again so that country brethren will have an opportunity to express themselves.

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NOW that permission to increase by 5 per cent. the circulation of daily and weekly papers has been granted, we should like our agents to press on with their fine work of spreading the influence of the paper. It is well known that families taking "The Australian Christian" regularly discover a wider interest in the brotherhood activities and in Christian work in general. We believe the paper can be used even more effectively by officers and preachers. We have reason to believe many are realising this fact, and it gives grounds for hopes of greater advances as soon as war restrictions are lifted.

News of the Churches

Western Australia

Bunbury.—The work continues steadily under Mr. Vincent, who also visits Cowaramup once a month. Mr. Hicks and Mr. Vincent visited Cowaramup on Sept. 11, and there was a good attendance. A building site was picked out during this visit, and negotiations with the Lands Department for grant have begun. Visitors at Bunbury recently included P/O Sid Moignand, R.A.A.F., recently returned from England.

Maylands.—Whilst church has been without a settled preacher, visiting and local brethren have helped. Preachers for September were L. Peacock, Albany Bell and C. R. Burdeu. Attendances keep up well. Norm Hardham, of Black Rock, Vic., and Doug Cook, of Bexley North, N.S.W., attended. On Oct. 11 a working bee was held. Several improvements were completed and others are planned. Girls' Club and Ladies' Aid help midweek services. Speakers have included Miss Belshaw, of A.I.M., and Mr. Hogg, of Baptists. Mrs. S. Smetherham and J. Rhodes, two active members, have been temporarily laid aside.

Tasmania

West Hobart.—Speakers over past fortnight have been J. C. Woolley, N. J. Warmbrunn, G. J. Foot and B. J. Golder. Midweek meetings are now conducted in homes of members. Church members continue to assist southern country churches. On Sept. 19 B. J. Golder visited and conducted services at Dover; N. J. Warmbrunn visited at Kellevie.

EVANGELIST'S VISIT

ISOLATED FAMILIES CONTACTED: TWO CONFESSIONS

DEVONPORT.—On Sept. 12 F. T. Burt gave the morning message. At night H. Byard preached. There were good meetings. Mr. Morgan gave the morning address on Sept. 19. Visitors included J. I. Smith, from Hindmarsh, S.A. Sister R. Pitt was back after sickness. At night Mr. Morgan preached, and two girls from Bible school accepted Christ. After gospel service a social hour was enjoyed. On Sept. 26 F. T. Burt gave the morning message. At night F. Morgan was present after spending the week visiting isolated families at Burnie, Wynyard and Ulverstone. He preached and baptised the two young girls who had confessed Christ.

Queensland

Gympie-Monkland.—On Sept. 19, services were well attended, over 100 breaking bread at the two churches, and both schools reporting good attendances. Monkland platform and Gympie porch and vestry have been improved with linoleum floor covering. A baptismal service was held at Gympie on Sept. 26. The church is grieved at the loss of aged Mrs. Turner, but rejoices at the faithful witness of her life and her triumphant assurance in Christ. She fell asleep on Sept. 28.

Maryborough.—On Sept. 19 services were held at Aramara, Brooweena and North Aramara with fair attendances. J. Ingham gave the message at Maryborough in morning. Visitors included Mr. West, from Merewether, N.S.W. A lantern lecture on foreign mission work was given to young people on Sept. 24 by Mrs. V. S. Dallinger. On Sept. 26 there was a good attendance at all services, including Urraween. Mrs. Popp, sen., is able to attend ser-

vices fairly frequently and A. Price is progressing favorably. Three new scholars have been gained in rally for new scholars. A garden party was held by sisters Deighton, £10 being raised toward building debt.

South Brisbane Circuit.—At Sunnybank on Sept. 19, Mr. Kirkwood gave a helpful word, and on 26th Bruce More was speaker. Band of Hope on 24th had a visit from United Protestant Band of Hope. Aged Mrs. Stansfield passed away suddenly, and Douglas Parker has been killed in action in New Guinea. Mr. Kirkwood conducted the funeral services of Mrs. Stansfield. Moorooka services are splendidly maintained. Morning speakers for Sept. 19 and 26 were Mr. Jenkins, sen., and E. Beckett. Mr. Kirkwood preached on both Sunday evenings. On 19th Mrs. Johnson sang in morning and Miss E. Hackett in evening. At last fellowship tea discussion centred around "Why people are turning from the church." A band of members has commenced open-air meetings prior to evening service.

