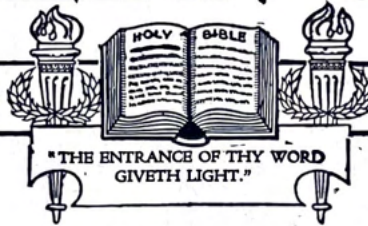


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A Far-off Divine Event

LORD TENNYSON believed that there is "one far-off divine event, to which the whole creation moves." Paul had been instructed that the glorious end toward which we move is the time when God shall "gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth."

I.

ONE essential truth revealed to sincere students of scripture is that God is within the movements of history, seeking to work out his divine purpose for all creation. So far as we can perceive, he works through men and women who have surrendered themselves completely enough to be responsive to his will.

At the moment Saul of Tarsus gave himself to Christ, God marked him as the person through whom he would establish the gospel among the Gentiles.

II.

WHEN Paul was under arrest at Jerusalem, the Lord made it clear that he had other purposes to fulfil through him. In prison, the Lord stood by him, and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome." The Lord decreed that Paul must live, and go to Rome. However, about forty young conspirators placed themselves under a vow not to taste food until they had killed Paul. The men, by evil means, sought to upset the plans God proposed to work out through his devoted servant.

When God heard the cry the enslaved Israelites raised in the day they suffered in Egypt, he worked through his servant, Moses, to gain their deliverance. Pharaoh, however, strove to interfere with what God had planned, and sought, by evil means, to hinder God's purposes. The might of Egypt could not deter God from fulfilling what he had promised to do. Israel was delivered.

III.

WE believe God, to-day, is working out the preordained scheme for his church, through those who have given themselves up to do his will. Evil men have been striving to set aside the principles of his kingdom and to destroy the influence of his church in the world; but if God can continue to find men and women with consecrated ambitions, he will work through them, and will frustrate the wicked designs of false men. If we are faithful, we have no need to be afraid of what will take place

*This is our comfort, God
is in heaven; his and only
his counsel shall stand.*

—Oliver Cromwell.

in the future. We may be assured that all things will "work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

There were times during the present conflict when it seemed that darkness might have overcome the light; but now, with so many talking about the need of rebuilding the life of nations on basic Christian principles, we see again some glimmer of the goal toward which God is directing historic events.

IV.

GOD aids his cause by some unexpected events. After the conspirators had taken their vow, it seemed as though Paul's fate had been sealed. How could he be saved? For the first time Dr. Luke introduces to readers of "the Acts of the Apostles" a relative of Paul. There is no suggestion up to that point that Paul had a nephew. Yet, here came a nephew on to the stage

of affairs, with knowledge of the plot planned against Paul. He informed his uncle of the deadly peril he faced, and revealed the conspirators' plans to the Roman official. Thus, he saved Paul, making it possible for the apostle to witness for the Lord in Rome.

Within the range of events that have happened in the last few years, we perceive now unexpected acts have made it possible for the Christian church to be delivered from forces that threatened to overthrow her. Already some of the faithful saints had fallen victims of the powers of darkness. Others would certainly have been subjected to cruel persecution had not unexpected events occurred. None had prophesied that Russia would enter the war and serve, even indirectly, as a champion of freedom. None had anticipated the events that brought America to the active aid of those championing the cause of weaker people.

We venture to say that many of those who condemn war under all circumstances as a means of settling national disputes will agree that victory for the Allies will provide opportunities for the Christian church to extend the influence of the gospel. While defeat would not destroy the active work of the church, it would, as we can see from what is happening in Europe, hedge in the public activities of the church by many restrictions.

V.

AFTER the war, when victory comes, vast opportunities will be awaiting the church, not only in the West, but also in the East. Can we lay hold of them effectively? God is working out his plans; we can see some of them unfolding before our eyes. If they are to be carried out, God will need the services of many co-workers. If he can find the right man or woman he will create a revival anywhere, and extend his kingdom. He is now waiting for more and more to offer their bodies living sacrifices, so that he may declare more fully his divine purposes to a sinful and unbelieving generation. May we not limit God's plans by being idle "at such a time as this."

The Heroic Church

R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D., of Camberwell, Vic., writes the second article in the series arranged in co-operation with the Social Service Department. Aply discussing the place and character of the church in the post-war world, he calls for vigorous action to meet difficult situations.

THE post-war world is a matter of conjecture, and it is quite impossible at the moment to forecast accurately the shape of the future. A gigantic upheaval like the present global struggle is bound to cause revolutionary changes which make it certain that conditions will never again return to the pre-1939 state.

The indescribable aftermath of the war will present many issues, and when the bombing planes return from their last flight, the world will emerge from its underground shelters to take stock of the carnage. The masses of mankind, in consequence of their ordeal, will be characterised by subtle and dangerous moods. The accumulated spirit of hatred and the desire to avenge will constitute an enormous problem. The world will also suffer the full realisation that its moral and ethical standards have been twisted almost out of recognition during the heat of the battle. It will be a world wherein the finer sensitivities of humanity have been blunted by years of appeal to baser passions, and when the Christian regard for the sacredness of human personality will have been contradicted millions of times over. The post-war world will involve problems of adjustment wherein the nations will have to face the task of re-orienting the masses to peace-time occupations and normal conditions.

In view of the present trend of events, the post-war era will be occupied with an intense struggle in the field of political life between the right-wing reactionaries on the one hand and the left-wing socialists on the other. We may be certain that the future will have to face many towering and convulsing issues in which the church will be called upon to clarify its position and play its part.

The Place of the Church

In respect to the place of the church in the future, it is again a difficult question to forecast. We may be sure, however, that the church must inevitably suffer some very deep repercussions from the present upheaval. It is too much to expect that it will emerge from this calamitous war unscathed and scot free. Definite changes are taking place both within and without the church which are nothing less than alarming to those who feel that the institutional church is the last hope and only means of expressing the Christian faith. The obvious fact is that the church, as we have known and cherished it, has lost its hold upon the majority of people.

At one time it was thought that a grave crisis throughout the world would be the means of sending people back into the waiting arms and empty pews of the church. That critical period has been made to order which so far has not caused any appreciable return to the fold. The disposition of people leans rather to the theatre than the church. And we can be assured that there will be no wholesale swing back when the noise of toil and strife has ended. It is painfully true that we are witnessing the slow death of the church as expressed in the form and mechanics of the institutionalism which has prevailed for years past. That the church of the living God, however, will take a worthy place in the post-war world leaves no doubt in our minds, if only by reason of the wonderful witness that many followers of Christ are making throughout the world.

Whilst the institution has grown feeble and lukewarm, it is to its credit that sons and daughters have been raised up who are displaying such magnificent courage in the face of the worst situations. The church still retains those human elements of fadeless conviction which have given to it in times past such powers of survival. In a statement frequently quoted, Prof. Einstein tells us how, when Nazism arose in Germany, he looked to the universities, to the intellectuals, to the editors of powerful newspapers, etc., for resistance to despotism and fight for freedom; but all were subservient. He goes on: "Only the church opposed the fight which Hitler was waging against liberty. Till then I had no interest in the church, but now I feel great admiration and am truly attracted to the church which has had the persistent courage to fight for spiritual truth and moral freedom. I feel obliged to recognise that I now admire what I used to consider of little value."

There are everywhere those fortresses of conviction within the church that will eventually emerge to rekindle the flame of Christian witness and fellowship.

The Character of the Church

We shall suggest one or two salient features which will need to characterise the church in the post-war world. Dr. Adolf Keller, of Geneva, recently made a pregnant statement in which he said, "The time of the idyllic church is over to-day, of the comfortable, easy-going, cinema-minded church—the era of the prophetic and heroic church has come. It has come now in the midst of the attacks of the world, like that cherub in Isaiah's vision, who takes a burning coal from the altar to touch the lips of the prophet. It is a burning coal—no lipstick—a coal which leaves a wound so that the flesh quivers in

pain. But out of this quivering the prophet's answer comes—Here am I, send me!"

The trend of events seems to indicate that the heroic church is in process of erection which has taken the form of a vital creative minority of Christians who refuse to forsake principles which they believe are essential to the preservation of the Christian faith. The church is due for a revival. Perhaps the greatest revival will be that of a decrease in the numbers of adherents of the church and an increase in the convictions amongst the remnant that remains. Such a revival is in operation in many parts of the world and God's "fifth column" is already making a profound impact by doing the one thing needful. For example we learn of the persistency of the creative minority in the third Reich. "They are not political, they are religious cells. In many respects they resemble the small communities of first century Christians. They read and pray together. They discuss their personal problems with each other. They are extremely important to the future of Christianity in Europe."

