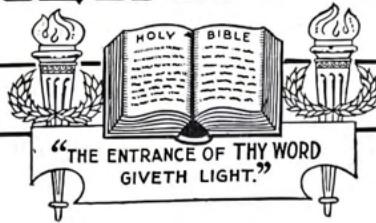


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Archaeology and Jehoiakin

New Proof of Truth of an Interesting Incident in Israel's History

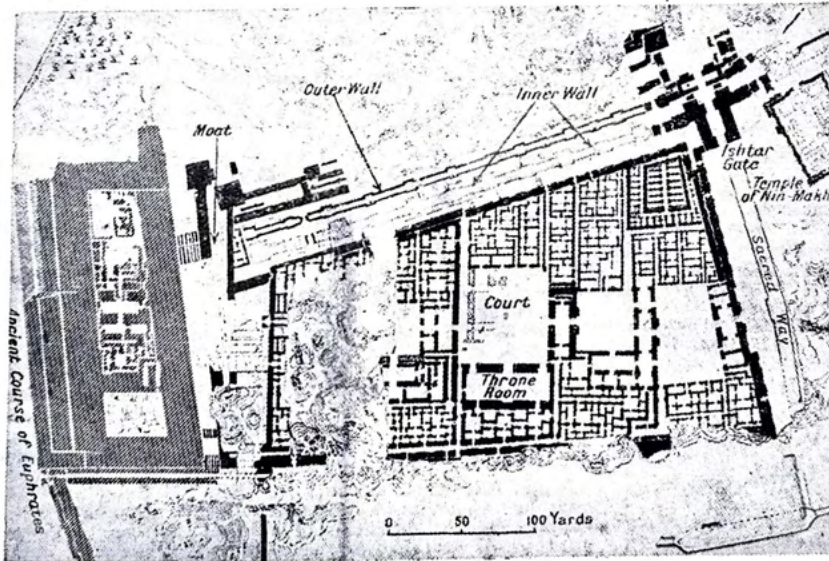
THE fulfilment of prophecy, historic facts and the discoveries of archaeologists in recent years point to the truth of the Bible. Despite the attacks of those who would like to get rid of the Bible, the word of God stands as a beacon of hope to the humble and as a sword of judgment for the proud. In unexpected places evidence concerning the reliability of the sacred record is being found. Since the main attack of sceptics has been directed against the Old Testament, archaeological proof supporting the truth of historical records of ancient Israel provides a victory for God's people, and gives grounds for additional confidence in the whole Bible.

THE PROPHECY AND HISTORY

Jeremiah announced the divine judgment to fall upon Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and also the punishment to descend upon his son, Jehoiakin, who is also spoken of as Coniah. In the prophecy of Jeremiah, chapter 22, it was announced that Jehoiakim would come to an evil end and "be buried with the burial of an ass." It was declared that his son, Jehoiakin, would fall into the hands of Nebuchadrezzar, the mighty king of Babylon. "I will cast thee out," the Lord said, "and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die." According to the word of the Lord, Jehoiakim, the father of Jehoiakin, who had done evil, was brought into days of judgment when the king of Babylon captured Jerusalem, making that king of Judah his servant. After three years under Babylonian rule Jehoiakim revolted. He was defeated speedily by Nebuchad-

rezzar and taken into captivity. His death soon followed. So brief was the reign of his son, Jehoiakin, that it was not considered as worthy of real notice. For thirteen weeks this Jehoiakin held power in Jerusalem. Then the armies of Babylon came upon him and besieged the city.

The situation was hopeless for Jerusalem. Jehoiakin and his mother, according to the word of the prophet, went out and gave themselves up to Nebuchadrezzar. The invaders carried away the golden treasures Solomon had set in the temple. The princes, the tradesmen and the smiths were marched away. None remained in Jerusalem "save the poorest sort of the people of the land" (2 Kings 24: 14). And Nebuchadrezzar "carried away Jehoiakin to Babylon."



This is the plan of the southern citadel in ancient Babylon. Note the position of the famous Gates of Ishtar. Not far from these are the cells in which the writing tablets referred to in article were found. The site of the palace is marked. Beneath, in vault-like chambers, the prison cells of Jehoiakin were located.