New South Wales

Paddington.—Mr. and Mrs. Greenhalgh have returned refreshed after holiday. At Young People's Fellowship tea B. Ewen was guest speaker, and at gospel service he gave a stirring account of Christian experience as a member of Australian Navy. Bible school is practising for 50th anniversary.

Rockdale.—Intermediate C.E. Society held a successful anniversary, entertaining officers of church and representatives of auxiliaries at a banquet prior to concert. On Sept. 26 Mr. Mackenzie exhorted the church, and at night Mr. Hinrichsen gave the message, intermediates helping with special singing.

Hamilton.—In June Lloyd E. Jones, of the college, commenced a ministry in this field. There have been increased attendances, and his addresses are appreciated. Sept. 26 marked 20th anniversary, and special services were arranged. Children's Day foreign mission exercises were held in afternoon, Sunday school staff being responsible for its success. In evening three made the confession, making a total of five within past month. A Berean Bible Class under leadership of Mr. Jones has been formed. The church has had fellowship with Mr. Smallman, R.A.A.F., on leave.

Bexley North.—On Sept. 25 C.E. anniversary meetings were held. In afternoon Miss Elva Petersen presided at juniors' meeting, when items were rendered and reports given. Mr. Hutton, of China Inland Mission, gave a talk on his experiences in that country. After a tea at which approximately 70 stayed, the intermediate society gave the programme. Miss May Baker presided and Mr. Edmonds, of Bolivian Mission, gave a lantern talk. On Sept. 26 W. French, of Hurstville, addressed the church and L. C. Yelds preached at night. T. W. Bagley (secretary) and F. Hunting have been sick. T. V. Weir concludes his ministry on Nov. 28.

South Australia

Croydon.—Meetings throughout September were encouraging, and attendances maintained. Mr. Banks addressed all services. Bible school has average attendance of 220. The school conducted choral service over the air on Sept. 12. Forty-three young men and women from church and school are in the Forces. The church, through the elders, corresponds with them. A Christmas parcel is to be forwarded to them, and the church donated £27 for this purpose. Phi Beta Club is increasing in numbers. Ladies' Guild and Dorcas render good service.

Flinders Park.—Endeavor society had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. F. Cockington on Sept. 19. Mrs. Cockington gave an address on Bolivian mission work. G. Houston, an elder, has been conducting special services at Torrensville during September. Endeavorers paid a visit to sick brethren in Croydon on Sept. 20 and conducted a prayer service. Mrs. Megson is home from hospital, restored to normal health and strength.

SUCCESSFUL MISSION

TEN CONFESSIONS: WELL-ATTENDED SERVICES

DELAIDE (Grote-st.)—On Sept. 26 K. A. Macnaughtan addressed the church, and preached to a fine congregation in evening, when three adults and a young man confessed Christ. Week-night meetings have been well attended, averaging about 120. Up to Oct. 1 ten persons had confessed Christ. Bart Manning, the song-leader, was called from the meeting last Thursday. His son Crofton had been knocked down by a motor-cycle as he alighted from a tram. The accident proved to be not serious, and he was able to leave hospital next day. On morning of Oct. 3 three were received into fellowship. K. A. Macnaughtan spoke morning and evening to good congregations.

Prospect.—Combined Endeavorers on Sept. 26 were brought a message by Bruce Coventry. He also addressed the church on the work in India. Evening service was installation of officers for the P.B.P. A good rally of girls attended. Mrs. W. Russell (Bordertown) read the scriptures and A. Brown gave the consecration address. C. Schwab installed the officers and presided. Misses J. Boyle and J. Coulter rendered solos and T. Judd and M. Searle a duet. Fellowship with boys on leave and others was enjoyed. Mrs. Dunn and Miss Whitfield are sick.

