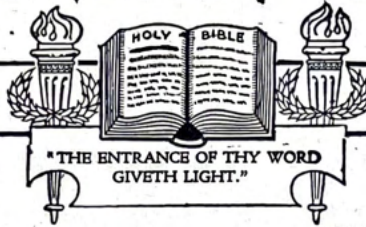


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*What's in  
a name?*

*Correct Use of Scriptural Terms Helps to  
Make Manifest the Unity of the Church*

IT cannot be said with justice that Dr. C. C. Morrison, editor of "The Christian Century," takes a narrow view of the problem of Christian unity. Holding to the main contention set out by Thomas Campbell that "the church of Christ on earth is essentially, intentionally and constitutionally one," Charles C. Morrison agrees that the true unity of the church lies underneath its divisions. It is not an "invisible" church, but the church "on earth." It is not a *future* unity that is envisaged, but a present and actual unity—the church "is" one. After discussing in his book entitled "What is Christianity?" the manner in which sectarian "churches" have concealed the nature of the church, and have perpetuated the sin of schism, he proceeds to show that the problem of Christian unity is not to unite "churches" (sectarian bodies), but "to restore to the one church which already exists the catholic functions of which our sectarian bodies have robbed it."

ONE aspect of the problem of how "to restore" the catholic functions of the church is bound up with the use of names and terms in the life and worship of the church. As Mr. Morrison has pointed out: "We shall not be dealing realistically with the œcumenical problem until a realistic vocabulary is accepted." "It is difficult for us," he continues, "to designate our so-called churches by their right name. We hide their true character under euphemistic nomenclature." They are denominations. Such a term is elusive enough, "but to call them 'churches' is to conceal their real character under a label that, wittingly or unwittingly, implies an affront to the head of the church. Christ is not divided. He is not the head of the 'churches.' He has made no provision for 'churches.' Christ is not the

head of the 'Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,' nor of the 'Methodist Church,' nor of the 'Church of England,' nor of any other body now in existence which calls itself a church. Nor would any enlightened member of these or other such bodies claim otherwise. Christ knows only one church, one community, or one body."

WE do not believe that the mere use of a correct "nomenclature" will solve the Christian unity problem, but the use of scriptural names for the facts and functions bound up with the life of the church will help to make manifest the unity in Christ that Christians throughout the world in various communions really do enjoy: the correct use of a scriptural vocabulary will emphasise the degree of unity existing within the fellowship of the church and help to banish misunderstanding.

The plea to restore the use of scriptural terms for scriptural practices, particularly as applied to worship, has strong support in the following paragraph from the Commission's Report (1938) on the *Doctrine in the Church of England*:

"For (a) only scripture carries us back to the concrete richness of the facts in which our religion is grounded; (b) any expressions designed to represent our own thinking are likely to miss those elements which are not naturally in our minds, so that we fail to transmit the suggestion of those elements to our successors and reduce our opportunity of becoming sensitive to them ourselves; and (c) traditional phrases lay less stringent fetters in practice upon the free play of thought than any constructed to express the mind of the moment" (page 34).

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL objected to the nomenclature used by theologians of his day because they drew "too much on the paganised vocabulary of

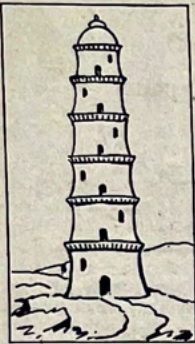
Rome." He wrote, "If we could, by any means, restore a pure speech to the present church/militant, we might have some hope of an evangelical union, communion and co-operation in Protestantism that would give an impetus to the apostolic gospel."

At the present time the forces opposing the church delight to emphasise the divisions existing among Christians. We know that numbers of disciples of the Lord are closer in fellowship than many in the world are aware of. Various names and different theological terms for scriptural practices accentuate confusion, often suggesting violent opposition where, in actual fact, there is none.

MEMBERS of the Restoration Movement not only make the plea that the universal church make use of scriptural language, but also strive to use Biblical terminology to denominate facts and acts associated with religious life and worship. That is the reason why they desire to be known as disciples or Christians. They also claim membership in the church of Christ, or the church of God. They do not use those terms in any exclusive sense. Believing as they do that the church is one and all disciples of the Lord are in "the fellowship," they aim to give the term "church of Christ" an inclusive turn. They resent the use of this œcumenical term—church of Christ (the name of the "fellowship" or the body of Christ)—in a sectarian or denominational sense. For a few local churches to take the name applicable only to the universal body—that fellowship of the Lord—and use it in any exclusive sense, is contrary to the essence of the plea of the Restoration Movement. While there are many local churches, there is only one church of Christ. For any religious communion to take to itself the name church in an exclusive sense is to misuse a scriptural term. For a list of denominations to be set out in any form as A..... Church, B..... Church, or C..... Church, as is often the case, is, as C. C. Morrison contends, misleading. Then in such a list to use the name "Church of Christ" to denominate certain local churches in some exclusive sense is approaching the violation of the command-

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## Church's Triumph in War-Time

Winifred Galbraith, in "The Chinese," presents an encouraging account of the virility of the church in China.

WHEN an ex-secretary of the National Christian Council is entrusted by the Chinese government with the task of caring for the sixty million refugees who have poured into West China, and he enlists the co-operation of numerous local groups of Christians, who can say in what spirit the work is carried out? In the face of the colossal needs of refugees and wounded soldiers, Christians have found it easy to collaborate with other bodies. Buddhists, business men, government officials and voluntary associations, both Chinese and foreign, Catholics and Protestants, have formed relief committees or branches of the Red Cross, and have mobilised all their resources to feed, clothe, doctor and set to work hundreds of thousands of refugees, to care for air-raid victims, to provide hospital care for pregnant women, to nurse the wounded in transit, to supplement the work of the Army Medical Corps and the National Refugee Commission, to meet, in short, as far as it can be met, every sort of human need and misery as it arises. When the tide of battle has swept nearer and the government officials have retreated, these committees have often been formally entrusted with the authority of government and asked to make what arrangements were possible with the invader when he arrived. In every city captured by the Japanese this kind of work has been undertaken and led by Christians who were sometimes the foreign missionaries, though these could never have carried it through without the help of loyal Chinese colleagues. To retreat before the enemy has been considered the more patriotic course; "better be a beggar in free China than a slave of the Japanese" is the spirit that has driven millions to abandon their material possessions and security and take to the roads; it has peeded a deeper view of love of country to stay and face the invader and care for the infirm and incapable in a conquered territory. In the smaller places in the north, when the enemy approached the village, it was often the Christian elders or pastors who set out tea and food and waited with the request that, since the men of military age had left, the conqueror would show mercy to the women and children. Sometimes they have died for their steadfastness; often it has been respected.

### I.

So the first characteristic of the Chinese church in wartime is that it is a church in action, suffering in all the suffering of the nation. It is no longer a segregated foreign sect remote from the needs and interests of its fellows; almost every member of it has become acutely conscious of the call to service. The wife of the fisherman who gave a day to sewing coats for the wounded, and lost thereby the ten cents she earned by washing clothes for her daily food; the college professor who organises care for the wounded and himself tends their dirty bodies, have both the same motive, and it is recognised by those who know nothing of the belief behind it, so that a soldier in a voluntary dressing station could look up at the student who was attending to him and say simply, "Now I know your God."

### II.

This call to action has brought a great sense of liberation to many Christians. Decried as "foreign slaves," they have suffered acutely in being suspect, in feeling cut off from their nation's life, and in knowing they were not welcomed to join wholeheartedly in social or political activities either of the left or of the right. Even quite disinterested schemes for social benefit have been suspected of having a proselytising aim. Now in the agony of their country they see before them the task to live their faith in new China, and both thinking and unlettered Christians have found their religion deepened and strengthened. The reports of some of the larger city churches sound very "unchurchy." So many thousand homeless people slept in the church, so many hundred thousand meals served, jobs found for the workless, visits paid to refugee camps, milk provided for motherless babies, countless pieces of service performed by teams of young people who are finding joy in fellowship and a direction for their lives in the service of God.

### III.

From a district in Hunan comes a report of a fourfold programme of health, education, co-operatives and evangelism, carried out by local Christian groups in a number of villages. Volunteers in each village take a short course of simple health instruction, and are provided with a box of remedies which are freely given to those in need of medical attention. Literate members of the congregation open night schools and the church synod assists with books, provides a classroom and holds an examination. The church helps to spread the principles of co-operation and to organise farmers to qualify for the government loans, or in certain cases itself organises the people into a co-operative; and teams of very ordinary people go on short preaching trips to preach the gospel.

### IV.

Such a programme, in process of being carried out in whole or in part in many districts, attempts to touch Chinese social life at just those places where it is needed most, and is in itself an evangelising agency; not because it will offer any special advantages or privileges to Christians, but because Christianity will be seen to have relevance to living. It will attract, too, earnest and capable non-Christians who wish to be effective in their community, and who perhaps have tried to work with other groups and found them ineffective or factious. It has its dangers. It will be accused of preaching a social gospel, of being content with amelioration of material conditions. But rightly carried out, the compulsion to these works is at the heart of the Christian doctrine of the Incarnation, that, since Christ became man, men should not live and die like pigs.

