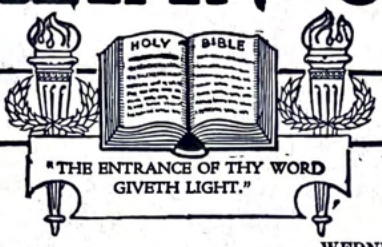


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Story of a Waterpot

ZEAL is necessary to create a revival. The dictionary defines zeal as "boiling ardor." People who have a "boiling ardor" for the gospel will gain converts. Only a step is needed to pass from the thought expressed in the word "zeal" to the chief characteristic of "yeast." This word "yeast" is derived from the same root as "zeal." The frothing and seething behaviour of "yeast" suggests the action of a boiling liquid. The chief constituent in leaven is yeast. When Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and "hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened," he revealed that enthusiasm and zeal are essential features which must be manifested by workers in his domain. The true disciple will not be able to suppress the fervor of his soul, but will boil over in efforts to tell others of the joy of salvation. He will not, if it is in his power, allow anything hinder him advancing the claims of Christ.

THE woman of Samaria carried her water-pot to Jacob's well. Not only did she find water to quench her thirst, but also a spiritual spring in her heart that bubbled into zeal she could not control. The water-pot which she intended to fill with the cool liquid of Jacob's deep well, was not allowed to become a burden preventing her reaching her friends with utmost speed to announce the good news of salvation. The woman left the water-jar at the well, hurried to Sychar, and told the townfolk of her discovery, saying, "Come, see a man which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"

EVEN before the wheel was adapted to the use of making pottery, men and women moulded clay into roughly formed vessels for their service. As the potter's art advanced civilisation developed. By examining the various types of pottery discovered in many parts of the world and at different levels in the ground, archaeologists have been able to tell us much about the rise and fall of numerous civilisations. The water-pot may well be a symbol of material civilisation. How

often men have allowed the desire for the comforts of such a material civilisation interfere with the claims of a higher life. Because spiritual ideals were not proclaimed with boiling zeal, wealthy nations lost their vision and perished. The gaudy pottery of their civilisation which they loved above the needs of the soul, now tells us the mournful tale of their lost glory. Dare we allow the pressing claims of modern life rob us of the incentive to proclaim the principles of God's kingdom? The woman left her water-pot, and attended to the needs of the gospel. Let us leave our "water-pots" and respond zealously to the spiritual vision that calls men to a better way of living. It is our task to go and preach glad tidings to men and women who are perishing with the material splendor they have built: for no civilisation can outlast, for long, the spiritual ideals that gave it birth.

Are there signs that "modern" men are losing their grasp upon God? If it is a fact, as many suggest, then we shall see material decay laying cities in ruins: then other people, with greater spiritual zeal than ours, will raise their civilisation upon the crumbling forms of our lost glory.

If we desire to maintain and improve the outward appearance of this civilised order, we must neglect it and give enthusiastic attention to the spiritual truths which lie at its foundation. If we would save our life, we must lose it: if we want to preserve our civilisation we must lose our grip upon its outward forms and direct our efforts toward those inner eternal truths that can provide the best fruits for the life of the nations.

THE Samaritan woman's zeal was born from conviction. There was no doubt in her mind that she had made a great discovery. There is something infectious about a strong conviction. That woman's conviction aroused curiosity. Men and women of Sychar wanted to learn more of what the woman was saying. Therefore, they went out of the village to see Jesus with their own eyes.

It is not enough to say we have a strong

conviction that Jesus is Saviour. We must *feel* the conviction burning in the heart. There are signs which indicate that many Christians, some, alas, preachers and some teachers, who have lost that indefinable quality in preaching that arises from strong conviction. So far as they are concerned, because of this lack of real conviction, no beneficial impact is being made upon others; no curiosity is being aroused in Christ; and no desire awakened in men to see Christ. The preaching of Christians within the homeland must arise from the strong conviction that Christ Jesus is the Saviour of the world and only as men submit to his will can they be saved.

A CONVICTIO**N** cannot be manufactured: it grows out of our experiences with the living Christ. In the brief fellowship the woman had with Jesus, she had the good fortune of quenching her thirsty soul with "living water." Christ became a part of her life. He became real to her. It was the few minutes she spent with her Lord that created the strong conviction that was revealed in the zeal of her preaching. The art of Christian preaching is not taught, it is begotten: it arises from a personal companionship with Christ. Paul revealed the secret of his power over others when he said, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth within me."

Because of the woman's experience with Christ, others were encouraged to go to him. At first they sought Jesus because of what the woman said, but soon they were rejoicing in their own happy fellowship with Christ: then they *knew* by experience that what she had said was the truth; and could say, "We have heard him ourselves, and *know* that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

LET us forget we have "water-pots" and then recapture zeal for evangelism and missionary service by strengthening our convictions through living closer to Christ; then we shall rejoice in well-attended gospel services, new advances in home missions and abundant financial support for those who serve on our behalf. Let December 5 be a day of dedication as well as sacrificial giving.

Victoria's Big Task

Home Missions Take Stock

Two Things

R. H. L. Sparks, President of Conference.

THE Victorian Home Missionary Committee appeals for an offering of £2000 on Dec. 5, and this amount should be well within the



R. H. L. Sparks

capacity of our brotherhood for evangelisation purposes.

Two things suggest themselves to me at this moment. The first is the problem arising in many of our country churches. Many of our finest young men, leaders in the churches, have joined the Services; often whole families have moved to the city to engage in essential work, and these movements from the country churches have placed an extra burden upon us all. There is an increasing drain upon the physical resources of these churches, and in order to tide them over a difficult period, it is imperative that we adopt a vigorous holding policy.

Mr. K. Macnaughtan will help where the need is greatest; but other men will be needed, too, if we are to conserve the gains of other years.

The second thing is the need for substantial reserves for a future aggressive move. Now is the time to plan and to put aside against that time. Most family incomes are greater to-day than ever, and we do well in days of plenty to set aside a little more for just such a work as home missions seek to do.

Let us all, by a greatly increased offering on Dec. 5, and consistent giving throughout the year, indicate in no uncertain way that we approve the policy of the committee, and enable our leaders to prepare for to-morrow that they may launch out into the deep and let down the nets for a draught.

Mr. Thos. Hagger will shortly take up the work at Frankston in association with home missions—another reason for increasing the aim to

£2000 on Dec. 5.

Preacher Released

— FOR SPECIAL WORK

THE unanimous approval which followed the announcement of an earlier plan to set apart a preacher for special work amongst the churches of Victoria, and particularly outside the metropolitan area, has encouraged the committee to try again.

Keen on the Work

It was learned that Mr. Keith A. Macnaughtan had often expressed himself as desirous of doing mission work. As his gifts lie in this direction, the committee enquired if he would welcome an approach and whether he were free to accept same. Receiving a reply to each of these questions in the affirmative, the committee announces that negotiations are now complete and Mr. Macnaughtan has accepted an engagement.

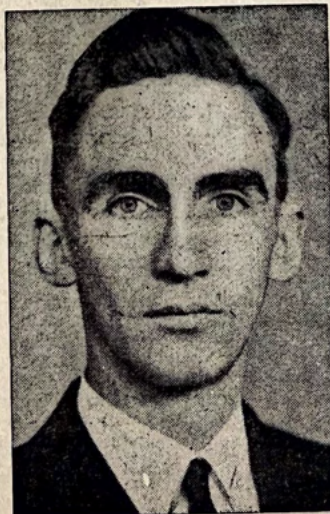
All-Inclusive Ministry

His ministry will be very wide in scope. It will include evangelism, that is, revival services; it will be a ministry of encouragement and companionship to the preachers in the more isolated parts; it will specialise in the pastoral office both as a prelude to the revival mission and as a consolidation of same; it envisages all the variety and responsibility of the scripture phrase to "do the work of an evangelist."

Peculiar to Victoria

Victoria has a more widely-spread brotherhood than any State of the Commonwealth. This has been one source of our strength. But in war days it has proven a very heavy responsibility for the Home Missionary Committee. It feels itself charged with the task of maintaining the depleted causes in the country and meeting their special needs, and at the same time to plan for a big evangelistic and extension programme immediately the war is over. Hence the special preacher and the increased appeal—viz., £2000 on Dec. 5.

Enquiries for Mr. Macnaughtan's services are coming in already. This should prove a great ministry to the churches of the country areas.



Keith A. Macnaughtan

Where and Who?

WE are often asked, "Where are the home mission churches and who are their preachers?" It is good to have these facts in mind and to remember these brethren and their preachers in our prayers.

