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What Ends in Smoke?

HABAKKUK was faced with a problem. Like other great prophets of Judah he believed God moved in the realm of historic events. Even evil nations were used by God as instruments to punish the chosen of the Lord.

THE prophet became aware of the advance of the Chaldeans toward Judea. His people had forsaken the ways of Jehovah and had been faithless. Now disaster comes upon them. The aggressor's armies' move "swifter than leopards," and like vultures from afar "pounce on their prey." Now the prophet sees, wherever he looks, oppression. Outrage and injury take place before his eves.

He does not doubt the wisdom of God and the need of punishing the faithless. But why ought evil men like the Chaldeans, whose wickedness exceeds by far the sins of the people of Judea, be per-mitted to go on dealing out injustice? Why ought a people who glory in war and seek to encircle all nations within the sweep of their armies like fishermen netting schools of fishes, be permitted to prosper? Amid depressing circumstances the prophet cannot believe that justice can What is the solution to the go awry. Habakkuk waits upon the problem? Lord for the reply to his query.

The Lord of Hosts gives his answer. The prophet must write it down so clearly that everyone "may read it at a glance." Here is a principle of life that historic events have shown to be true again and again, and yet it has been forgotten. Men relearn it from time to time by bitter experience. This present generation is witnessing how that eternal principle can work itself out with pitiless precision. The prophet describes how it will work out in the events of his time, and then states, in brief compass, the principle itself.

The Chaldean leader who ravishes the nations and seeks to extend his empire by force, persecuting peoples and spreading havoc, shall fail. The people he victimises will rise against him; and he will become their prey. That evil and impious

man will fail. The man of Chaldea will be brought to destruction.

Napoleon, who more than one hundred years ago mimicked him, fell a victim of the same principle of the Eternal One.

E VEN if it seems to grind out justice slowly, the principle certainly grinds exceeding small, bringing to nought the "mighty," but exalting the humble person who has spiritual insight.

We have witnessed the fall of the "mighty" Mussolini who massacred the Abyssinians and seized their lands by force. Now Adolf Hitler, who poured scorn on the principles of Christianity and gloried in the strength of Nietzsche's superman, and boasted in his book, "Mein Kampf," how he would enlarge the borders of his empire by the power of the sword, is tottering, fearing lest he will fall a prey to those whom he is victimising and persecuting. He cannot escape. As Habakkuk has revealed, sooner or later, such men come to naught. The voice of the prophet still cries,

> "Woe to him who builds a city up by bloodshed, founds a town on crime."

Why? Because it has been ordained by the Lord that "the toil of the nations ends in smoke." The men of the nations who ignore the Lord "wear themselves out for naught." Men cannot conquer and subdue the world and bring it under the sway of scientific and national might. Only spiritual values and principles can bring men into a world-fellowship; for it is decreed that

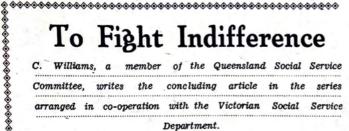
"tis the knowledge of the Eternal's glory that shall fill the earth, as waters cover the bed of the sea."

Here, then, is the truth;—while the evil man who exalts material welfare above spiritual needs fails, "the good man lasts and lives as he is faithful."

WE need to learn this lesson that has been written so clearly on Habakkuk's "tablets" and on contemporary history's records. Unless "the new order" has these eternal principles embodied in it, we shall face in the future another war of fearful dimensions. Such a war would then be God's judgment in history on man's stapidity and unwillingness to learn his lessons from the Bible and from historic events.

Be Still and Know GRE still and know that I When myriads bend 'neath am God! famine's woe. Can we to-day with worlds 'Mid reeling worlds, can men then know? aflame, spirits pressed and With Be still and know that I am hearts in pain, God! Heed his command, such In Christ revealed all men knowledge gain? may know. Be still and know that I am By Spirit led may safely God! 90. And heaven shall yet its When fierce wars rage and storm winds blow. peace bestow. -Ernest O. Sellars, in the "Watchman-Examiner."

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IT has been aptly said that "the church is not yet awake to some of the mount is not yet awake to some of the movements that seem so full of danger to her life," and "that individual members are indifferent to such dangers."

Well has the question been asked, "What can we do about it?"

I.

One could not attempt to enumerate the "movements" which are so full of danger. Perhaps the whole thing can be summarised by saying that there is a wholesale depreciation in moral standards and spiritual ideals.

What else could be expected? When wholesale killing and destruction of property take place, he would be simple indeed who imagined that all other values would remain unchallenged whilst only those of human life and property suffered an eclipse.

Consequent upon such lowering of standards, great numbers fall an easy prey to all the sub-Christian, unchristian and anti-Christian creeds and cults which are ever ready to insinuate themselves into unguarded hearts and minds.

The church also suffers; the same influences are at work weakening, undermining, discouraging and creating a spirit of apathy.

There is always a section of church mem-bers whose faith is purely nominal; whose religion is merely conventional and secondhand.

Once they might have shown some enthusiasm in their church activities. But secondhand faith has proved inadequate to withstand the strain of present-day conditions. Whatever nerve of action existed before has been destroyed by the death-dealing influence of stark, ugly reality manifest in civilisation at war with itself. This section within the church see little or no cause for clinging very enthusiastically to a faith which, never having been deeply rooted, fails them at the hour of their greatest need.

Others there are who cling, but theirs is a faith which rests almost entirely upon the hope of an early cataclysmic second advent. To them the world is destined to become worse and worse. There is little or nothing that can be done about it. Such folk are naturally indifferent to dangers threatening the church. To a very great degree concern for the world is not their affair.

There are yet others who have clung to the hope that the principles of the gospel can be interpreted in terms of human life as we know it. They have believed, and cling to the belief that the kingdom of God will yet be realised on earth.

But so relentless and unmerciful have been the violent blows aimed at the foundations of faith, that discouragement has temporarily overtaken them.

Thus, the undermining of faith that is weak and shallow, the intensifying of an exclusively other-world outlook, the discouragement of a faith hitherto robust and healthy -these combined have resulted in the con-dition described as apathy within the church.

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But the question still remains, "What can we do about it?"

Part of the reply is that we can do nothing spectacular for the present. In fact the answer lies with those who refuse to waste time, talent and initiative planning cheap and tawdry schemes by which disinterested people (church members or others) may be attracted "back to the services."

Dangerous movements or trends which threaten the life of the church can only be met and dealt with by a keen, intelligent application of devout minds to the task.

We must devote ourselves to the task of intelligently understanding the sinister forces at work.

This means the sacrifice entailed in careful planning and constructive thought.

Such a suggestion may not be popular, but that is no guarantee of its incorrectness.

The task may be left to a creative minority. If so, then we shall be disapointed, whilst continuing to feel that to the creative minority, willing to work and sacrifice, we must pin our hopes.

Nothing will do but the sacrifice and mutual

fessing Christians are "dead-and-alive." But there is a real truth in the saying that

Christians are dead-and-alive, and you will find what I mean in Romans 6. Paul has

been arguing that all men have sinned, and

then upon the dark background he exhibits

the wonderful grace of God. But if God's

grace appears the more wonderful by reason

of sin, should we not continue in sin? He

then proceeds to show that such is imposs-

Before burial which he sees so beautifully

portrayed in Christian baptism there is death.

The Christian cannot sin because he is dead

dead when they cease to live and move in

their natural environment; that is, when they

cease to live and move in a specific world. So

a man is dead to pain while under an anæsthetic. There are people who are dead

to music and others are dead to the realm

of sport. You see, they do not live in these

realms. So Paul said, "She that liveth in

pleasure is dead while she liveth"; that is,

When a Christian therefore dies to sin he no longer lives in that world. This is a thing

necessary before baptism. 1 John 3: 9 says,

"Whosoever is born of God does not commit

sin." He may sin, but not habitually, for he lives in another realm. The Christian is

dead to the world of immorality, of intemper-

ance, of purely selfish pleasure and of all

ible, for Christians are dead-and-alive.

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she is dead to the spiritual world.

Christians are Dead

worlds not godly.

red-blooded manhood and activity.

understanding necessary to constitute within the framework of the church a vital fellowship which really means business.

Part of the business of such a fellowship will be to initiate a plan of more aggressive evangelism.

III.

We are not interested in the artificial distinctions suggested by such terms as "social gospel" and "personal gospel."

We believe that the gospel has both personal and social implications.

As with the social, the personal implica-tions of the Christian message must be a re-sponsibility accepted by the whole body of Christians. The task must not be regarded as the exclusive prerogative of public evangelists.

Sacrifice, effort and initiative will be neces-sary in order that "rank and file" Christians may re-discover the lost art of winning others to Christ.

The future of effective evangelism lies with those who refuse to be content with their own Christian experience until it is of such quality as to be worth commending to others. There can be no simpler or more effective means of leading others to the great Author of victorious life.

