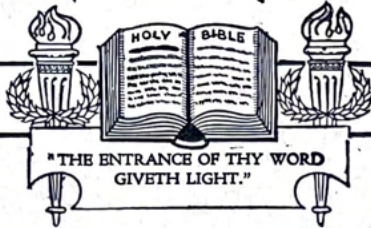


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Whom God Hath Joined

Reflections based on Thomas Campbell's ninth
proposition in the "Declaration and Address"

TO make a profession of faith in Christ under all circumstances requires more than human strength. For young men entering army life or young women commencing duties in a factory, it is difficult to declare whole-hearted loyalty to the Lord; yet many do bring honor to the name of Christ because of their noble witness. How are they, and many others, able to stand so firmly amid adverse conditions, for what is noble?

I.

IT is evident that, where there is a genuine profession of faith, God provides spiritual strength to sustain those loyal to Christ. Somehow God enters the life of a converted person, and dwells within him. God does not do this because a man strives to perfect himself by means of good works, but on the grounds of Christian faith. By forgiving freely the sinner who has faith and by claiming him as his own, God brings the converted man into contact with spiritual forces of the kingdom of heaven. The person who, in his own strength, is frail, now becomes a new creation with hidden reserves of spiritual power to enable him profess loyalty to Christ.

There is a word used in the New Testament to express this divine process of laying hold, through faith, of a sinner and making him a child of God; it is a word many find difficulty in understanding; it is the term *grace*. Paul, writing to the Ephesian Christians, said, "By grace are ye saved through faith."

No illustration can explain fully the truth conveyed in the word *grace*. It has been likened to water we may secure from a tap. The water falls freely from heaven in showers of rain. Reservoirs in the hills are replenished with pure water. Down pipe-lines an almost inexhaustible supply of water flows. Thus, from the tap, we may secure water we need to

wash and cleanse the body. Having completed the work of purification, the water runs away into drains, carrying dirt with it. So, in the word *grace* there is suggested to us a divine process by which we are cleansed from sin, and strengthened daily for the tasks of life. It enables the Christian to make a confession of faith in Christ, under very trying circumstances.

II.

IT is not enough to show our faith in words, we must "manifest the reality of it" (1) in temper, and (2) in conduct. We take it that Thomas Campbell desired to show the need of Christians observing the truths that Jesus taught in his sermon on the mount. In those searching sentences of the Master it is shown that mental attitudes are springs of action. Hatred is dangerous because it may lead to murder. Therefore, it is needful for us to be Christian in our thinking, which means we must have control of human passions and inclinations. When we have set "our tempers" right, it will be easy to manifest the Christian graces in our conduct.

Those who may suggest that Campbell was concerned with theoretical problems only, such as "faith and order," in his discussions on Christian unity, are advised to take note of his emphasis here on the practical issues that are associated with "life and work."

III.

ONE of the practical demonstrations arising from a change of character wrought by God's grace in sinners' hearts must be a recognition by all who profess faith in thought and deed, that each is precious in the sight of God and all are saints.

We must look upon all saints as brethren in one family: children of one Father. In the Christian home, love is the bond holding members together in peace. Love

must hold Christians within the fellowship of one big family—the church. Yet there are barriers placed between those who are of the one spiritual household. Throughout the world to-day there are Christians who are hindered from enjoying the delights of divine fellowship with one another because of human obstacles and misunderstandings. If that relationship of love found in the circle of a Christian family could be introduced into the experience of Christians everywhere, there would be one great holy family encircling the earth. When will those who have been enriched by the same act of grace, sanctified by the one Spirit and saved by the one Lord, perceive their spiritual relationship within the family of God? It is distressing to think that children begotten by the one Father cannot perceive the need of loving one another and of sharing the joys of one big family.

Now, in fact, God has made his saints one body: they are so intimately joined together that they are "joint heirs of the same inheritance." Thomas Campbell sees a likeness existing in marriage and the fellowship of saints.

In marriage God makes a man and wife one flesh. He joins two into one. In the mystical bonds of the church, saints enter a spiritual community in which they become one body.

Just as it is a sin to attempt to cause a man and wife to separate, so it is a sin to encourage, or maintain, barriers within the fellowship of saints; for "whom God hath thus joined together no man should dare to put asunder."

Only when we perceive that the unity of the church is the work of God shall we realise how sacred a duty it is to preserve the "oneness" of the church. Christian unity is not something men can secure for themselves; it is something they must allow God to work out for their advantage. It is one of the gifts of divine grace.

Man must surrender in faith to Christ, and profess in thought and deed the truths acquired in the kingdom of God. The more this is done the more men will

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Highway to Zion



"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those, the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."

THIS is Isaiah's message to the Babylonian captives, assuring them that God would prepare a clear path across the wilderness for their return home to Zion. But these words have come to be applied to that spiritual highway, along which pass the pilgrim souls of all the ages, on the way to the heavenly Zion, the city of their heart's desire.

I.

Like all the great promises of the Bible, this text is not limited in its scope. The way of holiness is not reserved for the great and distinguished. It is a public thoroughfare, in which even the lowliest may walk. It does not need cleverness to journey along this road. It is so clear and plain that even "the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."

Of course, the word "fool" is not used in the moral sense of the wilfully and wickedly stupid, but in the intellectual sense of those unlearned and unskilled. It means simply that the ordinary man, who walks life's common way, without any great gifts or special training, may tread with safety and certainty the holy path. It is a pathway for the pedestrian, the unspectacular plodder.

Indeed, cleverness may even be something of a handicap, for clever people do not like to think of themselves as pilgrims. They are so interested in the world, and in what they can do in it, and with it, that they do not want to face the fact that they are only passing through it. Thus, in Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," Mr. Worldly Wiseman poured scorn on the course Christian was taking, and urged him to settle down in the town where he lived. But the saints of all the ages have made no clever pretensions of what they could do as settlers in the world. They were content to be "wayfaring men." They "confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth," and with humble joy, walked the path of righteousness.

No, one does not need to be clever to walk the pilgrim path. But there is one great condition. The essential thing is cleanness. It is a "way of holiness." "The unclean shall not pass over it." It is a way of holiness, not only because holiness is the goal to which it leads, but still more, because only holy feet can tread it; holy, at least, in the traveller's aspiration and inward consecration, though still needing to be cleansed daily.

In "Pilgrim's Progress" Christian encountered such characters as Lord Lechery, Mr. Live-loose, and Madam Wanton, but these were not in the way. His fellow-travellers were folk like Faithful, Hopeful, Mr. Honest, Mr. Penitence, and the Shepherd Boy with his song of humility. Yes, the way is barred to the unclean, but humble souls, with little cleverness or ability, but a great love of purity and goodness, may make their way along it.

By references to John Bunyan's immortal book, "Pilgrim's Progress," J. E. Brooke, of South Australia, shows how a "wayfaring" man may travel the road to heaven.

II.

What are the characteristics of a true pilgrim? Well, first, there is concentration. The wayfarer fixes on his goal, and keeps it before him. Even the simplest can concentrate: indeed, in some respects, they can concentrate best. Clever folk are apt to be diverted in their aims by their varied interests. They go off after this, that, and the other, and get lost in chasing after side issues. And clever folk are apt to become disillusioned, and turn cynical, and come to think there is no goal worth aiming at. How many well-educated people to-day, with no sense of a divine ideal, are in the position of the tramp in the old song, "Just jog, jog, jogging along the high-road, with their swag all upside down, and they don't much care if they're on the right road, for they're bound for nowhere town." But the simple pilgrim, who has caught a vision of the towers and turrets of the Celestial City, keeps his gaze ever on his beloved goal. "He asks his way to Zion with his face turned thither."

And the humble wayfarer holds on his way with a cheerful confidence. Clever people are troubled by doubts. Relying upon themselves "they love to choose and see their path." They try to find a way for themselves through life's jungle, and so become hopelessly lost. But the pilgrim goes gladly forward. He knows where he is going and he knows who is guiding him. He puts his hand into the hand of God, knowing that to be safer than a known way, and presses on with a happy heart, singing his song of trust.

And finally, the wayfarer is noted for his constancy. The brilliant man is all right for a short distance, but when the way grows long and the progress slow, then he is apt to give way to boredom. But the true pilgrim is one who can walk and not faint, who can plod, and plod, and keep on plodding—right

to the end of the road. How does Bunyan put it in his song?

"Who would true valor see, let him come hither;
One here will constant be, come wind, come weather;
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
His firm avowed intent to be a Pilgrim."

Thus with cleanness of heart, concentration on his goal, confidence in his guide, and constancy in his purpose, even the simplest, humblest, wayfaring man may walk the way of holiness, and arrive at last at the Shining City, where all the trumpets will sound for him, and all the bells peal forth the message of his triumph.

Some Other Beatitudes

BLESSED is the soul which heareth the Lord speaking within her, and from his mouth receiveth the word of consolation.

Blessed are the ears that catch the pulses of the divine whisper, and give no heed to the whispering of this world.

Blessed indeed are those ears which listen not after the voice which is sounding without, but for the Truth teaching inwardly.

Blessed are the eyes that are shut to outward things, but intent on things inward.

Blessed are they that enter far into things within, and endeavor to prepare themselves more and more by daily exercises for the receiving of heavenly secrets.

Blessed are they who are glad to have time to spare for God, and who shake off all worldly hindrances.—A Kempis.