Albury—H. I. Walmsley.
Ararat-Stawell—E. H. Randall and Student.
Chelsea—J. C. F. Pittman.
Colac—Student.
Drumcondra—J. Methven, sen.
Echuca—A. C. Thurrowgood.
Hamilton-Portland—I. J. Chivell.
Ormond—C. L. Lang.
Ringwood-Mitcham—A. H. Pratt.
Shepparton—H. Hargreaves.
Swan Hill-Ultima-Woorinen—H. I. Walmsley, coming.
Wangaratta—A. R. Lloyd.
Warracknabeal-Minyip—G. T. Black.
Warrnambool-Curdies-Heytesbury-Port Fairy
—T. V. Weir, coming.

Witness Under Difficulties

Mrs. Grace Waterman, Pres. Women's Conf.

FOR convenience sake we use terms as to the regions in which the gospel is proclaimed, such as home missions, aborigines' mission, and overseas missions. A healthy, vigorous home base means a greater unity of strength whereby the more distant work will be maintained.

The faithfulness of brethren, setting up the Lord's Table wherever they have gone, has meant the opening up of the work in many parts of Victoria. Many of these places have become strong, self-supporting churches and are now stretching out their hands to help others, and so we see in their surrounding districts, new causes starting. Our brotherhood work of home missions has been able to set many small causes on their way to becoming virile Christian communities, capable of maintaining their own work. Other centres still need the support of home missions.

In travelling through the country, one is impressed on the one hand with the earnestness with which our brethren seek to witness for Christ, and on the other hand we see many towns where we as a brotherhood are not represented. Can it be we are indifferent to the need of these other towns? Let us together work and pray and give, that throughout the whole State there may be a network of churches making a strong foundation for further spread of the gospel.

Black Gas

GAS has been served up in various colors. Now the secretary's car runs on charcoal gas. Below are snaps of the secretary filling the "hopper," drying out wet charcoal in the sunshine, and ramming the "coal." This is the committee's answer to petrol restriction and the call of the country to have the secretary in the field for conference, inspiration and stimulation. The provision of the outfit has been well worth while.



W. Gale at the "Producer"

Tasmania's Appeal

"Invest in Souls"

Tasmania for Christ

R. Edmunds, Secretary

THIS has long been our slogan, but lack of adequate financial resources has prevented any vigorous attempt to make a reality of it. However, the appointment of Mr. G. H. Newell and Mr. F. T. Morgan as brotherhood evangelists to minister to the needs of the whole State is a step in the right direction, and was undertaken by the Home Mission Committee with the feeling that the churches were in agreement.

There has been splendid support for the evangelistic fund, particularly from the country churches. In all about £342 was promised for this particular purpose. But with two men in the field, this will all be absorbed before next conference in salaries alone. It is absolutely essential that a record offering be received on December 5 if the work is to be maintained. It would be a great pity if retrenchments became necessary when there is so much work to do.

We are led to believe there is more money about to-day than ever before, and are appealing to the brethren to remember the claims of the King of kings when planning their investments. Instead of encouraging the present trend towards foolish spending on goods that are in short supply owing to war conditions and bringing extortionate prices, why not invest in souls?

We can't all be God's messengers taking the good news to those who need Christ, but we can all have a part in the work by setting aside portion of our material possessions to be used in support of those who are.

We are asking for £500. It's ambitious but not impossible. Why not make this annual offering an all-time record?

The Isle of Opportunity

Stanton H. Wilson, Launceston

MY arrival in Tasmania is too recent to allow me to write in any detail of the many opportunities for evangelism which this State affords. However, there are some obvious facts which none of us dares to overlook.

Here in Launceston, a city of over 30,000 people, we have three churches. In Hobart, a city of 60,000 people, we have only two churches with Mr. C. P. Hughes in part-time service with one of them. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Newell have greatly encouraged our generous-hearted brethren throughout the country, and many people have been brought to Christ through their ministry.

In this prosperous State of 220,000 people we have four evangelists, two of whom are on itinerant work, one part-time and the writer is the only full-time resident preacher of churches of Christ in the State.

Tasmanian churches responded magnificently to last year's home mission appeal. I am confident that they will give liberally again this year so that the itinerant work may be consolidated by locating resident preachers. I am told of the possibilities in Hobart; I have seen the prospects at Devonport, and I know from experience the magnificent opportunities which Launceston offers to a people whose message is clear, unsectarian and Christ honoring. Once we realise these possibilities we

shall not need to be pleaded with—we shall want to give for the very adventure of seeing souls redeemed. December 5 is the date of opportunity for this Isle of opportunity.

Cash — Not Coupons

Follott T. Morgan

WE do without many things we once thought we needed because we have too few coupons to afford them. It isn't often these days that the shortage of cash limits us. We could have things, but we are not allowed. They are rationed. But there are some things still that we want very much and that

Our Aim!

*More than
Ever before*
on

December 5

for

Home Missions

are not rationed. The only limit to how much of them we can have is what we are able or willing to pay.

The situation of home missions in Tasmania is just about summed up in this—that we can have as much in work done and concrete results achieved as we can and will pay for. Everyone wants more and more done. That is the spirit of the brotherhood—a desire to see the job done. In travelling around the State I am impressed with this. Everywhere people say that the present plan of travelling evangelists is good, and they have shown it by their excellent support. But some are saying, "It is not enough." In some places people are so anxious that things should move ahead in their own district that they want the full-time services of a preacher. Such zeal is commendable; it is excellent. But these places are the Home Mission Committee's problem. For years the committee worked on the policy of subsidising churches that seemed likely to show results with the help of a preacher working full time. This meant that the rest had to do without to a large extent. There wasn't enough to go round. Now the committee's policy is rather to support men and spread their services over the whole field so that everyone can have some help. And some people say, "It is not enough." To this the committee gives hearty

assent. Everyone who knows anything about the situation at all agrees. It is not enough. What is needed to give an adequate answer to the challenge of home missions in Tasmania is a combination of the two methods. If two more men were placed in settled fields and the two men at present employed in itinerant work were still maintained, the State's needs would, even then, be barely met. But it is a question of having what we can and will pay for.

Whether the Tasmanian brotherhood can pay for such a programme or not I don't know, but it really only needs that we want something hard enough and most of us find the means to have it. And this commodity is not rationed—it's cash we need, not coupons. If we can, are we willing to pay for such a programme? The Home Mission Committee asks for £500 on December 5. By the new year we shall know the answer.

Power

G. H. Newell

I HAVE received many pleasant surprises since I came to Tasmania. Perhaps the thing that has impressed me most is the industrial power that is available throughout so much of Tasmania. In the towns great factories depend on the power of the Hydro. One can go miles out into the country and still see its power. Homes, farms, mills and shops are using this power that has been generated in the mountains in the heart of Tasmania. It's a great power without doubt.

There is one thing I wish with all my heart. It is that more folk knew and depended on the power of Calvary. It means warmth, light and life. There is no power like the power of God's redemptive plan. Tasmania needs to know the power of the resurrected Christ. I hope we who know the power of God may be willing to sacrifice and do all we can that others may know of the power that flows from Calvary.

Commissioned!

C. P. Hughes

YESUS was an individualist. He called people to himself, then commissioned them to win others. His "Come unto me," "Follow me," "I am come to save," "I will give you life," all stamp him as one who had supreme confidence in his own mission. Likewise his command, "Go, preach; I am with you always," express the confidence he had in the result of the work carried out by those who undertook his mission.

He bound the salvation of the saved to the saving of others. Therefore the true saint is not primarily concerned with his own sanctification, but is 50 per cent. a soldier.

So, as we face the home mission offering, we must realise that here is one place where we are being commissioned. We cannot all be on the spot to fight, but by our gifts we can place the sword of truth in the hands of a soldier of the cross, and send him forth to fight the battle for Christ and his church.

"He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;

He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;

Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him, be jubilant my feet,

Our God is marching on."

Let no soldiers of the cross be so far behind the Master that they fail to hear him when he calls—and home missions are a great call to fulfil the Master's commission to "Go" and "Preach."

Queensland Looks Squarely at Home Missions

As the President Sees It

P. C. Alcorn, B.A.

IN every church you will find those who have become members through a mission held under the auspices of the Home Mission Committee. In every town you will find those who want to know who are the churches of Christ. What do they stand for? Why do they exist?

In every street of every town you will find someone in need of the Saviour. Someone is famishing for the Bread of Life and the Water of Life. Someone is lost in trespasses and sin. Someone is drifting away. There is a brother whom someone can save.

Home missions are necessary to maintain and extend the kingdom of God, not only in Queensland and Australia, but throughout the world. Churches of Christ will cease to be a movement when they cease to be evangelistic.

Home missions keep the church evangelistic. Support home missions.