What, then, can we do about the apathy within the church?

The answer is with the creative community -a minority, perhaps, within the Christian church which doggedly clings to the faith that, by the grace of God, working through a vital Christian fellowship, "Jesus shall (yet) reign where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run."

"Dead-and-Alive" Christians

H. J. Patterson, M.A., of Balwyn, Vic., shows that the new birth takes a man from the realm of sin into the sphere of consecrated service.

Some pro-

Men are

$D^{\texttt{EAD-AND-ALIVE}}$ is a popular expression to indicate a lack of real, vigorous and Christians are Alive

They are gloriously alive-more alive than any other beings on the face of the earth. "He that is dead is freed from sin," and sin binds and restricts, and destroys. A man is really alive when freed from sin. We know that in scripture terms and in the New Testament world of ideas baptism is associated with the remission of sins. Dr. Denny in "The Death of Christ" makes that very clear. Now we are raised up from the dead to walk in newness of life. "For in that he died, he died unto sin once; and in that he liveth he liveth unto God" was written of Christ, but Paul tells us it is also true of us. All truly baptised people then are alive unto God. What did and what does your baptism mean? "A man may be an atheist and yet believe in the existence of God; just as a man may believe that Jesus lived and yet not be a Christian. There are thousands of atheists in London [and Australia] who never ask what is the will of God and never accept the yoke of Christ; who obey their own desires, wishes, thoughts and inclinations, and are quite separate from Christ. The man who is not of Christ, who lives to obey his own tastes and desires, is dead."

Baptism is symbolic of that change of heart and mind which should take place in conversion to God. Without such a change one can say baptism has no value. Dead-and-alive Christians have little, if any, value for the kingdom of God, but real Christians, dead to sin and alive unto God, are a veritable asset not only to Christ and the kingdom but to the whole world. These are the "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." These are they who by the grace of God have life and also impart it to others.



Capture Each Generation

R. V. Amos, of Georgetown, Newcastle, N.S.W., makes a distinction between an evangelical and an evangelistic church, and pleads for a revival in evangelism.

RECENTLY two statements containing the same message appeared in print. Raphael Miller said, "A world at war does not make evangelism impossible for "the duration"; it makes it indispensable." The other word was from Hugh Paton, who said that the need of Australia to-day is an evangelist in every pulpit. Thinking back over the history of the "Restoration Movement," it becomes obvious that our progress has been due to our emphasis on evangelism. As a people we have tried to carry out the challenge of our great commission, which is really Christ's mandate for every Christian. The need of the hour is for every Christian to be an evangelist. Right now it is imperative that we become captured again by the old watchword which says, "We must preach or we must perish; we must evangelise or we must fossilise; we must be a missionary force or we must become a missionary field."

Let us think at the very beginning of

A Vital Difference

There are two words very much alike in appearance but very different in meaning. One of them is "evangelical" and the other is "evangelistic." The first applies to a par-ticular entern of belief, while the second refers to the church on the move, with a burning zeal for the souls of men.

A very fine distinction is drawn by A. C. Dixon, for many years the famous preacher of Spurgeon's Tabernacle. He says, "The evangelical church is a reservoir of pure water without a pipe running anywhere. If you take the trouble to go to it and climb the embankment you will get a good drink. The evan-gelistic church is a reservoir of pure water with a pipe to every heart in the community, and to every nation in the world. Evangelical means truth on ice. Evangelistic means truth on fire. Evangelical means bomb-proof for defence. Evangelistic means an army on the march with every face to the foe. Evan-gelical sings, 'Hold the fort for I am coming,' but evangelistic sings, 'Storm the fort for God is leading."

It is important that we consider continually this vital difference, so that we will be con-stantly aware of the fact that the only way to victory is along the path of evangelism.

Now let us ask a question that counts.

What Really is Evangelism?

In its simplest summary, it is the spreading of the "good news" of a redeeming love which led a Saviour to die for a world. By this act pardon was made possible to a multitude of men and women dying in sin. Evangelism is really crusading for Christ.

This is primarily the preaching of the gospel in fulfilment of the New Testament command to "do the work of an evangelist." But we must remember that evangelism is not confined to that. There is a place for teaching the boys and girls in the Bible school; there is a place for the personal work of convicted Christians; there is a place for a letter written to exalt the Lord Jesus; there is a place for the earnest prayer of believing hearts. By these and other ways we carry out the task of evangelism.

The final analysis of evangelism is that it is the divine art of saving men and women from their sins, and inducing them to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord. In this task the

preacher is more than a herald proclaim-ing the truth; he is an impassioned advo-cate pleading for a verdict. In all this we are conscious of our divine calling, and that we are here on service for the King.

This leads us to ask a further question, Is evangelism worth while?

To this question there comes a direct answer from three different spheres. Each of them has a valuable contribution to make.

History Says, Yes!

Right from the start this was the way that the church conquered kingdoms. was the great method adopted to extend boundaries. We have been told that the church is never more than one generation from extinction. In fact, each generation must prepare to capture the next for Christ. In times past the Lord has raised up some great men to do this. There have been leaders like Luther and Wesley. Then more recently there have been others like Alexander and Thomas Campbell. Think of the great evan-gelists who fired the world—men like Moody, Torrey and Chapman. Consider the work of Moody for a moment! There come to mind three men who were directly or indirectly led to the Lord by this great man of God. One



of them was Wilfred Grenfell of Labrador. Another was Booth Tucker, the great Salva-tion Army leader in India. A third was C. T. Studd, the founder of the World Evangelisation Crusade. Each of these has won multitudes to Christ.

Experience Says Yes!

Any one who has seen the power of the gospel displayed, and has witnessed men and women responding to the call of Christ, will know how worth while it is. I do not mean some sudden, emotional, passing allegiance; but wholehearted. deep surrender to him, so that the whole of time, talent and treasure are held in stewardship for his work. Think of the lives won for the Master. Think of the new fields opened to the gospel-both at home and abroad—and we will say that it is more than worth while!

Scripture Says Yes!

There are some very definite things revealed in the word of God about the matter. There is the great commission, which has never been cancelled. Then we recall how Paul said that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. One of the most telling statements is the one by Jesus, when he says, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me." It was Paul, once again, who made clear that now is the accepted time of salvation. Each one of these very pointed passages hits right home to the mark.

For the work of the Saviour who redeems us; for the cause of the church for which he died; for the sake of souls in their sin; we must believe that this is a God-given task. Let us face the question once again, Is evangelism worth while? Upon the evidence received we say, "Yes, indeed." Worth while? Why we can go much further than that and say that evangelism is essential.

Notes on Current Topics

College Features

A WELL attended and happy thanksgiving Service closed the 1943 session of our N.S.W. Bible College, presided over by the vice-chairman (Mr. T. E. Rofe). Two things which have marked the college year received special comment.' There is a fine devotional spirit, which makes the daily prayer services a delight. Also there is an unusually fervent spirit of evangelism. All students have been engaged in regular preaching during the year, and all have had the joy of taking confes-sions of faith from converts. To closing WELL attended and happy thanksgiving sions of faith from converts. To closing date no less than 57 confessions were taken by students. The closing weeks were especially fruitful. Decisions continue since the session ended. An increased enrolment of students and an enlarged faculty are expected for 1944. The coming of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson is eagerly anticipated.

Lord's Prayer Parodied

The Australian Women's Conference in Sydney dealt with a number of important matters. Unfortunately, one of the things most pub-licised was the parody of the Lord's Prayer circulated at the conference. Delegates later dissociated themselves from the publication, ansociated themselves from the publication, the so-called "conference pamphlet," which contained the unseemly and unfortunate parody, being declared to be issued by only one of the 77 organisations represented at the conference. It was a regrettable occurrence. Curiously there are still some Christian people who do not seem to see the folly or evil of parodying sacred things. They do not intend to be profane or blasphemous-they simply are foolish and guilty of bad taste. We have numbers of parodies of the ten

commandments and other passages of scripture, some by preachers who ought to have known much better.

The Prayer of Epaphras

Bible lovers have often been charmed to note the rich variety of scripture prayers. The greater ones are familiar to most readers, but others, some of great beauty, are relatively unknown. The prayer of Epaphras, a worker (possibly, the founder) of the churches of the Lycus valley, is rarely noticed. When Paul wrote the letter to the Colossians he included a salutation from Epaphras, whom he describes as a beloved fellow-servant and "one of you." The apostle refers to the constant prayers of Epaphras for the people (some of them probably converted by him) of his home church. The burden of the prayers was "that ye may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will stand perfect and tuny assured in an the will of God." Moffatt's rendering is striking— "that you may stand firm like mature and convinced Christians." Here is a description of what Christians should ever strive to be. Mature-not like those "babes" at Corinth who did not grow up, or those others who when by reason of the time they should have been teachers needed themselves to be taught the rudiments of the Gospel. Stunted bodies are sad, stunted minds worse, stunted souls worst of all. Let us grow in grace and knowledge. Convinced—not carried away by every wind of doctrine, not boxers of the ecclesiastic compass, nor those who on the thwarting of their hopes or the coming of any special trial will turn away from Christ. Here are the Christians greatly needed in the church today-men and women stablished in the faith.