Victoria

Bet Bet.—Bible school re-commenced morning school on Oct. 3. It is practising for anniversary. A. G. Thurgood, student preacher of the college, continues to render service with the church. College offering to date is £3/4/6.

Dunolly.—Bible school has commenced practice for anniversary. The church appreciates financial help given each week by Preston church members. Mrs. Henderson has received word of her two sons being prisoners of war. Children's F.M. boxes resulted in £2/9/4 being contributed.

Carlton (Lygon-st.)—Meetings keep up to the average. On Sept. 26 T. H. Scambler spoke at all three services. On Oct. 3 W. W. Baird spoke in morning. At night T. H. Scambler preached, and a lady made the good confession. Mrs. J. Wilson is recovering after operation. College offering to date is £25.

East Kew.—Elders, deacons and deaconesses were elected on Sept. 26, and annual business meeting was held on Sept. 30. Mr. Fitzgerald commenced evening addresses on the second advent and will complete the series during October. Chaplain John Turner and his wife were at gospel service, and Mrs. Turner sang a solo.

Coburg.—The church regrets to report the death of R. J. Milligan, a very faithful member. Jack Kenley, R.A.A.F., recently home on leave, has returned to his unit. A well-attended parade of air training cadets was held on morning of Sept. 26. At close of Mr. Wakefield's message at night a scholar from the Bible school made the good confession.

North Essendon.—At Bible school anniversary on Sept. 26, W. Graham gave a fine object talk in afternoon and E. T. Hart preached a challenging message in evening, as well as conducting teachers' consecration service in morning. The singing under baton of J. Burns was very enjoyable. Special meetings for October commenced with his address at night.

Red Hill.—September was a special month. Colin White was home on leave. A Scout and Guide rally attended a combined service of prayer on evening of Sept. 3. Results in S.S. examinations were encouraging to scholars and teachers. On Sept. 25 all Sunday schools here joined in a picnic. Mrs. O. E. Holmes is restored to regular attendance at Lord's table.

Middle Park.—Mr. Whiting was morning speaker on Sept. 19. Gospel address was given by J. Baker in absence of D. Stewart at Geelong. On Oct. 3 Mr. Finger, of St. Kilda, presided in morning, when Mr. Prentice, of Red Hill, exhorted. Mr. Stewart conducted a favorite hymn service in evening. Fellowship was renewed with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, who had been absent through illness.

Parkdale.—Anniversary services of Y.W.L. on October 3 were very well attended. During day 120 broke bread. At morning service L. E. Brooker gave an appreciated address to children. Young people assisted in both services. Miss Allamby and Miss Hogan, superintendents of league, have rendered fine service for many years. College offering has exceeded aim set.

Burnley.—Mr. Crisp continues to deliver helpful messages. With conclusion of special services over past six weeks, thanks are extended to Mrs. Campbell and Miss Cowper, who have been among visitors as soloists. Mr. Munday is back after holiday. Pauline Neill has been laid aside. On Oct. 3 Mr. Scott, of Collingwood, presided in morning. W. Neill is home on naval leave from Northern Territory.

Castlemaine.—The half-yearly business meeting of the church was held on Sept. 18. Mr. Kimpton, of B.F.B.S., spoke at morning service on Sept. 26, and in afternoon the Bible school took part in Bible Society pageant organised by Castlemaine Sunday Schools Council. Progress in increase campaign to date is seven scholars and two teachers. Kinder department now has a roll of forty—half the number on the S.S. roll.

CHILDREN'S MISSION

ENCOURAGING BEGINNING OF A TEN-DAYS' EFFORT

MALVERN-CAULFIELD.—On Oct. 3 Messrs. White and Roberts commenced their ten-days' children's mission. In morning Mr. White addressed the church. In afternoon the children's anniversary was repeated. Mr. Roberts gave a fine address. In evening Mr. White preached. Attendances were good all day, and singing by the children under leadership of Claud Gadge was excellent.