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Babylon was a city built on the banks of the Euphrates river. Her magnificent buildings, within a twelve-mile perimeter, were among the marvels of the ancient world. The famous double Gates of Ishtar, even now nearly forty feet high, were adorned with beautiful reliefs guarded by dragons and bulls. Not far from these gates there stood the "Kasr," or Southern Citadel, which included the royal palace and perhaps the famous "Hanging Gardens." According to the German archaeologist, Koldewey, in a work published in 1925, there existed beneath the ground floor of the palace a vault-like chamber divided into fourteen small rooms. There were other vaults, all connected by passages. In one of these chambers a collection of tablets was found, each tablet containing, in cuneiform writing, details of supplies of oil, barley,

History's Lesson

herbs or spices for prisoners. Now a remarkable discovery has been made that links up the valuable archaeological discoveries of Koldewey with the Bible story of

an outcast, for there shall none of his seed at all grow up to sit on the throne of David." When these facts are made clear we see how the details of the prophecy of Jeremiah were



Excavators at Work on Ancient Ruins.

Jehoiakin. In a work by the German Assyriologist Weldner, published in 1939, the suggestion is advanced that these chambers beneath the royal palace were the actual cells in which Jehoiakin and his companions were imprisoned. According to Professor G. R. Driver, of Oxford, details of these discoveries reached Oxford recently.

This claim linking these cells with Jehoiakin is based on Weldner's translation of the writing on the tablets. It is shown that they are documents written in the period of 594-589 when Nebuchadrezzar II. reigned. "Four tablets, all unfortunately more or less badly damaged, relate to the provisions supplied to Jehoiakin and his Jewish fellow-prisoners." A translation of one of these is given, and we have this interesting piece of information: "Sixteen and a half pints of oil for Jehoiakin, crown-prince of Judah; four pints (dry measure) of barley for the five sons of the king of Judah, by the hand of Qanama." In other records on tablets, Jehoiakin is referred to as king, not erroneously as crown-prince.

There is a point of interest that needs to be explained. Reference is made to Jehoiakin's sons. In Jeremiah 22: 30, in both Authorised and Revised Versions, it is stated that Jehoiakin is to die childless. Note the words of Jeremiah: "Thus saith the Lord: Write this man childless . . . for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting on the throne of David." Now this passage suggests a contradiction. How could Jehoiakin's seed prosper if he had no seed? According to Professor G. R. Driver, the Hebrew word used means literally "bare and stripped." Jehoiakin was to be stripped of honors. In the Septuagint Version the Greek word means literally "banished by proclamation." Thus the passage is translated, "Write ye this man

fulfilled with amazing accuracy. Did not Jehoiakin become a man stripped of honors and an outcast? As for his sons, they lived

in exile with the father and did not enjoy the honors of the throne of Judah.

The other three tablets found in the cells refer to King Jehoiakin, and make mention of additional Jewish prisoners. Captives of other races are also listed. These are Syrians from Tyre, Gebal and Arvad, Philistines from Ashkelon, Elamites, Medes and Persians, Egyptians, Greeks and Lydians. The important point is that the occupations of these portants are given. They include a Jewish garmenter, carpenters, shipwrights, surveyor and singers. This list bears out the truth of the Biblical statement that Nebuchadrezzar carried away from Jerusalem "all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land" (2 Kings 24: 14).

These details may be small, but they are significant enough, for Professor G. R. Driver, of Oxford, to state that they confirm the truth of the Bible story of the life of Jehoiakin. Thus "a lucky discovery of cuneiform tablets in Babylon" enables us to prove the truth of sacred history.

This story testifies also to the importance of the prophetic word of scripture and to the manner in which God's judgment falls upon the unrighteous and unfaithful. God is the same to-day as he was yesterday. Unless this nation of Australia is prepared to respect the ways of the Lord, we may find ourselves condemned. Do not let us be so foolish as to ignore the lessons in the Bible story of Jehoiakin and the many similar lessons in scripture! Only respect for God's ways can make us secure and assure us of a happy future. The growing godlessness and indifference to the principles of God's kingdom do not give us grounds for hope. Except Australia repents it may perish in some manner like Judah. Those who know God's lessons must not cease from warning their fellow-countrymen who, through ignorance or foolish neglect, do not know the danger that threatens them.