-A. R. MAIN.

Inconsistency

THE South Australian Conference Executive feel that, as a brotherhood, we should use every opportunity in our power to voice our protest at many of the glaring inconsistencies and anomalies in the working out of present Were the restrictions wartime restrictions. uniform, we might suffer uncomplainingly, but when movements that undermine the spiritual and moral wellbeing of the community are given direct preference, we cannot remain The Prime Minister's appeal for less silent. betting and attendance at the racecourse, and more support for the war loan, is surely pathetic when the cure rests in his own hands. In this State the racing ban has been lifted, mainly because of underground movements, and the fear of pending elections. Had more support been given to the racing ban in Federal circles, it is certain that, for the duration of the war, racing would have been banned in this State.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, racing was recommenced in South Australia, and the papers report greatest crowds on record, save when royalty visited Adelaide—record money put through the totalisator, and so many bets placed that all winnings could not be col-lected, but were carried over to be paid out by bookmakers in the city during the week. This adds truth to a statement recently made at a public meeting in Adelaide by a prominent returned man, that many people in Australia were more concerned about who was going to win the next race than who was going to win the war. Special trams were run to take the huge crowds, though no special trams have been available to transport Sunday school children to picnic grounds. Trams were overcrowded, thus using up precious fuel, and extra manpower had to be used, for more than one conductor was seen on some

A. Anderson, president of S.A. Conference, makes a protest on behalf of brethren in his State—a protest that we endorse.

Time hours were lost, for some trams trams. took fifty minutes instead of the usual four-teen minutes to reach the city on return Overcrowding of trams is illegal, journey. and inspectors have been on duty on normal occasions and refused entry, and yet overcrowded race trams were featured, even amused the crowd, who envied some "fortunate" ones who managed to evade the inspectors and scramble through back windows. In normal times such breaches would probably mean a summons, but this being a gala day, a day to celebrate, no notice was taken except to be humorously noted.

One little miscalculation was lamented by the racing club. Ten thousand race cards were printed, and they should have had twelve thousand. It was hinted that this miscalculation would not occur again. Apparently, for the "essential" business of racing, unlimited numbers of cards can be produced. That same week this Conference Executive sought permission to print greeting cards of a spiritual nature to send to the lads from our own churches who now serve in the Forces. We were reminded of a regulation and politely "permission refused." We do not object to the interpretation of the law, but we may be permitted to ask why tens of thousands of race cords are namified told race cards are permitted publication throughout the Commonwealth, whilst cards breathing the spirit of goodwill are banned.

These, and similar questions are to be asked the Prime Minister by the South Australian Council of Churches, and have the full endorsement of this executive. We would like our boys and girls of the Forces to know that our boys and gris of the Forces to know that if there has been any "let down," and they do not receive greetings such as we would have sent, those in the churches have sought to remember them this Christmastide.

Our Young People

Victorian Activities - Gallery of Ideas

DEAS lure teach-ers forward. An exhibition of teachers' aids and scholars' handwork under the direction of the Young Peo-Department ple's was held during the third week in

November, in the Lygon-st. school hall. The exhibits presented a colorful display. Three extensive exhibits demonstrated the school's contribution to home, church and nation. Large signs designed to uplift Christian education as the major task of the church were given pride of place. One wall was reserved to give prominence to teaching through art. Samples of pictures surrounded the motto, "Pictures are silent teachers." The motto, "Jesus is the only One who can make the whole one," dominated another wall. It was made meaningful by apt teaching aids available to all. Several schools contributed special exhibits. Surrey Hills displayed their adaptation of the last quarter's Austral Graded Lessons to the theme, "Walking Every Day with Jesus." This was supported by posters, projects and pastel books. Scholars were in attendance and at work on posters. Moreland

school exhibited teachers' aids and scholars' handwork. East Kew gave running commen-taries on school programmes, picturegraph and projector work projector work. L. Brooker demonstrated how truth could be made graphic through models, while Mrs. Bruce Smith displayed and demonstrated methods of making miniature models. G. J. Andrews gave practical guidance in the use of projector in the pictorial presentation of truths. Mrs. T. Haines shared her ex-perience and ideas with kindergarten teachers. The exhibition was attended by a keen group of teachers. The extent of note taking was an evidence of its value to them. The fact that a great majority by-pathed it was disappointing to the department. Until con-gregations take a more intelligent interest in Bible school work, there can be no adequate advance in religious education.

HEALTH AND WEALTH

BOYS' Explorer Clubs and leaders gathered in their annual award rally on Saturday, Nov. 20. The large North Richmond school hall was needed to house this boy battalion. The zest of the boys' enjoyment demonstrated the boys' and the movement's health, while the large audience, the brotherhood's wealth in boy material. W. F. Newham, the Chief Explorer, was in charge, and W. R. Hibburt presented the awards to Moreland, Surrey Hills and Caulfield. The latter were also the winners of the 1943 Efficiency Cup.

Good Companion Clubs (1st Degree) held their annual sports fixture. It, too, was a demonstration of health and wealth. 19 clubs were represented, and Moreland club gained the most points and are now the holders of the shield. The runners-up were Thornbury, South Yarra, and Mont Albert.

A YOUTH CONVENTION

'MY friends for Christ" was the theme of a Christian Endeavor Convention at Ringwood under the direction of our State committee. The afternoon was spent in group conferences; the evening in an open-air ser-vice and an indoor rally, at which Dr. E. L. Watson delivered an evangelistic address.

World of Books

CANON T. C. HAMMOND, M.A., of Sydney, is a popular preacher at religious conventions held in various States. He has delivered a series of addresses at annual rallies in N.S.W. and Victoria, on fundamental themes such as sin, redemption, regeneration, etc. These have been recorded and gathered into a book under the title "So Great Salvation." Being verbatim reports, they are not examples of the usual literary style of Mr. Hammond. However, the general soundness of the approach to vital subjects and the homely illustrations to drive home a point tend to outweigh any loss in style. We regret that the discussions of doctrine are not related more closely to the life and practices of the church. Apart from the church Christian life means little, for the church is the body of Christ. "So Great Sal-vation," T. C. Hammond, 80 pages in paper cove. Price, 3/-, posted 3/2¹/₂.

DO not think the church can gain any benefit by unbalanced attacks upon scientific theories, especially if they do not meet the problem raised. To attack an error, it is necessary to have wide understanding and farreaching knowledge of the subject. In a book-let entitled "Evolution in Reverse," by Jas. B. Nicholson, the theory of evolution is ridiculed. It will not impress any person with wide knowledge of biological studies. It lacks the sympathetic approach needed to gain the confidence of the reader it sets out to help. believe there is need for a book to be placed in the hands of young people to guide them as they wrestle with the problem of the evolutionary theory; for it can upset young peo-ple's faith. "Evolution in Reverse," by Jas. B. Nicholson. Price 6d., posted 7¹/₂d.

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VIOLET M. SULLIVAN presents an interesting V story of the conversion of a tribal chief in the Solomon Islands. It is a good story, and well written. "The Chief Surrenders," by well written. "The Chief Surrenders," by V. M. Sullivan; 12 pages. Price 1/-, posted 1/14. *

FAIRELIE THORNTON has just published a new booklet of verse appropriate for daily reading during the Christmas and New Year season. It is entitled, "Christmas Cheer For All the Year." Price 1/6, posted $1/7\frac{1}{2}$.

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Fighting Intemperance in Queensland The Home Circle

P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A., our Queensland correspondent, supplies information on the "drink bill," Pacific problems, Sunday school teaching and youth's difficulties.

THE twenty-fifth annual report of the Queensland Temperance League revealed extensive activity by press, radio and posters. Posters have been placed along the tram routes of Brisbane, in tram-cars, and on 100 railway stations. Press advertisements have appeared in the different newspapers of the State. Broadcast talks are going over the air from station 4BK in Brisbane and fourteen other stations throughout Queensland. It was also reported that Queensland has the strongest Band of Hope Union in Australia. It was urged that the league should press for the substantial reduction of alcohol content of beep" as suggested in the programme of the Australian Temperance Council to be submitted to the Prime Minister. The general secretary estimated that the drink bill expenditure for Queensland averaged £6/0/2 per head.