Whom God Hath Joined

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love one another and become one body. Then God will manifest a spiritual unity within the frail bonds of a society of "twice-born" men, to declare to the world the good news and the plans he purposes to unfold for the coming ages, through the might of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Caesar and Christ

HERE dwelt these Cæsars, masters of the world;
These seas their navies bore; these classic shores
Their standards; on these plains and purple hills
Their golden palaces and temples shone,
For all was theirs: O Judah, what wert thou,
What were thy towers, O Salem, in the day
When proud Augustus ruled, or Titus led
His warrior legions in thy siege? But One
Was there, in Bethlehem born, whose will,
whose word,
Nature herself obeyed; disease and death
Fled at his bidding; warring winds and waves
Sank into silence, slept the sleep of peace.
No home had he, yet in his Father's house
Were many mansions; cold the midnight dew
Fell on his forehead, while the Syrian stars
Hung o'er his praying form, and heaven lent ear
To supplications for a guilty world

Such as no heart save his had e'er conceived,
Nor lips save his expressed. And him they crowned
With cruel mocking thorns; and him they nailed,
O Calvary, to thy tree! Whose royal throne
Is highest now? Whose word most clothed
with power—
Cæsar's or Christ's? O voices of the free,
Songs of the saintly, anthems of the blest,
Your answer celebrates that kingdom great,
Not of the world, which he, by men despised,
By men rejected, founded to endure,
While ages run; a reign of truth and grace,
Of righteousness and peace; whose law is love;
Whose King the holy angels serve in heaven,
And men redeemed adore. O Rome, thy day
Is ended; thine, O Christ, is but begun,
To last with Truth and Love immortal crowned.

—H. Grattan Guinness.

(Written on the shore of the Bay of Naples, March, 1903.)

Counting for Christ

W. J. Thomson, of Long Plains, S.A., writes of the way God can use the ordinary things of life to advantage.

LIKE many another I find stimulation in the singing of those words "For Christ count everything but loss"—often misread by many enthusiastically singing congregations, "For Christ counts everything but loss." I have no quarrel with my fellow worshippers for not rigidly adhering to the writer's words, having drawn my mead of comfort from the misquotation. Christ does some counting too—he counts on us, and is ready to take so much of our lives to use to his great purposes. Let our souls be steeped in the Spirit, let us, like Peter, say, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head"; and the wonder of counting for Christ begins. Christ does not send us on some adventurous search for a Holy Grail until we, like the men of old, have first given ourselves unto the Lord. After that determined action of the will, springing from the deep well of affection and love for the Saviour, no one can measure what shall be accomplished through any life.

Christ can make the very ordinary or common things count for his glory. Too often we despise the power of common things in life, forgetting that life is mostly made up of common or ordinary things. I never see a sunset, or the blue of the sea, or a green field, or a glimpse of the distant purple hills without being moved by an inward joy such as Wordsworth felt on seeing the daffodils. And yet they are all ordinary sights to most of us, because sight is common. But these common sights move me to wonder on the majesty of the Creator also. And whilst there are many who still have eyes for nothing but the muck rake, I wot not but that there are many who are enriched by common things.

Lord, help me find in flower and tree,
On every common way,
The glory of infinity,
The beauty of to-day.

It is not what these ordinary things will do for us, but in what way God will use the ordinary things in our lives that counts. For instance, speech is ordinary to most, and by it Jesus gave his message to the disciples and those who would hear. They were given the promise that, if they stood before kings or emperors, it would be given them what they should say in that hour. In every case out of the abundance of the heart the mouth would speak. How often he wants some mouth to speak on his behalf. How often do we remain silent! If God could use Moses' staff—that common stick with which he tended his flocks—and use it to work more wonders than the Egyptians had ever seen; and Christ could take the bread and wine and have them speak of his death, resurrection and coming again, through two thousand years, then I am sure he could use my voice. I'm sure that things I count most ordinary can be used to great account for Christ.

But a more wonderful thing still, it seems to me, is that he uses the trifling things of life. Indeed, the dedicated life cannot withhold the most trifling thing from him. Even a cup of cold water given "only in the name of a disciple" will be rewarded. A widow-woman, passing in through the portals of the temple to worship, dropped into the box "two mites which make a farthing"—such a pitiable offering. But it was all she had, and the story rings down through the years and is told and retold to every successive generation. It was no great thing to break a box of ointment, worth three hundred pence, over Christ's head; but while some criticised the act of Mary, Jesus said, "She hath done it for my burial." None values greatly a few little

loaves and fishes, but we all know what happened to them in the hands of the Master.

The thing you count as a trifle has a different value if you live in Christ. Somewhere I have read, "If you do a little thing as though it were a great thing, God will, some day, let you do a great thing as though it were a little thing." Christ indicated in a parable that he who was faithful in the trifling things could be made rulers over great things.

I am reminded of a story of Dr. Boreham. He noticed a woman in the tram car with a small bunch of wattle, the first of the season. As she was preparing to alight she gave a small sprig of her precious perfumed sprays to an ill-clad boy. He, neither recognising the value of the gift nor the kindness that prompted it, giggled and let it fall to the floor. But the doctor picked it up and all that day wore it in his coat, receiving constant joy from this first harbinger of spring. It was a trifling thing given to an unappreciative boy, but it brought joy to a great man's heart.

But here is something more marvellous still: our Lord uses the unconscious things we do and say. Browning's poem "Pippa Passes" is built upon this thought. As Pippa starts out in the morning for a whole day's holiday she has a song on her lips; that gem of all his verses ending with "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world." As she went on her way singing, many who heard her were blessed, or convicted of their wrong-doing. Paul and Silas singing and praying in prison not only encouraged themselves, but taught the prisoners also—an unconscious ministry indeed of which only eternity can ever reveal the results. John B. Gough when "down and out" was startled by a man who put his

hand on his shoulder, an unconscious action that somehow stirred Gough. It led to his conversion, and he became the greatest Christian fighter against the liquor traffic England and America have known.

If Christ so uses the ordinary trifling and unconscious things his servants say and do, what, then, of the conscious, large, positive efforts put forth in his name by a dedicated disciple?

A Historian's Epitaph

LORD SANKEY described an Easter he spent at Mentone many years ago. One brilliant April morning he climbed the hill at the back of the town to the old cemetery. A glorious view presented itself—on the left cape after cape of the Italian Riviera, on the right the pleasant land of France, around him many emblems of mortality.

"I was attracted by a small grave bright with flowers in their radiant spring verdure," said Lord Sankey. "I approached and read on a simple headstone the words:—

In Loving Memory of
J. R. GREEN,

The Historian of the English People.
He Died Learning."

To this epitaph may be coupled the words of Samuel Rutherford to Lady Kenmure, quoted at the close of the new Popular Report, "The Gate of Life":—

"Madame, you must go in at heaven's gate with your Book in your hand, still learning."

Small kindnesses, small courtesies, small considerations, habitually practised in our social intercourse, give a greater charm to the character than the display of great talents and accomplishments.

He Doesn't Seem to Grow



"As new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word."—1 Pet. 2: 2.

THOMAS'S wife should have known better. This native woman had worked for white people for years, had quite a good grip of "pidgin" English, could cook exceptionally well, and in all, seemed a well-advanced islander.

One day she brought a child along to the mission house. As near as I could guess the boy might have been about four or five years old, but it was difficult to tell. So thin as to be little more than a skeleton, the child could not stand up alone; and when placed on the ground, even had difficulty to sit up. The leg and arm bones were bent out of shape, spine was curved, teeth were broken and abdomen protruded. As pitiful a spectacle as even the New Hebrides could produce! "He doesn't seem to grow. We would like some medicine for him," the woman said.

The only thing to do was to ask some questions about the child's history. By that means we elicited the fact that the child's mother had died soon after the baby was born.

"Who looks after the boy now?" "This woman

So we gave it water to drink and yam to eat."

Just fancy trying to rear a child on water and a potato-like vegetable, boiled and eaten in lumps! That is the kind of thing that people in the New Hebrides do. No wonder the child's bones and muscles were so useless. It was a wonder he was alive at all.

But isn't it just as ridiculous to try to bring up "babes in Christ" without the sincere milk of the word? These are days in which we are told that people are too busy to spend much time reading the Bible. So they ration themselves to an occasional "bright thought" or "peppy paragraph," and expect thereby to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord.

How can a baby grow as it should without a regular and plentiful supply of milk? And how can we grow into full manhood and womanhood in Christ except we come frequently to partake sufficiently of God's holy word?

D. G. Hammer, former missionary
in New Hebrides, tells a story with
a moral.

here." "Have you given him plenty of milk and good food?" "Well" (a pause), "we bought a goat and tried to give the baby some milk, but he didn't like it, and spat it out.

Notes on Current Topics

"Six-hour Day"

I AM writing on the day after N.S.W. Labor Day (Six-hour Day, as it is now being called). The change from "Eight-hour Day" to "Six-hour Day" is very significant. The three eights into which the day was to be divided—work, recreation, sleep—indicated a tremendous advance on the arduous toll and prolonged hours of labor in former days. That the new order will lead to an improvement in general conditions may be fervently hoped. Reports of the holiday traffic were interesting. There were packed trains, trams, and ferries. The statement that a motorist who joined a four-mile holiday queue of cars at Peate's ferry punt across the Hawkesbury at 3 p.m. did not reach the punt till 8.30 p.m. made curious reading in a time of war.