Shepparton.—Bible school anniversary services were held on Sept. 19. Singing by scholars was much appreciated. Mr. Cole, of South Yarra, was speaker. Mrs. Cole also helped with anniversary hymns and sang a solo. On the 22nd the concert was a great success. Prizes were distributed by Mr. Hargreaves. After gospel meetings an hour of fellowship is spent with any visitors present; these are mainly airmen.

Oakleigh.—On Sept. 22, J. Baker, R. Hindman, K. Patterson and G. Whiting, of the college, conducted midweek meeting. Bible school scholars presented portion of Children's Day exercise at gospel service on Sept. 29.

Oct. 3 was Family Day, and marked commencement of two weeks' inner mission. At church business meeting Mr. Neighbour commended leaders in all sections of church work for fine service during year.

Fairfield Park.—Anniversary services on Sept. 26 were a great success. Mr. Candy spoke in afternoon, and an illustrated address was given at night by R. Muller, of Camberwell. Oct. 3 commenced a monthly series of meetings, a large gathering being present at night Dr. W. Hinrichsen's message being appreciated. E. Forbes, from Collingwood, brought messages in song. Lieut. L. Butler, of Hartwell, was song-leader.

Doncaster.—Under auspices of Women's Mission Band C. L. Lang gave an illustrated lecture on the Australian aborigine; this was highly appreciated. Ron Lang assisted at the lantern. Mrs. L. Tully, Mr. Ron Lang and the quartette party gave elocutionary and musical items. £6 was raised for overseas Christmas cheer. On afternoon of Oct. 2 the Young Worshipers' League, under guidance of superintendent Miss E. Petty, spent an enjoyable time at the Zoo.

Hampton.—The S.S. anniversary concert took place on Sept. 30. C. G. Taylor, whose work with church and school then came to a close, left by plane on Oct. 2 for a holiday in W.A. W. J. Evans commenced an interim ministry with the church on Oct. 3. In morning four who had been baptised on Sept. 28 were welcomed into membership. College offering was £10/2/9. Cyril McKenzie, S.S. teacher, formerly reported missing in Malaya, is now known to be a prisoner of war.

Surrey Hills.—Dr. Burgess, president Baptist Y.M. Fellowship, addressed district united men's and women's Christian fellowship on Sept. 27; good meeting and discussion. Church young people were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Haines on Oct. 2 to welcome W.O. Robt. Langford on his safe return from overseas. A splendid sermon was given by G. J. Andrews on Oct. 3 appropriate to college offering Sunday. Quota of £10 has been exceeded so far. One has been received into fellowship upon confession of faith and baptism.

Stawell.—Helpful addresses were given by Mr. Randall throughout past month. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Stokes and family in their bereavement. On Sept. 23 the Ladies' Aid held a meeting to honor three of the oldest members who celebrated their birthdays recently—Mrs. Jenkinson, Mrs. Chapman and Miss Bates. They all received gifts. Miss Bates was unable to attend, as she is ill in hospital. Some ladies visited her and left a gift and flowers. Since then Mrs. Jenkinson has been taken to hospital.

Reservoir.—Opening meetings of Bible school anniversary were held on Oct. 3. Speakers were Adj. Jewell, of Salvation Army, in afternoon, and R. Muller in evening. Singing of children, under H. Plummer, was excellent. Mrs. V. Russell was at the organ, and singing was greatly assisted by Miss Carol Plummer and Graham Wood (violinists). Several scholars sang solos. Mr. Grainger presided at both meetings and gave the morning message. All auxiliaries are in good heart and interest is well maintained. A Phi Beta chapter has been formed under leadership of Mrs. Irwin.

Maryborough.—One young man has been welcomed into fellowship. Church half-yearly meeting was well attended. Reports from all departments showed a year of healthy activity. There were 64 additions for the year; finances were higher than for two years before. Mr. Hollard is giving special series of addresses at both services. Number breaking bread on Sept. 26 was 130. College offering almost reached set amount on first Sunday. Miss J. Bailey, of Ballarat, has come to reside in Maryborough. Church is calling tenders for additions to present building. Work continues busily.