As the Organiser Sees It

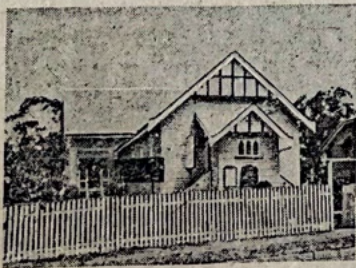
H. E. Greenwood

THE committee's policy over the past two years has proved itself. That policy has been, and indeed still is, to encourage subsidised churches to measure up by gradual stages to a position of self-support. During the past two years Maryborough, Kingaroy and now Charters Towers by their valiant efforts have reached this goal. The committee is continually conscious both of the need for and the difficulties of extension. The radio presentation of "The Plea," over station 4BK has been a progressive venture that has been widely and well received. It is hoped to use recordings of these talks on other stations distant from Brisbane in 1944 and also to explore every opportunity of commencing new work in fields where it can be worthily maintained. For this and other necessary homeland enterprises your fullest financial support is urged on December 5.

As a Business Man Sees It

J. B. Ash

EVERY experienced business man knows the value of having a suitable traveller to visit country centres to seek to find new business or to visit, advise, and report on various



Annerley church has consistently supported home missions, and has had the week-end help of the organiser over past two years. H.M. Committee will subsidise Mr. Bruce Alcorn's ministry from Nov. 28 to Feb. 15.

branches of the firm. Rarely can a branch of the business make an extension to another town. That remains the initiative and responsibility of the headquarters of the firm. These facts explain why the Home Mission Committee, which is composed of both business men and preachers, has seen the wisdom of putting the organiser on to a full-time basis. Every church must realise that in itself it is not large enough to extend to other centres or to subsidise weaker churches, and therefore should give liberally to the home mission offering on December 5.

As the H.M. Preacher Sees It

W. Geizendanner, Townsville

AT the present time I see greater than ever the need for home missions. Men are in need of the gospel whether they acknowledge it or not. The fighting services realise their need of Christ, and respond to his call.

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In these momentous days God is in need of consecrated men and women to give to the world the only message which can bring peace. The responsibility often falls upon smaller congregations. They solicit your interest and prayers and a worthy offering to the cause of home missions. It can be said of all of us, "The Lord hath need of them."

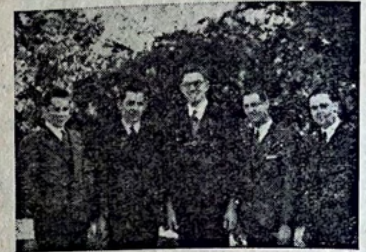
As Our College Students See It

WE must realise that in every contract there are two sides. Both parties have an obligation. In our contract with God, we have a duty. The kingdom of God is not a dream of the future; as far as we are concerned, it is a job to be done, an actuality to be realised here and now—and it begins at home.—K. N. Roberts.

Home missions enable us to carry out the great commission. Home missions call forth the best in us, asking the strong to help the weak. Home missions provide a ministry for isolated fields. Therefore let us remember home missions, and make the most of our money! Make home missions a mighty movement! Make known God's mysteries to men! —L. G. Crisp.

When we remember the geographical immensity of the State of Queensland, we are constrained to admit the necessity of home missions. There are many weak causes due to the scattered population. These should be cared for financially by the stronger churches,

for a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Also, the kingdom of God is one of growth, and the neglect of organisation means that decay will come about. Home missions could be a central body, operating throughout the State, making provision for a State-wide trained ministry, which is at present impos-



Queensland Students in the Federal College.

ible. This would mean a more rapid growth in the movement which stands for the "unity of God's people and the restoration of New Testament Christianity."—W. J. Evans.

"And how shall they preach except they be sent?" One of the most important phases of home mission work has been the sending out of workers to assist isolated churches. Surely this is to be commended, for we who are strong ought to help those who are weak. The Home Mission Committee can do more, send more, and save more with more support.—N. Kingston.

I believe in them because they have shown themselves in many ways worthy of our faith in them. And are they not doing much good now? Moreover, they will do much good in the future. Hence I believe in home missions in Queensland.—F. B. Alcorn.

As a Woman Sees It

A. R. Bates, Home Mission Superintendent

IN this great State of ours, not only is there vast, unexplored territory, but also centres where once a cause flourished, and has gone out probably through their very isolation. It may be possible to again fan the flame in these centres; but this can only be done through regular visitation and encouragement through our organiser. Those of us who have the constant privilege of fellowship with sister churches cannot know how dampening this isolation must be; but we can have a share in helping these less fortunate through distance to be uplifted and inspired to again witness for the truth as we know it, by our liberal support of the home mission offering, on December 5.

As a Missionary Sees It

Grace Waterman

THE overseas missionary watches with deep interest the progress of the work in the homeland and rejoices when advance is made. She realises that the lifeline of overseas work depends on the strength of the brotherhood holding it. If the cause is weak and sickly at home, then there will be a slender line of interest and prayer and gifts to sustain the work abroad. A healthy, vigorous, growing home base means a greater unity of strength whereby the distant work will be maintained. The text which says, "Beginning at Jerusalem . . . unto the uttermost parts of the earth," gave the natural sequence to the progressive and permanent spread of the gospel. Build a good foundation by supporting the work in the homeland!

Western Australia Looks and Plans Ahead

The Order of the Day

Chas. H. Hunt, President of the Conference

A YOUNG workshops officer was asked, "How is the war going?" He replied, "Is there a war on?" "Well, you ought to know; you are up to your finger-tips in it." He replied again, "Well, I have been that busy keeping our own gear in order, that I have not had time to know how the war is going."

Many are so busy looking after the work in their own particular field that they are not able to know just how the work as a whole is progressing unless someone with a wider knowledge brings them some news of the larger work.

The chairman of a State Home Missionary Committee is able to see that wider circle, and know more intimately how the whole home front is shaping. To be quite frank this writer has to admit that we are far from the "all in" effort. We have far greater opportunities in this State than we have ever yet availed ourselves of.

Our women folk have done magnificently. Their supply of munitions has been uninterrupted by circumstances. Our men in the field, and at the base, are going grandly, but for all that, we have not made any real advance, as a people, so far as our impact on the State is concerned, for some years. This does not overlook the solid advance made this year by the folk of the Eastern Wheatbelt, in taking over the responsibility of their circuit work. It does not leave out of view the contribution being made by our general evangelist, and his dynamic drive with brain, pen, voice and microphone.

What more can we do? At Gutha-Morawa and surrounding country over a radius of 60 miles, north, south and west, there is a field all ready to enter, with a band of loyal pathfinders on the spot to receive our ministrations. Down South-West, the future home of millions, we should immediately open a new front well south of the Bunbury-Harvey-Collie line. While we are doing this we must not neglect, as I am afraid we are, our metropolitan areas. These growing suburbs will simply "burst" when the boys come home. Every suburban church and preacher should be urged to open "teaching and preaching" points in their next door area.

Zero hour will be: 11 a.m., December 5. The order of the day will be: "Advance at all points of contact."

Advancement

Secretary, Home Missionary Committee.

THE word that sums up the united desire of our people to-day is "Advancement." It is a word which to a people at war brings the greatest of encouragement. We are reminded that there is a great cost to be borne if advancement is to be made. Even in the realm of home mission enterprise to advance is not possible without a price being paid.

Our wholehearted desire is to advance in the work of the Lord. We can only go forward proportionately to our sacrifices. Only when we become seized with the vision of the "waiting harvest" will we measure up to our individual and collective responsibilities in relation to evangelism.

We must of necessity strengthen our home bases and your aid is needed. So we must move onward and outward as God is surely calling us to do.

Our sense of responsibility will be largely gauged by the extent of our tangible interest as expressed on Sunday, December 5, 1943, the day of the home mission offering. Pray and pay for advancement.

Spared for a Purpose

R. Raymond

I TALKED with a man recently who had seemingly escaped miraculously from death. On a recent visit to a hospital I talked with a good woman who was making a splendid recovery after having been given up by her doctor. In both cases, as in scores of others of which I have personal knowledge, they expressed the conviction that God had spared them for some work he had for them to do. They were equally firm in the conviction that by his grace they were going to find what that work was and they would do it. I know a people who likewise have been miraculously spared from awful destruction. Indeed, those in the best position to know have told us sometimes, that not even the Brisbane line, real or imaginary, could have saved us. Who

saved us, and why? If my friends referred to above were right in supposing they were spared by God because he had a work for them to do, and who will deny it? shall not we believe God has saved us to do a work for him? So far as we of the churches of Christ are concerned, shall we not believe we are spared what might have been an awful doom that we might reach out and save our fellows? And can we do that better than by sending the gospel and establishing churches wherever possible throughout this land? And can we do it better than through our home mission agency? It has been suggested that our offering this year for home missions take the form of thanksgiving for deliverance. We appeal to all our fellow Christians to make December 5 not only the day of the annual home mission offering, but to make it a great day of thanksgiving, in the spirit that we have been spared to do a great work for God.