Pacific Problems

Addresses by Bishop Cranswick, L. J. Hobbs and H. M. Wheller have directed our attention to the rights of the Pacific peoples after the war. H. M. Wheller at the fourth series of pleasant Sunday afternoons (recently arranged by the Methodist church for the benefit of the men and women of the Forces) said that the corollary of a "white" Australia is a "brown" Pacific. "We have no right to allow the islands to be taken away from the Pacific peoples who have lived there for generations. Rather we are trustees of the land. We must continue to expand our educational policy so that the island people will be able to handle their own domestic, agricultural and national life." Bishop Cranswick and L. J. Hobbs emphasised the great work missionaries had done in providing religious education which is so essential in the development of character.

Sunday School Teaching

Dean H. T. Langley, of Melbourne, has been in Brisbane to confer on the establishment of a college for the training of Sunday school teachers. "We have discovered," he said, "that you may have the finest system of printed

helps and circulars on teacher training, but if you have not trained teachers to go round and tell people how to use these helps you might as well save yourself the trouble of printing them." Mr. Holdaway, principal of the State High School, said that in teaching a child a subject it was not only necessary to know the subject, but also to know something about the child.

Church Needs Staff

In his sermon preached at the enthronement of Archbishop Halse, Dr. Feetham deplored the fact that so few gifted young men and women came forward for the service of the church. "More than half the necessary work of the church is unattempted because the church is so poorly staffed," he said. He contrasted the tardiness of Anglicans to encourage their children to enter the ministry and the pride and satisfaction of Roman Catholic parents when one of their children enters the church's ministry.

In Defence of Youth

Following a complaint by the Director of External Studies that he was tired of hearing preachers tell us that the younger generation is going to the dogs, several church leaders hastened to plead "not guilty." One, Mr. A. A. Mills, said that the Methodist church had never had a better response from young people to the spirit of religious adventure. On the other hand Mr. Trudgian, superintendent of the Brisbane City Mission, recently expressed the opinion that the nation's darkest and most significant hour was the time between the tea hour and bedtime in the homes of the poor. It was then that friction developed between members of the family, and the young people went out into the streets in search of companionship. "We will bless the day when there are community centres

Greetings

The Queensland brotherhood extends sincere seasonal greetings to all readers. "The mercy of the Lord endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."

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.)

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

IN your leader, "What's in a Name?" we regret that you have gone to the editor of "Christian Century" for a confirmation of certain views on Christian unity. I should imagine the majority of your readers have little idea of the questionable position of the "Christian Century" in regard to orthodox teaching. "The Christian Century" is no friend of churches of Christ or disciples of Christ. It is altogether too broad in its outlook, and we would be well within the mark in saying that its whole attitude is eminently modernistic. There are plenty of good Christian papers in U.S.A. that one can quote freely without any embarrassment.

As to the unity of Christians, which by the way is the only New Testament unity, the word is clear and plain, and needs no explanation. As to the unity of churches or assemblies, the New Testament makes no reference to such.

It is man's idea to create great organisations; God deals with the individual. It is clear to any intelligent Christian that all who love the Lord Jesus Christ, and look to him for salvation, must by that very fact be in com-⁴ plete unity. Beware of unscriptural organisations. The Church of Rome is a good sample of where it leads.—R. C. Edwards.

[Mr. Edwards' statement adds force to our contention that we do not have to take up even a narrow outlook when contending for the use of scriptural nomenclature for scriptural worship and practices. A quotation from an author's work does not necessarily imply our endorsement of his views in general. We are only concerned with the point at issue, keeping in mind those to whom we direct our remarks. Paul, it must be remembered, used quotations from even pagan poets and teachers to support the truth of his arguments. (See Acts 17: 28 and Titus 1: 12.).—Ed.] J. C. F. Pittman.

GRIEF AND JOY

IT takes two for a kiss, Only one for a sigh; Twain by twain we marry, One by one we die.

Joy is a partnership, Grief weeps alone; Many guests had Cana, Gethsemane had one.

-Selected.

THE SPACIOUS FIRMAMENT

THE number of stars visible to the naked eye up to the sixth magnitude may be counted. Those from the sixth to the thirteenth magnitude are observed by ordinary telescopes, and amount to perhaps half a million. The discoveries by photography reveal the existence of at least three hundred times the number previously known. The distances between these must be immense. The nearest star to us is A centauri, at least three billions of miles away. Light takes from three to four years to travel across that space. When we look at these distant stars we are not looking into the present but the past. What we see of them is not as they are to-day, but thous-ands of years ago. The light of some of them which we see now may be the brightness of the song at the creation of this world, which has only just reached us. The photographic camera is revealing wonderful things-in some respects as far transcending our previous know-ledge as the contents of the Bible. Yet men believe in the manmade camera, and reject the God-written Book.-Selected.

COMPANIONSHIP

 \mathbf{I}^{F} anyone were to ascend into heaven, and behold clearly the nature of the universe and the beauty of the constellations, he would be filled with admiration, which would not be most agreeable unless he had another to whom he might narrate what he had seen.—Cicero.

Captain.—"The general's sick." Lieutenant.—"What's wrong with him?" Captain.—"Oh, things in general."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—WORSHIPPING JESUS

- Dec. 13-Matt. 28: 1-10.
- " 14—Luke 24: 44-53. " 15—Hebrews 1.
- " 15—Hebrews 1. " 16—Rev. 5: 9-14.
- " 16—Rev. 5: 9-14. " 17—Rev. 15: 1-4.
- " 17—Rev. 15: 1-4. " 18—Matt. 2: 1-12.

" 18-Matt. 2: 1-12. " 19-Isaiah 9: 1-7; Matt. 2: 13-23. ALL honor to Mary, but "all hail" to Jesus. A It is fitting, not only at Christmas-time, but always, to ponder much concerning the signal favor vouchsafed to the mother of Jesus, and the lovely qualities manifested by her in caring for the holy Child; and, no doubt, as he grew from childhood to youth, teaching him-the scriptures and taking him to the synagogue. Yet we refrain from giving Mary that which she would have gladly acknowledged is due to Jesus only; for there is all the difference in the world between admiration and adoration. Like the wise men from the East, we would fall down and worship him, for he only is the world's Saviour. And in the fuller light which shines from Calvary, we would take up the heavenly refrain and sing, "Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain."

Here and There

P. J. Mann, a member of church at Brighton, Vic., who is a prisoner of war in Malaya, has sent a message to his relatives intimating that he is keeping well.

Chaplain J. O. Methven, home on leave from New Guinea, spent the day with the church at Drumcondra, Vic. In the morning he spoke on a chaplain's work at the front, and in the evening gave a very fine gospel message. The Bible school is busy preparing for its anniversary.

We should like reporters to forward small snapshot size photographs of church buildings. We are in need of suitable blocks to illustrate news items. It is convenient for us to secure photos. of many of the Victorian chapels, so we especially urge interstate reporters to help us, if it is within their power. Please print the name of the place on back of photograph.

S. R. Baker writes: "Much interest is being aroused by the great Town Hall demonstration being arranged by the British and Foreign Bible Society on the occasion of its annual public meeting early next year in Melbourne. The meeting is to take place on Feb. 29, and all our readers are asked to keep the date free and join in a notable thanksgiving service. 1944 will be the 140th year of the society's history."

On Sunday evening, Nov. 28, a very encouraging combined service was held in South Yarra Baptist chapel. Mr. J. I. Mudford (interim pastor, Baptist church) and Mr. Charles Cole (church of Christ) led the service, the latter giving the address. There was a good attendance. Mr. J. Nicholls and Mr. H. R. Grove (Pres., Baptist Union) conducted an open-air service from the church steps at 8.30 p.m. Many received help and inspiration from this united witness.

The sixth half-yearly conference of churches at Sunshine, Footscray, Williamstown and Newport, Vic., was held at Sunshine on Nov. 20. The president of the conference, D. C. Ritchie, presided. T. H. Scambler addressed afternoon meeting. An interesting discussion followed. At tea tables reports were received from various churches of conference. A. G. Bennett, of Sunshine, led an open-air service. The final session of day brought to a close a time of happy fellowship, when H. J. Patterson preached.

At Collingwood, Vic., on Dec. 1, Women's Mission Band held combined meeting with North Richmond Ladies' Sunshine Circle, and Mrs. Jeffries, of Home Mission Committee, gave a delightful message. On Dec. 5, at gospel service, T. Fitzgerald preached and a young lady made good confession, making the eighth in three weeks. Prior to this service teachers and senior scholars of Sunday school met around the tea table in the church hall, and Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Ivanhoe, gave illustrated talks on Sunday school and kindergarten project work. Strong delegations represented church at E. C. Hinrichsen's Northcote mission.