It is becoming increasingly evident that in order to preserve its character the church will need to hazard its future upon the realism of Christ and his kingdom. In seeking to save its life by a compromise gospel it has well-nigh lost it. In its endeavors to avoid offence to the elements of society that support it, the institutional church has compromised the gospel of the cross as the power and wisdom of God. In consequence of this soft-peddling the supreme principle and dynamic of the distinctly Christian way of human redemption has been displaced by the wisdom, of man with its ghastly results.

That the church may be true to its name, it will be called upon to proclaim, without equivocation, the faith and method of the crucified Christ that must inevitably offend. Besides proclaiming the Christ who saves, the church of the future must increasingly portray the Christ who says, "Beware of covetousness." "Love your enemies." "Ye cannot serve God and mammon"; the Christ who overturned the tables of the money-changers; the Christ who condemned the proud and self-righteous. In other words, the church must re-discover the true ethical content in its evangelism.

Peace

*A calm, still pool; and tall, slim trees,
Their leaves unstaken by the breeze,
Surround this quiet, restful glade,
Where now I lie beneath their shade.
Gazing upon this lonely stream,
I feel that, here, peace reigns supreme.*

*I look away: below the pool,
Where trees o'erhang the water cool,
The gurgling ripples, sparkling clear,
Make slumb'rous music, singing their
Sweet lullabies, which surely seem
To prove that, here, peace reigns supreme.*

*But shrieking winds and driving rain
Soon lash the trees, which sway and
strain.*

*And thunder's clamor, rumbling round,
Quite overpowers the gentler sound
Of lullabies that softly played
Till by the mounting storm dismayed.*

*Was this peace real? Can we e'er find
A lasting calm, a peaceful mind?
Can we, amid the storm and strife
Of war, or 'mid this busy life,
Its pain and sorrow, find a balm
To fill our minds with quiet calm?*

*Said Christ, "I give to you my peace,
That storms within your heart may
cease":*

*A shameful death then died, that we,
Like him, might have the victory
O'er death; and, cleansed from all our
sin,*

At peace with God, find peace within.

—L/Cpl. H. F. Hopkins, serving with
the Forces somewhere in Australia.



WOMEN'S PAGE

The Fruitful Life



Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, 841; Sankey, 1053.

Prayer.—“We beseech thee, O Lord, for the gifts and for the grace of the Holy Spirit; give us more love to thee and to our neighbors; more joy in worship, more peace at all times, more longsuffering, gentleness, and kindness of heart and manner. May we know something of what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading, to be read responsively.—John 15: 1-3.

DEVOTIONAL MEDITATION

BY using this illustration of nature our Lord taught that there is a living union between himself and his followers, and that God, the Father, is the husbandman, tending the branches that they may be fruitful. In other parables, such as the shepherd and sheep, we have portrayed a different relationship from this one in the true vine and the branches. For in the vine “the sap that is the life of the trunk is the life of the boughs.” There is also total dependence of the branches upon the vine for nourishment and growth; and the removal of the branches from the stem means destruction.

It is upon the branches that the flowers and fruit come. By calling us his branches Christ says, “I entrust my cause to you; I am content to wait for my fruit till you bear it; through you I choose to live my life; with all my yearning for fruit I inspire you; what you bear I shall own.” (Tristram.)

God, the Husbandman, makes fruitfulness the test. It is not profession, nor apparent power, but the fruits of the Spirit which count. These are love, joy, longsuffering, patience and mercy.

As a gardener cuts back and prunes and grafts so there will be better fruit, so does our heavenly Father, the Husbandman, allow some of our fondest hopes to be cut away, that our fruit shall be worthwhile.

One day in turmoil of soul Lord Cecil was pacing to and fro in the Botanic Garden, Oxford, when he saw a fine specimen of the pomegranate almost cut through the stem. On enquiring of the gardener the reason, he received an answer which explained the wounds of his own soul. “Sir, this tree used to shoot so strong that it bore nothing but leaves. I was, therefore, obliged to cut it in this manner, and when it was almost cut through then it began to bear plenty of fruit.”

“Thanks to thy sovereign grace, O God, if I Am grafted in that true vine a living shoot, Whose arms embrace the world, and in whose

root,
Planted by faith, our life must hidden lie.
But thou beholdest 'how I fade and dry;
Choked with a waste of leaf and void of fruit,

Unless thy spring perennial shall recruit
My sapless branch, still wanting fresh supply.

“O cleanse me, then, and make me to abide,
Wholly in thee, to drink thy heavenly dew,
And, watered daily with my tears to grow;
Thou art the truth, thy promise is my guide;
Prepare me when thou comest, Lord, to show,
Fruits answering to the stock on which I grow.”
 (“Great Texts.”)

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, 509; Sankey, 608.

Business Session and Programme, with a talk prepared by Miss Joan Saunders on “Who's Who at Norseman.”

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, 418; Sankey, 652.

Benediction.—God Almighty bless us with his Holy Spirit; guard us in our going out and coming in; keep us ever steadfast in his faith, free from sin and safe from danger, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VICTORIAN MISSION BAND RALLY

THE convener of the Missionary Department of the Women's Conference of Victoria (Mrs. J. M. Cleland) sends a report of the annual mission band rally which was held at the Lygon-st. chapel on Wednesday, Sept. 22. At the morning session members of the Missionary Department conducted a model mission band meeting, after which time was devoted to discussion and constructive criticism. The keynote of this meeting was prayer. The afternoon meeting consisted of a dramatised sermon, “Christ for the World,” which was presented by members of the Missionary Department. Mr. Chivell, minister of the church at Hamilton, our living link, brought a message about the work of home missions. During the afternoon Mrs. Hunt rendered two delightful solos. Over 200 women attended the rally and enjoyed a day of instruction, inspiration and fellowship.

NEW SOUTH WALES OVERSEAS RALLY

ON Friday, Sept. 17, the annual overseas rally was held at City Temple. A greeting was received from our living link, Mrs. Coventry. Mr. Paternoster brought greetings from the Foreign Missionary Committee. Dr. Rachael Taylor, of Presbyterian Mission in Manchuria, was speaker. She gave a description of the country and people and church there. She told of the coming of the Japanese and the effect it had on the church. The ministers' fraternal members were welcome visitors at the rally. Offering for overseas work is now over £200, Merewether sisters again coming first in the amount raised.

TASMANIAN DAY OF FELLOWSHIP

IN Hobart and Launceston this day was observed on Sept. 22. Reports from both centres say it was a day of inspiration and blessing. Women from other churches were invited. Several ten-minute talks were given, interspersed with musical items. At the luncheon tables, there was a happy time of fellowship, and greetings were read.

FROM THE FEDERAL WOMEN'S PRESIDENT

THE president of the Women's Federal Conference, Mrs. A. L. Read, has represented the Women's Federal Conference at the welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Hammer, returned missionaries from the New Hebrides, and at the

farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Coventry, who are going to India. Mrs. Coventry is now the living link of the South Australian Women's Conference. Mrs. Read also attended the Prospect church jubilee celebrations, and at the afternoon meeting of women gave a greeting. Mrs. Read sends the following:—

A MESSAGE TO THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA

AS we have now entered into another year of war, the biggest war in history, may we as Christian women be often found in prayer, having access to God, showing our faith and confidence in him.

There is something bigger and better than this war; it is this—the good that is going on in spite of the war! Think of all who are striving under untold difficulties to do great and good things—courageous airmen, sailors, soldiers, stretcher-bearers, doctors and nurses, courageous women at home bearing heavy burdens, caring for little children, sharing others' problems as never before, revealing by their lives the very beauty of holiness.

Let us therefore be true to God, our fellowmen, and our homes, earnestly striving to bring God into our family circles in a manner more evident than ever before.

May we learn from Job that the fires of the furnace and the smoke of the flames show how God brings deep abiding things and other rich treasures out of darkness.

Let our faith be strong! Faith is the mood of decision and action! Faith summons us to battle and it arms us for the fray; therefore “be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”

W.C.T.U. AND Y.W.C.A.

TWO of our South Australian sisters are presidents of State undenominational organisations. Mrs. W. F. Nankivell has recently been elected president of the South Australian Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Mrs. W. Morrow for the past two years has been the president of the Young Women's Christian Association.

NEWCASTLE, N.S.W., DISTRICT CONFERENCE

TWENTY-FOUR members of Newcastle Sisters' District Conference came to Sydney (104 miles) on Oct. 3 and were entertained at luncheon by the State Women's Executive. There was a happy time of fellowship around the tables, when each visitor introduced herself. After a short business session presided over by the State president, the Newcastle sisters presented a very helpful programme at the monthly executive meeting with Mrs. Audley, from the Merewether church, presiding and Mrs. Davidson, B.A., of Mayfield church, giving the address.

EXCELLENCY OF CHRIST

HE is a path, if any be misled;
He is a robe, if any naked be;
If any chance to hunger, he is bread;
If any be a bondman, he is free;
If any be but weak, how strong is he!
To dead men life he is, to sick men health;
To blind men sight, and to the needy wealth;
A pleasure without loss, a treasure without stealth.