Niemoller's New Task

The International Christian Press and Information Service, Geneva, Switzerland, gives interesting facts of an outstanding Christian leader.

CHRISTIANITY'S struggle against the German Nazi State has created new and trusting relationships between Protestants and Roman Catholics, and these are now to be embodied in "Good Samaritan" work in helping the unspeakable spiritual, moral and physical suffering of the German people. The initiation of the Confessional congregations into the responsibilities of this Samaritan service will be a great task for the future.

Pastor Niemoller incarnates all these tasks and aspirations. We found that he mirrored the difficulties of the last eight years, but that he has also retained his spiritual and physical elasticity. He is preparing himself to help in the reconstruction of the Confessional Church, and in so doing to help to raise his defeated people. A good starting-point was his meeting and frank agreement with the aged Bishop Wurm who, in dangerous moments in the course of the war, was the mouth-piece of the German Evangelical Church, and often in the name of God told the Government fearlessly and plainly: "This is not right."

For the moment Martin Niemoller is gathering information, and is still seeking the best method of fruitful service.

It is our impression that the report of his conversation with foreign press representatives did not convey a true

picture. It is his intention, after he has had some rest, to set down his experiences of the last eight years, and to draw the conclusions. For the moment we point out that his declaration at the outbreak of war followed on more than two years' solitary confinement, that numerous friends urged him to this decision, because they had reasons to fear the murder of political prisoners at that moment. His wife recalled that before the war Pastor Niemoller repeatedly expressed the wish to send his sons to England for further education, and that during the war he warned his sons to announce themselves and charged them in the event of their being enrolled in the army to carry out the simple duties of a soldier, but nothing more. In this spirit the eldest son went to his death in February, 1945, as he himself wrote: "Believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, and not in a godless Fatherland—just because he was a German." The second son was wounded on the Eastern Front and is missing; the third is in a Russian prison camp. A daughter died at the end of 1944 after a short illness. God has led Martin Niemoller along a very hard path; the Confessional Church is waiting for him, and he is ready to help with his experiences and talents in the building up of the community.

Homeward Bound

To assist men and women of the Services readjust themselves to home-life, Esther M. Messent urges, in this second article, that sympathetic efforts be made to assist them find their places in church and community.



SOME of our Service people will have picked up habits which are new to them. Some have learnt to drink a little, others to smoke quite a lot. This has been so much part and parcel of their lives, that they have come to think it unsophisticated (the attitude of the girls) or unsportsmanlike (the outlook of the men) not to have a glass of beer. Please don't make the mistake of thinking they are on the verge of ruin. Put something better in the place of these things. I have been a teetotaler and non-smoker throughout my three years of Service life, and I have never offered drink in my own home, where hundreds of Service women and many men have been entertained. I do not give my guests cigarettes—they must bring their own if they want to smoke; but I do know this, that they have come, and come again, for the sake of the companionship, the well-served meal, the music and discussion which take place. Now is the time to think of the most delightful fruit drinks, to have almonds and raisins about the house—in fact, to take a positive attitude towards this matter. With many these habits will sink into insignificance if they are not unduly noticed and criticised; but give them undue prominence and we shall wreck our chances of success. After all, they have formed but a small part of Service life.

There will be many who will have to struggle with a feeling of frustration—for them, when the first joy of home-coming is over, a reaction will set in. They will feel that they have little in common with their home folks and those who had to remain on the civilian front, and will long at times for their old comrades. Can we help them to have reunions? I know from personal experience how great a joy this can give. Can we provide the fellowship and the companionship they are going so greatly to miss?

Some there will be who, in putting on their uniforms, have put away their old lives and loyalties. Life has suddenly opened up the way for new ambitions, and they have cast aside the past. Experience is the only thing that will really teach these young people that the future is built on the past, and we shall have to stand aside while the lesson proceeds, ready to help if wanted.