Our Manifold Challenge

J. Wiltshire, General Evangelist

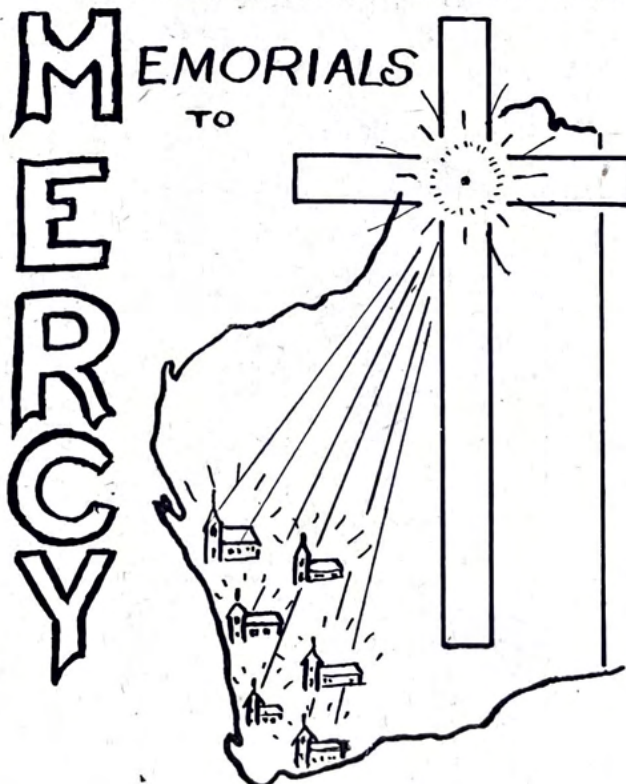
THE Lord Jesus challenged his disciples in the days of his flesh by the labors of others. "Other men labored and ye are entered into their labors." West Australia has not always been a congenial place for goodness, but good men and women have wrought great things with and for God here. Undeterred by the mad quest for gold, they witnessed to the Lord and laid up treasure in heaven.

No Excuse.—But we try to excuse ourselves because there is a war on. What of that? God's best people are not opportunists—"in season, out of season" is the order of the day with them. The Home Mission Committee of W.A. has only one home mission field, and that will become self-administrative next January. The Wheatbelt circuit has been a grand venture of God. This success so richly blessed calls for another venture.

Venture Again.—We have good men and women who have already settled in along the northern lines to Geraldton. God is offering us this area, its present and coming peoples. "Prove me," he says, in the South-west, an area which will yet carry its many thousands of homes, we have other Christian men and women of the pioneer type.

God's Mercy Challenges.—We might easily have been cut off. Japan has been driven back. To the mercy that spared let us build the memorial of living stones carved out and fitly shaped by the Spirit of God through the ministry of good men. On December 5 take up God's manifold challenge.

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"Teach Us How to Pray"

TEACH us how to pray, our Father,
With 'Thy kingdom come' our goal;

Hungry-hearted, to thee turning,
'Homing instinct of the soul.'

Lift thy church, O lift us higher
On a tidal wave of prayer!

Far horizons of thy kingdom

May we see, and with thee share."

Here and There

We are indebted to W. Gale for gathering and arranging material for this issue. Owing to pressure on space we have been compelled to hold several items of news.

Services at Maylands, S.A., on Oct. 31 and Nov. 7 were very well attended. K. A. Jones was speaker at all services, and gave fine messages. There were three decisions on Oct. 31 and one on Nov. 7.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Australian Nurses' Christian Movement will be held in the Baptist church, Collins-st., on Nov. 22, at 7.45 p.m. Dr. Harvey Carey and Mrs. Geo. Sexton, missionary on furlough, will be speakers.

The following telegram, received Nov. 15, announces this good news: "Stirring scenes Hinrichsen-Morris mission, Dandenong, Vic.; 58 welcomed Sunday; 46 decisions last week; 35 adults, 20 Sunday—total 97; marquee hopelessly inadequate.—Marshall."

In the ten days' effort at Wangaratta, Vic., there were five confessions from scholars of the Bible school. A baptismal service was held the last night of the mission, when nine candidates who had made the good confession were baptised. Mr. Cole gave stirring messages.

On the morning of Nov. 7 J. Keith Robinson gave an instructive talk at Perth, W.A. In afternoon Bible school had several new scholars. At 7.30 p.m. the theme "A Night with the Good Shepherd" was presented in picture, song and story by Mr. Robinson (preacher), the choir and E. R. Berry (soloist).

On Nov. 14, at Horsham, Vic., three sisters were received by restoration and letter. At evening service there were two confessions, and six were baptised; Bible school had 115 present. C. W. Jackel has had over 100 confessions during his ministry of four years. Christian sympathy is expressed to Mrs. A. H. Bolwell in the loss of her husband on Nov. 10, and to Mrs. J. Allen in the loss of her husband on Nov. 14.

At Taree, N.S.W., an induction service for church officers was conducted by A. G. Saunders, B.A., on Lord's day morning, Nov. 7. A. W. Billingham reviewed year's work. In evening Mr. Saunders was speaker, and all were heartened that he was able to take part after his serious illness. Mr. Saunders has been granted a further three months' leave of absence from responsibilities. However when he feels able he will speak at services.

The almanac for 1944 has been prepared by the Austral Co., and samples are being posted to all church secretaries as far as their addresses are known. The three-color picture depicts the "Good Samaritan," and the usual features appear, viz., calendar with phases of the moon, suggested scripture readings and hymns, and annual offering dates. The price is threepence per copy, posted. Service-plans have been prepared, also a leaflet containing suggested scripture readings and hymns and plan for reading through the Old Testament in 1944. Early ordering is advised.

At Lygon-st., Carlton (Vic.) on Nov. 11 there was a good attendance, when a welcome social was tendered to C. G. Taylor. T. H. Scambler presided. J. Rankin on behalf of the church made a presentation to Mr. Scambler and a floral tribute to Mrs. Scambler. E. McClean welcomed Mr. Taylor to the work at Lygon-st. All suitably replied. Musical items were interspersed between the speeches, supper was served, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. On Nov. 14 C. G. Taylor gave helpful addresses at all three services. On Nov. 13 the Endeavor Societies visited Old Colonists' Home and conducted a meeting. A number of men in R.A.A.F. were present at morning service.

The State increase campaign for new Sunday school scholars conducted by the Tasmanian churches of Christ Bible School and Y.P. Department from Sept. 26 to Oct. 31 resulted in 71 new scholars being added to ten different Sunday schools. A special feature of the campaign was the half-hour broadcast session each Sunday from station 7EX, when Crusader and the Children's Choir were featured and progress results, etc., were given. This served as a link to all schools and was much appreciated, especially by country members.

In the inter-club competitions conducted by the Y.M.C.A. Suburban Club Movement, the club of the church of Christ, Coburg, Vic., was successful in gaining the all-round trophy for 1943. The purpose of the movement is to encourage all-round development in clubs rather than an emphasis upon physical prowess. The success of the Coburg boys is more meritorious because they were able to secure the coveted trophy without having won any of the athletic competitions. The club attends to leadership training, sending promising young men to leadership training classes.

The esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Feary, of the church at York-st., Ballarat, Vic., are held was demonstrated on Nov. 9, when they celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding. Letters and telegrams were received from numerous brethren and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Feary had with them for the occasion each member of their family, all of whom are associated with church at York-st., with the exception of Mrs. R. Cook (daughter), who resides in Sydney. We hope that a long period of further service for the Master may be the portion of Mr. and Mrs. Feary.

The death of Jack Smith by drowning on Oct. 26 near Melbourne is reported by the church at Hindmarsh, S.A., with deep regret. He served in Middle East, and on being discharged joined the Mercantile Marine. The preacher, W. L. Ewers, has been suffering from a heart attack, but is recovering. A. Chapple, G. Bridgman, S. L. Patching and A. Anderson gave appreciated assistance during his absence. A special offering has been taken, and Christmas parcels have been sent to those serving in the Forces. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Ed. Frost, Jack Hancock and Perce Dillon, home on leave. Mr. Ewers will conclude his ministry on Nov. 28. J. E. Shipway has accepted a call to the pastorate of the church, and expects to commence his ministry on Dec. 5.

W. Gale writes: "The chairman of our Home Mission Committee, J. Holloway, our Advisory Board secretary, J. McG. Abercrombie, and T. R. Morris have been almost weekly travel companions of the secretary in past months—they are amongst the 'invaluable' of a wholly fine committee; they, like other members of committee, never say 'no' to requests for time and addresses which often involve a succession of late nights. This committee makes big demands on its members. Another church shortly will be subsidised by the committee—Frankston—to enable them to have the services of our esteemed Thos. Hagger, who has resigned from Gardiner. We shall be delighted to have this genius for home missions again associated with the committee."