## "The Soft South Wind"

H. J. Patterson, M.A., warns of the danger of being deceived by human theories, and urges the need of building life on the principles of the kingdom.

IT is said that the twenty-seventh chapter is the finest piece of writing in the Acts, and it has an especial appeal to those who like the sea. The ancients did not like the sea. The Israelites loathed it, and compared the "raging waves" with the wicked. John the apostle, in picturing the new heaven and the new earth, said, "And there was no more sea." Even the ancient Greeks did not venture far from land. But their objectives must be attained and dangers must be faced.

### A Definite Purpose

For the travellers of that day the objective was Rome. For us, what? For some it is heaven. For others the first and greatest objective is the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth. This John the Baptist and Jesus and apostles preached. The disillusioned world of to-day presents a great opportunity for Christians. The world of men talk of new orders, but we talked of these at the end of the last war. The crowd followed the band as it played these new tunes. Now the same old tunes are revived again. After the last war President Harding, surrounded by the dead bodies of American soldiers, swore, "Never again." University professors and others talked and wrote of "A New Social Order." The new order to-day for some is communism, for others a new dressing up of the old—a so-called preservation of rights of manhood—mainly their own.

But while all this talk of new orders is heard, the church has a very definite purpose which if achieved will bring in a new order which will be permanent. The new order we preach is the kingdom of God, and it is broad-based in the principles of Christ's own teach-

ing; any other order is doomed to failure, for it comes not at the root of the matter in the hearts of men. The task of the church is to preach the evangel, to make known the love and the righteousness of our God. To win the war is not to save the world. Teeming millions of colored people are close to our own shores, and if there is to be peace there must be the right relationships between us. It is futile for us to say of the colored races, "These are only Indians" or "These are only little yellow Japs." This kind of thing will not build the kingdom of God on earth. The objective is a grand thing, and only the church that has suffered and served in ages past is capable of presenting the ideal.

### Peril in the Soft South Wind

The sailors wished to be comfortable, and it was with that in mind that the tragedy began. What do we want to-day? To be comfortable—"to be safe from the yellow peril," "to conserve our own special and selfish interests." Yes, we can settle down to things as they are and have been before the war, and that is all some folk desire. It is the peril of the soft south wind. The objective is not reached by winning the war. Certain forces are at work in the world to-day which will not be curbed or stayed by the cessation of hostilities. Great changes are coming, but however great these changes, or revolutionary, there will be no lasting good order unless it be of God. The church must not be misled by the "soft south wind." She must endure hardness. It may be through the strain and storm and stress of things she will at last be able to realise the kingdom of God on earth—a new and lasting order.



# Debts of the Soul

W. J. Thomson, of Long Plains, S.A., writes interestingly of the need of discharging debts of kindness.

I HAVE just had a great time paying some accounts. Not that I have had any great accounts to pay, for I learned as a boy never to buy anything if I could not see my way to pay for it. I have never even seriously considered indulging a whim or a fancy that I could not afford, so that in so far as my purchases are concerned, I know they will not exceed my income. Micawber's famous quotation is one I always think is well worth remembering:

"Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen pounds nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result, misery."

But, although I can pay for what I wear and eat, there are lots of debts that I cannot and never will be able to pay. Any man who thinks he can liquidate his debts from his bank balance is living in a restricted, narrow, and limited way—his soul must be wizened.

Somewhere I read once, "No one can live without being laden with debts of the soul," and I know that, in this way, I am heavily in debt. My own parents, Bible school teachers, some State and secondary school and university teachers, friends of my boyhood and manhood, how could I ever repay them for their wise leadership and counsel and sacrifice? I can't—and yet, somehow, I am proud of the debt of gratitude I owe them.

But I know there is one thing that I can do—I can at least pass on the kindnesses I have received.

The story of Mark Guy Pearce illustrates what I mean.

When he was a boy, and travelling on a steamer, he found himself without enough money to pay the fare. The purser of the ship treated him kindly, and himself paid the amount owing, telling Mark to pass the kindness on if he ever found anyone in similar circumstances. Some years later he found a boy at Temple Meads station crying because he could not pay his fare to some place. Remembering the purser's kindness, Mark paid the boy's fare, bidding him, in turn, to pass the kindness on. It was on this story that Dr. Henry Burton wrote the well-known hymn:

"Have you had a kindness shown,  
Pass it on;  
'Twas not given to thee alone,  
Pass it on;  
Let it travel down the years,  
Let it wipe another's tears,  
Till in heaven the deed appears;  
Pass it on!"

Maybe, as you pay your bills, or accounts, or whatever you call them, you will think to try to discharge the debts of kindness, encouragements, help and love, that you have received.

It seems to me a good thing to pay our way.

# From "Sweet Anwoth"

A HYMN FOR NOVEMBER (No. 648—NOV. 28)

TODAY'S hymn comes with a story of great charm and power. Back in Scotland's killing-time, loyalty to his Christ and his church brought Samuel Rutherford, "the saint of the Covenant," into conflict with the authorities and sent him to Aberdeen as a compulsory exile from his congregation at Anwoth. But his heart remained amongst the hills and the shepherds by the Solway, and by letter after letter he gave his flock choice guidance from afar. For 300 years his writings have been treasured as choice meditations on the beauty of the redeeming, living and loving Christ and of the heavenly home.

Two hundred years later these letters so filled another choice spirit of the Church of Scotland, Mrs. Annie Ross Cousin, that she wove a beautiful poem of 19 verses, the very warp and woof of which are Rutherford's written and spoken words. "O for a well-tuned harp" and the oft-repeated "Glory, glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land" are from his deathbed sayings. Parallel columns could be used with striking effect to show the source of the eleven verses still in common use, but no such device will be needed for those who read in conjunction with our number 648 such lines as these from Rutherford's letters: "Misspend not your short sandglass which runneth very fast." "Ye cannot now take in seas and tides of fresh love at the Fountain itself as ye will do when ye shall be with Christ." "Go on through the waters without wearying; your Guide knoweth the way." "Ye are Christ's debtors even in that he buildeth a hedge of thorns in your way." "Let my Lord Jesus weave my bit and spanlength of time with white and black, well and woe."

Such lines as our one remaining quotation may not be familiar, but they give an intimate glimpse of the personal spiritual care the faithful exile exercised for "fair Anwoth by the Solway."

"Oh, if one soul from Anwoth  
Meet me at God's right hand,  
My heaven will be two heavens  
In Immanuel's land."

—F.J.F.

## What's in a Name?

(Continued from front page.)

ment that urges us not to take a divine name in vain.

We hold that the fellowship of saints everywhere—the body of Christ—is alone entitled to the name—church of Christ. Local assemblies or churches of Christ are only manifestations of the church of Christ. Members of the Restoration Movement do not claim to be the only members of the church of Christ, nor do they hold that the local assemblies in which they gather are the only churches of Christ. They try to avoid being exclusive in the use of such terms; for they desire the name to be inclusive, gathering under scriptural nomenclature all saints, and by such use emphasize the essential unity of the fellowship of the disciples of Christ throughout the world.

I pray you, with all earnestness, to prove and know within your hearts that all things lovely and righteous are possible for those who believe in their possibility, and who determine that, for their part, they will make every day's work contribute to them.—Ruskin.

# Notes on Current Topics

## The Moscow Agreements

THE signing of agreements by Britain, the United States, Russia and China was the greatest news of recent weeks. The agreements covered the prosecution of the war, and also aimed at the rehabilitation of the world and the establishment of peace. The papers said that "history was made in Moscow" on Oct. 30. The pledge to take united action after the war for the organisation of peace and security is most welcome. The assurance to Italy of the restoration of "freedom of speech, religious worship and political belief, of the press and of public meeting," is similarly pleasing. Many problems confront the world, and many were unsolved at Moscow, but for the measure of agreement and the advance made we can be very thankful.

## Dr. G. Campbell Morgan Retires

Few preachers have such world renown as Dr. Campbell Morgan, who recently resigned his work at Westminster Chapel, London. The church has appointed him Minister Emeritus. Dr. Morgan has had a ministry of 54 years, and has twice served at Westminster, once for 18 years, and again for 11 years. In his letter of resignation, he wrote: "I am not able to go on, conscious as I am of increasing weakness, and that preaching has become a burden in anticipation and in exercise." Through his Bible studies Dr. Morgan stimulated and helped thousands of men. His expository preaching was of a very high order.

## R. B. S. Hammond

Few ministers are more esteemed than Mr. R. B. S. Hammond, who, after 25 years' service as rector of St. Barnabas' church, Sydney, has just resigned. For a considerable

time he has been unable to conduct the church services, but he hopes still to continue his social work. Most people will agree with Archbishop Mowll's statement that what Archdeacon Hammond has done in the spiritual and social world is outstanding, in the churches of Australia. He spent his energies in the service of the poor, Hammondville being an abiding witness to the value of his work. He did a great work in the interests of temperance, as forceful preacher and editor of "Grit." It is said that 4443 men have signed the pledge during his ministry with St. Barnabas' church.