There will be another group who will be able to marry almost at once, and who can find an outlet for their yearnings in the setting up of a home, and the founding of a family. But just a moment—is there going to be a home for them to live in? Are we as church people going to sit quietly by while building materials and labor are made available for picture theatres and racecourse walls? Our voice must be raised on these questions; we cannot be silent when the health and happiness of our men and women are at stake, and when the very lives of our children hang in the balance.

And now, referring particularly to ex-Service women, I want you to consider a sec-

tion which I find is often missed out—the not-so-young. Training schemes are in hand to benefit those who enlisted before they were 21; and some assistance is offered to those who are older; but the attitude of the world in general is not very thoughtful to those who have lost the first bloom of youth. While these 30-45 age groups have been in the Services there has been a place for them; some have been very capable and energetic officers; others have been part and parcel of the community life of the Services. Can the civilian world offer them still a full and interesting life?

Let us be quite honest. Do we on the whole consider such women sufficiently in our churches? Or do we concentrate on the young, particularly on the boys? The young need all the help they can get, but they should not be spoiled and pampered, but

New Method of Presenting Truth

FROM two to three times the usual Sunday night audience was attracted by a special series of meetings covering four successive evenings held in Bendigo recently. The whole set-up was unusual. Believing that if the church is to make any vital contribution in the post-war world, new methods must be adopted in presenting truth, it was arranged that four speakers, each of whom should have a fundamental belief in God, should be chosen to represent various sections of the community. Each man was to be invited to give a 15-minute address followed by an address of similar length by the local preacher, Mr. G. M. Mathieson. The visitor was urged to be frank and critical. It was not to be regarded as a debate, but rather a courageous facing of facts of our present-day world. It was felt that a wide circle of people long for true Christianity who fail to see it in the church as at present organised.

The theme was, "What the Church Must Do," and the subjects, (1) "Concerning the Working Man," (2) "Concerning Business Life," (3) "Concerning Rehabilitation," (4) "Concerning Civic Life."

A leader of the Trades Hall, the president of the local Chamber of Commerce, a prominent chemist, who has spent five years in a combatant unit of the Army, and a progressive councillor who is also a chartered accountant, handled the subjects. The local paper gave practically a full-column write-up of the subject matter of the meetings each week. Many non-churchgoers were attracted, some of whom had not been inside a church for up to 18 years. It has unquestionably lifted the congregation's status in the community; it has provoked much helpful dis-

should be made self-reliant and unselfish. But in many churches there is not sufficient care extended to the odd ones (usually women) who are getting towards middle age, but who still have the energy and vitality of youth. Often this group has a big contribution to make, but is elbowed out for two reasons:

1. They are not young.
2. They are not men.

Many of our best brains lie in this group, at present generally neglected. Secretaries for Sunday schools, treasurers for the church, auditors, writers for the church paper—there are endless possibilities of using these women, once we get the right attitude—the Christ-like attitude—towards sex. Do we realise that a woman of 38 is as precious to the Father as a lad of 18? Isn't it time we understood that in the kingdom of heaven there is no marrying nor giving in marriage, and that it is the person who counts, not the sex? And from the aspect of age (if we believe in an after life) the very oldest member of the church is still just a child, groping his way through the mists to higher achievements, and still capable of growth.

Some day we shall realise how little sex has to do with intellect and spirit. Do we remember that "women ministered unto him (Jesus) of their substance?" Can we imagine that he accepted their money and their food, but denied them the right to serve him with their other powers? Did he not say to Martha, "Mary hath chosen the better part?" My friends, if there is any place on earth, where men and women should be standing shoulder to shoulder, companions and comrades in their work, it is in the church of Jesus Christ, and I would beg of you to think of this question, as our Service women come home to us, not along the lines of prejudice or tradition, but in the light of the simple criterion—What would Jesus do?

(To be concluded)

★ G. Mathieson reports on an unusual method used at Bendigo, Vic., to reach the masses with the gospel truths.

ussion; and it is believed that much good has been accomplished.

One of the most outstanding things was the number of men who attended. The gospel was fearlessly presented and an invitation given on each occasion. One confession was taken.

The church has nothing to fear in facing criticism. Her message must be applied to every phase of life. Other churches will, no doubt, be interested in this experiment.