On Nov. 14, Hamilton (Vic.) B.S. held anniversary with excellent attendances. Singing of scholars was conducted by Chaplain Jones, R.A.A.F. Mrs. Waterman spoke to the children in afternoon about China. Children's tea, and prize-giving, took place on Nov. 15. On Nov. 21 E. J. Waters exhorted the church. Mr. Chivell gave a splendid gospel message. Tennis club held opening tournament on Nov. 20, Annual meeting of church was held on Nov. 24. All departments reported healthy progress. A vote of confidence and appreciation was passed to Mr. Chivell for his splendid ministry. Christmas parcels have been sent to members serving in Forces.

Mrs. Bailey, Kadina, S.A., has been received by transfer at Ringwood, Vic. Mrs. Crow, sen., and Mrs. Morcum (the former after many years of isolation) have been restored to fellowship. At Bible school anniversary on Nov. 21 W. R. Hibburt gave two splendid messages. The children were trained by Mr. Pratt, and with the aid of instrumentalists did credit in their items. Prizes were distributed to all scholars in kindergarten and primary, and to those in school attending more than 26 Sundays. Ten new scholars were added in November. C.E. convention at Ringwood on Nov. 27 attracted Endeavorers from distant suburbs. Group discussion was led by Mr. Candy. After tea more than 50 members bore witness in openair session. At night A. Haskell led singing, Mr. Easton sang a solo, Mr. Candy presided over a large gathering, and Dr. E. L. Watson delivered an inspiring message.

On Nov. 14, at Gardiner, Vic., T. Hagger baptised Brian Spratling and also his mother, who made the confession the same night. Monthly evening for young people was held at home of Mrs. H. Bell on Nov. 20 with Mr. Hepburn On Nov. 21 Mr. Snow, Carnegie, speaker. and Mr. Hagger were speakers. and Mr. Hagger were speakers. At gospel meeting Mrs. Ferris assisted with solos and Pte. H. Fox, of U.S.A., gave a testimony. Albert Wade, from Bible school, and Cliff Offer ac-cepted Christ and were baptised on Nov. 28. On Nov. 22 members of Senior C.E. held a meeting at Christian Guest Home. Miss Betty Grant (A.W.A.S.), Gardiner, has been received into membership from Launceston Baptist, and in view of her approaching mar-riage to Harold Watkins, jun., the young people entertained her at a surprise evening at home of Mrs. Watkins on Nov. 27. For past three years Gardiner churches have held five united intercessory services. A. McRoberts, a Gardiner member and graduate of college, was speaker at morning service on Nov. 28 and T. Hagger at gospel service.

EVENTS AT HINDMARSH, S.A. W. L. EWERS FAREWELLED

SUNDAY school anniversary was held on November 14 and 21 minutes November 14 and 21, splendid messages be-ing given by J. E. Webb, K. Jones, S. E. Matthews, J. T. Train, A. O. Baker and A. H. Bettridge. On Nov. 17 an excellent concert was given by scholars. On the 14th over 100 past and present teachers met at tea to honor Miss B. Giffen, who, after almost 44 years' con-tinuous service as kindergarten teacher and superintendent, had resigned owning to ill-health. During afternoon J. E. Allan, S.S. superintendent, handed Miss Giffen a framed life-membership certificate. At tea-table T. P. Richardson, past superintendent, presented her with a rocking chair as a mark of esteem and appreciation from church and school. Mr. and Mrs. Outlaw, untiring workers in church and Bible school, prior to their removal to Glenunga were presented with a silver vase in recognition of splendid services. On Nov, 28 the combination of young men's class annual re-union tea with farewell services to Mr. Ewers and family took place. An inspiring when J. E. Webb spoke. T. P. Richardson presented Mr. Ewers with a wallet of notes, thanked him for his splendid work, and wished him Godspeed in his new field at Semaphore. H. Watts Grimmett paid tribute on behalf of Hindmarsh Ministers' Association and Hind-marsh Town Mission. Afterwards 120 enjoyed fellowship at tea. F. Cornelius (Hindmarsh Christian Church) and A. H. Betfridge (Carrondown Baptist) expressed their appreciation of Mr. Ewers' efforts. Mr. Ewers gave a farewell address in morning. P. R. Baker preached at night, and two young girls from Bible school confessed Christ, making three in last two weeks. Sister Hitchin is seriously ill. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brooker have received word that their son Gordon is missing from air operations over Berlin. Sympathy of the church is extended.

From Week to Week

T is pleasing to learn that readers take an I interest in the hymns used in the morning services. One who is interested in hymnology suggested that a series of short articles might prove of value. I readily recognised the possibilities of such a series and asked the brother to supply a brief note each month, presenting facts associated with one of the hymns listed to be used at a morning service. For about two years articles by F.J.F. have been appearing. I think the full name of the writer has appeared once or twice. This has been overlooked, for I received a letter from Major T. Smith, of Gardiner church, asking that the full name be published, as many readers, appreciating very much the articles, desire to know more about the writer. Well, our brother is a high school teacher, a member of the North Essendon church, and an active member of the Victorian Social Service Committee. He is Mr. F. J. Funston, B.A.

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OWING to war-time conditions the delivery of the paper is not as regular as in peacetime. To meet the situation, it was agreed to close the paper on Monday afternoons so that interstate readers may have an opportunity of securing the paper by the following Sunday. This was a saving of twenty-four hours so far as we were concerned, but owing to second class mail being forwarded by goods train and steamer, much time is lost in transport. We ask our readers to be sympathetic under these conditions. If there is any undue delay we should like those concerned to communicate with postal officials, because sometimes packets of papers are overlooked, or go astray in the mails.

COPY of His Majesty's Government's report A on "The Persecution of the Jews" has been forwarded to me. The story of the Jews' tragic experiences in Europe is full of horror. If it were not recorded in an official document one would not believe it true. T feel it is too cruel and dreadful a report to be true of ordinary man's behaviour. I was reading this week that just as it is possible for God to create for himself a community which could serve him, so it is possible for the devil to form a community to act on his behalf. The devil then has a community of men within the German State serving his interests if ever there are such communities governed by satanic power. There, innocent Jews, babies and aged men and women included, are treated in the most shocking way. Surely God's judgment will come upon those evil doers!

OWING to lack of supplies, it was not possible to secure a copy of Dr. Moffatt's translation of the Bible last Easter. I chose a Moffatt's translation when asked what kind of a Bible I desired to have as a memento of my presidential year. At conference a book was handed me as a kind of earnest of something better to come! Recently I secured my copy of the new translation. While some may have doubts about minute points in Moffatt's work, none can deny the many advantages it offers the reader who seeks a knowledge of a complete book or epistle. The Bible opens a new world to many readers who take up this translation. While for public work the Authorised Version has the advantages of rhythm and diction, for private reading and study Moffatt's work is a great aid.

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News of the Churches

Tasmania

West Hobart.—Speakers over past two Sundays were J. Harrison, G. J. Foot and J. C. Woolley. Evening service on Nov. 28 was taken by F. T. Morgan. K. Woolley is making good progress and hopes to return home from hospital soon. Mrs. J. Harrison underwent a serious operation, but condition is satisfactory. All have looked forward to a mission to be conducted by Messrs. Burn, Burt and Barton (College of Bible, Glen Iris).

Devonport.—On Oct. 31 Rod Pitt gave the morning message; F. T. Burtt preached at night. Mr. Pitt was speaker on morning of Nov. 7, and Mr. Byard at night. On Nov. 14 Mr. Pitt gave morning message and F. T. Burtt preached at night. On Nov. 21 B.S. anniversary services were held. The children, under direction of Sister Wescombe, presented "From the Cradle to the Cross." Amongst visitors were Mr. Edmunds (Invermay) and Mr. Arnott (Sandhill). Mr. Edmunds led in the thoughts of the tableau, and Mr. Arnott in song. During the year one-third of scholars attended every Sunday, and the new year has been begun with three new scholars and three new teachers. Recently the church sent £10 to Indian relief fund and £5/15/- from individual members, a total of £15/15/-.

Queensland

Maryborough.—On Nov. 28, morning meeting was well attended. Visitors during last two weeks were Mr. Robson (Mayfield, N.S.W.) and Mr. Mortlock (Prahran, Vic.). Mr. Smith is progressing favorably after his accident. Building debt has been liquidated, largely through the efforts of the sisters.

Hawthorne.—A concert was held on Nov. 25, Generous help with the programme was received from Ann-st., Annerley and Albion churches. A display of physical exercises by boys' club showed careful training by leader —Mr. C. Lindsay. Mr. Rothery has introduced into evening service the story of a wellknown hymn.

VISITING CHAPLAINS

NEGRO QUARTETTE PARTY HELPS TOWNSVILLE.—Visiting speakers recently have been Mr. Farquhar, Baptist minister, and Chaplains Methven, A.I.F., and Moses, U.S.A. There has been further improvement in attendances. B.S. has gained four new scholars. Negro quartette parties have rendered spirituels at gospel services. There were 118 at gospel service on Nov. 14, and 117 broke bread for day. Kevin Sheehy, R.A.A.F., confessed Christ at close of gospel service on Nov. 21, and was baptised the same hour. Offerings are largest on record.