Religion in Russia

In recent weeks there have been numerous paragraphs in the daily press regarding religion in Russia. Reports indicate a change of attitude to Christianity which is very pleasing. Early in September it was announced that Marshal Stalin had sympathetically received three Metropolitans of the Orthodox Church in Russia, who stated that the church intended to convene a Council of Bishops for the election of a Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, and also to plan for a Holy Synod. M. Stalin in reply said the government had no objection. Later the appointment of a patriarch and a synod (the first for 26 years) was announced. Church bells will ring again in Russia "after victory." The important announcement is made that Stalin at a Kremlin reception to metropolitan bishops, "re-affirmed the Soviet attitude towards religion, giving every person the right

to engage in religious worship after reaching eighteen years." This is less than religious freedom as we desire or understand it; but there is much to be thankful for in a promise of better things. I trust the fulfilment of the promise will be such as to rejoice the hearts of all Christians. It will be remembered that M. Stalin was himself a member of the Orthodox Church in early life and studied in a theological seminary.

Anglican Archbishop's Visit

Dr. Garbett (Anglican Archbishop of York) received an enthusiastic welcome in Moscow, whither he was invited by the Orthodox Church of Russia. His visit is described by Dr. Hewlett Johnson (Dean of Canterbury and an enthusiastic admirer of Russia) as "a fitting gesture by the Anglican Church, following the recent evidence of Stalin's religious toleration." Archbishop Garbett reports that between 40 and 50 churches are open for worship in Moscow and others will be re-opened, and he also is reported as saying "all anti-religious propaganda in the Soviet Union will be discontinued." Dr. Garbett said he had never had such huge congregations as in Moscow. It appears that his "gold-colored robe and blue and gold mitre" impressed even the Russians, accustomed as they had been to bishops with "red and gold copes and golden crowns encrusted with gems." I welcome the news of a growing sympathy and toleration, but cannot help wishing that a simpler type of religion more in accord with the New Testament were being portrayed to the people of Russia.

A. R. Main

Under Orders

H. J. Patterson, M.A.

MOST people to-day are under orders. We are not our own, but are called to work under the direction of the nation or State. We are regimented. Few can do as they please. Of the folk under orders most do their tasks willingly, believing that the ultimate good of all will be achieved thereby.

The church, too, is under orders—God's orders. The church is the instrument in the hands of God for the accomplishment of his objective.

God's Grand Purpose

There is rationality in the universe. There is meaning and purpose. "Nothing walks with aimless feet." No reasonable person believes that all the universe is a matter of mere chance. Tennyson expresses the general belief when he says, "Yet I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs." Now man is the highest of God's creation, a being endowed with self-consciousness in the realm of which is conscience. He is endowed with reason, and the gift of free will is his. What is man? asked the Psalmist, and part of the answer was, "Thou hast made him a little lower than God." Now we believe that God has an ultimate purpose for man who is of the earth but also made in the image of God. Surely the end in view is that man shall be free of the bondage which is of the lower part of his nature. God's purpose for him is that he shall be no longer the slave to his own bad habits. He shall not give way to selfish deeds breeding as they do famine, pestilence and war. The God in him shall triumph. There is a grand purpose that he reach his heaven and gain life eternal.

The Church

which emerged in the course of history is the instrument toward that end. In the historic past was the people of Israel keeping alive and fostering faith in the one God. Through the law and the prophetic word men were made aware of sin and the need for righteousness. Justice, mercy and faith came to have new meaning. Then came Christ Jesus calling men to repentance and directing them to the God of love. The church, the company of the believers in Christ and his atoning work, the believers in his way of life, is the instrument for the realisation of the grand objective.

Under Orders

The orders are in keeping with the purpose and are of a spiritual character. The hearts of men need changing. Matthew 28: 19, 20 contains in brief the orders or commission, but there is a background, a setting, which must never be ignored. This is the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. The sermon on the mount, the preaching of the kingdom of God, the fact that he went about doing good, that he called sinners to repentance and baptised them in water, all serves as a very meaningful background. The church must preach remission of sins and repentance and baptism. There is such a thing as the priesthood of all believers. The task is every man's. But we must not forget to teach and practise not ritual but reality; not a mere profession of the faith but actual change. Why is the church here in the world? To save and to redeem rather than to be redeemed.



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

W. R. Hibburt

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS

THE two days of the week that loom large in the youth world are Saturday and Sunday. Young people plan and anticipate fixtures for these days. If the church is not registering on these two days of the week it may be concluded that the church is excluded from the enthusiasms of most young people. The church must invade youth's Saturdays and Sundays.

A Saturday With Victorian Youth

In Melbourne, Saturday, Sept. 25, afforded an illustration that the church is not detached from youth interests on Saturdays. In addition to local activities three major inter-church functions were held, contacting about 600 people.

(1) *Tennis Tournament*.—26 teams, involving 156 players, met at Bickham's Courts, Gardiner, under ideal conditions. The precision organisation reflected great credit on the Churches of Christ South-eastern Tennis Association. It is encouraging to find young business men and women using their business efficiency in the church's plans and programmes. The tournament honors were awarded to Doncaster with 69 points. The runners-up were Thornbury with 67 points. The writer, in presenting the trophies, expressed the view that such activities were evangelising agencies. To evangelise youth's leisure time, sporting interests and friendships, is putting first things first. Where youth's treasure is, there the heart is also.

(2) *A Camp Fire*.—The Eastern Suburban Young People's Fellowship is less than twelve months old and has many creditable enterprises to its credit. Upwards of 200 attended a camp fire at Doncaster. Most young people hiked to the rendezvous in the afternoon. Games and tea hour occupied all until the evening session. Mr. F. H. Elliott was in charge of camp fire proceedings. The meeting climaxed in a spirit of devotion and surrender. There was a glow in hearts as well as the camp fire when the writer asked the all-important question of a young man in uniform, who made an open decision for Christ. A number also re-dedicated their lives.

(3) *A Foreign Mission Rally*.—Under the auspices of the Victorian C.E. Committee, a very successful rally was held at Lygon-st. Mr. D. C. Ritchie presided, and was supported by Mr. J. E. Thomas; Mr. A. Haskell was soloist, Miss W. Lee soloist. Dr. C. I. McLaren, returned missionary from Korea, addressed the gathering on "Preface to Peace with Japan."

Growing Cricketers

The Victorian Junior Cricket Association commenced its 1943 season on Saturday, Oct. 3. Interested teams are urged to contact Mr. W. A. Fordham, 184 Prospect Hill-rd., Canterbury, E.7. Phone, WF1403.

Growing Christian Women

120 girls, representing the Victorian First Degree of the Good Companions, attended their annual devotional rally at Lygon-st. on Friday, Oct. 1. Miss R. Roberts presided, and Mrs. C. B. Nançe-Kivell addressed the rally. The fact that a devotional rally is a popular event of the year reflects credit on the leaders.

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

AN EMPTY WORLD

AH! what would the world be to us,
If the children were no more?
We should dread the desert behind us
Worse than the dark before.

—Longfellow.

WHY WE ARE TEMPTED

SUPPOSE I made a very wonderful steam engine and put it into a ship, to make it into a steam packet. It is all beautifully made, and complete, and I want to "try" whether it is all good; whether the machinery is right, and works well. Where should I send it, into a smooth sea or a rough sea?

Should I send it—"up the rapids"—up the river—against the stream, to see whether it would go up? I should.

So God does with you. He furnishes you with everything you need, then puts you up "the rapids," sends you on the rough water just to "try" you, to show what you are made of.

In Eastern lands swords are made of such fine steel that men can bend them almost double without breaking them. In order to "try" them, when they are being made, men bend them, to see if they can be relied upon. So God "tries" you, to show what you are made of. In this way, then, it is a good thing to be "tempted." Even Jesus was "tempted." Luther said, "Prayer and temptations make the Christian."

WHAT THEN?

THE proud man hath no God; the envious man hath no neighbor; the angry man hath not himself. What can that man have, that wants himself? What is a man better, if he have himself and want all others?

Evangelism Discussed

At the Queensland half-yearly conference, at East Ipswich, on Sept. 25-26, the need of seeking to win men for Christ was emphasised.

IN view of disappointments in preliminary plans, the success of conference reflected most creditably on the Ipswich ladies' guild. The proximity of East Ipswich church to Brisbane and eight country churches within a radius of 75 miles lightened the usually heavy task of accommodation. Some 30 visitors were billeted in homes and over 150 shared in the excellent conference tea. Mr. and Mrs. P. C. D. Alcorn extended greetings to church, and mentioned that they had grown up in the church at East Ipswich. R. Coward responded. Thanks were expressed to ladies' guild by conference secretary, H. E. Greenwood; to which Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Hepner responded.

At the opening session on Saturday afternoon the vice-president of conference, A. H. Berlin, presided and Mr. E. Berthelsen spoke on methods of evangelism. Group discussions, under the leadership of Messrs. C. J. Williams, W. Davidson and W. J. Campbell, followed.

On Saturday evening, in his address to a crowded congregation on motives for evangelism, P. C. D. Alcorn, conference president, forcefully affirmed that we must evangelise because God calls us to it, the needs of the world demand it, and the love of Christ constrains us. Mr. Wendorf, past president, was chairman of this meeting.

Extra seats were used again at the confer-

What is he the nearer, if he have himself and others, and yet want God? What good is it then to be a man, if he be either wrathful, proud, or envious?—Joseph Hall.

"Happiness," said a thoughtful man, "is only the pursuit of something, not the catching of it." "Oh, I don't know!" answered his friend, "Have you ever chased the last tram-car on a rainy night!"