## Drunkenness and Immorality

A series of articles in "S.M. Herald" regarding the intoxication and disgraceful behaviour in the streets of Sydney aroused much indignation and may lead to reform. The paper has rendered a great service to the community. It is astonishing that, with the general acknowledgment of drinking as a prime cause of the evils, the government has taken no adequately strong action. A correspondent cites the view of "the man in the street" as follows: "There is only one way for this sort of thing to be stopped, and that is to cut off the supply at the fount, which would stop the drunkenness. The powers—that-be know this, but do nothing about it, which makes the work of the vice squads, etc., impossible to handle." The "Herald" states that civil police should have more assistance than they at present are receiving from the Australian and Allied services.

A.R. Main.



## WOMEN'S PAGE

# The Joyful Life

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, 72: Sankey, 25.

Leader:

"O God,  
At this Christmas season  
Give to the churches—wisdom;  
To the rulers of the nations—visions;  
To the women of the world—patience;  
To the men of the world—steadiness.  
And to all who bow before thee—  
Holiness like that of the Christ Child."

Bible Reading.—Matthew 2: 1-12.

Prayer.—"O Lord our Lord, how wonderful is thy love to us. In a thousand forms thou hast revealed it, but in none so fully as in the gracious bestowment of the life of Jesus. He has opened up to us the vision of God and the way to eternal life. Into this sordid and restless world he has brought the holy inspiration of goodness and of friendship with thee. We welcome the Christmas day, not for its gifts and its social joy alone, but for its deeper lesson of a united humanity and a coming reign of peace. Help us to hear above the strife and confusion of the world the angel song of peace and good will. Amen." ("The Daily Altar.")

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, 68; Sankey, 29.

Let us pray:

For all who are away in the service of king and country, that they may have patience when the way is hard.

For all who are sick or wounded, that they may know thy comfort.

For thy love and comfort to be upon both friendly and enemy homes where loved ones are away at war, or are missing, or have laid down their lives.

For peace to come and with it a greater desire on the part of the peoples of the world to do thy will.

Devotional Talk:

## THE JOYFUL LIFE

WHEN we speak of a joyful life we are not open to the same misunderstandings as when we speak of a happy life. For happiness suggests different things to different people. Some confuse it with outward circumstances or possessions, like the rich young ruler who went away sorrowful when he was asked to give his goods to the poor. Others take happiness to mean an endless succession of pleasurable experiences which, however, soon lose their power to give such feeling.

But joy has not been so confused. A joyful life always suggests a life of inward peace which does not necessarily depend on outward circumstances, material possessions, or successive pleasurable experiences. The essence of joy is found in the situation where Paul and Silas were in prison singing hymns. Instead of being gloomy and downhearted they were joyful, singing hymns and psalms to God.

The essence of a joyful life is in reality the secret of the Christmas season. To be joyful in the full Christian sense means not only to be surrendered and consecrated, but also to be disposed towards the world in the same spirit as that which led the Father and the Son to co-operate in the Incarnation. This means that a joyful life includes love, self-giving, sacrifice, humility, and many other cardinal Christian virtues which we associate with trouble, distress, and the recognition of sin in this world.

It would seem, then, that a joyful life depends more on the gears of life grinding hard rather than their flowing smoothly; and because this fact is so pertinent for to-day, we wish to stress it time and time again. The busy mother with an extra load of housework, with difficulties arising from war-time shortages, and with husband and sons and daughters away, still may keep a song in her heart. The angels' song was sung in times such as these; and its echoes may be heard to-day in the lives of those who have courage to face the dark night of our world with a message of peace and goodwill.

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come,  
Let earth receive her King."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, 121; Sankey, 111.

Business Session.

Home Mission Notes.

Missionary Letter.

Session of Prayer.

Solo.

Talk.—"Tibet—the Mountain of Silver Snow."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, 71; Sankey, 25.

Benediction.—"The Lord bless us and keep us. The Spirit of the Lord cleanse and purify our inmost hearts. The Lord fill us with faith and love towards him. The Lord be with us day and night in our coming in and going out, in our sorrow and in our joy. And bring us at length into his eternal rest. Amen."

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## SPECIAL STUDIES

Commencing with the December programme, we are to study some of the lesser known countries of the world. Now is the time for members of our Women's Mission Bands and Guilds and all who use the programmes to gather information which will help to make the meetings interesting. If any do not have a syllabus, your State secretary may be able to supply you with one if she has any left.

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## NEW FEDERAL EXECUTIVE FOR WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

President, Mrs. Wendorf; vice-president, Mrs. Hardcastle; secretary, Mrs. Bates; assistant secretary, Mrs. Harlan; treasurer, Mrs. Hermann.

These Queensland sisters, who now take office as the leaders of our Federal women's work, are well known to most of us by name if not in person. They can be assured of the loyal co-operation of the women of our State conferences, who look forward to the time when we may have the opportunity of meeting in a Federal Conference in Queensland.

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## STATE NEWS

### Victoria

Lady Dugan attended the annual rally arranged by the Victorian Women's Inter-church Council, held in the Assembly Hall on Oct. 10, when more than 200 women representing all denominations joined in the service. Mrs. A. A. Dunstan, wife of the Premier, and Mrs. J. J. Booth, wife of the Archbishop of Melbourne, were present and were welcomed by the president (Mrs. D. Baker). Dr. R. Wilson

Macaulay was the speaker. He gave a warning against hatred and self-righteousness when he stressed the need for Christian co-operation in peace plans.

At the executive meeting on Nov. 5 an inspiring address was given by the secretary of the Inter-church Council on "The Power of Prayer," showing the opportunities that are open to us all if only we are willing to sacrifice our time to lay hold of this power that will bring about the full realisation of the world fellowship of the church of God.

### Queensland

On October 19, at Wynnum, there was a day of fellowship and prayer which was well attended. The half-yearly conference held at Ipswich was also very helpful.

150 service men and women in New Guinea and Australia will receive canteen orders for Christmas, and Chaplain Methven was given £2/2/- toward his work.

### South Australia

The Women's United Church Association held a "musical" in aid of the Children's Hospital, and the sum of £52/4/- was handed over to the committee. The churches of Christ made a contribution of £6/6/-. On Nov. 11 this United Association held an Armistice Day service in Scots Church.

Prayer meetings have been held in homes of invalid and sick sisters, and the hospital committee paid 106 visits to hospitals during the month.

### Tasmania

There has been a deal of sickness among members of the executive and their families. Mrs. Warmbrunn (temperance superintendent) is ill. Mrs. Boxhall (mission band superintendent) is recovering from an operation. Mr. Ken Woolley, husband of the minute secretary, is ill. The home mission superintendent, Mrs. Duncan, received word that her husband is missing.

On behalf of the Tasmanian Women's Conference, Miss Kate Skirving, one of the representatives on the Federal Missionary Education Department, sent £15 to Miss Joan Saunders to assist her in the work at Norseman.

Forty visits were paid to sick folk during the month.

### Western Australia

A successful tea and F.M. rally was held by the sisters' auxiliary. Dr. Pell gave a splendid address which stirred the hearts of all who heard it.

Mesdames Jeffery and Carpenter were appointed to represent the auxiliary on the League of Service.

### New South Wales

The women's conference sustained a great loss in the death of a beloved past president, Mrs. B. G. Corlett. At the executive meeting on November 5, a short memorial service was conducted by Mrs. E. Lewis.

Mrs. Weir, a vice-president, is leaving the State to live in Victoria. A presentation was made to her.

At the home mission rally on November 5 Mr. Stirling, of Wollongong, was the speaker. Mrs. Maxwell (H.M. superintendent) urged the women to do all they could for the women's H.M. effort. The closing day is January 31.

On October 15 a meeting of officers of organisations was held to discuss programme, methods, and to launch plans for the special jubilee offering which is to be devoted to young people's work.

"My Father, this I ask of thee;  
Knowing that thou wilt grant the plea—  
For this, and only this, I pray,  
Strength for to-day—just for to-day."



# Religion and Life Conference, W.A. The Home Circle

Our correspondent, R. Raymond, of Subiaco, W.A., tells of views expressed at special conference, dangers of undestorable films, and growth of C.F.A.

J. C. F. Pittman.

## BE READY

"OPPORTUNITY will some day ring the bell—  
Be ready:  
She will not inquire if you are ill or well,  
She will not stand waiting there  
While you hasten to prepare;  
She must hurry to where others dwell—  
Be ready."

## STORM AND SHINE

A MAN stood in an art gallery and looked at a picture. It was a storm-cloud. It was as black as night. He came closer, and viewed it from another angle, and he could see the light shimmering through it. He came still closer and there appeared the forms of angels looking down upon him. They were there all the time, but to see them the right position must be secured. Trials come upon us, and at first they resemble the storm-cloud. All is dark and hopeless; but after a time we find that the sun is shining on the other side of the cloud, and soon will break through, and when it does we shall behold blessings that have come to us in disguise.—Selected.