At Grafton, N.S.W., Mr. Parker recently concluded a helpful series on the Holy Spirit. Visitation of homes is bearing fruit in increased attendances, and new contacts have been made. Membership of Y.P.C.E. is now 14. A recent combined fair and concert conducted by young people realised over £30, the proceeds going to Bible school. The school is practising for anniversary. Two young people made the decision on a recent Sunday evening. A Young

Worshippers' League has been formed, and keen interest is shown. On evening of Oct. 31, on the occasion of Mr. Parker's birthday, the young people entertained him at tea at the chapel, and presented him with a copy of "Gospel Songs." A "Talent Fund" has been commenced in connection with Ladies' Guild.

Recently, in W.A., "back to Bassendean" Sunday was held. C. A. G. Payne, a foundation member, presided. The roll was called, and greetings were read from past absent members. At 3 p.m. reminiscent talks were given, followed by tea. Bible school anniversary was a great success, the chapel being packed. On Oct. 3 a mission was started with J. Wiltshire missionary and I. Nixon helper. As a result eight Bible school boys have been baptised and received into the church. On Oct. 27 the church held quarterly business meeting. Farewell was said to Allan Errington and presentations made from church and school, as he was leaving to join the Navy. On Oct. 28 Ladies' Guild had an "at home"; Matron Nell was speaker. Sister Beerling was presented with a book as a token of love. Girls' Club members are working for a sale.

Mr. Greenwood, organising secretary, visited Bundaberg, Qld., on Oct. 23 and 24. He conducted a special young people's meeting on the Saturday night and spoke at both services on Sunday. A series of addresses by Mr. Clark has been appreciated. Preparation for a week of evangelistic meetings with E. C. Hinrichsen is being made. Mrs. N. Linderberg and Miss J. Deoberitz rendered solos at broadcast service on Oct. 31. Sister Enid Voss is on holidays with her mother after serious accident. Cpl. Cliff Lassig, who was seriously wounded in New Guinea, is now in orthopaedic hospital in Toowoomba. Women's guild conducted a successful stall for the A.C.F. on Friday, Nov. 12, to raise funds for Christmas hampers for men on service. Canteen orders are being sent to church members in Services. Mrs. Coleman, of Maryborough, Vic., has been a welcome visitor.

On Oct. 16 Mulwala and Yarrowonga Sunday schools (Vic.) held annual picnic. On 17th Mr. Coombs, of Nepalese Mission, addressed the church. The following Friday Mrs. Waterman met the women of the church, and on Sunday afternoon spoke to children at Mulwala on occasion of their anniversary. In evening she preached at Yarrowonga. Her visit was greatly appreciated. The next day a tea meeting was given to combined schools, with distribution of prizes. College offering was £12/3/-; thanksgiving offering towards church debt, £160; leper boxes, £3/16/4; Mulwala offering towards building debt £15/10/-; Sergt. Pilot Eric Walker was presented with a pocket Bible. Mrs. Arthur Smith is in Women's Hospital, Melbourne, after a serious operation. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Chappell in the loss of their beloved child of six months. Mr. Wallington, of Black Rock, addressed the church on Nov. 7. Jack Stephens has left for Oakleigh.

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Parkdale Bible school is wanting set of "Hymns of Praise" No. 12, words and music; also basketball in good condition. Apply to A. T. Cuddy, 42 Antibes-st., Parkdale, S.11. Cheltenham 73.

News of the Churches

Queensland

Gympie.—On Nov. 6 a united Sunday school council was formed at a meeting of teachers held in chapel. H. E. Greenwood addressed the gathering on "The Leadership of Youth." On Nov. 7 he addressed the church on home missions, and spoke to Bible school in afternoon.

Roma.—Services on Oct. 24 were well attended, and at conclusion of gospel service a boy from Bible school made the good confession. Evening service on Oct. 31 was broadcast, and at close of service two girls of the school decided for Christ. Mr. Wylie's addresses are very helpful, and attendances at gospel services and midweek prayer meetings are showing a slight increase.

Monkland.—A successful Bible school anniversary service was held on Nov. 7, when H. E. Greenwood was present, addressing the church on home missions in morning and conducting a youth service at night. Scholars took part in various ways, and Mr. Greenwood presented examination prizes and also the shield won for 1943 by Monkland school in competition with Gympie. An offering for Pioneers of War Fund was received.

Toowoomba.—A fellowship tea and special Sunday services marked 61st anniversary of church. Chap. W. J. Campbell (Brisbane) brought inspiring messages. Mrs. Wendorf (president Sisters' Conference) and H. W. Hermann (Foreign Mission Committee) were speakers at Pleasant Sunday Afternoon service. Greetings came from State committees, other churches, isolated members and members in the Forces. The thankoffering totalled £211/10/-. Theme for anniversary was the text, "Praise ye the Lord."

Rockhampton.—An impressive candlelight testimony service was conducted on Oct. 24 by sixteen Service-men. Each of the company gave a personal witness to Christ as Saviour and Keeper. On Oct. 3 S. Vanham completed the third year of his second term with the church. He has ministered to the church eight and a half years in all. At annual meeting on Nov. 3, reports from all auxiliaries were encouraging. The church has been freed from all debt. Income for year was £734. Contributions to home and oversea missions, and other funds, was upwards of £50. Plans for remodelling of chapel were adopted and a fund commenced. The following were elected deacons: J. Tresseder, S. Dobbs, L. Maycock, A. Johnson and T. Jones. Owing to ill-health J. Cooper relinquished secretaryship, and L. G. Maycock was appointed.

New South Wales

Chatswood.—At worship service on Nov. 7 two were received into fellowship by faith and baptism. A confession of belief in Christ at each of the three preceding gospel meetings has done much to hearten F. A. Youens and the members.

Gligandra.—A visit from Mr. Thomas, conference president, was appreciated and enjoyed. He was given a welcome on the Saturday of his arrival. Visitors from Methodist and Presbyterian churches were present to extend words of welcome. There was a good attendance on the Sunday to hear his messages. On Nov. 4 Mr. Pond gave a lantern lecture.

Tempe.—Sunday school picnic at Carr's Park on Oct. 30 proved an outstanding success with 70 children attending. The wedding of Miss M. Bourne to R. White, of U.S.A. Navy, is announced. The church extends sympathy to Miss Tierny and her niece in the passing of a loved mother and sister. Mr. McKenzie con-

tinues in faithful ministry of the word. Miss Sibil Wessel has been added to membership of church.

Belmore.—Good work in all departments continues, and meetings have been well attended. On Nov. 7 B. G. Corlett spoke impressively at both services, gospel service taking the form of a memorial and consecration service in memory of Mrs. Corlett. The building was packed to capacity. Special singing was rendered by choir. At the conclusion two made the good confession, and about 20 stood out for greater consecration.

Asquith.—Progress of this one year old cause is reported. Over past year interest has been created in district, and meetings were well attended. Average church attendance for year was 16, and there have been five decisions. On Oct. 10 the first anniversary of church and Sunday school was held. Hayden McCallum, of Epping, spoke to the children, who sang special hymns under leadership of the preacher, A. W. Morris. Prizes were presented by Mrs. J. R. Little. The number present was 60. Average Sunday school attendance over past year was 22 scholars.

Canterbury-Earlwood.—B. Corlett preached the gospel on Oct. 31 and R. Wilson exhorted at worship meeting. Fellowship with Mr. Rice, A.I.F., from Victoria; Mr. Renison, R.A.A.F., from Wagga; and Sister Wilson, from W. Falls, has been enjoyed. Women's Fellowship held anniversary on Nov. 2. Gospel service on Nov. 7 was in charge of G. D. Verco, the Granville preacher. Two boys made the confession. D. Dykes was speaker at morning meeting. Both addresses were uplifting. On Nov. 2 the sisters held annual meeting, when Miss Kemp gave a helpful message to about 60 women.

Broken Hill.—On Nov. 7 J. E. Paddick gave helpful messages at Railwaytown at 10.15 and at Wolfram-st. at 11 and 7. The church welcomed W. Harris, who has been in hospital for some time. Fellowship was enjoyed with Bob Griffiths and Don Garner, home on leave from New Guinea. The men of manse committee with several helpers have painted outside of manse. Ladies' Guild raised money for same. C.E. Society prepared a welcome supper in honor of J. E. and Mrs. Paddick after consecration meeting. J. E. Paddick was guest speaker at Broken Hill C.E. Union rally held in South Broken Hill Methodist church on Nov. 9.