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—THE LURE OF MONEY

- Oct. 18—Matt. 16: 24-28.
" 19—Mark 10: 17-22.
" 20—Acts 8: 14-24.
" 21—Phil. 3: 1-16.
" 22—1 Tim. 6: 3-10.
" 23—Acts 24: 1-21.
" 24—Prov. 22: 17-29; Acts 24: 22-27.

SERMONS without number have been preached upon Felix, many of which have, it is feared, left upon the minds of hearers the impression that this governor was not far from the kingdom. True, he was terrified, but even demons tremble. Far from giving any evidence of genuine repentance, Felix had his eye on the money he might obtain from Paul, possibly as a bribe to purchase his release. And, in our day, how many apparently hopeful hearers are induced by the lure of money to postpone acceptance of Christ or even definitely to reject him! And how many Christians have been so fascinated by prospects of personal gain that they have swerved from the path of righteousness and even crucified afresh their Saviour! Well might Paul write, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."

ence sermon session on Sunday morning, when 112 remembered their Lord. The preacher, V. G. Boettcher, took as his subject "Co-workers with Christ." The conference president presided at this impressive service.

C. J. Williams was the speaker at the Sunday afternoon service, and urged youth to become crusaders seeking to capture youth for Christ.

At the final service on Sunday night Chaplain Trezise spoke on the adequacy of the gospel for the world's needs. The building was packed with people. Helpful solos were given by Mesdames Moreton and Coward and Misses Hawarth and Hackett. Rosevale church contributed an appreciated quartette, and bright song services were led by C. J. Williams and J. Christensen.

KINDNESS

KINDNESS adds sweetness to everything. It is kindness that makes life's capabilities blossom, and paints them with their cheering hues, and endows them with their invigorating fragrance. If it goes to soothe a sorrow it does more than soothe it. See how, turn which way we will, kindness is entangled with the thought of God!

Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

(Correspondents are reminded that letters should not be more than 300 words in length, that names and not pseudonyms should be used, and that once a writer has had his say on a particular topic he should leave the way open for somebody else. We do not desire unsatisfactory crossfiring. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.)

CHRISTIAN UNION

PERHAPS there is more room in "the church" for diversion of opinion than we think. Methinks in the church of Paul's day there were a good many differences, but they were still in "the church," and worshipped together having fellowship. If in a town like this (3500 people) the Methodists, Presbyterians, Salvation Army, Baptists and church of Christ all met together as "the church," and still held to their views on the various things of disagreement, how would it work out and would it generally tend to a better knowledge of the truth, or would it lead us away from the truth?

All the real lovers of the Lord want to get together in fellowship, even if they differ on some things. Why keep apart?—A. W. Manning, Narrogin, W.A.

A WORD FROM THE NAVY

[This is portion of a letter from R. Legg, written at Colombo, Ceylon. Our brother has been associated with Montrose church, Vic.—Ed.]

I HAVE just come down from my dormitory to go on duty in the office of the barracks. It is the afternoon of the Lord's day. I am at liberty to write and read in my spare time. I have felt the urge to write to you since receiving in my mail a parcel of "Australian Christians" sent by my father. In the short time I have had them they have done a fair amount of witnessing for the Master. Just prior to coming in here, I was resting on my bunk, reading one of them. A British sailor asked me, "Have you any spare books I can read, Aussie?" I offered him a "Christian." Glancing at the first page he remarked, "I am afraid I haven't read much of this sort of stuff." I told him it was time he did, and that it wouldn't do him any harm to read it. I left him with one, and no doubt he will still be reading it. I have only been in here a few minutes, and already a Petty Officer is glancing through one of two "Christians" I had brought in to read. I have had many varied experiences with chaps regarding religious matters since joining the Navy, and I can honestly say I've never known any, though they be regular rough and ready in their ways, ever to despise or sling off at anyone professing to follow Christ. Rather have I found a willingness to discuss religious matters. I believe, here, there is a wonderful opportunity for Christian young men to witness for the Master. The same can be said, I know, for all the Services. But I wonder how many of you send "Christians," "C.E. News," or any such literature to the boys in the Services. Perhaps you might think that by merely sending a few "Christians" you would not help him in much of a way. But if his experience is such as mine, I am sure he would feel wonderfully blessed and uplifted by reading them. Reading of the passing of such stalwart members of our church as Robert Lyall is indeed sorrowful. But then we read of young men like Ron. Saunders, who continue on the good work of spreading the gospel. We read of mortgages on church properties being burnt, of many additions to the church, of the work carried on by young people, of Christian men and women using their ideals in the governing of our country, and the splendid edifying articles by men well established in the faith. What then could be more appreciated by your lads in the Services than such news as this?

Here and There

We received the following telegram on Oct. 11: "Hinrichsen-Morris had magnificent meetings first week, Dandenong, Vic.; audiences growing nightly; five decisions.—Marshall."

The work at Queenstown, S.A., is maintained faithfully. Mr. Brooker has given some stirring addresses. Church union has been his theme at gospel meetings. Mr. Purdie and Mr. Scudds have also exhorted at morning services. The choir renders excellent service. A copper offering which has been in operation for 370 Sundays and has realised £378 has helped to reduce building debt and provide improvements to property.

At Albion, Qld., one young man who made the good confession was baptised and received into fellowship. Sunday school anniversary was held on Sept. 19, and several items were rendered by school at gospel service. A very successful concert was held on Sept. 22. Cam Daff, of Cheltenham, Vic., has been attending services. Boys' Club held a social on Sept. 18. Average attendance at breaking of bread for September was 98.

On Sept. 19, at Wangaratta, Vic., Baptist and church of Christ held a combined service in Baptist chapel. Mr. Lloyd gave the gospel address, and a duet was rendered by Mesdames M. and N. Jackel. On Oct. 3 the Bible school held anniversary. W. Gale exhorted in morning. Mr. Morris was the speaker for children's services, held afternoon and evening. At close of evening meeting three elder girls and one young lad made the good confession. On Monday the demonstration and prize-giving took place. Items were given by the children, and Mr. Gale spoke.

On Sept. 26 Mr. Grainger, from Reservoir, was morning speaker at West Preston, Vic. A. B. Withers preached at night. Thanksgiving services were held on Oct. 3 to celebrate liquidation of building debt. D. Lang presided and H. B. Robbins was speaker, and special mention was made of their excellent service in the initial stages of the work. An offering of £106 was received to commence a new building fund to prepare for a further building programme after the war. Splendid attendances were recorded on Oct. 10, when Mr. Graham, from Moreland, addressed worship service and A. B. Withers preached at night.

At Caulfield (Bambra-rd.), Vic., a week of helpful meetings was conducted by E. L. Williams from Oct. 3 to Oct. 10. Taking the theme, "Creative Living," he delivered fine messages, culminating in a challenging address to a large congregation at gospel service on Oct. 10, at close of which a presentation was made to him in appreciation of his services. The church thanks T. H. Scambler and J. McG. Abercrombie, who addressed worship services on Oct. 3 and 10, also Mrs. E. L. Williams and others who gave messages in song. Offering for College of Bible was a record, exceeding £12. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Luxmore in recent bereavement.

At Camberwell on Oct. 10, services were well attended; 115 communed during day. In absence of R. L. Williams at Maryborough, B. F. Huntsman conducted morning meeting and Chaplain John Turner at evening service gave an insight into his work among troops in Northern Australia. Annual report of church at business meeting showed 11 additions from Bible school by faith and baptism for the year. Five members have been received into fellowship by letter of transfer during past few weeks. Mrs. J. McG. Abercrombie has been elected deaconess in place of Miss Brown, who retired for health reasons, and L. Stirling has been added to board of officers. Finances for year showed substantial improvement.

Chaplain E. P. Aderman, former lecturer in the New Zealand Bible College and a brother of C. S. Aderman, Federal Country Party member for Queensland, has been elected to the New Zealand Parliament, as National Candidate for New Plymouth. We extend good wishes and congratulations to our brother.

At Wollongong, N.S.W., a fortnight of "Happy Hours" for children and mission meetings for the adults concluded on Oct. 4. Mr. Amos very kindly and ably conducted these meetings, replacing F. C. Hunting, who was prevented by illness from carrying on. The attendances at the "Happy Hour" averaged 120, with a maximum of 163. Contact has been made with a number not attending Sunday school. Church members received spiritual strengthening from the messages of Mr. Amos. A lad confessed Christ and 25 Christians made a public declaration of their decision for fuller surrender to Christian service. On Monday a presentation of books was made to Mr. Amos and a number expressed appreciation of his help.

The golden jubilee services of Dandenong church (Vic.) were held on Oct. 3, when very large meetings were enjoyed. R. W. Marshall, the preacher, presided at morning service, and welcomed 70 former members and the visiting missionaries, E. C. Hinrichsen and V. B. Morris. Mr. Hinrichsen's address was very helpful. At afternoon service, present and former members gave reminiscences, and greetings from former preachers were read. A reunion tea was held at 5 p.m., when a civil welcome was extended to missionaries by shire-president, Cr. Mills and Cr. Tharle. Adjutant Mulward, of Salvation Army, also gave a greeting. At 7 p.m. the first meeting of mission was held in marquee, and after song service and choir items, Mr. Hinrichsen delivered a heart-searching sermon. A young woman and a man confessed Christ.