—Giles Fletcher.

Notes on Current Topics

N.S.W. Baptist Progress and Aims

RECENT N.S.W. Baptist Union meetings were very successful. The present total membership is 10,622, an increase of 65 for the year. The gain contrasts favorably with the decrease reported by many churches in these recent difficult years. Our N.S.W. Baptist brethren have been noted for their keen evangelistic spirit. The recent assembly manifested this spirit in its endorsement of a special movement for the "Quest of Souls." The assembly directed the Evangelistic and Propaganda Committee to prepare and issue suitable literature for the furtherance of this quest.

The Foundation of Sanctity

A sermon, recently reported, stated that humility was the foundation of all sanctity, and that the height of perfection reached by any person was proportionate to the depth of his humility. Every reader of the New Testament knows how earnestly our Lord enjoined a spirit of humility, without which entrance to the kingdom of heaven is declared impossible. Humility may be regarded as one of the most beautiful and rarest of Christian virtues. Pride is stated by Christ to be a defiling thing. It is well that we be "clothed with humility"; for "every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled, but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Tribute to an Archbishop

Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, is recognised throughout the world as a great religious leader. Mr. Sidney Dark pays tribute to his character and influence in a book whose very title ("The People's Archbishop") bears striking testimony. The following sentence

indicates the source of influence: "The people believe that he has in him the fear of God, but not the fear of man." It was such a quality of life which was manifested by the apostles of Christ and made their witness powerful. The secret of John Knox's power in Scotland is given in the words uttered at his grave by the Regent Morton, "Here lies one who never feared the face of man." "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom"—and of power.

What the Church Can Do

Dr. E. W. Gault, of Azamgarh, India, speaking to the Old Boys of Wesley College, Melbourne, illustrated what the church can do in fostering a spirit of brotherhood and goodwill by recalling some of his experiences in India. Europeans, he said, were in a dangerous position; yet, in spite of the distrust and hatred, Indian members of the church showed no difference in their attitude towards the Europeans. They proved that there was a brotherhood in the church that could rise above political and racial differences. This is an interesting statement of the influence which the church can and should exert. Our Master was above all of the hampering prejudices of mankind. So should every member of the church which is his body be above social and racial prejudice. If the world is to recover from its present state of dreadful disunity and war, there must be cultivated a spirit of Christian brotherhood. But, alas, even within our own borders there are constantly recurring evidences of a lack of a spirit of co-operation and goodwill—in politics, business and social life, and even religion.

A. R. Main

Our Young People

W. R. Hibburt

STATE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

New South Wales

THE aim of the scholar drive is 1000 new scholars and 100 new teachers. The present return shows 110 new scholars and 9 new teachers.

Day conventions for Bible school leaders are being held at Burwood, Oct. 23; Rockdale, Oct. 30; Chatswood, Nov. 6. The lecturers will be Miss G. Bills, Mr. D. Wakeley, Mr. D. Verco and Mr. F. C. Hunting.

The department purposes publishing the lectures given in the recent Youth to Youth Evangelism series, and also Mr. Greenhalgh's splendid little book, "C.E. in Action."

The Youth to Youth Evangelism lectures, being conducted at Newcastle, have had four splendid meetings of approximately 80 each evening.

South Australia

Co-ordination of all youth work in a Young People's Department was unanimously decided on at the recent annual conference. Splendid recognition of youth work was expressed.

The Adelaide Town Hall was crowded out on the occasion of the conference Bible school demonstration, when a splendid programme was presented by Maylands school, Glenelg Y.P. choir and the combined kinder item. There were 1400 present.

The annual offering from our Bible schools for the Children's Hospital Cot, Minda, and Protestant Children's Homes will this year be taken on Nov. 7.

Queensland

The organising secretary will have much more time to give to youth interests in 1944 as he has been released from week-end duties at Annerley. Metropolitan Talent Contest is being held in Brisbane on Oct. 19. Contestants from our Brisbane churches. State-wide increase campaign is arousing keen interest. It closes Oct. 31. Christmas camp is to be held at seaside near Maryborough.

Victoria

The annual Bible school prize-giving demonstration was a great success to those interested in religious education. The chairman of the department, Mr. B. F. Huntsman, presided, and the conference president, Mr. R. H. L. Sparks, presented the prizes.

Thirty-four qualified for prize awards, 59 honors, 260 merits, 531 passes. The secretary presented a summary of the examination on the screen, and Mr. G. J. Andrews gave a delightful pictorial message.

VICTORIAN FORWARD THRUST IN BIBLE SCHOOL WORK

AIM: 100 New Teachers—Achieved.
AIM: 1000 New Scholars—800 to date.
Rally date extended to Oct. 31 to achieve aim.

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman.

SEALED ORDERS

BEFORE me lies an unknown sea,
The port I left behind;
Strong waves are foaming at the prow,
The sail bends to the wind.

What is my quest? Why fare I forth?
Not mine it is to say;
He whom I serve has given command—
I have but to obey.

So to the over-guiding Will
My own I gladly yield;
And while my little craft outstands
I sail with orders sealed.

I may not read them if I would—
I would not if I might;
Nor hold the duty less, but more,
Whose chart is faith, not sight.

Some time—I know not when or how—
All things will be revealed;
And until then content am I
To sail with orders sealed.

LOVE FOR THE LIVING

HENRY WARD BEECHER once said:—
"If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away full of fragrant perfume of sympathy and affection which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my troubled hours and open them that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower and a funeral without a eulogy than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy."

BENEFITED

Visitor.—"How do, doctor! I've just dropped in to tell you how greatly I've benefited by your treatment." Doctor.—"But—er—I don't remember you as a patient of mine." Visitor.—"I'm not, but my uncle was, and I'm his heir."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—"DESIRING TO GAIN FAVOR"

- Oct. 25—John 8: 21-30.
" 26—Gal. 1: 1-10.
" 27—Col. 3: 18-25.
" 28—1 Thess. 4: 1-8.
" 29—2 Tim. 2: 1-13.
" 30—Acts 25: 1-12.
" 31—Proverbs 3: 19-35; Acts 25: 13-27.

FIRST of Felix and then of Festus, this expression is used to define an ungodly aim, viz., to gain favor of one's fellow-men. Both were influenced by a desire for popularity rather than to act rightly; a motive, it is feared, all too common in our day, as then. And who is there who can honestly claim that on no occasion has he been more influenced by the wish to gain the favor of his fellow-men rather than to do or say what is right, irrespective of consequent applause or frowns? Now, from him who knoweth the secrets of all hearts, this wretched tendency to curry the favor of men instead of desiring primarily the approval of God cannot be hidden. It is well to note that Felix failed both in the attempt to obtain Paul's money or the approval of the people.

Secularism in Education in N.Z.

Our New Zealand correspondent, G. R. Stirling, writes of moves to improve religious instruction in schools, of new methods of evangelism and of election results.

THE situation in this matter has improved considerably in the last few weeks. A deputation from the National Council of Churches has met in round table conference with representatives of the teachers, who have been the greatest upholders of secularism in education. Proposals for a voluntary system wherein both ministers and teachers could cooperate in an extensive scheme based on an agreed syllabus were placed before the teachers. They were assured that in no case would their liberty of conscience be violated, that the whole system would be voluntary, that State funds would not be used, and that a department of religious education would be set up to ensure a thorough working of the scheme along sound educational lines. The proposals have been well received, and are being passed on to the branches of the teachers' organisation. It is likely that in the new year these proposals will be discussed at a special conference of all interested groups, the conference to be convened by the Minister of Education.

It is understood that the Roman Catholics will not oppose such a scheme as that proposed, as it allows for the withdrawal of children whose parents object and because it does not depend on State funds.

A Novel and Successful Campaign

That the old gospel needs to be presented in new ways adapted to the interests of our times has been demonstrated by Cyril G. Flood at Moorhouse-ave., Christchurch. He has been conducting for several weeks a "You be the Jury Campaign." Sunday night after Sunday night he has been marshalling evidence for and against Christianity from every realm of modern life. His witnesses on both sides have been drawn from the fields of education, business, politics, the home, the church and the street. Even our fears, habits and inhibitions have been brought into the witness box. The congregations on these nights have been the jury. The onus of decision has rested on them. Attendances have been large through-

out the campaign, many new and valuable contacts have been made and there have been a number of decisions.

National Christian Youth Week

All churches taking part in the National Campaign for Christian Order have been observing the last week of September as youth week. The badge of witness has been widely worn by young Christians everywhere. United rallies have been a feature of all towns, and thousands of young people from different churches have been enjoying inter-church fellowship on a scale never known before in the history of the Dominion. A special study book prepared by our own youth department was adopted by the campaign youth committee, and 10,000 of them have been issued to young Christians in all churches. The title of the study is "Christian Order and You." It contains three sections—1. "Chaos and Its Causes"; 2. "God's Way to Order"; 3. "What I Can Do."