## FORWARD

A SCULPTOR chiselled in marble a statue of St. George, and stood it before a church in Florence. Michael Angelo was asked to view it. He did so, and was amazed at the success of the young artist. Every feature was perfect. The brow was massive. Intelligence seemed to beam from the eye. One foot was in the act of moving as if to step forward. Gazing upon the marble figure, Angelo said, "Now, march!" That was the highest encomium he could pay to St. George in marble. God has given us success in the past. He has placed in our hand every possible facility as to organisation and method. He has opened before us our great field and his word to us is, "Now, march!"

"Waiter," said the fussy diner, "I want some oysters. But they mustn't be too large or too small, too old or too tough, and they mustn't be salty. I want them cold and I want them at once."

"Yes, sir," bowed the waiter. "With or without pearls?"

## The Family Altar

### TOPIC.—SWERVING FROM TRUTH

- Nov. 29—1 Cor. 1: 18-25.  
" 30—1 Cor. 1: 26-31.  
Dec. 1—Gal. 1: 6-10.  
" 2—Jude 1-16.  
" 3—Jude 17-25.  
" 4—Titus 1: 1-9.  
" 5—Deut. 31: 1-15; Titus 1: 10-16.

THE Epistle to Titus contains a strong warning against the corrupting influence of "vain talkers and deceivers" who, instead of teaching sound doctrine, dealt with Jewish fables and the commandments of men; thereby striving to turn disciples away from the truth. Surely we are living in days when similar warnings should go forth with no uncertain sound! How very gullible are those (some even from our own ranks) who swallow any doctrine which seems palatable, irrespective of whether it is in harmony with or contradictory of the doctrine of God's Word. Hence an alarming drift towards heterodoxy, dispensed, not infrequently, "for filthy lucre's sake." Well might such hear and heed the strong rebuke of Titus 1.

A BIG thing in the religious life of Perth was the "Religion and Life" conference. This conference covered a week, Nov. 7-14. We have been told that during the past 18 months over 70 "Religion and Life" conferences have been held in Britain. Last year one was held at Newcastle in N.S.W. Principal speakers were Bishop Burgmann, Bishop of Goulburn; the Moderator of the Presbyterian church in South Australia, J. R. Blanchard; Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. A. Currie, of the W.A. University; R. G. Lloyd Thomas and K. Spruhan, editor of the "Record," the official Roman Catholic organ for Western Australia. It is reported that, as a concession to the Roman Catholics, it was decided to omit public prayer from the programme. This seems to many an unwarranted compromise when it is seen that the general theme of the conference is "Christ and the shape of things to come," and when we see by the programme that every theme deals with Christ in relation to some aspect of life. "Christ and Rural Reconstruction," "Christ and Family Life," "Christ and Australian Politics," "Christ and Property," "Christ and International Peace," to name a few of the subjects.

### "Films Do Affect Children"

This statement was made by Mr. Schroeder, special magistrate. Mr. Schroeder was formerly a Methodist minister in this State. He now presides over the Children's Court. Few men are more frequently quoted in the W.A. press than this gentleman. Commenting on the theatre and films commission report, which stated that attendances by children at pictures

had not led to child delinquency, Mr. Schroeder said that no committee sitting has the facilities to gather this information. "Children of tender years are not so affected as those between 15 and 18 years," he said. "It is then that youth is in its most formative period and impressions gained from the undesirable films certainly contribute to child delinquency. A great many Hollywood pictures have a different set-up in morality than is practised in Australia, and it tends to loosen the habits of young people and to make them more susceptible to temptation. Gangster films only influence a small proportion of youths because Australian youth uses only his fists—knives and revolvers don't come into his picture at all." We think Mr. Schroeder knows what he is talking about.

### C.F.A.

The Christian Fellowship Association held its annual tea and business meeting at Lake-st. church recently. The year's work was a most successful one. The membership of the association was drawn from 13 churches, and the members now number over 300. Although this may seem very small, it indicates great progress because until comparatively recent days very little was heard about the association. This meeting was followed by a social service demonstration. At this meeting the Social Service Committee made known its desires to secure suitable land upon which to erect a number of small cottages for the aged poor. J. K. Robinson addressed the meeting on social service activities in New Zealand.

## Dhond Hospital Annual Report

### Costs

A SIGN of the times is the increased cost of running this institution. The expenditure for the year amounted to over Rs. 13,000 (about £1300 Aust.), being over Rs. 2000 (£200) in excess of last year. Supplies of drugs, etc., cost about Rs. 6348 (£650), while dearness allowances have greatly increased salaries and wages total. On the other hand, our income has increased by Rs. 1200 (£120) due to our making increased charges and the receipt of some very welcome gifts, the latter totalling over Rs. 900 (£90), including a gift from Mr. T. Escott of Rs. 300 to defray cost of one of the buildings needed. Altogether we have raised by fees, contributions, etc., the sum of Rs. 9503 (£950), which is about 72 per cent. of our expenditure, and we have used funds from Australia for the other 28 per cent.

### Cases

Our thanks are gratefully rendered to the young people of our churches in Australia, members of the Sunday schools, Christian Endeavor Societies, and other young people's societies for their loyal, generous and sustained support. They have helped us to give over 20,000 out-patient treatments during the year, 6000 of which were given free, and to treat 471 in-patients (the hospital days amounting to 5466). Among the 471 in-patients were 45 cases of pneumonia, 30 cases of typhoid fever and 28 of malaria. 79 live babies were born in the hospital during the past twelve months. By contributing as they have done, the young people of our churches in Australia have very considerably assisted us in the performing of 200 operations also. We pray that God's blessing may rest upon all the work that has been done and that God will use it to his glory.

### Evangelism

Evangelistic work has been done regularly among the patients and their relatives. We do not often see direct results of this work, but we know that the evangelists from the various stations find a good background for their preaching in outback villages because someone from these villages has been in our hospital at some time or other, and has learned to appreciate the work that Christians have done for them in their need. Thus the bearers of the good news of salvation are welcomed, and a better chance given for a good reception of their message.

### Head Nurse Passes

Our hospital staff worked well during the year. We were all very greatly saddened by the sudden death from meningitis of one of our nurses, Prabhawantibai Gaikwad. This was the first death while on work of any of our staff. It has been a great loss to us. Sister Foreman is having to arrange for the hospital nursing to be done by untrained staff, and to train them gradually in the work. We are glad to have some girls from our girls' home at Shrigonda with us to learn nursing, for we much appreciate the character of these girls who have been under the mission's influence for a number of years.

### Appreciation

We rejoice that the witness which the medical work gives concerning the compassion of the Christ for all sufferers has continued to be given despite the difficult days in which we live. We thank all those who have helped in this work, and suggest especially to you in Australia that our work may be very much in your minds when you are communing with God in prayer.—G. H. Oldfield.



## Here and There

All attention is now turned on December 5.

We regret that Mrs. Lang, wife of C. L. Lang, preacher of Ormond, Vic., is very seriously ill.

At Collingwood, Vic., on Nov. 21, after T. A. Fitzgerald's evening address, five adults made the good confession.

Advice has been received from D. H. Butler, formerly preacher at Wagga, N.S.W., now a prisoner of war, that he is well and in good health.

This telegram reached us on Nov. 22: "Magnificent meeting Sunday, Dandenong, Vic.; 161 breaking bread; 14 welcomed in; two decisions.—Marshall."

We learn that Mr. Horace Kingsbury, former preacher of Victorian churches, now in U.S.A., has accepted the invitation to become preacher of a Christian church, Noe-st., San Francisco, California.

We regret that P. D. McCallum, of Epping, N.S.W., has been seriously ill again. We are indebted to Mrs. McCallum for splendid co-operation in gathering and arranging each month news items and programme for Women's Page.

On Nov. 14 Mrs. V. James, Laurance Cox and Tom Tregloan were baptised at Whyalla, S.A., by F. Hollams during gospel service, it being first baptism since church was formed. The address on Christian baptism was heard by a record attendance.

All correspondence relating to the Federal Conference Executive should now be addressed to H. E. Greenwood, secretary, at the church of Christ, Ann-st., Brisbane. The executive has been transferred from South Australia to Queensland.

E. C. Hinrichsen, who is conducting a series of meetings in Victoria, reports, in a telegram, that "Dandenong mission closed with 104 decisions. After R. W. Marshall's address on Nov. 21 two confessed Christ. The thank-offering now totals £464. Meetings at Balwyn have been splendid; there were two decisions."

Mr. Nelson, of S.A. Alliance, was speaker at Norwood, S.A., on morning of Nov. 14; an offering for Alliance was received. Mr. Ingham was evening speaker. A thanksgiving service was held on Nov. 17 for success of debt reduction offering, which totals £649/11/3. The church has been enabled to pay £795 off mortgage.

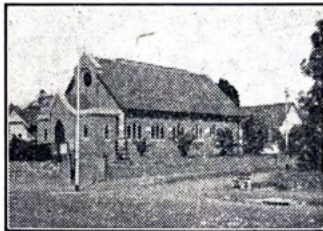
P. R. Thickins concluded a short, appreciated ministry at Ivanhoe, Vic., on Nov. 21. There was rejoicing at evening service when ten young people were baptised and welcomed into fellowship at evening communion. T. Pettigrove, on behalf of the church, made a gift of appreciation to Mr. Thickins after the communion. F. B. Burtf has accepted a call to a part-time ministry commencing in February next year and T. G. H. Westwood for an interim ministry.