Pte. Donald A. V. Thomas enlisted about three years ago, while he was a student at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris. He served with the 7th A.G. Hospital in the Middle East for some time, and then volunteered for the 2nd C.C.S. and went to Java, where he was taken prisoner with the hospital staff, at Batavia, about Jan. 30, 1942. One letter from him was read over the radio about eight months ago, and now a postcard has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Thomas, of Williamstown, Vic. It reads: "My health is excellent. I am constantly thinking of you. It will be wonderful when we meet again. Good-bye. God bless you. I am waiting for your reply earnestly. We think of you all, and hope you are well and happy. Love to everybody. God bless you all. (Signed) Donald." We know all will be glad to hear that our brother is well.

W. Gale writes: "Recent weeks have been spent in country, only returning to the city for important committee meetings. One of our main concerns has been the Swan Hill-Woorinen-Ultima circuit, which has now been for months without a preacher, and is awaiting the arrival of Mr. Walmsley from Albury. The local brethren are to be praised for their loyalty under the leadership of Mr. Lindsay Smith, headmaster of the Swan Hill State school and president of district conference. Swan Hill Bible school anniversary was a success due in no small part to leadership of Mrs. Lindsay Smith and her associates. We accompanied T. R. Morris to Wangaratta, and enjoyed with him anniversary services, which were bright and quite successful. We are finding it difficult to get speakers to take anniversaries for country churches or to fill pulpits whilst preachers have gone to help at

other centres. Special thanks are due to J. Holloway, chairman of the Home Missionary Committee; L. E. Snow, of Carnegie; W. T. Atkin, of Northcote; D. D. Stewart, of Middle Park and South Melbourne; C. Cole, of South Yarra; and W. Wakefield, of Coburg; all of whom have responded to our call to help the country. We are looking forward to annual offering on December 5, and hope that all churches will loyally give home missions the right of way throughout November."

Grote-st. Mission

LARGE MEETINGS: FIFTEEN CONFESSIONS

ON Sept. 19 Grote-st. church, Adelaide, commenced a two and a half weeks' mission under leadership of K. A. Macnaughtan, of Geelong, Vic. A special committee under Mr. Hurren, preacher of the church, worked hard on preliminaries. All meetings were held in the church building each night except Saturdays. The meetings were well attended, about 200 being present on Sunday nights, while week-night meetings averaged about 120. All suburban churches had been contacted, and delegations sent assisted in maintaining good congregations. Five suburban church choirs (Glennelg, Croydon, Maylands, Prospect and Nailsworth) attended on five nights, and relieved Grote-st. choir. This service rendered was much appreciated. Bart Manning (preacher of Victor Harbour church) assisted as song-leader four nights each week, while W. Watson and A. Glastonbury conducted the singing on other nights. Miss Dorothy Hurren acted as pianist, Miss G. Mossop as organist, and Miss Lorna Brake as violinist.

The clear and earnest presentation of the gospel by Mr. Macnaughtan brought conviction to many, and in all 15 made the good confession. Of these most were adults, and all but one will take fellowship with Grote-st. church. Others are under conviction. The church has been much blessed, and has received a spiritual uplift as a result of the mission. The kindness of Geelong brethren in releasing their preacher is deeply appreciated.

On Sunday night, Oct. 3, a thankoffering was received which met mission expenses. At the close of the meeting on Oct. 6, words of appreciation were spoken to Mr. Macnaughtan and B. Manning, and their services suitably recognised.

On Saturday afternoon, Oct. 9, a number of members met the missionary at the Botanical Gardens, where afternoon tea was partaken, and happy fellowship enjoyed.

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News of the Churches

Western Australia

Perth.—On morning of Sept. 26, following her baptism, Mrs. White (Geraldton) was welcomed into membership. Keith Povey, who leaves shortly for military service, was mentioned in prayer. J. K. Robinson gave an inspiring message. At 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Robinson rendered a solo and Mr. Robinson preached.

Queensland

Maryborough.—Services on Oct. 3 were fairly well attended. Several visitors were welcomed. On Oct. 1 a social was held in honor of Miss E. Ingham and Mr. H. Oakley, who were married next evening. Alan Price is progressing favorably. Another new scholar has been added to school.



AMERICAN CHAPLAINS

GIVE INSPIRING ADDRESSES

TOWNSVILLE.—Speakers on Sept. 19 were J. Adermann and U.S.A. Chaplain Hanson. Visitors on Sept. 26 included U.S.A. Chaplain Wright. An inspiring message was delivered at gospel service by U.S.A. Chaplain Norris. At close an Australian soldier sought deeper consecration.

Monkland.—On Oct. 3 a missionary gospel service was conducted by A. J. Fisher, when scholars brought Children's Day offering. There was one confession. An offering for Prisoners of War Fund was also received. The placing of linoleum on chapel platform has greatly improved the furnishings.

Rockhampton.—The 15th anniversary of Bible school was celebrated with special services on Sept. 12 and a demonstration on 10th. Speaker at all meetings was A. J. Fisher, of Gympie. Greetings from N. Watson, "somewhere in New Guinea," were read. Visitors on Oct. 3 included F. Wade, Kentucky, U.S.A., who gave the address at morning service, Mr. Vanham preaching at night. The church sympathises with J. Stabe in the death of Mrs. Stabe on Oct. 3.

Gympie.—A recent chapel improvement has been the covering of porch and vestry with linoleum. A successful social was held on Oct. 1 by joint C.E. society and Bible school. J. Kernick preached on Oct. 3 during absence of A. J. Fisher. The church sorrows at the loss sustained through the death of aged Mrs. A. Turner. A memorial service for her and the late Miss G. Grenfell was conducted on morning of Oct. 3. Sympathy is also felt for J. Stabe, whose wife was laid to rest in Gympie cemetery on Oct. 4.

South Brisbane Circuit.—Gatherings totalled over 130 at week-end "witness" convention, at Sunnybank on Oct. 2 and 3. On Saturday afternoon C. Woff presided and A. H. Potter, Baptist minister of Malvern, Vic., and W. J. Davidson, of Wynnum church, gave the messages. Tea was served in a marquee. At evening rally Miss J. Cunningham, secretary of Sudan United Mission, gave a message. Mr. Kirkwood conducted this session, as well as the praise and testimony service prior to it. Others who assisted were T. C. Arnold, Congregational minister, and C. Green. Misses E. Hackett and Carpenter, jun., brought messages in song. Sunday morning speaker was G. L. Mayers. In the evening the convention was brought to a close with a gospel service, when Bruce More delivered the address. Sunday

school was helped by a visit from Mr. Mayers, Len Roberts and Jack Dillon. At Moorooka morning service Bruce More gave the message, Mr. Kirkwood being at Sunnybank. Gospel service was conducted by V. T. Schulz. On Sept. 29 about 24 young folk visited Sunsetholme and sang for over an hour to the old folk. Mr. Kirkwood gave a brief message. Fellowship is enjoyed with Cpl. Alan Young, R.A.A.F., home on leave. The new vestry in Moorooka is almost completed.

Tasmania

Hobart.—Sept. 26 and 29 was marked by large attendances for S.S. anniversary. C. P. Hughes trained the children, who sang splendidly. E. Roberts-Thomson, president of State Council of Churches, spoke on Sunday afternoon, and Mr. Hughes in evening. A report presented by C. J. Mason, secretary, showed that, with one exception, all scholars passed in recent Bible school examination. C. Hughes is beginning to enter into civic life. With president and other members of executive of Hobart Temperance Alliance, he has interviewed the Premier (Mr. R. Cosgrove) and suggested amendments of Licensing Act which have received consideration. Under auspices of Hobart Temperance Alliance through the courtesy of Shell Oil Co., and co-operation of military, several films were screened on Sept. 30 at "T.H.T." theatre dealing with social hygiene. On Oct. 3 monthly youth fellowship tea was addressed by Lord Mayor, Mr. J. Soundy, M.H.A., who spoke on Christian citizenship.

South Australia

Gawler.—Both services on Oct. 3 were conducted by Mr. Bartlett. At a well-attended evening meeting a youth service was conducted, several young people taking part. Certificates gained at scripture examination were presented, and Pte. J. Andrews sang a solo.

Norwood.—Special prayer meeting was held on Sept. 29 in preparation for debt reduction offering on Nov. 7. C. J. Parker had charge of meeting. A. J. Ingham resumed preaching on Sunday evenings on Oct. 3, when a young girl from Bible school took her stand for Christ.

Prospect.—C. Schwab led the service on Oct. 3. Fellowship was enjoyed with G. Burns, on leave, and other visitors. The choir rendered anthems and Miss G. Fax sang a solo. News from boys on service shows that all are well. Auxiliaries are in good spirit. Mrs. Dunn is still sick. Y.P.C.E. held cottage meeting at Miss A. Whitfield's home on Oct. 1. C.E. departments are doing good work. Bible school is planning for increasing scholars.

Col. Light Gardens.—Attendances at worship services have been consistent, and fellowship helpful. Messages from Mr. Pike, and visiting brethren, have been of highest quality. A children's choir for community singing prior to service is planned. Bible school and kindergarten are good in attendance and interest. Both are preparing for anniversary. Members regret the transferring of Mr. and Mrs. Pike from the district. They have rendered excellent service.

Strathalbyn.—On Sept. 5 Mr. Jackling gave the morning address. At night, after Mr. Riches' gospel address, a young woman made the good confession. Mr. Grosvenor and Mrs. Garwood have rendered solos, and Mrs. Willing and Miss Headland duets at gospel meetings. The marriage of Miss J. Morton to Mr. J. Loader was celebrated at chapel on Sept. 11, Mr. Riches officiating. At Bible school anni-

versary on Oct. 3 the children sang well conducted by Mr. Grosvenor (superintendent) and with Miss N. Nettlefold at the organ. A. Anderson was speaker, and meetings were well attended. Sympathy is with Mrs. Grosvenor, who is sick in hospital here.