LOVE

THANK God for love! Though love may hurt and wound,

Though set with sharpest thorns its rose may be;

Roses are not of winter, all attuned
Must be the earth, filled with soft air and free,

And warm ere dawns the rose upon its tree.
Fresh currents through my frozen pulses run,
My heart has tasted summer, tasted sun;
And I thank thee, Lord, although not one
Of all the many roses blooms for me.

A President's Tour

Ethelbert Davis, president of N.S.W. Conference, and our correspondent for that State, gives an interesting review of a visit to churches in Northern part of State.

A RECENT visit to the churches in the northern part of the State brought the writer to many of the scenes of his early Christian experience. Impressions were gained which should be helpful to readers of the "Christian." It is a great pity that more of the members of our city churches could not see for themselves the splendid type of men and women in many of our country churches, and learn of the work done under adverse circumstances.

Grafton

Grafton is a town on the Clarence river, noted for the beauty of its layout, for its wealth, and for the conservatism of its people. The church of Christ is very weak in membership, but possesses a fine, centrally situated building. Upon arrival in the town we found the Hinrichsen-Morris mission in



The Chapel at Grafton.

progress. The church, we know, will be considerably strengthened by the mission. P. J. Pond has just closed a short ministry with the church, and is being succeeded by Glen Brown, from Gilgandra. It was there we were told by a business man, and not a member of the church, of what he deemed to be one of the weaknesses of our country work generally. He said he was sure we did not understand the importance of the country towns; and that, knowing our people and what we stood for, he thought we should send some of our strongest men to our churches in the big country towns.

Lismore

We arrived in Lismore at the invitation of the church to be the guest speaker at the 61st anniversary celebrations. It was from that church that we went to the work of the ministry many years ago. The anniversary services were well attended and enthusiastic.

Claude Cunningham was called to the leadership of the church about seven months ago, and he is already gaining the affection and support of the members. He has visions of and is planning for a real forward move.

Lismore, on the Richmond river, is a town with a population of about 15,000 people. The "Church of Christ Temple" is one of the imposing structures of the town, and is well equipped in every way for church work. If the church had the workers, it could be the centre of quite a number of preaching places.

Byron Bay

In this seaside town of about 1200 people, a little group of church of Christ members meet in the Presbyterian church building, when not in use by the Presbyterians them-

selves. The few members are most earnest souls, and are doing their best to witness for New Testament Christianity.

We had a meeting with the brethren and a few interested folk from other churches. In that same Presbyterian building we had preached, or rather tried to, before going away to college. It brought to mind two incidents of other days. One Sunday night a note was passed up, asking why we did not take a collection. We answered the question, giving the reason. At the close of the meeting the old Presbyterian elder, who acted as usher, collected from the back of the seats in threepenny and sixpenny pieces the sum of 32/6, commenting at the same time that we should answer the question at every meeting. A few months later, after we had preached a sermon on baptism, we were denied further use of the building, not by the officers, but by the preacher of the church.

Tyalgum

Than the little village of Tyalgum, at the foot of the mountain ranges on the upper

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.)

BRITISH HISTORY!

BELIEVING the obscurantist attitude of mind indicated by the challenge of Chaplain Young is widely held, and is inimical to development of a true Christian outlook, I ask for space to amplify Mr. Williams' reply.

Firstly, it is essential to appreciate that the magnitude of the inhuman activities in question may not find a parallel in British history, any more than the war itself can be paralleled; and secondly, that degrees of inhumanity cannot absolve guilt. One could refer to many incidents in British history relatively as inhuman as that in question. The Cromwellian episode in Ireland should cause shame. The Opium War against China cannot be viewed with pride. Is it not also a fact that the modern concentration camp had its genesis in South Africa during, and after, the Boer War, when civilians met with indignities and persecution at the hands of the British that certainly cannot be considered moral. The ruthless activities of the "Black and Tans" in Ireland just after World War I, merit condemnation. North Africa has instances of the aerial bombing and destruction of native villages, also just after the last war, to enforce collection of taxes. India affords instances of the same inhumanity, specifically the Amritsar affair when unarmed natives were fired upon, many being killed and wounded, and others suffered indignities. Also do not the British take credit for initiating the recent tactical "obliteration" bombing of cities and towns, causing such havoc amongst civilians? Space prevents elaboration. I readily acknowledge there are many things in British history of which we can rightly be proud, but refusal to face unpleasant facts decidedly weakens our true Christian prophetic witness. Narrow nationalism, inferentially ac-