New Zealand at the Polls

Once again a general election has taken place. The Labor Government has been returned to power in spite of a "split vote" caused through the existence of the new Democratic Labor Party, which incidentally failed to have any candidates elected. Labor's majority is much smaller than before, but the "soldier vote" was predominantly Labor. Probably the most significant part of the whole election was the constantly repeated assertion of candidates of all political creeds that they would endeavor to abide by the principle of a Christian basis for New Zealand's life.

At the poll on the liquor question that takes place at the same time as the general election, 43 per cent. of voters opposed unrestricted continuance. Of these over two-thirds voted for prohibition and the rest for State purchase and control.

E. P. Aderman, one of our chaplains, has been elected as National candidate for New Plymouth.

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 cross-firing. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.)

SOLDIERS' APPRECIATION

I DESIRE to express appreciation of the Christian fellowship and hospitality extended me and a friend during a recent nine-months' stay in Queensland. There we contacted several churches in Brisbane, Rockhampton, Townsville and Charters Towers. My friend made the good confession and was baptised at Albion church of Christ earlier in the year, and has been impressed by the fellowship we have shared. May I urge upon all in the brotherhood to seek out brethren who are sent to strange places, as many are in these times of shift and travel. It is a great experience, and gives a broader view of the Christian church and what we stand for. There are many places in Queensland where we are not established. For instance, Cairns, with a population of about 13,000, is yet without a church of our brotherhood. May we as south-

erners plead for your prayers for our work in the north, where our cause is not as advanced as in Victoria.—Roy T. Roberts, Burnley, Vic.

LORD'S SUPPER AND BROADCAST SERVICES

I WOULD be pleased to know if it is a fact that the Lord's Supper has been deleted from some of the services which have been broadcast over the radio. I am aware of the fact that, at our evening services, it is the usual practice to observe the Lord's Supper after the close of the gospel service for the benefit of those who were unable to attend the morning service. The teaching of Acts 20: 7 leaves no doubt as to the correct order of service. I have not heard any church service to prove the above assertion. However, if such is the case, I feel sorry because it is a departure from the pattern of the New Testament teaching we are proud to uphold. I shall be pleased to learn from those who know if the information, which came from people who are interested in the church of Christ, is correct.—E. C. Houston, Timboon, Victoria.

AMERICAN PREACHER'S TESTIMONY

MRS. ALLEN and I were regretful to hear of the passing of our good friend Robert Lyall, although at his age it could not be entirely unexpected. We were interested in the

notices and eulogies that came in the "Christians." May I be permitted to add to what has already been said or written concerning him? I wish to testify that he made a great impression on our brotherhood in the United States when he visited the International Convention of Disciples at Columbus, Ohio. When I think back over the years 1911 to 1914, the time of our ministry at Swanston-st., great and precious memories crowd in upon me, memories that "bless and burn." I think of it all now, and realise that they were very patient with me. That was a great board of directors we had during those years. I don't need to mention them all, but if this should reach the eyes and attention of the members who remain they will recall that "there were giants in those days." And that choir! An occupant of the pulpit that could not preach with fire on Sunday nights after that fine, reverential, artistic music—well, he had just missed his calling. And Oh, how graciously Robert Lyall led the morning hymns! No man in all my more than forty years of ministry had a better memory of great hymns than he. And if—as I doubt not—he has joined the "choir invisible," what an addition he is making to the harmony! To all members of the Lyall family we send our love. To the dear old Swanston-st. church of Christ (whose picture I carry each day in my letter fold) we say, "God bless you; may you continue for years to come a fruitful ministry as a true down town church of Christ."—W. H. Allen, California, U.S.A.

THE MUTUAL MINISTRY

YOUR article, "Priesthood of Believers" in the "Australian Christian" of Sept. 29 was much appreciated. Are we not in danger, in the churches of Christ to-day, of losing sight of the very definite advantages that are gained in the true practice of mutual ministry? Full-time preachers should be encouraged to specialise in one sphere of the church's ministry. The morning service of our corporate worship should be a time when they, too, are ministered unto. They ought not to usurp the authority, responsibilities and privileges of other brethren who, although not engaged in full-time service, are nevertheless "called" by the Head of the church to exhort, comfort and strengthen their brethren. Churches of Christ do not believe in a "one-man ministry," and should do nothing to suggest that they have departed from what seems to be clear New Testament teaching on this subject, and have chosen instead to follow in sectarian footsteps. The church is always at war against sin and unrighteousness. Let therefore the manpower of our congregations be fully and consecratedly used; every man according to the gifts God has graciously bestowed upon him.—T. A. Fergusson, Brisbane, Queensland.

DEFEAT OF MR. MAURICE BLACKBURN

THE defeat of Mr. Maurice Blackburn as representative for Bourke in the House of Representatives is a severe blow to temperance reform. Mr. Blackburn has stood solidly for this great cause and has repeatedly voted against his own party. Unfortunately, it would appear, Mr. Blackburn was defeated by second preference U.A.P. votes, which electors were advised by that body to give to the official labor candidate in preference to Mr. Blackburn. The reason for such advice may, or may not have been, political; we are not in a position to say, but church people who followed such advice will now have the contemplation that they have greatly retarded temperance reform by aiding in the defeat of one of its champions. With every hope that such temperance stalwarts as Mr. Blackburn will be enabled in the future to enter our parliaments.—Robertson McCue, Victorian Local Option Alliance.

Here and There

Registrations for C.E. convention beginning Oct. 29, at Wesley Church, Melbourne, are due. It is requested names be sent to C.E. office, 288 Collins-st., Melbourne.

The following telegram reached us Monday, Oct. 18:—"Tremendous interest developing in Hinrichsen-Morris mission, Dandenong, Vic.; marquee crowded out Sunday night; five decisions, 20 to date.—Marshall."

J. Warren Cosh, who has been a member of the Federal Foreign Mission Board since 1915, has resigned from the committee because of failing health. Brethren throughout Australia appreciate the faithfulness of men like Mr. Cosh who serve so well on important committees.

A young man at Forestville, S.A., confessed Christ at gospel meeting on Oct. 10. A "victorious life" campaign began on Sept. 26. Special topics connected with this theme are the subjects of addresses on Lord's day evenings, when the claims of the gospel are presented by Mr. Hammer in a powerful and convincing manner. Attendances have improved, particularly at evening meetings.

Visit of R. M. Wilson, of Mayfield, to Taree, N.S.W., and his messages on Sept. 26 were appreciated. The 18th anniversary of Sisters' Missionary Aid was celebrated on Sept. 30. Offering amounted to £10/3/-. Church gained spiritual profit by the visit of A. W. Ladbrook, M.A., Dip.Ed.; his addresses on Oct. 3 were enjoyed. Geo. E. Burns, of Mosman, brought helpful messages on Oct. 10.

Victorian conference president, R. H. L. Sparks, requests all churches in State to support the Lord Mayor's Appeal on behalf of hospitals. We endorse this appeal, and trust members throughout Victoria will make a special effort to provide the financial help hospitals need. If each person gave up some little luxury a large sum could be raised. Let each make a thankoffering for good health.

Dr. C. M. Gordon, former preacher of Victorian churches and lecturer at College of Bible, has received word that his son Ensign R. C. Gordon, U.S.N.R., was among 157 crewmembers of lost cruiser "Helena," to be rescued from an unidentified island. Dr. Gordon is preacher of First Church, Norfolk, Va., U.S.A. Mrs. Gordon is a daughter of the late W. C. Craigie, and formerly of Lygon-st. church, Vic.

W. Gale writes: "T. V. Weir, from N.S.W., will shortly take up work in South-west seaside circuit. Pending his coming local brethren, with the help of a student from college, will endeavor to maintain services at the four centres. Arthur B. Withers has been released by church at West Preston, Vic., to visit Swan Hill and conduct district conference and Bible school anniversary at Woorinen, Vic. Home mission costs are rising with recent increases in salaries and removals of preachers. H.M. Committee is looking forward to Dec. 5 for adequate annual offerings for its big task."

On Oct. 10, Adelaide (Grote-st.) church held 97th anniversary services. A. Anderson, conference president, presided at Lord's table. During the day nine were received into fellowship. K. A. Macnaughtan, who had just concluded the mission, remained as guest speaker. He addressed the church, and after a chart address at night three persons confessed Christ. There were about 250 present. On Wednesday a tea meeting was held, when a little over 100 sat to tea and a happy time of fellowship was held. Half-yearly business meeting of the church followed, when encouraging reports from church auxiliaries were received. E. Barnes, L. B. James and J. Manalack were re-elected deacons, and Will Blakeby was added to diaconate.