Paddington.—Golden jubilee services of Bible school were celebrated with crowded building at each session. Afternoon service was broadcast. Anniversary theme was "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Choir singing, solos and scripture recitations made a fine programme. Mr. Greenhalgh gave illustrated addresses to children at both sessions. A tea was provided for visiting scholars and teachers and many old friends of school. After evening service Mr. Greenhalgh made presentations of books to Misses T. Walter and M. Mitchell in recognition of long periods of service as secretary and treasurer of school. The anniversary was continued on evening of 14th, with a "parents' night," and on 16th with demonstration and prize-giving.

Western Australia

Harvey.—On Oct. 31, 43 young people from city churches and one car-load from Bunbury participated in a young people's rally. Tea was served on Saturday. Song service was led by J. Dean (Bunbury). Mr. Bamford and Mr. Vincent were welcomed as visitors. Guest speaker was Mr. Nixon. On Sunday, young people met at 10 a.m. and for breaking of bread at 11 a.m. The final rally was held at 2.30 p.m. I. Nixon again gave an inspiring message.

Young people enjoyed fellowship until 7.10 train time. Mr. Bamford conducted night meeting. Mr. Johnston and Mrs. H. Johnston sang a duet. On Nov. 7 Mr. Bamford visited Bridgetown (isolated church). Miss Stella Atwell, A.W.A.S., spoke. A. Johnston took evening service. Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnston sang a duet. Sister A. Stanford is meeting with the church again. Visitors were welcomed.

South Australia

Whyalla.—On Nov. 3 the annual business meeting of the church was held, when Mr. Tregloan was elected elder and Messrs. Bryant, Hoskin, Greenfield and Smith re-elected deacons. Report from auxiliaries showed progress. Anniversary services were held on Nov. 6 with a social, and special services were held on 7th with record attendance, speaker being F. Hollams, from Adelaide.

Moonta.—G. Wilson, of Flinders Park, spoke at both services on Oct. 24. All other meetings are conducted by A. Doley and D. J. Lawrie. Fortnightly prayer meetings are held at home of Mrs. Boyle, who has been ill since April. She is making steady recovery. Ladies' Guild has completed a successful year. The sisters have made a padded patchwork quilt and donated it to Estcourt House.

Flinders Park.—Bible school anniversary services were continued on Oct. 24, when S. E. Matthews was speaker; a large congregation was present. On Oct. 31 G. Houston spoke at both services. On Nov. 7 S. Matthews was morning and evening speaker. Congregations at every service are very satisfactory, all auxiliaries are in good heart, and the church has been pleased to welcome many visitors.

Dulwich.—On Oct. 31 Bible school anniversary services were held. A. G. Rudd (acting superintendent) addressed the church. D. Hammer gave an interesting talk in afternoon, and F. Collins conducted gospel service. Afternoon and evening meetings were very well attended, and the children conducted by E. Kentish sang splendidly. On Nov. 2 a tea was held, followed by an interesting programme. An appeal to scholars resulted in one lad making the good confession. A committee has been formed to send Christmas parcels to all men who have enlisted for military service.

Murray Bridge.—Record S.S. anniversary sessions closed with a successful picnic at Murray Park on Nov. 6. Five new members were gained for S.A. Alliance after H. A. Allbright's address on Nov. 7. Sympathy is extended to the secretary, F. C. Mitchell, in the passing of his nephew by war. The passing of Mrs. A. G. Colliss's sister, and of Mrs. Clem Gruh's father, is also regretted. The church presented a framed testimonial to Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Swift on Nov. 8 on their transfer to Woodville after 19 years of fellowship. N. G. Noble's morning studies in Acts are appreciated. The preacher has accepted an extension of ministry to January, 1945. Greetings from the Services give church deep satisfaction. Abating sickness improves attendances.

Nailsworth.—Sunday school anniversary services held Oct. 17 and 24 proved most successful. Mr. Clarke, of Forestville, capably conducted singing. P. R. Baker and H. Manning addressed scholars in afternoon and Messrs. Talbot and Manning at night. There were splendid attendances. The passing of O. Howard is recorded with deep regret. Two of the church's best workers have thus died within a few weeks. Deepest sympathy is expressed to relatives. On Oct. 31 youth service was held, several young men taking part. C.E. held a gift evening to send parcels away to those in the Services; there was a splendid response. Meetings are encouraging, particularly morning service. Mr. Manning is doing a splendid work and is becoming known in the district. On Nov. 7 a young lady was immersed.

Balaklava.—Ladies' Guild and young men's Triangle Club held a successful concert; proceeds over eleven guineas for building fund reduction. Howard Earle visited C.E. societies and fine rallies were held in Balaklava and at Pinery. A large delegation of sisters visited Owen for district conference executive meeting. Mrs. A. Hutson, vice-president, conducted the meeting. Dorcas sisters continue sewing for Morialta Children's Homes. A. Hutson was released to visit and help the church at Whyalla. During his absence W. Pearl and Reg. Shepherd spoke. Sunday school anniversary services were best for some years. School of 118 led by W. Marshman sang choruses. W. Thomson was visiting speaker. Prizes were distributed by superintendent R. Shepherd, and certificates (including eleven merit) won at scripture examination were also presented. Orphan box produced £7/10/5 for year's giving. Average worship services are improving. All auxiliaries are working harmoniously and well.

Victoria

Doncaster East.—On Nov. 7 R. F. Allison spoke morning and evening. Evening meeting was first of united gospel meetings of district. It was well attended, and G. Tully was soloist.

Sunshine.—On Oct. 30 members of Sunshine Protestant churches young people's club attended and took charge of service. A message by A. G. Bennett was appreciated. R. Horwood has been elected Sunday school secretary for forthcoming year.

Bentleigh.—Since Oct. 24 speakers have been Messrs. Nance-Kivell, Goldsworthy, Everett, Luke and Keneley. 34 new scholars were gained during recent campaign. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Holden and family in the death of Mrs. Holden.

Ormond.—At prayer meeting J. Ritchie gave the address. On Nov. 7 C. L. Lang gave helpful addresses. On Nov. 14 C. L. Lang gave a helpful talk at worship service and at the gospel service also gave a fine message. Visitors were present from Albury.

Kyneton.—Mrs. Burn, mother of the preacher, was a visitor from Tasmania on Oct. 24. 18 new scholars were added to school during campaign. On Nov. 7 E. Squire Nicholson, of L.O.A., gave interesting addresses at morning service and at Bible school in afternoon.

North Fitzroy.—R. Ennis delivered fine addresses at both services on Nov. 14. Miss Stayner rendered two solos at evening service. The church sympathises with Harold Trotter and family, who have suffered bereavement by the death of their eldest brother. College offering was £7/14/-.

Newmarket.—On Oct. 17 Mr. Fisher, of the college, addressed morning service. F. T. Saunders conducted gospel service. On Oct. 24 Mr. Graham addressed both services. On Oct. 23, 85 attended a fellowship tea, when £36 was amount of thankoffering. On Oct. 30 Mr. Graham addressed both services.

Reservoir.—All services continue to be well attended. Open-air meetings prior to gospel services attract much interest. An enjoyable concert given by churches of Christ ladies' choir was the means of adding approximately £5 to choir thanksgiving fund. W. Gale gave an interesting address on Sunday morning, Nov. 14.

Boronia.—During September helpful addresses were given by E. L. Williams, and in his absence speakers were S. Allison, K. Patterson and J. Baker, of the college. Offering for college was £13/2/-. Interest is maintained in united meetings of the churches of Boronia. Speaker at September meeting was J. Lawton, of Hartwell, and at October meeting Mr. Ausbury, Surrey Hills. Collection on Hospital Sunday was £9/10/-. E. L. Williams has consented to remain with the church as preacher for another year.

Balwyn.—The church appreciated the help of A. L. Gibson and A. McRoberts on Nov. 7, when the preacher was conducting anniversary services at Echuca. At evening service Miss Mary Miller sang two solos. On Nov. 14, 123 broke bread for day, and at night there were four decisions, H. J. Patterson preaching. Miss Lois Smith sang a solo.

Malvern-Caulfield.—At morning meeting on Nov. 14 F. E. Buckingham gave the address. In evening Mr. Buckingham gave a stirring address. Three people who made the good confession were baptised. The choir rendered a special anthem. Song service held on lawn before evening service proves a success. A very helpful day was experienced.

Oakleigh.—On Nov. 7 and 14, five new members were received into fellowship—three by faith and obedience, one by letter, and one baptised believer. K.S.P. chapter attended first meeting of new chapter at Murrumbidgee Baptist church on Nov. 5. Bible school anniversary was held on Nov. 14, when E. McIlhagger and S. Neighbour were speakers.