A. C. Killmier has accepted an invitation to continue as preacher at Naracoorte, S.A., for a further three years. Bible school anniversary commenced on Oct. 24. Special meetings were also held on following Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Will Beiler was speaker at all meetings, which were particularly well attended. On Nov. 13, Bible school picnic was attended by about 70 scholars, parents and teachers. C. A. Lawrence, who has been in indifferent health for some time, is now very ill.

Some years ago an isolated brother highly esteemed for many generous deeds loaned the College of the Bible a sum of money to help it over a financial difficulty. Through the years he has made the interest a donation

to the college. This year he has made the capital as well as the interest a donation to help clear the college from debt, and adds in his note: "I trust that other brethren may be encouraged to help likewise, and sincerely hope it will not be long before the college is free from debt." The amount of the donation is nearly £300. This will bring the college debt to less than £1000. The gift is a challenge to the brotherhood to finish the task. It can be done.

A successful 27th anniversary at Camberwell, Vic., was brought to a close with Temple day of-



Camberwell Chapel.

fering, the total contributed being £286 by approximately 90 members. On Nov. 17 a church dinner was tendered to members; 112 enjoyed the fellowship. On Nov. 21 fine services were held morning and evening. R. L. Williams addressed both meetings, and 112 communed during day. Bible school work is healthy, and attendances during past few weeks were greatest in history of school. Teachers and staff are enthusiastic.

At Inverell, N.S.W., the visit of conference president P. E. Thomas was marked by splendid meetings coinciding with S.S. anniversary. The tea was attended by almost 200. Attendances, particularly at evening services, are increasing. On Nov. 7 a young woman made the good confession; this was followed by the confessions of two young men on 14th. All were baptised at conclusion of service on 14th and welcomed into fellowship on 21st. Alfred Winter was the victim of an accident on his property, necessitating a spell in hospital. Isolated brethren remain faithful, and are regular in financial support of the work.

The church at Kaniva, Vic., mourns the death of E. Rowe on Nov. 10. He was in membership for forty years, and for long an esteemed elder and treasurer. Mr. Earle conducted services at chapel and graveside on Nov. 11. Local brethren conducted all services during Mr. Earle's absence at S.A. C.E. Jubilee and again on Oct. 31 when he was indisposed. Mr. Both, of the Presbyterian church, addressed morning service at Kaniva that day. On Nov. 7 Mr. Earle addressed Lillimur Union S.S. anniversary in the evening and A. E. Williams preached at Kaniva. Fellowship with W. F. Nankivell was enjoyed on Nov. 14. A good contingent made journey to Bordertown conference on Nov. 17. Mrs. Waterman addressed a well-attended public meeting of women in chapel on Nov. 18. Her messages at Kaniva in morning of Nov. 21 and Yearinga in afternoon were appreciated.

On Sunday, Oct. 31, the church at Northcote, Vic., celebrated 40th anniversary. T. Hagger spoke to a splendid audience in morning and W. T. Atkin addressed an excellent gathering in evening. M. L. Barker (Brunswick Baptist church) sang two solos. To mark 40th anniversary the church aimed at raising £200 to re-furnish chapel. By anniversary day £202 had been raised. Services were continued on Nov. 3; Russell Baker gave a splendid message. W. T. Atkin read a copy of record placed un-

der the foundation stone of church. W. Gale, representing conference, brought a greeting to church. On Nov. 7 home-coming Sunday was celebrated, when many former members returned for day. R. Enniss spoke at morning service, and T. H. Scambler gave an address at gospel service. Mr. Haskell, of Williamstown church, rendered two solos. A feature of meetings was excellent services rendered by choir under baton of Mr. Tinkler. 154 broke bread last Lord's day, when nine boys and three girls, baptised on Nov. 14, were received into membership, 116 being present at gospel service.

About fifty years ago a young man, J. W. Enniss, joined the church at Grote-st., Adelaide. He became a librarian in the school, and later a teacher. Throughout his life he has devoted time to teaching in several States. He became superintendent at North Fitzroy and later at Gardiner, Victoria. To make way for a younger man, he resigned and completed his duties on Nov. 14. Past and present teachers of Gardiner school, and church officers, gathered on Nov. 13 to recognise the successful services of J. W. Enniss. An excellent programme was given by Miss Vera Sheehan, Mrs. Mudie, Mr. Alan Rowe, Mr. Eric Morris and Mr. Percy Jordan. Speeches of appreciation were made by Miss A. Thompson, Mrs. Cartmel, and Messrs. R. A. and W. A. Strongman, while Mr. T. Hagger occupied the chair. Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Enniss on behalf of past and present teachers, and by the church officers on behalf of the church. Mr. Enniss suitably replied. On Nov. 14 J. McC. McCann commenced duties as superintendent. Daryl Cartmel made a presentation on behalf of scholars to Mr. Enniss, who feelingly responded.

### Bordertown, Kaniva, Naracoorte

THE half-yearly conference of above churches was held in Bordertown town hall on Nov. 14 and 17. P. R. Baker, the guest preacher, brought inspiring messages. Mr. Baker spoke morning, afternoon and night on the Sunday. Bordertown-Mundalla choir sang, duets were rendered by Mrs. E. L. and Miss Nancy Milne and Mr. R. Russell and Mrs. Maddern, and a solo by Mrs. A. Tilley. All meetings were well attended. On the Wednesday a large contingent of Kaniva members attended, also a number of other visitors including W. Nankivell, of Park-st., Unley. D. R. Millne presided at devotional service, 11 a.m., when Mr. Baker spoke. Y.P.S.C.E. service, presided over by E. L. Milne, commenced afternoon business session. Reports were received from all societies, and solos sung by Miss N. Milne (Mundalla), D. Williams (Kaniva). Mr. Baker addressed the young people. Mrs. Waterman, president of Women's Conference of Victoria, gave a greeting. Telegrams were received from several young men in the Forces. At business session a resolution was passed, commending the S.A. Premier on his intention of keeping the betting shops closed. Mr. Baker gave his final message at gospel service. Solos were rendered by Messrs. Nankivell and Williams. Roy Hunt, conference president, presided at afternoon session and Mr. Earle, of Kaniva, at gospel service. Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. Russell were responsible for decorations. Organists were Misses A. Verco, E. Verco, N. Milne and J. Warncken. Mr. and Mrs. Baker's visit greatly deepened the spiritual life of the churches. Dinner and tea were served on Wednesday by women of Bordertown and Mundalla churches.—J. E. Macdonald.

#### ADDRESSES

S. C. Jenner (preacher Wagga church, N.S.W.).  
—c/o F. Renison, 288 Edward-st., Wagga.  
L. W. Maycock (secretary Rockhampton church, Qld.).—Gracemere, via Rockhampton.



# News of the Churches

## Queensland

**Boonah.**—The church extends sympathy to the Pokarier family in the loss of their mother; also to Mr. Cockroft and family, of Victoria, in the loss of wife and mother. Mrs. Cockroft was in membership with Boonah church many years ago, it being her home town. A recent visit and address from Mr. Shakespeare (B. & F. Bible Society) was appreciated. C.E. social evening and concert on Nov. 11 resulted in £8/15/-. Mr. Christensen's addresses are helpful.

**Gympie-Monkland.**—Annual business meeting on Nov. 10 was well attended and enthusiastic. Excellent reports were received, showing a credit in all church and auxiliary funds. During the year the church gave over £150 to brotherhood, patriotic and other outside funds. All retiring officers were re-elected, and important plans for future were initiated. On Nov. 14 Gympie Bible school anniversary was successful. Mr. Walker (Baptist) exhorted the church. In afternoon prizes were distributed, and at night A. J. Fisher gave an illustrated address. The children sang excellently afternoon and evening. The church was saddened at the home call of aged Sister A. Davies on Nov. 12.

## Western Australia

**Perth.**—On morning of Nov. 14, the service was broadcast. Mrs. K. Campbell rendered a solo and J. Keith Robinson gave an inspiring talk. At 7.30 p.m. special music was supplied by Mrs. Robinson, A. B. Povey and E. R. Berry. Mr. Robinson preached.

**Kalgoorlie.**—Mr. Fitch left at beginning of the month to spend a short holiday. Services are well attended. On Nov. 7 L. Park exhorted church and in evening F. J. Stephenson preached. On Nov. 14 Ben Wesley spoke to the church and L. Park gave the gospel message. Owen Cannon was soloist. W. H. Birridge conducted midweek prayer meeting.

## HOPEFUL SIGN

### SCHOLARS ACCEPT CHRIST

**SUBIACO.**—The most outstanding feature of this year's work has been number of scholars from S.S. who have given their lives to Christ. At nearly every Sunday night service recently one or more has stepped forward, and on Nov. 7 five young ladies made their decision. The church paper, "The Friendly Messenger," is again being published. Superintendent of school has been forced to resign on account of overwork. R. Raymond will take over his work.