reaches of the Tweed river, there are few prettier spots. And, than the few members left there now, there are few nobler souls. Our folk there have a fine little building, but because of removals from the district, the numbers have been so reduced that regular meetings are not possible. Sunday school and Christian Endeavor keep the witness going each week. At Tyalgum, during one of our college vacations, we held a week's mission, and baptised in a creek the first converts ever made in the district.

Impressions

As a result of the visit we were impressed with four things.

1. We need a man of the pioneering type to be stationed at Murwillumbah to work from Bangalow in the south, up north to the Queensland border. We have members all round that great district.

2. We were impressed by the courage and faithfulness of these small groups who hold on in the face of tremendous discouragements.

3. We were impressed with the knowledge some of these folk have of our historic position, and with the earnest desire they have for the unity of God's people.

4. Then we were impressed with their earnest desire to win men and women for Christ. It was a real spiritual tonic to hear so many of them expressing a desire to get this one and that one for their Lord.

cepting the unmoral principle "my country right or wrong," can never be equated with the profound universal principles of Christianity.—L. O. Collyer, Victoria.

JUDGMENT IN WAR

WE must not forget that it has been by force and war to a great extent that the right of the kingdom of God to exist among the kingdoms of the world has come to be acknowledged in the world. We should be thankful to-day we are protected, in the religion of the Bible, free to serve and worship according to our consciences. Did we ever ask ourselves how such protection came to the church? They were not always hers. Did pagans and unbelievers willingly give them to her? They came permanently and fully only when, through the blessings of God, the number of Christians so increased as to be able to influence legislation, and to enact and enforce laws for themselves—not laws compelling other men to believe as they did—Christians should never do that—but laws compelling unbelievers to respect the rights of believers to believe. Yet not without blood was their religious freedom, so precious to us all, purchased for us in the past, that the result might not be a world empire in which the church and the pulpit and the press would be wholly subordinated to the interests of the State so clearly set forth by the leaders of the carnage from which we have been so graciously delivered by the help of God. There exists, then, this legitimate use of force without which justice becomes a myth, and the whole legal code abolished (Rom. 13: 1-7) (the war criminals would be pleased if this could be so). Of course God has often, in a mysterious way, broken in among men and punished the wrong-doer, dealing with either a man or a nation in a summary way, but he has ordained that this shall be ordinarily left to his ministers; resisting these, we resist the ordinance and thus God's power.—S. J. Johnston, Launceston, Tasmania.

A Link With the Past

During the Centenary Year Let Us Remember the Pioneers

MARY THOMPSON AND M. J. SHAH

THE September issue of "World Call" reports the death of M. J. Shah, a worthy and tried pastor of the Disciples Mission in India. About forty years ago, this worker transferred from the English Baptists and was stationed at Harda for evangelistic work and high school teaching. At the period of his settling into the Harda work, our pioneer missionary Mary Thompson was already well established in the Harda work, and had a good deal to do with the early work of Pastor Shah. For some years this Indian worker was directly supported by Australian funds. The Vic-

CHRISTMAS—HOW TO HELP

WHILST it is still impossible to send the large shipment of cases formerly sent to India, it is possible now to help in a practical way. Many lines are still short, and many auxiliaries have asked how they can help. Goods can be packed in tins or strong cardboard containers, according to type of goods.

Tins.—Meats, fruits, cakes, jams, dried fruits, powdered, processed or condensed milks, honey, peanut butter, etc.

Cardboard Containers.—Cheese, pudding and



Miss Mary Thompson (black skirt), M. J. Shah Standing Near Bullocks.

torian conference (1909) reports, "Bro. Shah is as enthusiastic as ever, having a good helper in his wife. He preaches, teaches, sells portions of scripture, distributes tracts, and visits."