Red Hill.—On Nov. 7 Mr. Prentice arranged special features for day. A. Withers renewed acquaintance after 20 years. He helpfully addressed the church morning and evening. In afternoon all Sunday schools of district sang in a united service. In evening scholars of our school had a mutual tea gathering. 30 attended Lord's Supper at morning worship.

North Essendon.—Special October meetings were a fine uplift, concluding with two visits by A. A. Hughes, M.L.A. A social hour, with discussion of points raised in his addresses, was enjoyed by members and visitors. On Nov. 14 morning speaker was L. G. Crisp (Burnley). E. T. Hart, continuing to do fine work as he draws near the close of his ministry, conducted a baptismal service in evening.

East Malvern.—Speakers during October- November were A. Wilson, J. R. Mackay, J. Holloway, L. Johnston and K. Barton. Special singing by scholars marked third anniversary of Bible school on Oct. 24, at which 77 were present. W. R. Hibburt gave an illustrated talk and presented prizes and examination certificates. Mrs. A. W. Cleland spoke at Sunshine Circle meeting on Oct. 19. Offering for hospitals was £4/2/6.

Coburg.—Instead of usual picnic the Bible school on Nov. 6 attended Zoological Gardens. J. Curtis, of Baptist church, West Moreland, exchanged with Mr. Wakefield on morning of Nov. 7. Prior to gospel meeting a Bible school girl was baptised. At close of Mr. Wakefield's address a young woman from Bible school made the good confession. A group of young people who recently took part in musical and elocutionary competitions conducted by Y.M.C.A. won the silver cup and a shield.

Ballarat (York-st.).—Visiting speakers have been Messrs. Saunders, Wilkie and Cramer (B. and F. B. Society). Charity offering, £2/18/-. Visitors included Sister Cooke (Sydney) and Jeff Feary, R.A.A.F. Betty and Alice Hocking have been sick. Sympathy of church was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander and D. Jones in their bereavement. Attendances and interest are well maintained. Miss R. York is now agent for "Christian." H. Edwards' addresses are greatly appreciated.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—On Nov. 14 the 78th home-coming services were conducted. There were good attendances, and addresses of Chap-General Allen Brooke morning and evening were enjoyed. In the afternoon, when J. E. Thomas presided, H. R. Grove (president Baptist Union) spoke on the need of personal evangelism. Luncheon and tea were provided by the sisters. After evening meeting a choral service under conductorship of H. T. S. Brown, closed a most enjoyable day. The choir sang anthems, a duet was rendered by Miss M. Kirby and Mr. R. Hardy, and solos were sung by Mrs. E. L. Hutchinson, Mr. R. Hardy and Mr. C. Lomas.

Camberwell.—A happy day of fellowship was spent on Nov. 14, when the 27th anniversary of church was celebrated. T. H. Scambler addressed morning meeting and 130 communed. Brigadier Bassett, of Salvation Army, spoke in evening on religions of people of India, 140 being present. A choir of 40 rendered appreciated music. Mrs. J. Williams was soloist. The year closed has been one of most successful in history of church. The ministry of R. L. Williams is much appreciated.

Middle Park.—On Oct. 31 Mr. Whiting spoke in morning. Quarterly combined meeting with local Baptist church was held at night, when Mr. Stewart preached. Bible school celebrated anniversary on Nov. 7 with splendid attendance. Mr. Hibburt and Mr. Whiting delivered appreciated addresses. Excellent singing was rendered by scholars under leadership of Mr. Stewart. Cradle roll prizes were presented by the superintendent, Mrs. Chapple, at afternoon service. Fellowship with G. Terry of R.A.N., was renewed.

Thornbury.—On Hospital Sunday local A.R.P. wardens held a church parade, when over 60 visitors were present. Hospital offering amounted to £21/12/-. Social hour after evening service has been a great success, an average of 50 being present each week. J. Shaw has been moved to the north on service, and C. Page has been appointed deacon to serve while he is away. The choir is growing larger and under leadership of Dr. Killmier is becoming a very useful auxiliary. A male chorus was a recent addition to Sunday evening programme. Bible school has settled down to another year's work after a most successful anniversary. Attendances and interest are maintained at all services and Mr. Searle continues to give splendid service. Mutual Fund deposits have passed £4000, and church debt has been reduced by £145 in past six months.

Hartwell.—Services were well attended during October. Excellent messages were given by Mr. Robinson. College offering was £13/7/7; Hospital Sunday, £23/17/2. On Oct. 26 Ladies' Mission Band conducted service at Christian Guest Home. Gifts for pantry were taken. On Oct. 27 annual business meeting was held. Messrs. Body, Tyler, Butler, Gason, Seath, Staley, Haycraft were appointed deacons; Messrs. Morfiew and Everett, elders; L. Seath, Bible school superintendent. Building debt was reduced by £109 during year. On Oct. 31 and Nov. 7 a successful Bible school anniversary was held. Splendid singing was rendered by scholars under baton of L. Butler, recently appointed school secretary. All enjoyed messages from Messrs. Candy, Turriff, Combridge and Brooker. Mrs. McDonald is progressing well after serious illness. J.C.E., with Mrs. Holmes as leader, is making good progress. Cricket team has won its three matches.

Geelong.—All church anniversary services with S. Stevens, a past preacher, were very successful. Three week-night meetings followed the anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 24. On Monday, at a "reminiscences evening," speakers dealt with interesting items of the history of Geelong church, and the church officially received a photograph of the first preacher, J. Hamill. A youth rally, at which a number of visiting C.E. societies was present, was held on Tuesday night, and anniversary services concluded with an evangelistic meeting on Wednesday night, when expressions of appreciation and farewell wishes were made to Mr. Stevens. Several members have been absent through illness. Miss Eileen Sutcliffe and Mr. Jack Edwards, of Adelaide, were married on Oct. 22. On Oct. 31, after morning service, Mr. Edwards signified his acceptance of Christ. Two Bible school scholars, Robert and Frank Grazules, made the good confession on Nov. 7 at gospel meeting. Mr. Macnaughtan is conducting a series of studies at midweek meetings on the Jewish tabernacle. Recently a gift of 27½ doz. eggs was made to Geelong Protestant Orphanage by members of church.

Mildura.—To raise funds for Christian Guest Home, Women's Mission Band held a successful "at home," resulting in over £5. On Oct. 24 Chap. Sands (C. of E.), R.A.A.F., was speaker in the morning. On 27th, 150 persons sat to tea to celebrate clearing of church overdraft. This was followed by a concert. On 31st J. Leng was speaker in morning, J. Lewis in evening, when a young girl from S.S. made the good confession. Anniversary services were held on Nov. 7. Capt. Beasy, of the S.A., spoke in afternoon, J. Lewis morning and evening. Eight boys from S.S. made the good confession. On Nov. 10 anniversary tea was followed by concert and prize-giving.

Springvale.—Bible school is growing weekly. 43 young people from ten years upward gathered for camp-fire meeting. There have been ten decisions during past three weeks, including three at Dandenong. Meetings on Nov. 14 were good. In morning Mr. and Mrs. Stocks, of Boort, were welcomed by letter of transfer. At 3 p.m. the Hinrichsen-Morris campaign was extended to Springvale. The building was packed with over 200 present. After a great message there were three decisions, and five were baptised. The church is greatly encouraged, and thanks Dandenong and other churches for support.

Emerald.—Annual election of officers resulted as follows:—Secretary, Mr. Berry; treasurer, Mr. Morton; auditor, Mr. Jackel; organist, Miss Daff; assistants, Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Legge; Miss E. Daff. The appointment of Mrs. Legge as Bible school superintendent was confirmed. The new secretary, R. Aikman Berry, F.C.A. (Aust.) is a retired public accountant, and is already showing keenness. Recently local cemetery secretary told him in conversation of a funeral the next day, but that he could not get the grave dug, owing to manpower call up. The secretary arranged to dig the grave himself, conditional on the cemetery secretary coming to next gospel service.

Essendon.—Meetings on Nov. 7 and 14 were well attended. At gospel meeting on 7th a young people's service was held, and a party from Southern Cross Fellowship assisted. On Nov. 17, "every member present" Sunday was a success. Dr. W. A. Kemp, who was associated with the church at its inception, spoke in morning and W. E. Jackel preached at night. The choir assisted at both services and D. G. Ferguson, on leave from R.A.A.F., officiated at organ at night. Ladies' Guild held a successful afternoon on Nov. 4 as final effort for year. The church regrets to learn of the death of Mrs. Howard, who attended here for many years.

BIRTHS

CUNNINGHAM (nee Williams).—To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cunningham, on Oct. 26, at the Royal Hospital, Paddington, N.S.W.—a son (Roderick John).

FORDHAM.—On Nov. 14, at "Kulki," Coburg, to Mr. and Mrs. Stan Fordham—a daughter (Glenys Lillian).