Blackburn.—A visit from Dr. Kemp was enjoyed on morning of Sept. 19. Services on Sept. 26 were well attended, Mr. Wright being speaker. The church appreciates the splendid leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Wright. An encouraging feature of the work is good attendances at evening services. Sunday school reports increasing attendances and enthusiasm, 94 being present on Sept. 19. In S.S. examination three first State prizes and two Federal prizes were won. Blackburn sent a good representation of young people to combined social arranged by Youth Committee of Eastern District churches held at Ringwood on Sept. 24.

WELCOME TO PREACHER

TAKING UP WORK IN FORMER FIELD.

HARTWELL.—On Sept. 30, at a social gathering a welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson. Representatives of conference and local fraternal were present, and a happy time was spent. On Oct. 3 Mr. Robinson commenced his ministry, both services being well attended. R. Vapp, A.I.F., was present at gospel service. The church thanks all who helped in the interim until the coming of Mr. Robinson. R. Watt, R.A.A.F., in Middle East, crashed whilst landing, but escaped serious injury. Bible school is practising for anniversary.

Northcote.—During absence of W. T. Atkin at Geelong on Sept. 26, F. Saunders and Dr. Hinrichsen spoke morning and evening respectively. Mrs. Peake and Mrs. Barnes were welcomed after illness. College offering amounted to £20. Gren. Hing has relinquished school superintendency after seven years and Roy Anderson takes over the position. Messrs. Wiffle and Roberts conducted a children's mission with wonderful success from Sept. 5 to 15. 64 children not going to Bible school were contacted. Last day of mission 267 were present, the average attendance being 234. 33 new scholars were enrolled. A number have signed decision cards. 33 Kappas and Betas on Sept. 29 had a five mile hike.

Gardiner.—Sunday school anniversary services were held on Sept. 25 and Oct. 3. On first day three splendid addresses were given by P. Thickers in morning, J. B. White in afternoon (illustrated), and Walter Pike at night. On Oct. 3 B. Huntsman, from Youth Department, was speaker in morning. In afternoon all prizes and cradle roll cards were presented, and at gospel service T. Hagger gave an illustrated address to children and a short talk to adults. Singing by school on both Sundays was specially good, mainly due to the fine pieces selected by the conductor, Lloyd Piper. Mr. Hagger has commenced a study of the book of Revelation for midweek prayer meetings. On Sept. 29 F. T. Saunders gave an interesting lecture on the College of the Bible. Monthly gathering of young people was held on Oct. 2 with tea at the chapel, then recreation and a spiritual programme, when George Hall, visiting speaker, told the young people why he was a Christian. Mr. and Mrs. F. Lacy have been welcomed into membership from Malvern-Caulfield.

Ballarat (Dawson-st.).—Speakers recently have been, morning, W. W. Saunders, W. H. Benson, M. Kingdon (Baptist); evening, W. W. Saunders. At Doveton-st. North, morning, C. Hill, W. W. Saunders, W. J. Reid; evening, W. J. Reid, J. A. Wilkie. Afternoon service at Mt. Clear on Sept. 19 was conducted by W. H. Benson. Mrs. T. Waterman and Miss J. Peacock continue to render splendid service in Mt. Clear Sunday school. W. W. Saunders has conducted anniversary services for Baptists and Methodists. School broadcast on Sept. 19 and gave special offering of 19/- to cot fund. Y.P.S.C.E.

attended "squash" at Wattle tea rooms, organised by district union on Sept. 24, assisted at gaol service on Sept. 26, and sang at Base Hospital on Sept. 9 and 23. J.C.E. under leadership of Mrs. H. Broderick, assisted by Mrs. L. Morris, has increased attendance to 25. Junior Bible class commenced recently at Doveton-st. North is proving worth while. New scholars have been added in the three schools. Possibility of closer co-operation and a forward move was discussed at united meeting of officers of York, Peel and Dawson-sts., held at Peel-st. on Sept. 23. A successful united inspirational and fellowship meeting was held at Doveton-st. North on Sept. 29. H. Edwards, of York-st., gave the address, and a splendid supper was provided by Doveton-st. ladies.

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—Inserted by her loving sons, Arthur, Percy and Hugh.

TEWKSBURY.—In loving memory of my faithful husband, and loving father, who was called "home" on Oct. 4, 1939.