## New South Wales

**Gilgandra.**—Encouraging attendances are recorded. Recent visitors included J. Burrell (R.A.A.F.). P. J. Pond's Thursday night lantern lectures contact young people. Girls' Fellowships (senior and junior) now have 30 enrolled. Saturday night C.E. prayer meeting and J.C.E. also meet regularly. Boys' Club under leadership of W. Hodgekiss held birthday party on Nov. 9.

**Paddington.**—On Nov. 14 the 50th anniversary of Bible school was continued with "parents' night," when Mr. Greenhalgh gave a special address. Two young girls from Bible school confessed Christ. There was fine singing by the young people conducted by Miss Walter, with assistance of orchestra, organ and piano. C.E. Society is making a special effort for Indian famine relief.

**Marrickville.**—Sunday school anniversary services concluded with prize-giving afternoon on Nov. 7, and a special service at night. Two senior scholars stepped out for Christ in evening. A children's play, "The End of the Rainbow," was a pleasing feature of annual demonstration on Nov. 9. All departments of school report progress.

**Taree.**—On Oct. 14 E. J. Saxby conducted morning service, and A. G. Saunders gave the address in evening. On Nov. 15 officers of church entertained P. G. Saxby on occasion of his 70th birthday. A. G. Saunders and A. W. Billingham spoke of his devoted Christian witness over many years, and conveyed love and esteem of a grateful congregation.

**Bexley North.**—On Nov. 7 the anniversary was a marked success, T. V. Weir speaking morning and night. R. Edgar, of Mission to Lepers, spoke at kindergarten afternoon. 260 were present afternoon and 170 at night. On Nov. 13 work commenced on excavations for new church building under supervision of A. McAlister. Building fund stands at £185, and overdraft has been arranged by Bank of N.S.W. On Nov. 14, Bible school afternoon meeting was addressed by H. McCallum, when 268 people (including scholars) attended. C. Byrnes spoke at gospel service; Mrs. Day sang. Gordon Day ably conducted the singing.

**Lidcombe.**—The church celebrated Diamond Jubilee on Nov. 7. This was preceded by a week of special meetings. P. E. Thomas, G. E. Burns, W. J. Crossman and D. Wakeley were the speakers. The Friday night was conducted by Bible College students, when Messrs. Grant and Latimer brought helpful messages. The students rendered two items of song. On morning of Nov. 7 the attendance at Lord's table was largest for some time. At 5 p.m. a reunion tea was held to which over 50 sat. Gospel service had record attendances. Mrs. Baldwin sang a solo, and Mr. Henderson's message was very helpful. The school is progressing, having enrolled 30 new scholars and two new teachers since the scholar drive commenced on Aug. 22. Miss Val. Bates, a kindergarten teacher, has joined the W.A.A.A.F. Jubilee offering amounted to over £45. A new organ purchased for the church is much appreciated.

## South Australia

**Edwardstown West.**—On Nov. 9 a concert arranged by Young Worshipers' League for Aborigines Mission raised about £4. Dr. R. Trudinger, of Sudan United Mission, gave a lantern lecture on Nov. 18. The circuit has secured the services of F. Cornelius as successor to Mr. Pike, who leaves at end of December.

**Forestville.**—A lad from Bible school confessed Christ at gospel service on Nov. 14. There was a good attendance, and members of boys' and girls' clubs were present. On Nov. 3 the Prayer Meeting Committee of Sisters' Conference visited Dorcas Society. Young people's choir assisted at gospel meeting on Oct. 31, when there was a large attendance.

**Ungarra.**—Attendances at meetings of church and all auxiliaries have been well maintained while church has been without a settled preacher. Local brethren have occupied pulpit. Two baptisms have been witnessed in recent weeks, one being that of an isolated member. Renovations to interior of building have been completed and meet with general approval. The church has entered an agreement with Tumbay Bay church and preacher, whereby H. G. Norris will visit schools and district and occupy pulpit every other Lord's day. These arrangements will be reviewed in new year.

**Long Plains.**—Mr. Gallas and the Misses Shirley Parker and Coral Jenkins were baptised and received into fellowship on Oct. 24. There was a well attended C.E. social on Nov. 5. Prizes were distributed in Bible school on 7th. During preacher's absence at Balaklava anniversary, Mr. Daniels gave gospel message and H. Lawrie preached at Avon Mr. Peet was guest speaker on Nov. 14.

**Queenstown.**—On Oct. 31 the 74th church anniversary services were held with excellent meetings. W. C. Brooker and S. E. Matthews gave inspiring messages. Choir rendered four anthems at night. Offering and gifts amounted to £40. Jack Kennedy, A.I.F., from New Guinea, was welcomed home. Chas Othen has been received into membership by transfer. Many members have been laid aside through sickness and mishaps. On Oct. 30 the marriage took place at chapel of Miss Snook and Mr. Othen.

## MEMORABLE DAYS

### OFFERING £376: TWO DECISIONS

**MAYLANDS.**—On Nov. 13 the church held second Temple Day. The chapel was open from 8 a.m., and members brought gifts throughout the day, which finished with a thanksgiving service at which A. Anderson, president of conference, was speaker. The offering amounted to £376. Fine attendances, and excellent messages by K. Jones, with two decisions, made Nov. 14 a memorable day.

**Adelaide (Grote-st.).**—On Nov. 9 a tea was provided for scholars of Bible school, after which a social evening was spent. On Nov. 14 and 21 Mr. Hurren spoke at all services. He has tendered his resignation to take up work at Balwyn, Vic. With much regret the resignation was accepted. His ministry with the church will conclude on Jan. 23. Gordon Ellis is home on leave, and had fellowship with the church on Nov. 21.

**Tumbay Bay.**—Sunday school anniversary services were held on Nov. 14. Mr. Dyster (Pt. Lincoln Baptist) gave two illustrated messages. Singing under leadership of R. Nankivell was rendered by school. The offering, donated to Children's Day, amounted to £6/0/7. On Nov. 16 special singing was again rendered by school, and four tableaux were well given. Prizes were awarded. Six scholars received certificates for 100 per cent. for year. Evening concluded with supper. Mr. Norris is doing good work amongst churches and auxiliaries.

**Berri-Winkle.**—Armistice Day services were conducted at both places on Nov. 7. Mr. Johnson spoke at both services in Berri. At Winkle, special mention was made of Captain John Minnocks, killed in Middle East twelve months ago. Mr. Chapple spoke in morning and Mr. Williams in evening. Allan and Olive Chapple were home for week-end services. On Nov. 16 a surprise social evening was tendered Miss Phil Matthews by members of church and Sunday school to mark her coming of age. A presentation was made by Mr. Johnson on behalf of church and school.

**Croydon.**—Bible school anniversary services were held on Oct. 31 and Nov. 7. Appropriate addresses were delivered by W. N. Bartlett, D. Hammer, S. E. Matthews and F. G. Banks. Mr. Sterling conducted the singing. There were five decisions for Christ, three from school and two from congregation. On morning of Nov. 14 Mr. Banks conducted teachers' dedication service, 35 teachers being present. At night Captain Chaplain John Turner addressed a splendid congregation. It was a baptismal service. At close of morning service the church unanimously invited Mr. Banks to continue his ministry for a further two years. Christmas parcels have been despatched to 44 Service men and women.



**Henley Beach.**—Services during past month were well attended, and Mr. Baker gave helpful addresses. Ladies' Guild congratulated Mrs. W. Wright, their oldest member, on reaching 87th birthday. Junior and Intermediate C.E. Societies have excellent meetings and are doing good work. The following have been home on leave: J. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Locky, Joyce Newcombe, Jack Ryder, Bob Lawrie, W. J. F. Strudwick, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Jones, and R. Johns. Letters have been received from E. Miller, J. Norris and R. Johns.

**Wallaroo.**—Bible school anniversary services were held Oct. 31. A local orchestra which included the Mayor was a great help. T. Williams (Congregational) and M. T. Lawrie gave addresses. Some from Kadina Bible school helped and presented a dialogue at evening service. The picnic was held at North Beach. C.E. Society, just over a year old, is one of the brightest features, attendance averaging over 20. Dr. Trevor Turner, wife and family were visitors on Nov. 14. T. Brealey and Mrs. Wurfel have been ill. Brethren and organist from Kadina give valuable help fortnightly. The preacher conducts other services.

**Prospect.**—I.C.E. held a social on Nov. 6; an offering was taken for China relief. Services on Nov. 7 were conducted by C. Schwab. Fellowship with visitors and R. Green (R.A.A.F.), on leave, was enjoyed. P.B.P. and K.S.P. held a concert in aid of parcels for boys on service, £6 being collected. An offering of £5/5/- was taken in church towards fund. Meetings on Nov. 14 were addressed by C. Schwab. L. H. Crosby is recovering after illness. Mr. Peacock has offered to assist in Bible school with visitation of parents and scholars. Ladies' Guild held fortnightly meeting with good attendance, and arranged special gathering of mothers of Bible school scholars. Bible school offering for Minda, Morialta and Children's Hospital was £2/12/6.