Western Australia

Fremantle.—During October the church had fellowship with C. G. Taylor, of Melbourne, whose messages were enjoyed. The evangelist, C. H. Hunt, visited Morowa-Gutha, Narambeen and S.W. areas as conference president. At Narambeen the wheat belt conference was held, and a S.W. conference at Collie. H. Gray and T. D. Maiden have given encouraging messages. Special services marked 51st anniversary of church from Oct, 31 to Nov. 7, and J. Wiltshire gave helpful talks. War comforts organisation has sent about 40 parcels to those in the Forces. Mrs. Marsh has been in Fremantle Hospital, and is improving. J. Dunn is in Fremantle Hospital having been knocked down by a car. Among visitors has been A. Milne, of Bordertown, S.A.

Perth.—On morning of Nov. 28 visitors included K. L. Trainor, H. C. Horbury (Ballarat). The church members were pleased to have renewed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ewers, after a long absence at Carnarvon. J. Wiltshire gave a stirring message. At 7.30 p.m. E. R. Berry rendered a solo, and Mr. Robinson preached.

New South Wales

Kurri Kurri.—First Bible school anniversary services, held on Nov. 21 and 22, proved most successful. Glen Brown, student preacher, gave an interesting address on Sunday evening. Prizes were distributed to children on Monday night by S. Willetts (superintendent). The children gave an interesting programme. T. Marley conducted singing.

Paddington.—There were good meetings on Nov. 28. In morning P. Thomas, of Marrickville, was speaker. Gospel service was conducted by Mr. Gowans in absence of Mr. Greenhalgh at Taree; a fine address was given. At a successful and enjoyable meeting at home of Mrs. A. Larcombe in interests of sisters' special H.M. offering there were 33 present.

Canterbury-Earlwood.—Gospel messages from Messrs. Leisk, Burns and Paternoster have been impressive, and much help has been given through exhortations from Messrs. H. Caspersonn, Sparks and Turner. A happy evening was spent on Nov. 17 when Lloyd Jones introduced a party of Christian boys from New Hebrides. Their music and splendid singing were much appreciated.

Bankstown.—The work is in good heart in all departments. Attendances have increased. Mr. Davis spoke to a good congregation on morning of Nov. 28, Mr. Thomson at night. Young women took special part in gospel service, and four young women were baptised. Mrs. Jerd has been meeting with the church, also Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, from Victoria, who will take up membership.

Taree.—Accompanied by his wife H. B. Robbins, of Hampton, Vic., has been a visitor. He spoke morning and evening on Nov. 21, his messages being enjoyed. Bible school anniversary services were celebrated on Nov. 28. R. Greenhalgh, preacher of Paddington church, gave helpful address to Taree and Wingham congregations in morning, and his afternoon and evening children's messages were enjoyed. Prize-giving night was held on Dec. 1.

Lismore.—Endeavorers held an evening in hall, last of a series of socials arranged by Endeavorers to raise money for Christmas parcels for those in the Forces; 47 have been sent. 54 letters have been written for the month to those in service. The church was saddened by the home-call of Mrs. Parnell, a faithful member. Ladies' Missionary Society sent £1 for living link and £4 for Christmas cheer for India. Church services are being commenced at Ballina. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Sapper Harold Oakes and Pte. Hilton Campbell, both of A.I.F.

Albury.—On Nov. 7 Chaplain Clark conducted evening service in absence of Mr. Walmsley at united church on Western Hill. On Nov. 21 morning service was a united meeting of Baptists and church of Christ to break bread. Mr. Max Brewer spoke. This service was first of its kind to be held in Albury. Sympathy is with relatives of late Mrs. Cross. Mr. Walmsley on Nov. 28 conducted his farewell services. He has been with the church for four years, and members appreciate his work. Mrs. Walmsley has given services as organist, and has conducted ladies' meetings and girls' club. Boys' club presented Mr. Walmsley with a book, and girls' club presented Mrs. Walmsley with a picture, at a social evening. On evening of Nov. 28 the church gathered to present to Mr. and Mrs. Walmsley tokens of appreciation. Speeches were given by representatives. A soldier presented Mr. Walmsley with a gift on behalf of many in the Services. Mr. Combridge presented Mr. and Mrs. Walmsley with a Bible on behalf of Mrs. McEchran.

South Australia

Semaphore.—During last six weeks helpful addresses have been given by A. Samuels, J. C. Stanley, L. Samuels, A. Foote, K. Crouch, W. G. Oram, J. Hoyle and G. Rootes. Sisters' Guild held annual meeting, Mrs. Rootes being speaker. Mr. Stanley was at service on Nov. 28 after serious illness. The manse has been renovated in readiness for Mr. and Mrs. Ewers and family. Mr. Ewers will commence his ministry with the church on Dec. 19.

MEETING ESSENTIAL NEEDS

COMFORTS FOR MEN IN SERVICES: SIX ADDITIONS

MILE END.-All departments of work are functioning splendidly. The church is taking a monthly offering to provide comforts for members serving in Forces. November offering for this purpose was £7/16/-. Average weekly offering for November for local work was £14/4/9. Officers of church and their wives, and members of Women's Mission Band, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Webb at social functions held at the manse. Boys' Club has had a successful "Dads'" night, with interesting variety programme and supper, and Bible school had a delightful picnic in Botanical Gardens on Nov. 27. Church attendances are very encouraging. Weekly average for Novem-ber at communion was 133, and attendances at gospel services are increasing. On Nov. 21 three by faith and baptism and two by transfer were received into fellowship, and op evening of Nov. 28 a young man-formerly a Roman Catholic-confessed Christ. At a wellattended special business meeting of church on Dec. 1, it was enthusiastically decided to establish a mutual benefit fund for financing building debt.

Lenswood.—It has been decided to support an orphan in India at £8 per year. Offering for Children's: Homes from Bible school was £2. The work is going well.

Murray Bridge.—N. G. Noble conducted service at Burdett on Nov. 14. Helpful November cottage-prayer meetings were held at homes of G. E. B. Gruhl and W. E. Brake. On Nov. 28 S. E. M. Riches, deputation-secretary Mission to Lepers, gave fine messages to church, school and by lantern at night. Solos were sung by Miss Nath Grundy, Mrs. Keith Davis and Miss Laurel Harper during month. Mrs. N. G. Noble has received a permit to visit her aged mother in New Zealand after 19 years' absence.

Stirling.—On Nov. 14 an "every member present" Sunday was held, when G. T. Fitzgerald gave inspiring addresses. This was followed on Nov. 17 by an enjoyable social. Bible school anniversary services were held on Nov. 28. At 11 a.m. a teachers' recognition service was held. Afternoon and evening bright singing by children conducted by R. Pitkin was enjoyed. G. T. Fitzgerald gave greatly appreciated addresses. On Nov. 29 anniversary services were conducted with social and distribution of prizes.

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Prospect.-Intermediate Endeavorers under leadership of Miss. E. Purdie conducted midweek prayer meeting. Papers were read from Ken Barton (Tas), R. F. Allison (S.A.), students at Glen Iris, and Miss H. Bonney (West Coast). Service on morning of Nov. 28 was exhorted by Mr. Peet, secretary Morialta Children's Home. M. and B. Bunyon, home on leave, and other visitors enjoyed fellowship at Lord's Table. Evening service, which was broad-cast, was conducted by C. Schwab. Choir rendered special anthems, and soloists were Mrs. A. Burns and Mr. A. Roberts.

Edwardstown West .- On Dec. 1 a combined service was held with Methodist and Baptist people, and monthly services are a possibility. On Dec. 2, at a social gathering, a farewell was



Edwardstown West Chapel.

tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Pike, and a presenta-tion made. The church is looking forward to the coming of Mr. Cornelius.

Brooklyn Park .- Bible school held anniver-Brooklyn Park.—Bible school heid anniver-sary on Nov. 7 and A4. All meetings were very well attended. On evening of Nov. 14 a scholar (Ruth Bibby) confessed Christ; she was haptised on Nov. 28. Financial result was very good, and Bible school donated £1/9/- to Children's Hospital. Cyril Smith (A.I.F.) has been home on leave, but met with an accident and is in a military hospital. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Ware and family in the loss of husband and father. Mrs. Slee's health has made it possible for her to return home. A Mutual Improvement Society has been formed. Bible school commenced new year in a very satisfactory condition. Song fel-lowship held after evening service the last Sunday of month during winter was concluded on Nov. 28.

Victoria

Carlton (Lygon-st.).--C. G. Taylor spoke at all services on Dec. 5. Mr. McCann, of East Malvern, was soloist at Bible Class. Offering of day for home missions was £40. One young girl made the good confession at evening service.