"In the secret of his presence
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THOMPSON.—In loving memory of dear (Bert) A.C.I H. G. Thompson, R.A.A.F., who died of illness, Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney, Oct. 3, 1941.

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BIRTH

LEGG.—On Sept. 15, at Ringwood, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Legg, of Kilsyth—a daughter (Faith Lorraine).

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 18.—Assembly Hall, Collins-st., 2.30 p.m. All women are invited to attend inter-church rally. Speaker, Dr. R. Wilson Macaulay. Subject, "Christian Co-operation."

OCTOBER 23.—Newmarket second annual fellowship tea and thankoffering will be held at the church on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m. Speaker, Mr. W. Atkin. Musical items. Old members and friends welcome.

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- 7 p.m., Mr. W. T. Atkin.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3—

- 8 p.m., Mr. S. R. Baker.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7—

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IN view of the hazards of the sea, the scarcity of comforts and even necessities in India, and of the changing conditions in that land, it was felt by the large audience at Lygon-st. chapel (Melbourne) on Sept. 27 that the farewell to outgoing missionaries (Mr. and Mrs. B. Coventry and Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas) was a notable occasion.

Over 100 representatives of conference work had tea, arranged by the Lygon-st. and F.M. Committee ladies. This gave an opportunity for meeting the missionaries in a social way, and also for recognition of the F.M. students of the College of the Bible. Brief talks were given by the chairman (J. E. Thomas), Dr. Kemp, R. Enniss, S. Neighbour and B. W. Huntsman. K. N. Roberts responded on behalf of the students, and both B. Coventry and C. Thomas spoke briefly.

Prior to the public meeting P. Thickins led a song-service. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain J. Turner. The chairman (J. E. Thomas) called upon J. E. Allan to convey greetings received from the Federal Board and others. Swanston-st. choir rendered two anthems during the service.

R. A. Strongman read a scripture portion. R. H. L. Sparks (conference president) spoke for the brotherhood and Mrs. Waterman (women's conference president) for the sisters. She also presented baskets of flowers to Mrs. Coventry and Mrs. Thomas. Other speakers were Principal T. H. Scambler and A. A. Hughes, M.L.A.

The responses of the four missionaries told of their trust in the guidance of God, faith in his love and oversight, and of the call to help India in its need. A memorable missionary meeting closed with a prayer of dedication to service led by R. L. Williams.

S.A. LIVING LINK

AFTER being present in South Australia for the State conference, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Coventry were farewelled at Cottonville on Sept. 21, as reported last week. Mrs. Bruce Coventry will become the living link of the South Australian sisters in place of Mrs. D. Hammer. Last year nearly £150 was raised by South Australian sisters for their living link.

REJOICING ON FIELD

H. R. COVENTRY, secretary of the Committee of Management, India, sent an airgraph letter to Board's cable advising about reinforcements. Though the field desired new workers they were not anticipated so soon. Mr. Coventry writes: "Your cable of the 24th reached us Saturday. What glorious news! I am sending this airgraph so that you will get our reply quickly. We are delighted and do trust that it may be possible for these two families to travel out together. We had given up thought of Thomas's coming and did not know that Bruce, my nephew, had offered. It is a very happy surprise to us all. I want to let you know of the times of refreshing we have been having. Last Sunday we baptised a Tamil soldier convert from Poona, brought to Christ by one of our members who is a fellow-soldier. Yesterday we baptised four Takari converts from the Free Colony—three men and one woman, including husband and wife. There is real rejoicing among the older converts. One man who held back for over four years on one excuse and another finally yielded his heart to the Lord. He came Saturday to tell of his decision. We believe that many more are near the kingdom. Ask for more prayers for these folk and many in the villages who are seeking Christ."