"World Call" says: "Leaving the amenities of Harda, he and Mrs. Shah successfully identified themselves with the isolated villagers of this new station, fifty miles or more off the railroad. The station was named Fosterpur (pur means village or town) for a Mr. Foster, of Kirksville, Missouri, who made substantial gifts for the work among the farmers of Chattisgarh. Mr. Shah worked untiringly in this rural community until falling health forced his retirement in 1937. As a result of his labors, there is now a growing church that meets weekly in a substantial brick house of worship under the leadership of S. M. Mash, who continues to win that area to the more abundant life." "How glorious the dedication of life and of money to a cause that far outlives the human body. Mr. Shah and Mr. Foster have passed from this life, but the work at Fosterpur marches on."

cake mixtures, jelly crystals, mixed fruit and nuts.

Any non-soluble goods may be sent and preferably in sealed tins. Do not send perishable foodstuffs.

Parcels are to be sewn in strong canvas, correctly addressed, with customs declaration of contents affixed and wholesale value stated.

Forms may be obtained from any post office. The approximate cost of sending 1 lb.-3 lb., 2/10; 4-7 lb., 4/8; 8-11 lb. (limit), 6/11. Even if parcels fail to reach India by Christmas, they will still be valuable, so do not hesitate to send.

Christmas Cheer Monies

Apart from monetary gifts made to missionaries and children for Christmas purchases, about £120 has been sent per year for distribution to the stations on behalf of co-workers, children's homes, etc. This year it is planned to send similar amounts. To do this, a sum not less than £200 will be required. The usual generous giving of the brotherhood will enable this to be done. First amount will be sent first week in December, and final amount about end of same month. Please send amount early.

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

A PREACHER TESTED

THERE was a fine story in the "Christian Guardian," of Toronto, concerning a young man who felt himself to be called to the Christian ministry. In working his way through college he did advertising work for various firms, and became so skilful in the art and craft of advertising that after he had graduated he was offered a position as advertising expert for the famous Wanamaker store, at a commencing salary of two thousand pounds a year. He was then in charge of a church at a salary of two hundred and forty pounds a year, but he refused to leave the work to which he believed he had been called. A prominent lawyer in the town heard of the young preacher's decision, and went to see him, hoping to save him from his quixotic self. He showed him the folly of sacrificing such a salary as had been offered him, enlarged upon the good he could do with his money, drew his attention to the fact that he was evidently intended by nature for just such work, and ended by doubting the value of preaching the gospel in any case. The young preacher, however, was unmoved by all the lawyer's arguments and eloquence, and went on preaching; while the lawyer went back to his office to study the Bible, which seemed to have so mightily gripped the youth he had so vainly interviewed. The lawyer, who became Judge G. B. Alder, of Boston, told this story in an address at the Y.M.C.A. in Dayton, Ohio, and declared that his own conversion had followed from that unsuccessful attempt to turn the young preacher away from his calling.

The young doctor and his friend were sitting at the club window when a richly-dressed woman passed.

"There goes the only woman I ever loved," sighed the M.D.

"Is that so?" queried the other. "Then why don't you marry her?"

"Can't afford it; she's my best patient."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—"NOT CONFORMED"

Nov. 26—John 17: 15-26.

" 27—John 21: 15-23.

" 28—1 Cor. 3: 16-22.

" 29—1 Cor. 5: 9-13.

" 30—1 Cor. 10: 23-33.

Dec. 1—Rom. 12: 1-8.

" 2—Prov. 25: 11-22; Rom. 12: 9-21.

THERE is an unfortunate tendency of certain consecrated disciples to interpret Rom. 12: 12 as forbidding everything the world offers. Christians, they contend, should be "separate," which to them denotes the abstaining from recreation, amusements and everything which proves attractive to non-Christians. Such really believe in monasticism, though quite unconscious of it. But a sane understanding of this injunction and parallel scriptures assures us that not even the very best is arbitrarily withheld from the very least, it being in accordance with the will of God that each disciple should, as opportunity offers, enjoy his great gifts of art, science, recreation, etc., so long as every pursuit and every pleasure is related to him, and engaged in to his glory. It is not the avocations of life, or its pleasures, which are forbidden, for these texts concern not the mode of life, but the spirit which prompts the word or deed. It is not the flesh, or the eyes, or life, which is prohibited, but "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the vainglory of life." These are "not of the Father, but of the world."