Dimboola .- Anniversary service was held on Nov. 7. A social evening was held on Nov. 17; 35 were present from Horsham. W. Gale's visit was appreciated on afternoon of Nov. 28, when pictures were shown concerning home mission work.

Yarrawonga .- Local brethren have taken services while Mr. Pittman was indisposed. On Nov, 28 Mr. Pittman gave inspiring messages. At talent social on Nov. 11 over £50 was brought—money earned throughout year. J. Nicholson was welcomed home on leave from New Guinea.

Haven .- Bible school anniversary services J. E. Smith, of Horwere held on Nov. 28. sham, conducted singing of scholars, and C. W. Jackel addressed the gathering. The following Monday W. Gale showed pictures of home mission work, and distributed the prizes to Bible school scholars.

West Preston .- Services have been well, maintained during past few weeks, and helpful messages have been delivered by A. B. Withers. Mr. Wakefield, from Coburg, was morning speaker on Nov. 28. During gospel service on Dec. 5 a young lady who recently made her confession was baptised.

Emerald .- On Nov. 28 farewell services were conducted by Mr. Alcorn prior to his departure to Queensland for college vacation. Bright singing and stirring addresses at both services. On Dec. 1 a lantern lecture by Mr. Gibson, of B. & F. Bible Society, was enjoyed; 45 present; £4/13/- offering.

Doncaster .- To raise funds for sending Christmas hampers to members and friends in Forces, a fair was held on Nov. 27 at home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Petty. £63 clear of expenses was raised. 41 hampers have already been sent. C.E. had control of this effort, with full co-operation of church.

Stawell .- Mr. Randall and Mr. Quayle have given helpful addresses throughout past month. Anniversary of Sunday school was held on Nov. 28. Special speaker was Mr. Hibburt. Singing by children was enjoyed. On Nov. 29 anniversary concert was held, also supper for children and distribution of prizes. Ladies' Aid is doing good work.

Dunolly.—Sunday school anniversary services on Nov. 21 were successful. Scholars sang well under leadership of Mr. Hindman. Mr. Mathieson, of Bendigo, delivered appreciated addresses. Certificates were presented to nine scholars who were successful in the scripture examination. Annual prizes were presented to scholars, seven gaining 100 per cent.

Coburg .- On morning of Nov. 28 A. Withers, of West Preston, brought a helpful message. At Bible school Miss Mary Clipstone gave a splendid talk on behalf of Children's Day On Dec. 5 two young people, bapsession. tised the previous Lord's day, were received into fellowship, also Mrs. W. Wilson by letter from Brighton. Home mission offering, £19/1/4.

Ormond.—On Dec. 2, officers of church had a working bee mending kinder tables and chairs and doing work about the property. On Nov. 27 the Bible school picnic was held at Mordialloc. Ladies of Mission Band had last meeting for year on Nov. 2, happy time being spent. Members of church miss Mrs. Lang, who is very sick. C. L. Lang is giving helpful addresses.

Echuca.-A successful Bible school anniversary was held on Nov. 7. H. J. Patterson, of Balwyn, gave helpful addresses to good congregations. A cricket set has been obtained for boys of Bible school. Mission Band has gone into recess after a happy year. Ladies' Auxiliary concluded a successful year with an afternoon in home of Mrs. Horne, and a meet-ing at home of Mrs. T. Turner.

Footscray.-On Dec. 4, Y.P.S.C.E. held social evening at home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lucke. On Dec. 5, Tottenham branch of S.S. held successful anniversary services. D. C. Ritchie was afternoon speaker, and Ron Muller at night. Children sang splendidly under leadership of W. Cousins. At evening service at Raleigh-st., Miss Dulcie Gourd and Ray Clencie made the good confession at close of Mr. Ritchie's chart address.

Horsham .- On Nov. 28 C. W. Jackel addressed a good congregation. At night the school hall was filled, when W. Gale showed the pictures portraying progress of home missions. On Dec. 2 a meeting was held in chapel to celebrate fourth anniversary of C. W. Jackel's ministry. References were made to fine progress made. Supper was served in school hall. On Dec. 5 services were conducted by local brethren, C. W. Jackel being at St. Arnaud.

Preston.—A "picture mission" by G. J. An-drews (Surrey Hills) concluded on Dec. 5. Messages were illustrated with beautiful lantern slides. The church appreciates interest taken by Mr. Andrews, and thanks the church at Surrey Hills for releasing him. At week-night services choirs from Reservoir, West Preston and Thornbury rendered assistance. The church suffered a loss by the death of J. D. Coles. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

Newmarket .- On Nov. 21 and 28 Mr. Graham addressed both services. On Nov. 28 a young man was baptised. On Dec. 4 a fellowship day was held between Ascot Vale, Essendon, North Essendon and Newmarket, which included tennis tournament, cricket match, tea and inspirational rally, when A. Reid and J. E. Thomas were speakers. On Dec. 5 Mr. Graham addressed both services. Jim Croft was received into fellowship. Miss Joan Sullivan was soloist.

St. Kilda.—Attendances are maintained, especially in evenings. A twenty-minute period of hymns "around the organ" after service has been appreciated. Mr. Hunt addressed all meetings during November, except morning of Nov. 28, when L. Finger spoke. Mission Band has concluded a helpful year. On Nov. 26 a social and presentation were tendered to Joy Box and Tom Parker, who were married by Mr. Hunt on Dec. 4. Mrs. Dall has been unwell, and some brethren have taken the Lord's Supper to her home. School has welcomed several new scholars in recent weeks, and interest of boys and girls is held. Mrs. Rough is helping in school music.

Maryborough.-Average breaking bread for November was 117. Bible school has broken all-time attendance records with 159 present on Nov. 14. New scholars have come every Sunday for over two months. Mrs. Kirk, aged 92, an honored member, passed away on Nov. 17. 92, an holofed member, passed and of the Air On Nov. 21, girls' choir sang over "Church of the Air" broadcast, Mr. Hollard speaking. Mission Band raised £5/5/- for Guest Home. New Youth Fellowship had an excellent start with 40 present. Several members have been in hospital. Church choir renders good ser-vice at gospel meetings. Prayer meetings are increasing in numbers. Finan-are better than for many years. Finances of church

Reservoir.—Thanksgiving services were held n Dec. 5. Mr. Grainger spoke in morning, on Dec. 5. on Dec. 5. Mr. Granger spoke in morning, when thankofferings were received amounting to £98/4/-, of which auxiliaries contributed £68/3/-, Ladies' Guild heading list with £30. This offering, together with £27/2/9 received during year, will go towards building fund. Evening service was conducted by ladies of church, speaker being Mrs. Waterman (presi-dent Women's Conference). The ladies' choir under Mrs. Plummer contributed enjoyable items, and solos were rendered by Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Wilson (Brighton), was at the organ. Mrs. W. McInnes (president of guild) conducted the meeting, and Miss Pearl McInnes (kindergarten superintendent) gave the children's talk.

SUCCESSFUL SERVICES

SIX ADDITIONS, ONE CONFESSION

CARNEGIE.-Special evening meetings have increased attendances. On Nov. 21 S. Neighbour, from Oakleigh, and T. Hagger, of Gardiner, each gave an inspiring address. On Nov. 28, at morning meeting, three by faith and obedience and three as baptised believers were welcomed. At evening meeting I. Hop-kins, of Baptist church, gave the address, and a young lady made the good confession.

Camberwell.—On Dec. 5, morning service was well attended. R. L. Williams conducted. 114 communed during day. Home mission offer-ing of £29 was substantial increase over last year's. Evening service was preceded by a youth tea and fellowship gathering. A team

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of Allied Servicemen conducted gospel meeting, and there was a large attendance, includ-ing many visitors. Bible school and kindergarten render valuable service. Annual picnic at Mount Waverley was enjoyed. The church sympathises with elder T. Hall in the death sympathises with enter 1. han in the death of his son, killed in an accident during the week whilst serving with the Forces. Temple Day offering reached £292. The church is much encouraged by the fine spirit of fellowship.

Frankston.—On Nov. 21 J. McKenzie was morning speaker in absence through illness of J. K. Bond. At night Allied Servicemen had charge; Cpl. Eddy preached. On Nov. 28 J. K. Bond spoke in morning. Mr. Ewers, of Hindmarsh, S.A., was a visitor. Women of church conducted evening service. Several took part, others formed a choir, Miss N. Ellis gave the address. J. K. Bond achoir, Miss N. Ellis gave the address. J. K. Bond spoke at both services on Dec. 5. Three men were received into membership who were baptised previously. Meetings over past weeks have been largely attended, and much interest has been aroused. Circulation of literature has greatly helped. For closing session of W.M.B., mothers of Bible school scholars were invited. Mrs. E. L. Williams gave a helpful message. Canteen orders have been sent to all members serving in Forces. J. McRoberts and Mr. Griffiths are laid aside with illness.