**Aldgate Valley.**—Church anniversary services were held on Nov. 7 and 8, when G. T. Fitzgerald gave inspiring addresses. At close of afternoon service one young lad (Bill Clarke) made the good confession. Meetings were well attended, and on Monday Dorcas Society provided supper to mark close of celebrations. All auxiliaries report progress. J.C.E. attendance is excellent. The society was awarded the Hills banner (for country section) of churches of Christ union. An "egg day" was held, proceeds being donated to Adelaide Children's Hospital. An offering was taken for Dhond Hospital. Dorcas sisters meet once a month. Several members were able to attend annual meetings at Cottonville and Blackwood. Pte. Les. Porteous has been home on leave from New Guinea. Prior to this he was for several weeks in hospital in Queensland. Pte. Jim Shanks has been wounded in New Guinea. His father, W. Shanks, who for many months has been in hospital, is home and progressing satisfactorily.

**Fullarton.**—Messrs. Andrews, Fisher, Dunkerton and Wharton gave addresses during Mr. Beiler's absence. Church 18th anniversary was held on Oct. 31. A. Anderson spoke in morning. Choir item was a special feature. Messages from Miss Stevens and H. Overland, R.A.A.F., were appreciated. At night Mr. Beiler's message was a challenge for the future. Choir rendered splendid items. The effort to raise £50 for church debt reduction realised £26 for first day. A tea on Nov. 3 arranged by the ladies was an outstanding success, after which a visit was received from Maylands choir, which gave a splendid musical programme under leadership of Mrs. Willis. Mr. Jones brought a helpful message. On Nov. 7 Bible school had best attendance for over four years (56). Special offering from school for cot, Minda and Morialta Children's Home was £1/15/-. There were splendid meetings on Nov. 14; over 60 communed for day. Mr. Beiler's messages were given forcefully. Mrs. Rosewarne, sen., is meeting with the church

after several weeks' sickness. Mrs. Spry is improved, although not able to attend. Final count for special offering was £53.

## Victoria

**Coburg.**—On Nov. 14 H. M. Clipstone addressed morning meeting on home missions. At close of Mr. Wakefield's address on Nov. 21, two made the good confession.

**Springvale.**—Meetings on Nov. 21 were well attended; 38 broke bread for day. Bible school had record attendance of 60 scholars (one new scholar). There was a large gospel meeting.

## IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

### FOURTEEN BAPTISED

**MILDURA.**—Sunday school anniversary services on Nov. 7 were very successful. Scholars sang excellently under leadership of B. Jenkins. Captain Beasy, of Salvation Army, gave an interesting talk in afternoon, and in evening J. W. Lewis held attention of all, and eight boys from school made the good confession. Gospel service on Nov. 14 proved to be most impressive. The baptism of 13 boys from Bible school and one young woman from kindergarten staff took place. All the boys are original members of Explorers' Club at Mildura, and have been keen workers all through. Ladies' Guild has undertaken to refurbish chapel. Officers are planning other renovations and a forward evangelistic programme for jubilee next year.

**Hampton.**—In the chapel on Nov. 20 Miss J. Trinnick was married to Mr. H. Kerr, A.I.F., C. G. Taylor officiating. The church sympathises with J. and T. Frazer in the death of their father on Nov. 21.

**Footscray.**—Y.P.S.C.E. visited Gordon-st. Baptist society on Nov. 16; Miss D. Pearce was speaker. J.C.E. membership is now 67 and Y.W.L. 87. Y.P. Club continues to grow in numbers. A junior tennis club has been formed. On Nov. 21 Mr. Ritchie illustrated his sermon with charts.

**Emerald.**—Morning service attendance on Nov. 14 increased 100 per cent. over average October attendances. A stirring address was given by Mr. Alcorn. In afternoon Bible school scholars held anniversary service. Bright singing was conducted by superintendent Mrs. Legge; a happy address was given by R. Geyer.

**Malvern-Caulfield.**—Morning and evening meetings on Nov. 21 were well attended. Mr. Watson addressed morning meeting; F. E. Buckingham preached at night. One young lady made the good confession. Mrs. T. H. Eames is sick and has been ordered to bed for a month. All branches of work are progressing favorably.

**Mont Albert.**—S.S. anniversary services were held afternoon and evening on Nov. 14. Speakers were A. W. C. Candy and A. A. McRoberts. On Nov. 20 a social evening, combined with prize-giving, was enjoyed by scholars and friends. Recent services have been encouraging under guidance of K. Roberts and Mr. McRoberts.

**Middle Park.**—Bible school anniversary services were continued on Nov. 14 with excellent attendances. In afternoon Mr. Brooker delighted with his address, and kindergarten prizes were distributed. In evening Mr. Stewart delivered an interesting illustrated address, and scholars again sang splendidly. Prizes and examination awards were distributed at concert on Nov. 17. Special features of anniversary were items rendered by kindergarten under leadership of superintendent Miss M. Gaisford.

**Moreland.**—H. Swain on morning of Nov. 14 spoke in interests of home missions. W. G. Graham preached at night, when a boy and a girl confessed Christ. Three girls and a boy made the confession after the address on Nov. 7. Bible school took part in "Sunday School of the Air" on Nov. 14, having been trained by A. E. Barber.

**Newport.**—Successful Bible school anniversary services were held on Nov. 7. B. F. Huntsman, W. E. Quirk and J. R. Muller were speakers. There were good attendances. Scholars' tea and social took place on Nov. 10. S/Sgt. A. Fraser, R.A.A.F., presided at morning service on Nov. 14. W. E. Quirk has concluded four years of service as preacher.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—Services were very well attended on Nov. 21. Excellent messages were given by C. G. Taylor throughout the day. During evening meeting Geoff Swain and Mr. Cripps were baptised. Bible school held picnic at Wattle Park on Nov. 20. The church regrets the loss of E. Tanner and G. Mead who, after a period of happy fellowship, have returned to their home town, Wollongong.

**Rochester.**—Bible school anniversary was held on Nov. 7. Mr. Payne, from Echuca, gave scholars an illustrated address. The young people rendered special hymns. On Nov. 9 young people of church with friends, also instrumentalists from aborigines' church at Cumeroounga, gave a programme to an appreciative audience. Financial results were satisfactory. Miss Main's work in training the singers is appreciated.

**Surrey Hills.**—Members participated in series of Sunday and week-night "Christian Citizenship" meetings sponsored by district men's and women's united. Christian Fellowship, speakers being Dr. Calvert Barber, R. D. Elliott, A. A. Hughes. This series culminated in after-church rally on Nov. 14 which was addressed by Mr. J. Sayers. One was received by transfer. Picture sermon was delivered at evening service, when many young people were present.

**Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).**—There was one confession of faith on Nov. 14, following H. M. Clipstone's gospel message. Keith Gerrard addressed church in morning. 180 broke bread on Nov. 21, Family Day. H. M. Clipstone addressed both services and Mrs. Ashcroft gave messages in song. Boys' Club won efficiency cup for 1943. Mrs. Sheehan and pupils gave concert for hampers fund on Nov. 18. Lantern lecture by C. L. Lang was appreciated on Nov. 11. Church mourns passing of Mrs. Clancy in her 82nd year.

**Frankston.**—On Nov. 7 J. K. Bond was morning speaker; four young people were welcomed into membership. At a largely attended young people's evening service D. Cartmell presided, Miss Wilson sang and Angus McDonald preached. At Women's Mission Band Mrs. Pettigrove, of Hospital Visitation Committee, was speaker. Gifts were given for that work. On Nov. 14 Bible school anniversary was held. J. K. Bond spoke in morning. T. R. Morris gave an interesting talk in afternoon, when prizes were presented. G. Bennet spoke at night. Children sang well under leadership of J. McKenzie.

**Prahran.**—During October helpful messages were given by brethren representing various conference committees. Offering for Hospital Sunday was over £13. On Nov. 7 and 14 the Bible school held anniversary, a feature being bright singing of scholars under baton of J. Machin. Helpful messages were delivered by visiting brethren. Scholars and friends held an enjoyable evening on Thursday, when S. Gray gave the children an enjoyable time with his talkie machine. Prizes were distributed, and a presentation was made to J. Byrne (church treasurer) on the eve of his marriage to Miss Ruth McMillan. Chaplain Young continues in a wonderful ministry with the church.



**Kyneton.**—Bible school enjoyed a hiking picnic on Nov. 13. At a farewell social in evening Mr. Burn, preacher for past two years, was presented with a monetary gift. At close of Mr. Burn's address on 21st, a young lady from Bible class confessed Christ. A quartette party gave a message in song.

**Preston.**—In absence of Mr. Combridge at Swan Hill, Mr. Holloway addressed church on Nov. 21 in interests of H.M. offering. At night Mr. Andrews, Surrey Hills, commenced a special "picture mission," address being illustrated with lantern slides. On Nov. 18 a special prayer service was conducted in preparation for mission.

**Ballarat (Peel-st.).**—Splendid attendances were at services on Nov. 14. A Graham spoke. At close of gospel address one senior lad accepted Christ and a young lady was baptised. Sunday school anniversary services were held on Nov. 21, when children's choir sang delightfully. Mr. Leith and Mr. Kingdom, of Baptist church, were speakers. Over 100 attended the services.