HING.—To Mr. and Mrs. Grenville Hing (nee Mabel Fisher), of 24 Davenport-st., Reservoir—a son (David Grenville), on Nov. 8, 1943, at Mia Mia Hospital, Thornbury.

DEATH

ROWE.—On Nov. 11 (suddenly) at his home, Kaniva, Edwin G. H., dearly loved husband of Eva M. Rowe; loving father of Ivy, Richard, Eileen and Gwenneth; father-in-law of Jean; grandfather of Arthur Edwin, and loving brother of Adaline A. Williams (Lillimur). "Safe in God's keeping."

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Mrs. Manypenny and family wish to sincerely thank all relatives, members and friends for messages of sympathy, cards, telegrams and floral tributes received by them in their recent sad bereavement.

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—Inserted by Myrtle (Mrs. F. Gross), Harry and Stella (Mrs. J. Atkinson).

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N.Z. Centenary Plans

G. R. Stirling reports on plans for celebration of centennial year, and for a second Christian order week.

OVER here we are busy preparing for centennial celebrations in 1944. Thomas Jackson founded the work in the Southern Hemisphere, during 1844, at Nelson. Nelson church has already extensive plans, including centennial services and a special evangelistic drive. The main feature of the centenary will be the Dominion conference and the centennial Dominion youth camp, both to be held in Nelson in Easter, 1944.

"Give For Gains"

This is the slogan being used by the Home Mission Committee in launching its new century challenge fund appeal. The aim is £10,000, all to be earmarked for extension of work on "home front."

A Commission

General executive has set up a commission of representative men and women to study the message of our movement for the present day. The findings of this commission will be presented to the centennial conference, with a view to a vigorous campaign of preaching and personal evangelism to commence the new century.

Research in Evangelism

R. W. Simpson, general secretary of churches, has been asked by the general executive to organise research into evangelism for New Zealand, during the next one or two years. An exhaustive questionnaire has been sent to numbers of brethren representing all shades of opinion. It is expected that the executive will base its evangelistic policy on the findings of this research.

Fraternal Visits

Godfrey Fretwell, conference president, has already toured the South Island churches. Many reports have come to hand of the inspiration and practical help he was able to give, particularly in some of our outposts. He is now on tour of North Island churches, and expects to be on his itinerary for over a month. Mr. Fretwell has one of the busiest and best of our churches—Wanganui. It is a credit to both church and preacher that these presidential tours have been made possible.

Members of general executive and home mission committees have, at their own expense, gone as teams to important centres. Here they have called together members of churches for discussion about local and Dominion policy.

Christian Order Week Idea Catches On

New Zealand's second Christian order week has just been held at Dunedin. Principal Haddon carried a large share of the burden of organisation. Having learned much from the first week, at Rangiora, the Dunedin area committee was able to reach even greater heights of success. The Christian message was brought by experts to all sections of the community. Again and again the Dunedin Town Hall was packed for special meetings. Press and radio came into line, and gave the facilities of the spoken and written word in this vigorous campaign.

"The Man Born to be King"

The play bearing this name, written by Dorothy Sayers, and broadcast over the B.B.C., is to be broadcast over the main New Zealand stations in near future. New Zealanders will record the play, and it is likely that it will be broadcast over the Sunday children's sessions. Professor Shelley, director of broadcasting, asked for, and received, the unani-

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William Lawson

HERE passed away at Woorinen, Vic., on Oct. 24, a member of a well-known Victorian church family in the person of William Lawson, sen. Our brother, who had reached the ripe age of 93 years, was baptised in the year 1867 at Lygon-st. by G. L. Surber in the first year of the ministry of that great educationist in Victoria. Moving to Pyramid Hill a few years later, he became a foundation member of a church founded at Yarrawalla. He and his family were early settlers at Mildura, where for many years he took an active part in the work of that church. In 1916 our brother bought land at Woorinen, and joined the newly organised church in this locality. He thus took part in the pioneering of three churches in Victoria, apart from having been a member of Lygon-st. when that church had been meeting in its present locality for only two years. Our brother possessed that fighting spirit of the pioneers of the Restoration Movement, and to the end he felt, and acted upon, the urge to carry to neighbors the message and writings in the form of tracts, of those early days he knew and loved. His body was laid to rest in Swan Hill cemetery. Mr. Withers, of West Preston, conducted services in the chapel and at the graveside. To his children and grandchildren, many of whom are members of our churches, we offer Christian consolation.—D.A.C.

Mrs. George Waldron

MRS. GEORGE WALDRON received the home-call on Nov. 20, at the age of 44. Mrs. Waldron was the youngest daughter (Rose) of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Dummett, who were active members in the church at North Fitzroy, Vic. Her confession of faith in Christ as Saviour was made at the age of 16, and she was baptised by the late J. W. Baker. She continued in membership at North Fitzroy until 1921 and then transferred to Northcote, where she was an active and loyal worker until the time of her home-call. Our sister was ever an earnest believer in the Lord Jesus, and her faith shone brightly as her pilgrimage on earth closed, and as she received her call to take her place in the Father's house of many mansions. Sympathy is extended to her husband, daughter and other relatives.—W.T.A.

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 UNITY

THE letter of A. W. Menning which appeared in issue of Oct. 13 is wise, timely and practical. If the suggestion were carried out, it would be a very real step towards Christian unity. The things we disagree about are small in comparison with the things on which we agree. In a small country town, why have three small meetings when one big united meeting could be held instead? For our part, we could have our meeting for breaking of bread, our business meetings, and could arrange the times so that they would not clash with the united meetings. I think any who try this would value their honor too much to try and make proselytes of the rest. When our pioneers began, there was much sectarian bitterness, but that has vanished. Look what B. & F. B.S. has done! We are all proud of its achievements! It has printed a very large

number of copies of the scriptures in many languages, but without note or comment, and it is without any sectarian bias. I think if Luke 9: 49, 50 is read, pondered over, and put into practice, we will be doing something that will meet with divine approval.—J. Wood, Kunjin, W.A.

LORD'S SUPPER AND BROADCAST SERVICES

I SUPPORT the desire of E. C. Houston, of Timboon, Vic., who, in issue of Oct. 20, urges that so far as church of Christ broadcast services are concerned we take advantage of this great opportunity and privilege which is at our disposal through broadcasting of witnessing to our faithful adherence to New Testament teaching by our weekly observance of the Lord's Supper and so include same in our air-borne services.

In past years my wife and I were active workers in the Croydon church, and upon accepting a country cattle station position in N.S.W. and S.W. Queensland, we very much regretted our separation in regular fellowship with our brethren in Christ. Nevertheless for five years whilst in the inland, we observed each Lord's day with the Lord's memorial supper. On one occasion, which I happily recollect, I pined to hear a church service and, upon approaching the head stockman, I obtained permission to switch on his radio at 11.30 one Lord's day morning. I heard the remarks being presented over the emblems and, in deep reverence and inward spiritual joy, I heard the whole procedure, even unto the movement of the bread plates and the tinkling of the glasses. Brethren, I cannot describe the true feelings of my heart and the thoughts of my mind as I silently imagined myself included in the holy feast. I afterwards discovered I had been in fellowship with our Swanston-st., Melbourne, brethren.

It may be presumed that my happy experience was one which many have enjoyed in the outback, isolated areas of our great continent. Remember that, through the possibilities of broadcasting, your communion services reach beyond the four walls of your chapel.—G. Houston, Flinders Park, S.A.

The Family Altar

J.C.F.P.

TOPIC.—TWO YEARS IN ROME

- Nov. 22—Mark 16: 14-20.
- " 23—Acts 19: 21, 22.
- " 24—Rom. 1: 8-15.
- " 25—1 Cor. 1: 10-25.
- " 26—Rev. 3: 1-6.
- " 27—Acts 28: 1-16.
- " 28—Isaiah 62; Acts 28: 17-31.

AT last, entering Rome, Paul's wish was fulfilled, although he came in chains. Such was his dauntless spirit that had he foreseen all, no doubt he would still have wished to visit Rome. There, by the blessing of God, he labored two years, and amongst the converts were a few of the choicest of souls. Rome is now a target for the onslaught of overpowering armies. For many centuries it has been the seat of the papacy. Yet even in this hot-bed of error there have grown some of the choicest flowers of grace; and even to this blackout of heresy we should, when opportunity offers, carry the lamp of the gospel of peace.

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The soul can split the sky in two,
And let the face of God shine through.

"But East and West will pinch the heart
That cannot keep them pushed apart;
And he whose soul is flat—the sky
Will cave in on him by-and-bye."

The way some choose to muse on heaven is doubtless a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but a Christian's heavenly communion is an act and a habit of courageous, energetic realism.—G. J. Andrews.

THOUGHT

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