Saturday, Oct. 9, was Temple Day at Unley, S.A. Officers were in attendance, and members called with their offerings, all details being carried out in an impressive and dignified manner. At each hour a short prayer service was held. Amount given to date is over £240, to be used towards reduction of debt on manse. Mission meetings ended on Oct. 10, G. T. Fitzgerald speaking to splendid meetings. At close of night service a social hour was held in kindergarten room, where opportunity was taken to express thanks to leaders. The mission was of great benefit spiritually to the church and many non-members.

At Surrey Hills, Vic., S.S. anniversary was continued on Oct. 16, afternoon and evening, in form of extensive exhibition of expression work by scholars and staff, displaying results of year's vocal, visual and practical education; also variety of competitive items by scholars, which entertained large and appreciative audiences. This was officially opened by W. R. Hibburt and attended by representatives from many suburbs and Sunday schools. R. L. Williams judged readings and "quiz," and G. L. Murray the solos. Services were continued on Oct. 17, when C. Cole and G. J. Andrews were speakers, the latter conducting teachers' consecration service and delivering appropriate poster sermon at night.

In its contributory scheme of finance the church at Dawson-st., Ballarat, Vic., has given as follows over the past three years:—Sept. 1940, to Aug., 1941: F.M., £102/13/11; H.M., £51/6/11; College, £12/16/8; Youth, £12/16/8; Property Trust, £2/11/4. Sept., 1941, to Aug., 1942: F.M., £115/17/4; H.M., £57/18/8; College, £14/9/8; Youth, £14/9/8; Property Trust, £2/17/11. Sept., 1942, to Aug., 1943: F.M.,

£122/7/6; H.M., £61/3/9; College, £15/5/11; Youth £15/5/11; Property Trust, £3/1/2. Added to these amounts is the local building debt reduction:—1940-41: £74/9/1; 1941-2, £84; 1942-3, £88/14/5, making total receipts £256/14/10; £289/13/4 and £305/18/9 respectively. It is hoped this year to attain the aim of 120 contributors and £6 per week.

In night service at Maryborough, Vic., on Oct. 3, Ern. Branton, A.I.F., home on leave, decided for Christ. College offering passed aim set. Bible school anniversary was a great success. R. L. Williams was special speaker. There were largest attendances in years; 143 broke bread. In afternoon there were 40 more scholars than at same service last year. School secretary, Fred. Davies, home on leave, took part. After church girls' choir gave a service over radio station, Mr. Williams speaking. Mr. Hollard conducts session over 3CV at 9.30 each morning of the week. Miss Vi Jones and Mr. Jack Wheeler were married recently. On Oct. 7 forty-five young people gathered as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hollard, and formed a youth fellowship. Mr. Sugars is home on leave from A.I.F.

ADDRESSES

R. O. Darby (secretary Richmond-Collingwood conference, Vic.)—26 Henry-st., Abbotsford, N.9.

C. P. Hughes (preacher Hobart church, Tas.)—118 York-st., Sandy Bay, Hobart.

H. P. Manning (preacher Nailsworth church, S.A.)—23 Main North East-rd., Rosebery, Wolkerville.

J. Methven (preacher Drumcondra church, Vic.)—7 Wattle Tree-rd., Drumcondra.

H. E. Paddick (preacher Broken Hill church, N.S.W.)—325 William-st., Broken Hill.

From Week to Week

THERE has been a good response to the request of the Victorian Advisory Board, asking churches to increase salaries of preachers in view of the rise in cost of living. It seems that some official boards have been giving attention to this problem during the past year, and have arranged to increase the preachers' salaries now and intend to review the situation in a year's time. Some churches have not given the attention the situation demands. I trust that all interested and concerned will take this matter up, and do all in their power to help our preachers. I hope that other States will be considering the needs of those who labor on behalf of the church. There is reason to believe that some of our brethren are finding it difficult to pay their way. Now that so many are enjoying higher incomes the contributions to the church ought to be increased. If all members would do that, then the church finances would be sound enough to meet the needs of the hour.

IT is not often we insert a letter in the paper that expresses appreciation. From time to time readers are kind enough to write and express words that are full of encouragement. It is not always possible to find time to reply to those who take the trouble to write. I should like to thank them for their kindness. The letter in last issue under the title "A Word From the Navy" tells of the help the paper can be to those who are away serving their country. It is evident that friends and relatives are sending on their copies of "The Australian Christian" to young people on active service. Other letters reaching me also tell how messages in the "Australian Christian" have helped men in the Forces. Those who

are reporting and writing for the paper are assisting in an important ministry.

THERE was a controversy in one of the papers I read on the relationship of religion to ethics. The opponents of Christianity have been making their attack upon the teachings of the church. It is difficult to determine how far we should go to reply to false claims of men. Alexander Campbell took up the attitude, on occasions, that it was better not to attack views that were contrary to the truth. By making an attack, attention is drawn to the false teaching and much publicity is given to something that might pass unnoticed. It is better to press on with the announcement of the truth and not be side-tracked. If it is false, it will perish in time. The truth, however, will never be overcome by false arguments. It will proceed on to ultimate victory.

I was reading to-day, in a book written by Prof. A. N. Whitehead, that Plato taught great ethical truths, but it was left to Christ to express great truths in a noble life. Christ is superior, not that he taught higher moral truths than others, but that he applied to life the highest truths, and revealed daily ethical principles in deeds. The power revealed through his life was due to his association with the Father. He and the Father are one. Therefore, the most perfect religious fellowship created the most perfect life. The life of Christ is the best argument in favor of relating ethics to religion. If we show in our life that pure and undefiled religion is revealed in acts of self-sacrifice, there is no need for us to argue in words. Let us reply to the rationalist, not in words, but in good deeds.

News of the Churches

New South Wales

Chatswood.—The church records with thankfulness the 64 years of Christian service by Mrs. Butler; the 80th birthday of J. Tingate; and the 25th year of J. Y. Middleton as church treasurer.

Lismore.—Endeavorers have held two social evenings, at homes of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett and Mrs. Hancock. They have also written 56 letters for month to those on active service. Ladies' Guild had two coin afternoons at homes of Mrs. Podmore and Mrs. Hancock. Anniversary thankoffering amounted to £71. Bible school has joined in increase campaign. Visitors have been welcomed.



SIGNS OF PROGRESS

EIGHT NEW SCHOLARS: FOUR CHURCH ADDITIONS

KINGSFORD.—Meetings have been good for past month, over 80 breaking bread. Bible school anniversary on Sept. 26 and 28 was a great success. John Alexander made the good confession. Singing of children on Sunday, under leadership of Allen Kwong, was splendid, and the school gave some good items to a crowded building on 28th. Offering for school amounted to £11/1/-. Eight new scholars were added for September, and 100 attendance was reached. There were three confessions on Oct. 10 and one baptism. Mr. Cunningham was speaker, Mrs. Bagley soloist.

North Sydney.—To mark the beginning of I. A. Paternoster's seventh year of service, emphasis was given to gospel services during September. Attendances improved and addresses and vocal items were appreciated. The concluding service was a question night, followed by a public meeting on Sept. 29, when a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Paternoster, and D. Wakeley gave a splendid message. Bible school has now changed to a morning session with beneficial results.

Canterbury-Earwood.—On Oct. 3 the conference president, P. E. Thomas, exhorted the church, and E. Davis, from Auburn, preached the gospel. There were good attendances. Y.P.S.C.E. is very enthusiastic in planning for "talent" effort. Another senior scholar has been welcomed as a kindergarten helper, making the seventh this year. On Oct. 10 attendances were very good. A. W. Ladbrook gave a stirring gospel message, and Mr. Yelds (Bexley) exhorted in morning. Y.P.S.C.E. on Oct. 11 had 36 present. Our dear mum and dad re-united. —Inserted by their loving family (Sth. Yarra).

YOU ARE INVITED TO SPECIAL MEETINGS AT FAIRFIELD.

- Oct. 24, 7 p.m., Mr. A. G. McCullough,
"The Grand Invitation."
Oct. 27, 8 p.m., Mr. F. E. Buckingham,
"The Value of a Soul."
Oct. 31, 7 p.m., Mr. A. L. Gibson,
"Jesus or Barabbas—The Challenge of the Times."

Queenland

Gympie-Monkland.—Both College of Bible offering and Children's Day boxes resulted in larger contributions than for some time. On Oct. 10, Gympie school welcomed a new scholar, with record attendance for year. At night the children presented selections from Children's Day exercise. Gympie Y.P.S.C.E.

held annual business meeting on Oct. 8. Excellent reports were received and plans completed for sending Christmas gifts to 150 men in Forces.

Maryborough.—On Oct. 10 the Sunday school held anniversary services. Mr. Hughes, of Methodist church, spoke to the scholars in afternoon. The young people rendered items in gospel service. Visitors were welcomed. Church quarterly meeting was held on Oct. 6. Reports showed all auxiliaries in a fairly healthy condition.