**Merbein.**—At close of afternoon service on Oct. 24 a tea was held in honor of Mrs. West, sen., to mark her 70th birthday. A. Chislett conveyed to her the church's greetings, and spoke of her activities and helpfulness through many years. Anniversary services on Nov. 7, followed by concert and distribution of prizes on Nov. 8, were enjoyed. On morning of Nov. 7, Mr. Waters gave a helpful talk on home mission work.

**Blackburn.**—The messages of A. Wilson and B. Huntsman (in absence of Mr. Wright at Berwick) on Oct. 31 were appreciated. There were splendid attendances at church anniversary services on Nov. 14. R. A. Banks spoke in morning and Brigadier Bassett at the P.S.A., at which the Doncaster quartette party and J. Jukes (flautist) gave enjoyable items. Mr. Wright spoke in evening, W. G. Payne being soloist. Many former members had fellowship during day, and greetings were received from F. C. Hunting, H. C. Bischoff and several boys in Forces. A splendid group of Endeavourers and friends met on Nov. 10, when Mr. Len Wood (Ormond College) spoke on "Why I Belong to the Presbyterian Church." An interesting discussion followed. At monthly Mission Band meeting Mrs. Robinson spoke on "Who's Who at Norseman." Several Mission Band members visited Box Hill and conducted monthly meeting. Mr. Claude Gadge's choir and concert party recently visited Blackburn and over £20 clear was raised for patriotic funds.

## Tasmania

**West Hobart.**—Speakers at meetings over past few weeks have been L. Heazlewood, J. C. Woolley, B. J. Golder, N. J. Warmbrunn, J. H. Harrison and G. J. Foot. Mrs. N. R. Warmbrunn (Wollongong, N.S.W.) was a visitor on Nov. 14. Mr. K. Woolley is ill and unable to attend services. Bible school officers elected for coming year are N. J. Warmbrunn (superintendent), G. E. Ashlin (secretary) and Misses J. Mitchell and J. Bratt in charge of kindergarten department.

**Hobart (Collins-st.).**—On Nov. 1 several members went by steamer to Opossum Bay on a picnicking expedition. On following Saturday church members were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hughes at their home. Mr. Ian Boss-Walker addressed a gathering of young people at youth fellowship tea on Nov. 7, speaker at morning service being Geoff. Foot. The tennis club, which has been in recess, has been recommenced. At a social held on Nov. 16, gifts were received for Service men and women associated with the church. At evening service on Nov. 14 there were four confessions.

## BIRTH

**BENTLEY.**—On Nov. 16, at Community Hospital, Frankston, to Marguerite and Frank—a son (David Andrew).

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**DICKSON-LAWSON.**—In memory of our beloved sister Mary, who passed away at Canterbury on Nov. 30, 1939. "A life made beautiful by kindly deeds."

—Inserted by W. P. and A. H. Lawson.

**HARDING.**—In loving memory of Wilfred, loved husband of Ruby, dear father of Don and Ken, passed away Nov. 25, 1921. "Loving memories."

**KING.**—In fond and loving memory of my dear husband, William Gordon, who was called home suddenly on Nov. 16, 1940.

More like the Master I would ever be,  
More of his meekness, more humility;  
More zeal to labor, more courage to be true,  
More consecration for work he bids me do.  
—Inserted by his loving wife Lillian.

**LLOYD.**—In memory of mother (Sarah Lloyd of Hilton, S.A.), who passed away on Nov. 28, 1942.

Sleep on, beloved, and take your rest;  
We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best.  
Good-night.

—Inserted by Violet and Ben (Lenswood) and Albert and Connie (Norwood, S.A.).

**SHUTTLEWORTH.**—In loving memory of our dear little boy Robert Allan (Bob), whom God took home on Nov. 20, 1941.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus."

—Inserted by mum, dad and Marlene.

**WEYMOUTH.**—In cherished memory of our dearly beloved mother, Annie Elizabeth, called to be with Christ Nov. 23, 1937; also our dear father, July 27, 1914. "We mourn not as those who have no hope."

—Inserted by Grace (Mrs. H. Scott Brown), Em (Mrs. J. B. Workman), Blanche (Mrs. Mann).

## COMING EVENTS

**DECEMBER 3.**—Swanston-st., 2 p.m., Victorian Women's Conference. Executive will meet. Leader of devotions, Mrs. C. Cole. Topic, Home Missions; speaker, Mr. J. McG. Abercrombie.

## BROADCASTING

S. H. Wilson, preacher Margaret-st., Launceston, church, will conduct morning devotion over national stations 7ZR and 7NT at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of C.F.A. members will be held in the Board Room of the Bible House, 1st floor, 241 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**, at 8 p.m.

Business: Adoption of Report and Financial Statement, and General Business.

—Will. H. Clay, Secretary.

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Friday, November 26, at 8 p.m.—

"What Will Happen When Christ Returns?"

Sunday, November 28—

11 a.m., "Who is a Wise Man?"

7 p.m., "Does God Ever Say Good-bye?"

Monday, November 29, at 8 p.m.—

"What Does the Lord Require of Me?"

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DECEMBER 12:

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### EXCITEMENT

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### QUEENSLAND NOTES

**W**YNNUM Bible school has commenced quarterly "parents' day." Gympie Bible schools have combined quarterly teachers' meeting, all Protestant churches represented. The organiser has accepted an invitation to speak at the first rally. Prospects are bright for a big Christmas youth camp. Annerley leads so far in registrations. Albion clubs recently organised a concert in aid of Australian Comforts Fund.

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(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.)

### "WHERE THE SCRIPTURES SPEAK"

WE would not like to think that the writer of the article, "The Lord is my Helper," appearing in issue of Oct. 27, would wittingly belittle the miraculous in God's dealings with his people, Israel. We fear that the term, "God's co-incidents," is calculated to do this in the minds of some.

We have again carefully read the familiar portion concerning the passage of the Red Sea, and find that everything points to, not a co-incident, though it be attributed to God, but a demonstration of miraculous intervention, so that "Israel saw the great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians, and the people feared the Lord and believed the Lord." It is evident they did not consider it a fortuitous coincidence that "a terrific wind drives the sea back at the very time when such an event is the salvation of God's hunted people."

Turning to Joshua 3, the nearest approach to any suggestion that a landslide blocked the flooded Jordan is where we are told that "the waters rose up upon an heap," and that the waters "that came down were cut off." "Rose up upon an heap" of what? "Were cut off" by what? A mass of rock? A word would suffice from him who in the re-creative days caused the dry land to appear. The effect of the Red Sea experience caused terror to the hearts of the people of Jericho, as did the drying up of the Jordan to the hearts of the kings of the Amorites, as no mere co-incidents could have done.

We are constrained to write thus out of concern lest the mighty interventions of God come to be regarded as strange coincidences in which his hand may be traced. Constrained, too, because, making our boast that where the scriptures speak we speak, and where they are silent we, too, are silent, we be tempted to cause them to appear to speak in other tones.—Hector C. Spratt, Kingaroy, Qld.

## Southern Tasmanian Conference

ANNUAL conference of churches of Christ in Southern Tasmania was held at Geeveston on Oct. 30 and 31.

Conference opened with a devotional service led by L. Mundy, of Tunnel Bay. Delegates were present from Hobart, West Hobart, Tunnel Bay, Dover and Geeveston. The business session was presided over by conference president, A. E. Heard, of Hobart church. The following notices of motion were agreed to:—

That this conference recommend to the incoming executive that the distribution of church literature be undertaken during the coming conference year.

That the incoming executive be asked to place two copies each of "The Australian Christian" and "Pure Words" in public reading rooms in Southern Tasmania.

The following resolutions were passed:—

This conference urges upon the Tasmanian Temperance Alliance the necessity of a State-wide drive for the purpose of bringing about a referendum on the time of closing for hotel bars. We believe that reversion to six o'clock closing of the bars would reduce many social evils particularly as they affect young people.

We commend the efforts at present being

made to bring about daily scripture instruction in the schools, believing this to be a true part of education. We are in accord with those who would make this teaching non-sectarian, but believe that ministers of religion by virtue of their calling should have a definite part in the outworking of the plan.

That appreciation concerning the work of the State evangelists be recorded in the minute book, also of the work of the retiring conference secretary, G. E. Ashlin.

At close of business session the conference tea, provided by sisters of church, was served in supper room of Town Hall. C. P. Hughes, preacher of Hobart church, thanked the ladies for the excellent tea provided. In the evening a well-attended meeting in the chapel listened to an uplifting address by Mr. Hughes.

At meeting for worship on Oct. 31, A. E. Heard presided and C. P. Hughes gave the exhortation. At 3 p.m. the conference sermon was preached by J. Park, and in the evening there was a good attendance to listen to the gospel message by F. T. Morgan.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—President, F. E. Smith; vice-presidents, F. Burden and L. Mundy; secretary, K. Mundy; treasurer, W. Spaulding; H.M.C. representative, N. J. Warmbrunn.

The next conference will be held at Tunnel Bay about the end of October, 1944.—F. A. Ashlin.

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