York.—A. C. Killmier gave a helpful address at morning service on Sept. 12. Bible school anniversary services were held on Sept. 26 and Oct. 3. Addresses were given by G. Rootes, S. E. Mathews and A. Anderson. Special singing and items were given by scholars and teachers. Mrs. L. V. Mathews trained and conducted the singers. An offering was taken at afternoon service on Oct. 3 for China famine relief. The church regrets the removal of A. B. Chappell and family from the district. Annual offering for Aborigines Fund was over £5.

Cottonville.—J. E. Brooke commenced his ministry on Oct. 3, and was received into fellowship at morning service, as was W. Bowden, from Forestville. There were good attendances, and Sunday school held a fellowship tea to welcome Mr. Brooke. On Oct. 5 the public and church welcome took place. Speakers representing all auxiliaries and State departments greeted Mr. Brooke, as did representatives from churches of other communions of the district. It is hoped that Mrs. Brooke and family, who are at Mildura, will soon be able to come here. The work generally is in good heart.

Semaphore.—Bible school anniversary was held on Sept. 26 with splendid meetings and helpful messages by Messrs. Cornelius, Banks and A. Samuels. Six cradle roll certificates were presented by Mrs. Tirrell. H. E. Paddick trained and conducted the children in singing. On Sept. 28 the school presented the Children's Day exercises. At the close prizes and certificates were presented to scholars. Word has been received of the death, in Victoria, of Pte. Colin Penalurick. Sympathy is extended to his young wife and relatives. Mr. Paddick concludes his ministry on Oct. 17. W. Ewers has accepted a call to labor with the church.



CHAPEL MISSION

WELL-SUPPORTED SERVICES

UNLEY.—A mission started on Sept. 26. Meetings were well attended, and members of suburban churches gave good support. G. T. Fitzgerald, D. J. Pike and K. A. Jones gave thoughtful messages. On Sept. 27 Mr. Fitzgerald spoke in morning and Mr. Pike at night. On Monday Mr. Pike spoke at a youth meeting; Tuesday, K. A. Jones to the women; Wednesday, Mr. Pike; Thursday, Mr. Fitzgerald to a meeting of men. There were splendid meetings on Oct. 3, K. A. Jones speaking at both services. A young girl confessed Christ at night. S.S. attendance was highest for about three months; three new scholars were welcomed. S.S. has donated £2 to Chinese relief. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Young and Mr. and Mrs. S. Riches have celebrated their Golden Weddings.

Hindmarsh.—The church has received helpful addresses from I. Durdin, S. L. Patching and L. G. Johnston. The resignation of W. L. Ewers has been regretfully accepted. Mr. and Mrs. Outlaw have removed to Glenunga. Mrs. Outlaw was leader of Dorcas Society, S.S. teacher and choir member; Mr. Outlaw was a deacon, S.S. teacher, birthday secretary and church secretary prior to joining R.A.A.F. Mr. and Mrs. Chappell and daughters Elsie and Joy were received into membership by transfer from York on morning of Oct. 3. On Sept. 11 Jean Pickering and Allan Searle, on Sept. 27 Jean Trembath and Charles Gamble, were married. An Explorers' Club for boys has been formed under leadership of G. Trevaskis, assisted by

J. Holder and G. Miller. The school has received with regret the resignation of Miss B. Giffen owing to ill-health. She has given 31 years as leader of kindergarten. Offering for aborigines work was £9/10/-; College of the Bible over £11 (incomplete). Mrs. George Roberts, a faithful member for many years, has passed away.

New South Wales

Canterbury-Earlwood.—On Sept. 26 E. C. Hinrichsen gave farewell messages. At gospel service the building was crowded, and there were two confessions. On Sept. 27 Y.P.S.C.E. joined with church in a farewell social. Though the absence of E. C. Hinrichsen and V. Morris is regretted, members pray that the church at Dandenong will receive a rich blessing.



ENCOURAGING REPORT

GROWING SCHOOL: THREE CONFESSIONS

ALBURY.—Attendances for September were well maintained; average at Lord's table, 53. On Sept. 5 Mrs. Robb was received into fellowship. The 15th anniversary of the church was celebrated on Sept. 10, 12 and 13. T. Hagger, of Gardiner, inspired all by his messages. At the close of his gospel message three boys from the Bible school made the good confession. Church birthday offering totalled £49/11/-. The church has suffered the loss of Walter Lobbe, an esteemed deacon, who met his death accidentally. The brethren commend Mrs. Lobbe and Edna to the care of the heavenly Father. Four more new scholars have been added as a result of increase campaign.

Georgetown.—"Loyalty" month has continued with blessing. Prayer meetings each week had more than 40 present. On Sept. 19 Dick Jones was welcomed into fellowship. Morning speaker was E. Oswald, and R. V. Amos spoke at night. State half-yearly conference was held here on Sept. 25, when messages were given by D. Wakeley, A. W. Ladbrook, E. C. Hinrichsen and H. McCallum. In absence of Mr. Amos, who was conducting Wollongong mission, H. C. Gowans, of Sydney, spoke on Sept. 25, and W. Fraser and Mr. Marjoribanks were speakers on Oct. 3.

Gilgandra.—The church has lost by removal G. H. Goodman to Sydney. Mrs. A. R. Burrell, S.S. superintendent, is away through sickness. Recent visitors included Sgt. Phil. Thompson, from North-west, Sgt. W. Burrell (R.A.A.F.). P. J. Pond continues to supply until end of year. Girls' Club, recently formed, enrolled 22. Boys' Club has enrolled 25. Mrs. A. Butler has returned after two months' absence through serious sickness. A choir has been formed and renders appreciated service. A working bee has painted and repaired church building. C.E. celebrated third anniversary with 70 present on Oct. 2.

Victoria

Ormond.—On Oct. 3 and 10 C. L. Lang spoke morning and evening. In afternoon of 10th the children sang anniversary hymns and received prizes. The church extends sympathy to Mrs. F. W. Bradley in the death of her mother.

Hampton.—On Oct. 9 Miss J. Cronin and Mr. T. Miller (A.I.F.) were married in chapel, R. T. Pittman officiating. W. J. Evans spoke morning and evening on Oct. 10. Sympathy was expressed with W. W. Burrows in the death of his wife, an old and esteemed member, whose funeral services were conducted by J. E. Allan on Oct. 11.

Ascot Vale.—Women's Auxiliary held a luncheon on Sept. 30 attended by about 70, including several past members. £7 was raised for Guest Home. On Oct. 3 B. Coventry was speaker morning and evening. Mr. Baird was speaker on Oct. 10.

Bentleigh.—On Oct. 3 Mr. Goldsworthy was speaker in morning and Mr. Thompson preached at gospel service. R. P. Morris gave the address at morning meeting on Oct. 10, and Mr. Goldsworthy spoke at gospel service. Mrs. Thomason is in hospital.

East Malvern.—Speakers during September-October were R. L. Williams, E. F. Ryall, C. G. S. Daff and M. D. Williams. Miss N. Fairlie, of Gardiner Presbyterian church, was special singer at fellowship meeting on Oct. 6. Offering for College of the Bible was £5.

Footscray.—Ladies' Aid conducted a successful picture night given by Vacuum Oil Co. on Sept. 24. Stan. Ryles, from the college, was speaker at midweek meeting. R. Aitken, an elder, was welcomed back after illness. Mrs. Arnott, of Invermay, Tas., was welcomed into fellowship on Oct. 3.

Malvern-Caulfield.—On Oct. 10 attendance was good. In morning Reg Clark addressed the church. There was a splendid meeting at night. Mr. White preached and Mr. Buckingham assisted. Mr. Roberts and Miss G. Halsey sang two duets, and Miss Tillitson rendered a solo. A profitable and helpful day was spent.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—A. Graham commenced a week-end ministry with the church on Sept. 26, giving inspiring messages. Spring Sunday was observed on Oct. 3. The chapel was decorated with a fine display of flowers, afterwards sent to the sick. Mr. Graham spoke morning and evening. There was marked improvement in attendances. College offering was £3/10/-.

Reservoir.—At worship service on Oct. 10 J. T. Smith gave the sermon. Anniversary services were continued in the afternoon, when Mr. Candy spoke to the children. Bruce Smith was evening speaker. There were excellent attendances all day. A. Paske, 'cellist, assisted the orchestra. Mr. Grainger has agreed to continue his ministry with the church for another year.

Ringwood.—A. H. Pratt continues to bring help and blessing. All attendances show improvement. On Aug. 29 Mr. and Mrs. Russell, son Jim and daughter Marge, from Red Hill, were received into fellowship. On a recent Sunday morning Mr. Pratt and Mr. Haynes (Mitcham Methodist) exchanged pulpits. A. Wieland and Eddie Jackson have been welcomed back on leave.

Brighton.—On Oct. 10 Winnie and Stanley Edwards were received into membership. P. Thickens addressed the church, and at conclusion of the service, T. R. Morris expressed delight that another member had equipped himself as a preacher of the gospel, and in view of his approaching marriage presented a gift on behalf of the congregation. A. Wilson's gospel message was appreciated.