MR. HAMMER'S FUTURE

"IT has been a disappointment to us both to have to give up the New Hebrides mission work. The reasons are twofold: first, the state of my health was such that it was considered inadvisable that I should return to the Islands for some time (six months was suggested, after which the position would be reviewed), and secondly, war conditions were such that it seemed unwise to take three children across the ocean. Thus the Federal Board felt compelled to ask us to remain in Australia for six months more, and then they would review the matter in the light of conditions obtaining at that time. In this decision we fully concurred. It can readily be seen that there was no certainty that we would be able to return to our home and our work after six months. In fact, while the Japanese submarine menace remained, we would not be allowed to return as a family. That meant that Mr. Finger would have to temporarily take charge of our work for an indefinite period, and we ourselves would have to set up another temporary home in Australia. It seemed hardly fair for Mr. Finger to have to carry on our work, especially when mails are so irregular, and he could be much better employed doing an individual work. Then again, we have had so much of 'making shift' during the past four years (and especially during the last two years, during which Mrs. Hammer and the children have been in Australia), that we felt that for the sake of the children we ought not to make temporary arrangements for such an indefinite period. Personally, we could not afford another temporary home, either nervously or financially. Hence our decision to sever connections with the mission work and seek a definite appointment. I might say that the Board has been more than sympathetic. During our association with the mission we have never found any cause to complain. The members of the Board and Mr. Anderson have shown a spirit of kindly co-operation financially and otherwise, which has meant much to the success of the work we undertook. It is with reluctance that we have had to give up the mission work for the present, but trust God to open up avenues of service wherever he leads."—David G. Hammer.

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CHRISTIAN UNITY

In the "Australian Christian," Sept. 1, Mr. Arnold George Brown asks a number of questions concerning our efforts for Christian unity.

I would like to draw the attention of readers to the fact that the Victorian conference has set up a committee for the promotion of Christian unity. This committee has taken an active part in forwarding the plea and also in contacting brethren of other communions who have expressed a desire to work in closer unity. In Victoria there is a joint committee of representatives from the Baptist and churches of Christ co-operating in avenues of "life and works."

Tangible evidence of the fine co-operative spirit developed in the hostel for men of the Services in which our Congregational brethren are also interested. We also take an active part in the work of the Victorian Regional Committee of World Council of Churches which should prove to be a vital instrument for united church activity. Our own promotion committee has contacted thousands of our own young people by means of youth rallies. We have sought to stimulate the minds of young people on the plea, and have urged them to take an active part in promoting the spirit of Christian fellowship with young people in other church communions.

Co-operative efforts in "life and works" have already brought about such a degree of understanding between Baptist and churches of Christ that recently the two bodies made mutual agreements with regard to co-operation in fields where we are both represented, and in the planning of new work in areas where one body is already established. These facts are tangible evidence that our efforts for Christian reunion are very practical and that the divisions which have been wounding the body of Christ are being gradually healed.

We all regret that the healing process is very slow, but we stress that an approach by promoting a spirit of fellowship and co-operation in "life and works" has always borne fruit.

Many impetuous efforts to embark in discussions of "faith and order" have only perpetuated the dogmatic divisions of the past.

Our immediate task is to do what we can to promote a real spirit of fellowship, for fellowship must precede unity.—Rowland P. Morris, Secretary Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union.

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courage never failed having its source in the confidence and conviction of the overruling providence of the Almighty; whose gratitude to Korean friends is abiding; whose revelation of Japanese cruelty is unquestionable; whose service in bonds was unflinching, and whose deliverance is a testimony to him with whom all things are possible.—W. G. Graham.

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Dunn and Miss Whitfield), also two scholars
(Miss Belcher and Mrs. Hamlyn, nee Belcher)
were present. A large number of past scholars
also attended.

At evening service the chapel was filled.
C. Schwab led, and W. A. Russell gave the
gospel message. Throughout the day happy
fellowship was enjoyed with past members
and visitors. A message was received from
D. McLaren (prisoner of war).

On Monday evening the service was for
foundation and pioneer members. L. H. Crosby
presided. Several members spoke of the early
days of the church.

Tuesday was young people's evening. H. D.
Black was chairman and P. R. Baker rendered
a recital "Gwen," from "The Sky Pilot."

On Wednesday the Ladies' Guild entertained
ladies from the mother church at North
Adelaide to lunch, and in the afternoon held
their annual meeting. A record crowd at-
tended, Mrs. Read and H. Manning being the
speakers.