Boonah.—J. Christensen (Rosevale church) is faithfully and enthusiastically carrying out a week-end ministry with the church. Addresses are uplifting. Interest is maintained. Bright gospel services are conducted. A C.E. social evening was held on Oct. 7; proceeds over £4. A number of members attended half-yearly conference at East Ipswich church. Miss Nada Green and Mr. Reiser were married on Sept. 25. P. C. D. Alcorn (conference president) officiating. Church extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. H. Neibling in the loss of their infant son through an accident. Monthly intercessory service was held in chapel on Oct. 5. Sunday school has entered drive for new scholars and one new teacher.

Roma.—On Oct. 2 the Endeavorers met in home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Neil for a fellowship tea and to meet Mr. Matzkow, president of North-western Downs C.E. Union. A public meeting was then held in chapel. Mr. Matzkow spoke at morning service on the Sunday. Officers of the church met at the manse on evening of Oct. 9, and had tea with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Williams, who had come to Roma to conduct anniversary services. Mr. Williams conducted all services on Oct. 10, afternoon session being a combination of Bible school anniversary and Children's Day service with special missionary items, the teachers and scholars giving the programme as on the Children's Day exercise. Although incomplete, the total collection amounts to £5/17/5, the greatest amount for some years.

Bundaberg.—Bible school and kindergarten are practising for anniversary. Women's Guild had a garden party on Oct. 2, £26 being raised. After several months' serious illness Mrs. Vic. Cedergreen was able to attend morning service on Oct. 10. Mrs. Cedergreen, sen., and family have been bereft of husband and father, and the church's sympathy has been extended to them. Enid Voss was one of the victims of Moorooka tram smash, and has not yet recovered. Pte. Edgar Cogan, home on leave, made the good confession and was baptised on Sept. 30. Dvr. Walter Pohle has been home on leave. The marriage of Grace Deoberitz to Walter Pohle was solemnised on Sept. 25 by A. B. Clark. A presentation was made to Grace by senior Girls' Club and Bible school of which she is secretary. Cpl. Cliff Lassig has been seriously wounded in action in New Guinea.

South Australia

Whyalla.—Oct. 9 a successful Bible school picnic was held, many parents being present. On 10th V. Kerwood spoke in morning, and G. Cox to a record attendance at gospel service. Mrs. J. Cooper, from Grote-st., was received into fellowship. Interest of non-members is increasing since opening of chapel.

Prospect.—Services on Oct. 10 were conducted by C. Schwab, who gave inspiring messages. Fellowship was enjoyed with visitors and A. Burns (R.A.A.F.) on leave. Gavin Lawrie and Basil Shields have been called up. G. Burns and V. Conigrave have returned to duty. News from boys on service states all are well. Work

in all auxiliaries is in good spirit. Mrs. Dunn is still sick. Midweek prayer meetings are well attended.

Brooklyn Park.—Church anniversary was celebrated recently. Almost £30 was received for building fund. Bible school held a concert for piano fund which returned over £4. Messrs. Schillar and Hemer and Sisters Pillar and Slee have been ill, and sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ware, whose father has met with a serious accident at Alice Springs. Preparations are in hand for S.S. anniversary. Ladies' Guild and W.C.T.U. are in good heart.

Nailsworth.—Work progresses satisfactorily. Auxiliaries are functioning well. Mr. Manning's messages have been well received, and attendances have been excellent, particularly morning meetings. The church was saddened by the sudden passing of T. Pettman on Oct. 8. He was a deacon and a most active member over a period of years. Sympathy is felt for the family. A kitchen evening was tendered to Miss A. Charlick on the eve of her marriage to Lieut. T. Fletcher, which took place in the chapel on Oct. 9.

Balaklava.—Gospel service is now held at 7 instead of 3.15 p.m. On Sept. 26 Mr. Hutson baptised three young women at close of a largely attended gospel service at which Miss Shankleton, superintendent of A.I.M., spoke of her work. Mr. Hutson also spoke, and took the confession. Conference president, A. Anderson, visited for church anniversary. Splendid meetings were held on Sunday. Anniversary tea and public meeting on Monday had large attendances; W. Thomson, of Long Plains, brought a greeting. Sunshine Basket Ball Club (church club) won B grade cup on Oct. 2.



SIX CONFESSIONS

APPEAL AT MORNING SERVICE

LONG PLAINS.—Church held anniversary on Oct. 9 and 10. On 9th there was a tea meeting, followed by a concert given by Glenelg church young people's choir, 25 of whom came for week-end. On Sunday morning the preacher, Wilkie Thomson, made an appeal and two young women and a boy from Glenelg and a married man and two young women from Long Plains made the good confession. Sunday afternoon and evening, meetings were conducted in Memorial Hall. The choir delighted with singing. Audiences were large and appreciative. A. N. Haddrich conducted. On Monday a picnic was held.

Murray Bridge.—Preacher's "conference echoes" were appreciated by church. A new member each has been added to Y.P.S.C.E. and I.C.E.S. Good Sept. 19 circuit services were conducted in Burdett hall by Jas. Gibson and Dudley Harper. In the chapel the wedding of Spr. S. W. Rowe and Miss M. E. Francis was celebrated on Oct. 2. Improved College of the Bible annual offering was taken on Oct. 3. Midweek prayer leaders' plan is a definite improvement so far. There has been much sickness. Mrs. W. Orchard and Mrs. C. Mathew are convalescing after serious operations. The preacher's gospel service series is gathering interest. Soloist, Miss Laurel Harper.

Western Australia

Maylands.—Attendances keep up well despite much sickness. Mrs. Smetherham and Mrs. Harris have recovered. Ken Digwood is in hospital. Albert Brown, a foundation member 35 years, died on Oct. 3. Church extends sympathy to relatives. During September L. C. Peacock conducted gospel services. Soloists, Mrs. Harris, Miss Griffiths. Girls' Club under

Mrs. Digwood provided musical items on Sept. 5. On Oct. 3 Geoff Gordon commenced a series of Sunday addresses. Mrs. Jas. Gordon, sen., and Girls' Club provided musical items.

Perth.—On morning of Oct. 3 visitors included T. Street, Tas., and Mr. McLeaney, Coburg, Vic. J. K. Robinson gave a helpful message. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Dawson (Oakleigh, Vic.) was among those present. Mrs. Watson rendered a solo and Mr. Robinson preached. On morning of Oct. 10 the service was broadcast. Visitors included Mr. Bain (Darwin). J. K. Robinson gave a highly instructive talk. At 7.30 p.m. a quartette was rendered by Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Ewers, E. R. Berry and Frank Ewers, and Mr. Robinson preached. On Oct. 14 the young married women had an enjoyable afternoon of fellowship in church hall.

Harvey.—Mr. Bamford's messages are helpful. Crowded meetings prove increasing interest. A number of men and women in uniform attend. Pte. Norm Ottrey is home on leave. George Rowley has returned to civilian life through ill-health. Mrs. A. Stanford, sen., is improving after severe illness. Bible school numbers are increasing. It is hoped that in a few weeks the tennis court will be ready for play.

Tasmania

West Hobart.—Speakers over past fortnight have been A. E. Heard, H. England, L. Heazlewood and J. Park. Three new scholars have been enrolled in Bible school in past six weeks.

Victoria

Bet Bet.—Communion service on Oct. 10 had good attendance, including visitors. Several members visited Maryborough Bible school anniversary services during the day.

Parkdale.—F. J. Funston on Oct. 17 addressed morning service on behalf of Local Option Alliance. Mr. and Mrs. Tester, of Baptist church, were received into fellowship. At night a young man responded to invitation.

Preston.—Mr. Combridge, returned from holidays, spoke at both services on Oct. 17. C. J. Robinson conducted week-night prayer service. The church regrets the loss by death of Mrs. C. B. Cockroft, of Eltham, who passed away on Oct. 13. Sympathy is expressed to the relatives.

GOOD SCHOOL

NEW FURNITURE FOR PLATFORM

OAKLEIGH.—On Oct. 10 Mr. Neighbour exchanged with Mr. Burns, of Bayswater, for morning service. Bible school attendance was 150. On Oct. 16 a temple day was held, £83 being received. New furniture has improved appearance of platform.

Mildura.—Broadcast service was held on Sept. 26. The church has had fellowship with visitors. Jack Rogers, of the Bible school, was baptised at evening service on Oct. 10, following his good confession. The raising of £300, which has made the church free from debt, has given great joy.

Boort.—The work is well maintained. Thanks are extended to Mr. Streader and Mr. Lanyon for help in preaching. A.C.I. Edwin Dyer and Sgt. Jones have attended services. Bible school reports increased attendance. Morning service is now held at 12 a.m., Bible school at 3 p.m., and evening service at 7.30.