North Essendon.—On Oct. 6 V. C. Stafford addressed the first special Wednesday meeting of the series on "Creative Christianity." On Oct. 10 E. T. Hart continued the series. Musical items were rendered by Mrs. McNicol and Miss Kemp. At evening service the recently formed cricket club had its first church parade. Bible school is healthy, new scholars being added and two new teachers offering for service.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Sunday school anniversary services on Oct. 10 were a great success. A. E. White gave a fine talk to scholars in afternoon. Morning and evening T. H. Scambler was speaker. North Carlton school closed and came to afternoon service. A large number of Service men were present and had fellowship at the dinner table. Endeav-

ors paid visits to Reservoir and Sunshine during the week and conducted meetings.

South Yarra.—Oct. 3 was anniversary day. It was marked by excellent attendances and good singing under baton of Arthur Reid. C. Cole was speaker in morning, D. Ritchie in afternoon, and H. Campbell at night. Many former S.S. scholars came home for the day. Mrs. D. A. Lewis was present at morning meeting for first time for many months owing to sickness. S.C.E. made a gift of a pedestal to the church, and Women's Guild gave a dozen hymn-books.

Bendigo.—Bible school anniversary was held on Sept. 26, Mr. Mathieson being speaker at all services. On Sept. 29 the tea, concert and distribution of prizes took place. The passing of an old and valued member, Mrs. Rintoul, on Oct. 4, is regretted. Mrs. Bartlett and family have removed to Echuca. Geof. Barnes has met with an accident, as has Mrs. Trabinger. Mrs. Mathieson is a patient in Base Hospital. Miss Goff was welcomed into fellowship from Thornbury on Oct. 3.

Surrey Hills.—Sunday school anniversary services on Oct. 10 were happy and successful. Addresses by G. J. Andrews at 11 a.m., B. F. Huntsman at 3 p.m. and A. L. Gibson at 7 p.m. were appreciated by large congregations, as were also special singing by S.S. scholars led by W. F. Newham and kinder items prepared by Mrs. T. Haines. Especially welcome were Sgt. Beryl Carter, H. Hannaford, A. Collier, R. Barber and R. Langford, on leave from northern frontiers. College offering is still growing.

South Richmond.—A. E. Cremin delivered an illustrated address at closing service of S.S. anniversary, when a senior scholar confessed Christ. Church and school are indebted to speakers for inspiring messages during anniversary. T. Charles (A.I.F.) sang a solo at gospel meeting on Oct. 10. Presentations were made to Mr. Morris (Gardiner), leader, and Miss M. Pigdon, organist of the children's choir. Sympathy is extended to relatives of Mrs. Parker, called home suddenly during week. A. E. Cremin has been invited to continue for a further year at increased remuneration.



ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF WITNESS

DALWYN.—Dr. W. A. Kemp gave the address at morning service on College Sunday. Mr. Patterson preached in evening, and Miss Amelia Scarce was soloist. On Oct. 6 two informative addresses were given by Dr. C. I. McLaren and Mr. Lane, returned missionaries from Korea. The church celebrated 21st anniversary on Oct. 10. J. E. Thomas gave a message in morning, and in afternoon all were interested in his reminiscences. Dr. Hinrichsen at night gave a splendid message, and all appreciated solos of Miss F. Cowper. 187 broke bread for the day, and 14 foundation members were in attendance at one or other of the meetings. Debt extinction offering in cash and promises for the day was £300, and other gifts will be received by end of month.

Lower Heytesbury.—Mrs. Murfitt passed away on Sept. 6. The church extends sympathy to Dorothy and Mr. Murfitt. For evening of Oct. 1 a sacred concert was held and the building was filled. The church treasurer presented a cheque to J. Methven on the eve of his departure to Drumcondra. On Oct. 3 a large number congregated for worship in morning. Patricia and Lorna Brumby, daughters of the church treasurer, were welcomed into fellowship. They were baptised at Warrnambool on Sept. 30. The brethren at Curdies united with Lower Heytesbury for this service.

St. Kilda.—Two by faith and baptism, and three by transfer, have been added to membership. Roy Miles (R.A.N.) was baptised at I.C.E. meeting on Sept. 6, baptism being followed by communion service. Endeavorers continue regular visits to Caulfield Military Hospital. Special evening services for October began with hymn service on Oct. 3. Flannel board was introduced into church school on Sept. 26. Mr. McGowan passed to rest on Oct. 8. Sympathy of church is with his family, and is extended to Jessie and Mrs. Wardrop in loss of father and husband. Mrs. Dall, oldest attending member, has attained 84th birthday.

Hamilton.—During Mr. Chivell's absence on holiday, services were conducted by Mr. Robb and Chaplain Jones. On Sept. 26 Mr. Mountjoy, on behalf of church, expressed appreciation of splendid work done by Mr. and Mrs. Chivell in their first year at Hamilton. At night a youth service was held in which young people took part. To good meetings on Oct. 3 Mr. Chivell gave messages specially mentioning the college. Geo. Gamble has been on leave from N.T. and enjoying fellowship. Endeavor Societies are doing good work. On Sept. 20 seniors arranged a social in honor of Mrs. Joyce Miles, who came of age. On Oct. 4 the juniors had a social, about 40 being present.

Blackburn.—Mr. Wright was speaker on Oct. 3. In evening a young lady decided for Christ and two others reconsecrated their lives. B. Burt, from the college, spoke at Sunshine Club devotional meeting. J.C.E. under leadership of Mrs. Miles presented a drama at annual demonstration of Y.P. Department. Boys' Explorer Club is working well; 16 present at last two meetings. Church held a kitchen tea in honor of Sylvia Ketchell, who was married on Oct. 9. A baptismal service was conducted by Mr. Wright on morning of Oct. 10, and W. H. Clay gave an appreciated address. At close of Mr. Wright's evening address a young lady accepted Christ. Church had fellowship with Mrs. Bluhm, returned from hospital.

Preston.—Prayer service on Sept. 30 was conducted by college students, and on Oct. 3 A. Macdonald (a student in membership at Preston) spoke at morning service and Mr. Ryles (also from the college) presided. At evening service A. Macdonald preached and was assisted in the service by Mr. Fisher (from the college). Both services were well attended. On Oct. 10 Doug. Nicholls was morning speaker and A. Moroney (Moreland) at night. Mr. Combridge is absent on annual holiday. Women's Fellowship held a picture night in school hall on Oct. 4, proceeds being donated to overseas missions. Sympathy is extended to Misses Scott (formerly of Dunolly) in the loss of their father, and to C. B. Cockroft and family in illness of Mrs. Cockroft.

North Fitzroy.—The 70th church anniversary services were continued on Oct. 5. A good company sat to dinner, which was followed by a public thanksgiving service. R. Ennis was chairman, and the following speakers represented brotherhood activities: J. Holloway (home missions), J. E. Thomas (overseas missions), Mrs. G. Waterman (women's conference). W. T. Atkin brought a greeting from North Suburban churches and H. Jeffs spoke on behalf of other Protestant churches in district. Wanderers Male Quartette sang, and Mrs. Hedley gave recitals. On Oct. 10 the special services were brought to a close. A. L. Gibson addressed morning meeting. Mr. Maurice Blackburn, at Pleasant Sunday Afternoon service, spoke on "Socialism and Christianity." In evening A. A. Hughes, M.L.A., was preacher. Miss Amelia Scarce rendered solos at afternoon and evening services.

BIRTH

AMOS (nee Rusden).—To Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Amos, on Sept. 30, at the Western Suburbs Hospital, Newcastle—a daughter (Margaret Dawn).

DEATH

SCOTT.—On Oct. 2, at 115 Rossmoynest., Thornbury, William, loved husband late Alberta, loving father and pal of May (Mrs. Jackel, Cockatoo), Pearl and Albert (Thornbury), Clare (Mrs. Nightingale, Emerald), Jack (Glenrowan), Ray (Dunolly), Gwen and Joyce, loving brother of Walter and Mary. Late of Dunolly. Mother and father only gone before.

IN MEMORIAM

KEMP.—In sweet memory of our dear Joan, who left us suddenly on Oct. 15, 1940.

The dark threads are as needful,
In the Weaver's skilful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern he has planned.

LEWIS.—To the memory of our beloved son, Stuart David, who was called home on Oct. 12, 1936. We bless the years we called him ours.—Fred and Ada Lewis.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ward, Bruce and Clive thank the many friends for loving sympathy extended to them in the passing of their beloved one, Flying Officer William John Ward.

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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.

BROADCAST SERVICES

OCTOBER 24.—Swan Hill church, Vic. 11 a.m., station 3 SH. Devotional session every Saturday, 12 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY, 20th, 8 p.m.

R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D.—"The Faith that Offends."

24th, E. T. Hart.

27th and 31st, A. A. Hughes, M.L.A.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

OCTOBER 17—

11 a.m., B. Huntsman.

3 p.m., T. Fitzgerald.

7 p.m., L. Brooker.

All past members and friends cordially invited.

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- Oct. 27, 8 p.m., Mr. F. E. Buckingham,
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- Oct. 19 (Tuesday), 8 p.m., Speaker, R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D.
- Oct. 21 (Thursday), 8 p.m., Speaker, R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D.
- Oct. 22 (Friday), 8 p.m., Speaker, R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D.
- Oct. 23, Temple Day. The chapel will be open for prayer and thanksgiving 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 24—11 a.m., R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D.
3 p.m., Happy Hour arranged by the Youth Centre.
5 p.m., Fellowship Tea.
7 p.m., E. McIlhagger.
- Oct. 27 (Wednesday), 8 p.m., Anniversary Social. Speaker, T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed.

Join with us in fellowship on these dates.