Following the tea, which was a great success,
large numbers attending, the reunion meeting
at night was well attended. C. Schwab pre-
sided. A. Anderson and E. R. Manning were
the speakers. Mrs. Read, president Federal
Women's Conference, brought greetings. Mrs.
Fax, president Prospect guild, presented Miss
Whitfield with a hymnbook. Solos were ren-
dered by Mr. and Mrs. K. Dix and Mrs. Robins.

Greetings were received from I. A. Pater-
noster, W. Beiler, A. Baker and A. M. Ludbrook,
who had seen service with the church. Miss
Whitfield is the only foundation member who
came from North Adelaide with us now. A
large number of foundation members came
back for the services. Mr. Grant, who was
baptised 65 years ago and was a foundation
member, came from Renmark, and Mr. and
Mrs. Black from Tasmania.—H. C. Meadows.

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The following students, having secured a
grade of at least 80 per cent., obtained honors
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Ethics.—P. R. Thickins, 96. Four others
passed.

New Testament Greek III.—P. R. Thickins,
94; K. N. Roberts, 82. Three others passed.

Apologetics.—P. R. Thickins, 95; K. N. Roberts,
80. Three others passed.

Pastoral Theology III.—P. R. Thickins, 92;
E. T. Hart, 90; A. A. McRoberts, 86; S. G.
Prentice and K. N. Roberts, equal, 80.

Church History II.—P. R. Thickins, 98; C. N.
Burn, 96; R. W. Graham, 85; E. T. Hart, 81.
Thirteen others passed.

Christian Doctrine.—P. R. Thickins, 97; C. N.
Burn, 94. Thirteen others passed.

Old Testament History.—F. B. Alcorn, 87;
C. N. Burn, 86; R. W. Graham and K. J. Pat-
terson, equal, 85; C. B. Cartmel, 83; A. G.
Macdonald, 82; V. Quayle, 81; J. K. Bond, 80.
Nine others passed.

New Testament History.—K. J. Patterson, 91;
C. N. Burn, 90; F. B. Alcorn and R. W. Graham,
equal, 81; C. B. Cartmel and A. G. MacDonald,
equal, 80. Eleven others passed.

Church History I.—F. B. Alcorn, 95; K. J.
Patterson, 90; A. G. MacDonald, 86; D. W.
Cartmel, 85; K. W. Barton, 83. One other
passed.

New Testament Greek I.—K. J. Patterson, 97;
F. B. Alcorn, 96; D. W. Cartmel, 90; A. G.
MacDonald, 85.

New Testament Greek II.—L. G. Crisp, 91;
C. N. Burn, 86; W. J. Evans, 83; C. B. Cartmel,
80. Six others passed.

Pastoral Theology IA.—K. J. Patterson, 89;
F. B. Alcorn, 88; A. G. MacDonald, 86; D. W.
Cartmel, 83. Three others passed.

Pastoral Theology IB.—A. G. MacDonald, 86;
F. B. Alcorn, 85; K. J. Patterson, 84. Four
others passed.

Pastoral Theology IIA.—R. W. Graham, 90;
C. N. Burn, 88; L. G. Crisp and W. J. Evans,
equal, 86; F. B. Burt and G. A. Whiting,
equal, 84; J. K. Bond, 83; C. B. Cartmel and
V. Quayle, equal, 82. Two others passed.

Pastoral Theology IIB.—C. N. Burn and C. B.
Cartmel, equal, 86; R. W. Graham and R. H.
Hindman, equal, 85; G. A. Whiting, 83; W. J.
Evans, 82. Four others passed.

Ancient Civil History.—K. J. Patterson, 91;
F. B. Alcorn, 90; A. G. MacDonald, 88; D. W.
Cartmel, 82; M. D. Williams, 82. Eleven others
passed.

Intermediate French.—M. D. Williams, 80.
Two others passed.

Economics.—J. B. Baker, 83. Seven others
passed.

Leaving English.—Seven passed.

Leaving French.—V. Quayle, 85; M. D. Wil-
liams, 82. One other passed.

Leaving Geography.—J. B. Baker, 82. Eight
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