Malvern-Caulfield.—Morning meeting attendance on Oct. 17 was good. Mr. Thomson addressed the church. At night F. E. Buckingham preached. The church decided to hold

a song service on the lawn during summer months, the first being held at 6.30 p.m. very successfully. The choir rendered a special anthem under leadership of Mr. Bessant. Mrs. Buckingham met with an accident, but is now well on the way to recovery.

Reservoir.—Monthly meeting of Ladies' Guild was held on Oct. 14, and at night the Bible school social evening and distribution of prizes. G. Hing has been appointed superintendent of Bible school. W. Atkin gave the address at morning worship on 17th, and the church was pleased to have Mrs. Grainger back after illness.

Horsham.—On Oct. 3, at gospel service, a youth confessed Christ, and was baptised the same hour with another youth who had previously made his decision. Tennis Club held annual meeting on Oct. 12. Another social has been held in aid of soldiers' parcel fund. On Oct. 17, owing to absence of C. W. Jackel at Stawell, G. Miller addressed the church in morning and F. J. Sherriff preached at night.

Carlton (Lygon-st.)—Bible school anniversary services were continued at night on Oct. 17, when scholars rendered excellent singing under baton of Nat Haddow. At close of an interesting talk to scholars by R. P. Morris, a girl of the school made the good confession. T. H. Scambler addressed morning meeting and Mrs. Nance-Kivell gave a talk to Bible class and was enjoyed. Sympathy of church is extended to Miss Cockroft in the loss of a loved one.

Mont Albert.—Attendances have increased in church and Bible school meetings, and work is encouraging. Mr. Telfer, with help of Boys' Club, is assisting with fund for a piano. Boys' Club celebrated first anniversary on Oct. 2 in the form of a gymnasium display. Miss M. Smith is leading girls in a "Good Companion Club." Three Bible school workers have passed examinations in connection with training classes. Bible school is preparing for anniversary.

Bayswater.—On Oct. 10 Sunday school anniversary was held. Bright singing was rendered by children under leadership of T. Legg, with Mrs. Hansen organist. On Oct. 13 a social evening was held, with presentation of school prizes and certificates. Best wishes of church are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Finger on celebration of ruby wedding anniversary, and to Miss M. Yelland, married recently. J.C.E. anniversary was held on Oct. 2, a bright afternoon and evening being enjoyed.

Collingwood.—During absence of T. Fitzgerald, who is conducting special services at East Kew, splendid addresses have been given by C. Candy. On Oct. 2 Mr. Voss, of North Richmond, presided. On Oct. 9, at gospel service, a solo was rendered by Miss Harrison, of Collingwood Baptist church. Cricket team has entered this year in Northcote-Preston churches association. R. Scott and R. Crisp were elected delegates to represent Collingwood at Richmond-Collingwood conference.

Gardiner.—S.S. anniversary services were concluded on Oct. 7 with excellent concert by scholars. Two items were composed by teachers of school. T. Hagger was speaker at both services on Oct. 10 and 17. Sympathy has been expressed to Mrs. Woolley (Elsie Cooper) in the loss of her mother. 47 young people from Gardiner and Carnegie churches were present at an evening at home of Mrs. Alan Thomas on Oct. 16. Mr. Charlton (Crown Prosecutor) was special speaker. Church tennis team has won premiership for this season.

North Richmond.—Messrs. Hall, Brodie, Addicott, Alderson, J. and H. Graham have been re-elected as deacons for two years. S. Chipperfield, secretary, and C. Hall, choir-master, were appointed recently. Officers from South Richmond, Burnley and Collingwood met and formed a district conference with Messrs. Mellhagger and Darby president and secretary

respectively. Miss Jean Addicott has received word from her fiance, who has been missing for 19 months in Malaya, and Sally Callander, a kindergarten scholar, has received a card from her father, also in Malaya. Youth work progresses—32 new scholars in increase campaign in Bible school. College offering, £7/10/-. North Richmond is now 53 years old.

Merbein.—The church has recently enjoyed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brooke, late of Broken Hill, and others. Inspirational messages were given by Mr. Brooke on morning and afternoon of Sept. 19. Mr. Chislett was welcomed back after long illness. On Sept. 26 J. E. Waters gave a fine address in support of college offering. Mr. Wakefield brought an appreciated message on afternoon of Oct. 10. Mrs. J. K. Martin gave a message in song. After service a fellowship tea was much enjoyed. College offering is £6 to date.

Newmarket.—On Oct. 3 Mr. Graham addressed morning service. A young people's tea was held, and a party of young folk from East Kew conducted gospel service. Mr. Combridge gave the address. Two Bible school scholars made the good confession. Twenty-eight new scholars were gained in the campaign. On Oct. 9 the junior cricket club held a social evening at which Ascot Vale and North Essendon young people were present. On Oct. 10 Mr. Shuttleworth, of Essendon, presided, and Mr. Fisher, of the college, gave the address. Ken Barton, of the college, addressed gospel service.

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DEATHS

BURROWS.—On Oct. 8, passed peacefully away at her home, 49 Beach-rd., Hampton, Mary, the devoted wife and helpmate of W. Burrows for 47 years.

When the secrets of life are revealed,
And the last divide I have crossed,
I know I shall meet her again,
The dear one I loved and have lost.

—W.B.

COCKROFT.—On Oct. 13, at Greensborough Hospital, loved wife of Charles Cockroft, of Eltham. Loving mother of Ruth, Edna, Keith and Betty. For ever with the Lord.

SCOTT.—On Oct. 2, William, loving father and pal of May (Mrs. H. Jackel, Cockatoo), Pearl, Albert (Thornbury), Clara (Mrs. A. Nightingale, Emerald), Jack (Glenrowan), Ray (Dunolly), Gwen and Joyce (Thornbury); loving brother of Walter and Mary; interred at Dunolly Oct. 4. "In my Father's house are many mansions" (his last quotation).

STABE, Nora Monica.—On Sunday, Oct. 3, 1943, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. M. Gallwey, Lady Mary Terr., Gympie, Nora Monica (Dot), beloved wife of Joseph Albert, and mother of Moyna Stabe, of the Railway Refreshment Rooms, Rockhampton. Aged 47 years. "Until he come."

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN.—In treasured memory of my beloved husband and our devoted father, Walter Brown, whom God called to higher service on Oct. 24, 1939.

Somewhere beyond life's journey
A loving Father waits
To welcome all his loved ones
Within the golden gates.

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

BURROWS.—In loving memory of my dear wife, who fell asleep in Jesus at Surrey Hills Oct. 22, 1934.

—T. W. Burrows, Bonbeach.

LEGG.—Fond memories of my dear ones, my beloved wife, Nellie Alice, fell asleep in Christ, Oct. 22, 1941; also our dear son, Eric, Apr. 3, 1935. "Longings for vanished smiles and voices gone."

—H. Legg, Oakleigh.

LEGG.—In treasured memory of our dear mother, who died on Oct. 22, 1941.

"Mum.

No friend so sweet, so good, so true,
So ever helping, dear, as you;
There's no one else like you we know,
And that's just why we miss you so."

—Mildred and Arthur.

LONG.—In loving memory of our dear father, William Henry, died Oct. 23, 1942; also our dear mother Elizabeth, died Feb. 17, 1939 (late of Bendigo). Our dear mum and dad re-united. —Inserted by their loving family (Sth. Yarra).

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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.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7—

11 a.m., Bro. Cambridge.

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

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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.

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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—

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

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

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11 a.m., Mr. R. H. L. Sparks.

7 p.m., Dr. R. Killmier.

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NOVEMBER 7 and 9.

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7.30 p.m., gospel service. Speaker, Mr. S. Jenner. Subject, "Lord's Coming Again."

Nov. 9, tea meeting, 6 p.m. Followed by social evening, 8 p.m.

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BAPTISMS AND RESTORATIONS IN NEW HEBRIDES.

DURING the latter part of May, Abel and Isaac (two very capable leaders for the people here) came to report that they were going to Lolovangi to open a new church building and conduct services. On Monday they returned and were overjoyed with the news which they had to tell. Hundreds attended the services which were conducted on Saturday and Sunday. The first was a baptismal service at which thirty-five adults and children were immersed. Twenty of these were the remnants of heathenism in that district. Fifteen were children of Christian parents. The building was then opened, and another service held at which thirty-eight lukewarm Christian people were restored to fellowship. Apparently these had drifted during the years and desired to be restored. What inspired Abel Barney so greatly was the conversion of the remaining heathen men and women of that area—and truly it is something in which all may rejoice. But what interested me was the reason for the conversions, and so I pressed Abel for the story.

"Who is the teacher there, Abel?" I asked.

"Stephen Tangahoko, he's a qwite man."

"He's what, Abel?" I said.

"He's a qwite man," he replied.