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He must be first. Let not the world enslave you,

For all its joys are but a passing show:

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-E. G. Rose, Dimboola, Victoria.

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PAUL-BARRETT.-The 25th anniversary is announced of the marriage of Edwin Hamilton, second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Paul, formerly of Coburg, Vic., and Eva M., third daughter of the late Hon. J. G. and Mrs. Barrett, of Moreland, Vic., celebrated at the church of Christ, Swanston-st., Melbourne, on Dec. 7, 1918, by Principal A. R. Main, M.A., assisted by Mr. F. J. Sivyer, B.A. Present address, 36 Dundas-rd., Inglewood, W.A.

DEATHS

COXHILL .- On her birthday, Nov. 28, Elizabeth, dearly loved aunt of Ethel and Stan, greataunt of Ron, Gene (dec.), Joy and Irene. Aunt and Gene united.

"Into the peace of thy sheltering fold,

Ever thy glorious face to behold." -Inserted by Ethel Muller, Riversdale-rd., Hawthorn.

HALL .-- VX85297 Major Norman R., beloved husband of Dora, father of Graeme, 639 Heidelberg-rd., Alphington, and loved son of Thomas R. and Grace, 36 Allambee-ave., Camberwell, brother of Russell, Richard, Thomas, Charlotte (Mrs. Craig), Margaret, Grace (Mrs. Clay), Florence (Mrs. Baker), Dorothy Mrs. Watson), Winifred (Mrs. Barker); died from injuries received in road accident, Northern Territory, on December 1, 1943.

IN MEMORIAM

FOWLER .--- In loving memory of my dear husband, William, and our loving father, who passed away Dec. 9, 1942.

"Sleep on, beloved, and take thy rest,

We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best, Good-night."

-Inserted by his wife, sons and daughters.

McCLEAN (Sarah) .- In cherished memory of our dearly beloved mother, who passed to the higher life on Nov. 29, 1936.

In that beautiful land,

On the far away strand.

-Inserted by her devoted sons and daughters.

PERKINS .- In loving memory of my dear husband, William Henry, and devoted father of Ralph, Horace, Percival, who passed away Dec. 11, 1942.

"Our loved one he has cross'd the tide. But safely cross'd with Christ our guide;

Loved, remembered, longed-for always,

But it's all in vain to weep.

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From his peaceful, happy sleep."

-Inserted by his loving wife May, Bendigo.

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"The year has seen many changes in the free colonies. Owing to rising prices and scarcity, many have left and gone to places like Poona, Kirkee and Ambernath, where the demand for labor is great. A number of cane planters have been absent most of the time planters have been absent most of the planters have re-in other areas, but their families have re-mained. There are now only six registered persons left on probation. The remaining families are all free. The population now stands at 160 males and 157 females, a total of 317 persons. From among them 47 boys and 33 girls attend our primary school, Several children are attending high school and other town schools. Weekly bhajans have been held in the colonies, and house-to-house visitation carried on among interested persons. Many of the converts have gone elsewhere for work, but some twelve Christian families remain. There has been only one baptism this year, but a young man from one of the Takari but a young man from one of the lakari families now at Kalamb factory was baptised, for which we praise God. Many of the colonists take no part in Hinduism, but will not openly accept Christ. They cling to their old act to the Ac they have been to be the old caste ties. As there are only two sur-names, Gaikwad and Jadhaw, among them, the question of marriage is important and hinders many from becoming Christians. We still crave your prayers for them all, and especially that the converts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and be a faithful witness among their relatives."

NEW HEBRIDES NOTES

WRITING late in September, R. Saunders tells of varied activities. A new cook-house for trainees has been built by yoluntary labor, the timber used being either second-hand or donated. School work is flourishing, and books from Australia have been sent to meet the growing demand. A good supply of hymnbooks has also been sent, and Bibles and New Testaments are to be sent when supplies can be secured. The men have been able to attend the ordinary sick people, whilst Saturattend the ordinary sick people, whilst Satur-day afternoons good clean healthy sports have been arranged. The young people are enter-ing heartily into this project. Mr. Saunders, speaking of the necessity, says: "They (the natives) have no natural recreation at all." Both men are well and working in splendid co-operation. Abel Tabi-Mal, one of our school hove in a later latter scales with anthusiaem boys, in a later letter speaks with enthusiasm about the school, and about the splendid gar-den for the school boys. They have had a good year, and report the growing of yams, bananas, paw-paws, pumpkins, pineapples, as well as ordinary vegetables. Good rain falls have helped considerably this year. Abel says: "We are glad because Mr. Finger and Mr. Saunders are giad because ar, ringer and Mr. Saunders are here to look after the work of the gospel. We are glad they teach us the Bible and other things, and for the help with the medicine too. We go all about doing gospel work among the people on Aoba, Pentecost and Maewo. Once we were very unhappy, but through the leaching of the missionaries many have come to know about

the good news of God, and learn to love the Lord Jesus Christ."

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Obituary

0. D. Howard

O. HOWARD, of Prospect church, S.A., was O. called suddenly by the hand of death. For about three years our brother has been meeting with the church at Nailsworth. His duties as a railway official took him into many districts, and he and his family have been associated with churches at Murray Bridge, Semaphore, York, Prospect and other places. He was admired and loved for his loyalty to Christ. His four sons and four daughters are serving Christ because of the help received from such a splendid example. Many of these are still in membership with Prospect church. The church at Nailsworth will miss our brother from its services, and extends deepest sympathy to Mrs. Howard and family.—H.P.M.

G. Organ

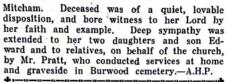
 O^{N} Nov. 16 there passed to the higher life Mr. George Organ, of Cheltenham (Vic.) church. His death is the breaking of the last link that bound the present with the pioneering past. He was in his 84th year, and had been a member of the church in this district for over 70 years. He was one of several who were baptised in the sea near Beaumaris, and was a member of the church there. His life centred round the church, and while health permitted he was faithful in attendance at church services. As a teacher in the school, a deacon and elder, he served the Master honorably and well. He loved the hymns of praise and sang them well. None could lead the church worship more acceptably than he, and his utterances in public prayer are remembered by many as a gracious influ-ence and abiding benediction. In addition to his widow who survives him, there are the following members of the family still living: following members of the family still living: Mrs. Bodley (Bentleigh), Mrs. Shields (Warr-nambool), Mrs. Shepherd (Cheltenham), Mr. S. Organ (Sydney), and Mr. R. Organ (Clayton). Mr. Stud. Organ gave his life in the last war, and another daughter, Mrs. Keir, died some years ago. We commend the members of the family to God and the word of his grace. The laborer's task is done, and we know that the trumpets sounded for him on the other side. His body was laid to rest in the old Cheltenham cemetery, the writer officiating.— V.C.S.

T. Pettman

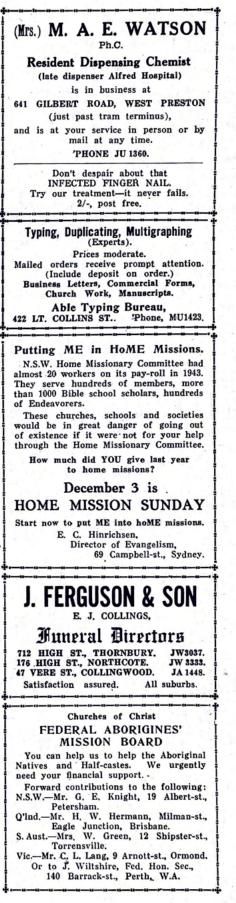
THE church at Nailsworth, S.A., has lost by the sudden home-call of Thomas Petiman one of its finest workers. For twenty-six years our brother was a Bible school teacher associated with the causes at Kermode-st., North Adelaide, Nailsworth and other places. In his early days he was associated with the church at Milang, and later at Balaklava and Port Pirie. At the time of his death he was a deacon and auditor of Nailsworth church. He was most faithful in attendance, and all loved him for his gracious and lovely spirit. God had been very good to him, for he had never experienced a 'serious illness, and the Lord took him to himself in the early morning of Oct. 8, while he slept. To Mrs. Pettman, the three sons and one daughter, the church extends deepest Christian sympathy, and with them looks forward to the glorious day of reunion.—H.P.M.

Mrs. Walker

ON Oct. 26 the church at Mitcham, Vic., suffered loss in the home-call of aged Mrs. Walker. Formerly Emily Brooks, Mrs. Walker was born at Camberwell. Her husband, William Edward Walker, predeceased her, as did also a son George. Mrs. Walker was baptised at Bambra-rd., Caulfield, more than twelve years ago by F. A. Youens. Her two daughters, Lucy and Helena, also were members for some years at Bambra-rd., and are now residents of







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