NORTHCOTE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

40th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31—

11 a.m., Mr. T. Hagger.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3—

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7—

HOME-COMING DAY.

11 a.m., Mr. Reg. Ennis.

7 p.m., Mr. T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed.

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HOME-COMING SERVICES AND BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31.

11 a.m., Colonel Chaplain A. E. Forbes.

3 p.m., L. Brooker.

5 p.m., Fellowship Tea.

7 p.m., C. B. Nance-Kivell, B.S.Litt., B.D.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Bible School Anniversary Continued.

11 a.m., C. B. Nance-Kivell, B.S.Litt., B.D.

3 p.m., J.O.Y. Society Anniversary.

7 p.m., C. B. Nance-Kivell, B.S.Litt., B.D.

HARTWELL BIBLE SCHOOL.

ANNIVERSARY AND DEMONSTRATION.

SUNDAY, OCT. 31—

11 a.m., Bro. Candy.

3 p.m., Bro. C. J. Robinson.

7 p.m., Bro. F. Elliott.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7—

11 a.m., Bro. Combridge.

3 p.m., Bro. Les. Brooker.

7 p.m., Bro. C. J. Robinson.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10—

Play, "Stained Glass Window," by scholars. All welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, BERWICK.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31—11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7.30 p.m.

Speaker, Mr. J. Wright.

Past members and friends cordially invited.

Annual Meetings, India

CONFERENCE THEME—"THE CHURCH INSPIRED."

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THE members of the mission met at Baramati for their annual meeting on July 14 to 19. Dr. G. H. Oldfield, M.B., B.S., was chairman. Our guest speaker was Dr. V. Rambo, M.D., of Mungeli, C.P., who brought us some heart-searching and stimulating addresses. He was accompanied by Mr. G. Newton, G.Th. These brethren represented the United Christian Missionary Society and the convention of the churches of Christ in C.P. There was also present Miss D. Barkla, who represented the Z.B.M.M. (Australia), Sholapur; Miss G. E. Swain, representing the P. & I.V. Mission; Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, of the Union Bible School, and Mr. Strutton, our retired pioneer missionary was also present with Mrs. Strutton, who has since been called home. Miss Caldicott, who had just returned from furlough, and Mr. John Bairagi, B.D., who has just come from Serampore, were both welcomed very heartily. We are grateful to God to have our Mr. R. C. Bolduan back with us, restored to health after his long and serious illness. The presence of so many visitors greatly heartened us. At different times during the meetings, Mr. Bairagi told of his own conversion in the Fijis; he also gave us a very lucid account of mission work in those islands. Though reports did not reveal so many baptisms this year, it was felt that progress had been made in many directions and the gospel faithfully preached. The work of the mission may be divided into the usual triptych of service, preaching, teaching and healing, covering the full gospel message with all of its social and spiritual implications.

Reports of the medical work came from Dhond hospital, Diksal dispensary and Baramati Welfare Centre, and showed that a total of 471 inpatients and 24,100 treatments of outpatients had been given. Fees and gifts amounting to Rs. 10,540 were received in India. 6000 free treatments were given. 72 per cent. of the cost of hospital was received locally, and the balance of 28 per cent. was provided by the youth organisations of the church in Australia. Children's homes for boys at Baramati, and for girls at Shrigonda, report a total of 164 children being cared for. Many are boarders who pay fees, but a great number are real orphans for whom we have assumed full responsibility. The Lord has provided the needs of this great family in a wonderful way. The Baramati Free Colonies of what was formerly the Criminal Tribes Settlement now have only 317 people left, including a number of Christian families. These are all now practically absorbed into the general community. The children attend our day school. The Union Bible School at Baramati has eight students. Mr. J. Woodward is the principal, assisted by Mrs. Woodward and Messrs. H. R. Coventry and S. P. Hiwale. Educational work on the various stations was reported upon and revealed that we have seven primary schools with about 500 pupils enrolled, taught by 18 Christian teachers. A large number of the pupils are Christian. Boy Scouts and Girl Guides are working in the school. In addition to the evangelism carried on in the various institutions already mentioned, there is a vigorous evangelistic work going on all over the area. This takes many forms, but daily preaching by men and women, and camps in a few selected areas, are the chief means used. Fifteen evangelists and twelve Bible-women are engaged in this. Gospel sales were well maintained. Hundreds are enrolled in women's and children's weekly classes. The four churches and several unorganised groups report a total communicant membership of 340

and a total Christian community of about 1000. Church offerings for all purposes amounted to Rs. 1,700. Sunday schools are vigorously conducted as well as C.E. Societies in several places.

During the year the following important historical events took place:—

1. Our mission joined the Dnyanodaya Board of Management.

2. We also joined the Board of the Union Training College, Ahmednagar.

3. Under direction and help from the mission, our churches' conference was registered under the Societies Act of 1860, and will now have church property transferred to it as is desirable.

We spent a good deal of time discussing the subject "The Church in India and her Ministry," with special reference to Christian unity. A number of very important decisions were arrived at upon these questions. It was decided that we should explore every avenue of closer Christian union with other church groups in Western India. It was arranged that a small deputation, should visit our sister churches in the C.P. and Bihar in the interests of organic union with them so that the plea for the restoration of primitive Christianity which we bring might be made known with a united voice to India. Along with a burning desire for Christian unity there was an evident passion for souls and plans were made for a more aggressive evangelistic work. The Holy Spirit was very present, and guided us into happy decisions which we pray may prove to be streams of helpfulness bringing the Water of Life to many a thirsty soul. We were greatly inspired for another year of service for the Lord Jesus Christ.—H. R. Coventry, mission secretary.

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Obituary

Ella S. Gore

AFTER a long period of failing health, Miss Ella S. Gore, eldest daughter of the late T. J. Gore and Mrs. Gore, passed peacefully into the higher life. At about ten years of age, under her father's preaching at Grote-st. church, our sister made the good confession and was baptised. Her grandfather, the late Philip Santo, welcomed her into the church. Fellowship was joined with the church at Unley about forty years ago, and except for a period at Henley Beach, was continued until her passing. Miss Gore was a Sunday school teacher for over twenty years, and there are many in the church to-day who speak gratefully of her leadership in their lives. She was also active in Christian Endeavor circles, and was a faithful attendant at the prayer services of the church. For years Miss Gore shared with her father his pastoral work. She was assistant librarian at the Unley Library for more than 15 years. Unobtrusive by nature, yet strong in her loyalty to the church, Miss Gore will be keenly missed from the fellowship at Unley. The many and beautiful floral tributes expressed the wide regard in which she was held. The sympathy of the brotherhood will go out to Mrs. Gore and the members of her family.—W.F.N.

Robert J. Milligan

ON Sept. 9 R. J. Milligan, after a serious illness, was called to higher service. Early in life he was won to Christ at a Baptist church in Ballarat. Later he united with the church of Christ at Minyip, Vic., about forty-three years ago. Several years ago he and his wife transferred their membership to the church at Coburg. He was a choice character. He loved the Master and was diligent in service for him and was regular in his attendance at the house of the Lord. Only those who knew him best knew of his great gifts and faithfulness to the Master. A large circle of friends and members of the church present at the services in the chapel and at the graveside testified to the high esteem in which our brother was held. The church extends sympathy to his widow, and sons, Vernon, Clive, Wilfred, A.I.F., and Robert, R.A.A.F., and sorrowing relatives.—W.W.

Gordon Sanders

THE church at Kaniva, Vic., was shocked by the news of the swift passing of Gordon Sanders on Saturday, Aug. 14. Involved in a tractor accident whilst ploughing, he passed away soon after being admitted to Kaniva District Hospital. He was a quiet, unassuming young man, hard-working, honorable, patient and courageous. He was won to Christ during a crusade led by A. A. Hughes in October, 1934, in the ministry of A. B. Withers. He was faithful to the church. We shall miss him from the fellowship. Less than eighteen months ago he married Nina, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Coutts, of Miram South. We commend his young wife, his parents (Mr. and Mrs. A. Sanders, of Miram South), his sister (Mrs. R. Rowe, of Kaniva), and all who mourn his passing to the God of all comfort, and to the Saviour who brought life and immortality to light in the gospel.—H.E.

Mrs. H. H. Strutton

A WIDE circle of Christian friends experienced a sense of real loss and deep sadness when a recent cable from H. H. Strutton at Dhond, India, announced the home-call there of Mrs. Strutton, formerly Eva Walden. Those who were near to Mrs. Strutton knew of her long desire to do service for the Master as an overseas missionary, from which she was only turned because of indifferent health. Two years ago Miss Walden left Australia for In-

dia, and on her arrival was married to H. H. Strutton, our time-honored missionary in India. The ceremony was conducted by Dr. G. H. Oldfield. Mrs. Strutton was the eldest daughter of our esteemed late G. T. Walden, and at an early age was baptised in Enmore church, Sydney, where Mr. Walden ministered. In 1912 the family moved to Adelaide, and it was at Unley church that Mrs. Strutton continued her work in Sunday school, Christian Endeavor and other church activities. For many years Mrs. Strutton did not enjoy robust health, but this seemed to minister to her Christian character, for she was highly esteemed for her gentle, patient spirit. Her devotion to Christ and the church was unflinching, and her transparent faith in God was a ministry of blessing to all Christian friends. Unley church sensed her loss on her leaving for India, and felt keenly the news of her home-call. To her three sisters, all members at Unley, and all other bereaved ones, we extend deepest Christian sympathy.—W.F.N.

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