"He's a white man, did you say?"

"No, he's a qwite man," he replied.

"Oh, you mean he's a qui-et man?"

"Yes, he's a quiet man," Abel repeated.

"Good, now where did he come from?"

And here Abel related a story—a story which would encourage any preacher or Christian toiler. "Stephen told me to-day that he went to Lolovangi twenty-three years ago, and started the school and church there. He came to school here (Nduindui) when Mr. Waters was here, and when he finished school went to teach at Lolovangi, where he still lives." "You mean, Abel," I said, "that he was here at school twenty-three years ago?" "Yes," he said. "He came here when Mr. Waters had the school here, and he has been teaching for twenty-three years." "But how did he get the heathen to believe the gospel?" I asked him. "He talked to them all the time and showed them the true way." "My word, Abel, that's good news, isn't it?" "Very good news," he replied.

Two things impressed me as I heard this story. One was that our labors for the Lord are like the ever-widening ripples on the water. We do not know where they may reach to. The other thought was that the dark man is to win the dark man for Christ. Too many white people speak about the dark man as being a failure. Perhaps he is a failure as far as our—yes, as far as our mad, war-stricken civilisation goes, but he has a mind of his own, and can use it in his own way. The danger of so branding the dark man is that in spiritual matters also he may be regarded as a failure, which is utterly false. Albert Schweitzer, in his excellent book, "On the Edge of the Primeval Forest," p. 153, writes, "First let me say that the child of nature thinks a great deal more than is generally supposed. . . . Conversations I have had in the hospitals with old natives about the ultimate things in life have deeply impressed me." There are about 200 Christians at Lolovangi, many perhaps very imperfect, but the result of the faithful work of a dark man. May God bless him during the remainder of his life of service.—H. J. Finger.

MAEWO AGAIN

H. J. FINGER also reports a further visit to Maewo and its result. Happy gatherings were held, much kindness was shown during

visits, and increasing enthusiasm. Twelve more baptisms have been reported. Thus the word of the Lord is having free course and being glorified.

LATEST LETTERS

AUGUST letters from Harold Finger and Ron Saunders tell of having busy times and happy experiences together in the work. Mr. Finger appreciates the companionship of Mr. Saunders, and the latter states that it was worth while making a break in his studies to be with Mr. Finger and also for the experience he will gain. Being a teacher, Mr. Saunders is a very valuable help in the Bible school, which is functioning well, and the daily devotional services are much appreciated by the Christian community. A native teacher reports the deep satisfaction of the Island people in not being left leaderless, and having some help still in their sicknesses. Both our missionaries are well, and send their greetings to the brotherhood and crave our prayers.

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Obituary

Mrs. J. Bailey

THE church at Ma Ma Creek, Qld., has lost a saintly member in the home-call of Mrs. J. Bailey, who died on Sept. 20, after a long illness. Our sister was first converted under the preaching of Stephen Cheek, by whom she was baptised at Rosewood, Qld., when she was about 12 years of age. For 14 years this church has enjoyed her fellowship. She was 76 years of age when she went to be "present with the Lord." All who knew her testify to the sweetness, sincerity and godliness of her life. The church sympathises with her husband, children, and relatives in their bereavement, and we commend them to the heavenly Father who has been pleased to call such a faithful witness to himself.—E.B.

Edward Gracie

THE church at Fremantle, W.A., has sustained a great loss through the passing of Edward Gracie, who fell asleep at his home, 26 Fortescue-st., East Fremantle, on Sept. 14, in his 73rd year. Deceased was born of an old Collingwood family in 1871, and at 14 years of age was baptised by the late C. L. Thurgood at Lygon-st. chapel, Carlton, Vic. He came to Fremantle with his wife and one daughter, Muriel, both of whom predeceased him. In 1929 he married Miss Irene Vanstan, who with two young daughters, Roma and Stella, mourns his departure. His son Albert, of the first marriage, is at sea with the R.A.N. Mr. Gracie became an officer of Fremantle church in 1906, and with the exception of a short term in Melbourne, held office for 37 years, during 25 of which he was a faithful treasurer. Of a quiet and reserved nature, he never came into public view very much, but the evidence of his handiwork is everywhere to be seen around the chapel property. Broken windows, creaky doors, cupboard locks out of place, were the things our brother always noticed and replaced. He loved to preserve the house of the Lord. He made possible, by his generosity, the beautiful front porch with its ample retiring rooms, as well as many other greatly appreciated gifts. Roy Raymond assisted the writer in the obsequies at the home and later at Fremantle Cemetery where his remains were laid to rest. On Sept. 26 a large gathering took part in a service of remembrance at the chapel led by the writer. To the widow, the girls, and Albert, and all the sorrowing loved ones we extend sincere condolences and commend them to the comfort of the eternal Father, in whose home we shall meet again.—C.H.H.

Miss G. Grenfell

ON Sept. 11, in Lister Hospital, Gympie, Qld., Miss Grace Grenfell fell asleep in Jesus after a short illness, although for some time previously she had been suffering. Born in Cornwall, England, 72 years ago, she came to Australia when six years of age, going with her parents first to Adelong, N.S.W., and over 40 years ago moving to Gympie, where the whole family was engaged in mining. She was the only one of the family who united with the church here, but for many years she was a quiet, consistent member, her kindly, gracious disposition endearing her to all. Having four brothers and two sisters, she was the last of the family, her parents pre-deceasing her many years ago. A large group of friends gathered in the funeral parlor and at the graveside, where E. Trudgian conducted the services. The church will miss her, but will anticipate a precious reunion with all the redeemed throughout eternity.—A.J.F.

Nora Monica Stabe

AT the residence of her sister, Mrs. M. Gallwey, Gympie, Qld., one who was well known to many church friends passing through the railway system of Queensland was called to her eter-

nal reward. For the past nineteen years Mrs. Stabe has assisted Mr. Stabe in the management of mostly all the principal refreshment rooms in Queensland. After a painful illness of a little over eighteen months, Mrs. Stabe underwent treatment in a private hospital in Rockhampton, and was later sent to Brisbane for special attention. For the last three months she was cared for by her sisters in Gympie, from whence she was called home early on Sunday morning, Oct. 3. By her cheerful disposition and her readiness to assist in all "good works," she had endeared herself to a countless number of Christian friends who will now miss her greatly. Whilst in Brisbane Mr. Campbell visited her regularly, and the writer frequently visited her during her last illness, bringing Christian comfort to her, her family and Mr. Stabe. She was laid to rest in Gympie Cemetery on Oct. 4 in the presence of a large gathering. The churches at Rockhampton and Gympie convey loving sympathy to Mr. Stabe.—A.J.F.

Mrs. A. Turner

AT the ripe age of 76, Mrs. Alice Turner was called to her reward on the morning of Sept. 27. Having recovered from a serious illness some months previously, she was wonderfully bright until her last brief sickness which necessitated her being taken to Braeside Hospital only the day before she died. Born in Lincolnshire, Eng., she came out to Australia in the s.s. "Dorandh" in 1882, and lived all the time in Gympie. Her husband, G. Turner, united with the church in the Hinrichsen-Morris mission and she joined in the H. Ball mission, and both remained steadfast all through the years, her husband passing home in 1934. She is survived by 10 daughters, 27 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Three daughters have united with the church, while others are associated with other communions. Gympie church will miss her faithful, gracious influence, and we extend our loving sympathy to all the bereaved. A largely attended service was conducted in the chapel prior to the funeral on Oct. 3.—A.J.F.

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THE church at Warracknabeal, Vic., has con-
cluded celebrations to mark 50 years of
witness. Services began in 1893 by brethren
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opened numbers grew there, and instead of
Warracknabeal Galaquil and Brim became the
centres for meetings. Later brethren re-
commenced at Warracknabeal, and meetings
have been carried on since.

At jubilee tea 100 members and visitors as-
sembled at kiosk in park. Responses to wel-
come were expressed by C. Rogers, Cr. F. A.
Watson (Shire Council), G. Fisher (Ministers'
Fraternal), F. A. Cameron, M.L.A., R. McPher-
son (Brim), H. Newell (Minyip), C. Jackel
(Horsham and N.W. District Conference), E. W.
Parkinson (Wimmera Victorious Life Con-
vention), and Sister Trew.

L. E. Snow, of Carnegie, Vic., was speaker
for series of services during two weeks, and
the church is grateful to Carnegie brethren for
his release.

At roll-call on first Sunday morning service
almost every member responded. The P.S.A.
was inspiring, the chapel being filled.

Attendances at week-night meetings were
splendid, being supported by members of
churches in town.

Mr. Snow's messages were well received. Five
young people decided for Christ and have been
baptised. A thankoffering by members,
amounting to £40, covered all expenses and
will liquidate all liability. Thanks are ex-
pressed to those who helped—organist, song-
leaders, soloists and members.

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