Here and There

We received following telegram on Nov. 19: "Hinrichsen-Morris made splendid start, Bexley North (N.S.W.); three decisions last night.—Henderson."

Missionaries of our American brotherhood, Mr. and Mrs. H. Reynolds and son and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hall, arrived in Melbourne on Monday, Nov. 19, en route to India.

Sunday, Nov. 18, was the fourth anniversary of the sinking of the "Sydney," and we recall, with sympathy for the bereaved, that some men associated with churches of Christ lost their lives in that disaster.

At Camberwell, Vic., on Nov. 11, a rally of 180 young people of the Churches of Christ Youth Fellowship took place. Doug. Nicholls, of the Fitzroy mission, spoke. A number of returned Service men were present.

W. Gale writes: For the first time in very many years all the States of the Commonwealth will celebrate Home Mission Day on Dec. 2. This first post-war home mission offering is to provide the finances for the brotherhood's long-looked-for day of opportunity. It will demonstrate whether disciples of to-morrow shall say, "They of 1945 gave too little too late," or whether they shall say, "They outshone all who went before and gave us our opportunity."

Services for October at Bundaberg, Qld., were well attended. Mr. Hunting returned to Brisbane after ten days' mission. Mrs. C. Christesen and Miss J. Steffen were baptised on Sept. 31 and welcomed into fellowship on Oct. 7. On 20th Women's Guild held garden party at Mr. and Mrs. W. De'Oberitz's residence; this was opened by C. Cole, of Melbourne, and £47 was raised. Mr. Boettcher, of Toowoomba, conducted service on Oct. 20 in morning, and Mr. Cole evening service.

The third half-yearly conference of Southern Bayside district churches (Victoria) was held on Saturday, Nov. 17, at Cheltenham, when in addition to Cheltenham members, representatives of Red Hill, Frankston, Moorooduc, Chelsea and Parkdale met in afternoon and evening inspirational sessions. D. A. V. Thomas spoke at afternoon meeting and Thomas Hagger at night. Solos were sung by Mrs. E. Mansfield

and T. Cuddy. Combined choirs of Parkdale and Cheltenham rendered two anthems. V. C. Stafford, president, was in chair. Officers for ensuing six months are: President, T. Hagger; vice-president, R. Genat; secretary-treasurer, G. W. Barnett. At Sisters' Conference after tea, following were elected: President, Mrs. V. C. Stafford; vice-president, Mrs. A. W. Stephenson; secretary, Miss A. Brough; treasurer, Mrs. Parkes.

At a well-attended and impressive service in the chapel at Gardiner, Vic., on Sunday, Nov. 18, 3 p.m., to commemorate the life and work of the late A. R. Main, the president of the Victorian conference, A. W. Cleland, presided. J. Mudford led in prayer, Allen Brooke, Gardiner preacher, read scripture lesson, and W. A. Strongman spoke on behalf of local brethren. Addresses were given by J. McG. Abercrombie (representing Victorian conference committees and churches), E. L. Williams (on behalf of the College of the Bible) and A. W. Stephenson (for "The Australian Christian" and the preachers). A telegram from the Federal president, C. Schwab, was read, being a message from the Federal Executive Committee. F. C. Whittington was soloist. W. Gale, conference secretary, closed service with prayer. Mr. D. Main came from Port Kembla, N.S.W., to be present at the service.

I. A. Paternoster, N.S.W. F.M. secretary, writes: "During the past month Sydney churches have been favored by a visit from some of our American missionaries en route to India—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reynolds and son Rodger, and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hall and son David. The Reynolds have been in India since 1927, the Halls go out for the first time. Wednesday, the 14th, they spent at Woolwich College, and their message to the students was greatly appreciated. They leave on Friday, and hope to meet brethren in Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth, where we are sure they will receive a hearty welcome. On Saturday, the 10th, Mr. and Mrs. Escott and Edgar and Miss Florence Cameron reached Sydney. All were looking well and are glad to be home again. A suitable welcome for these dear folk and a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Smith will be held shortly."

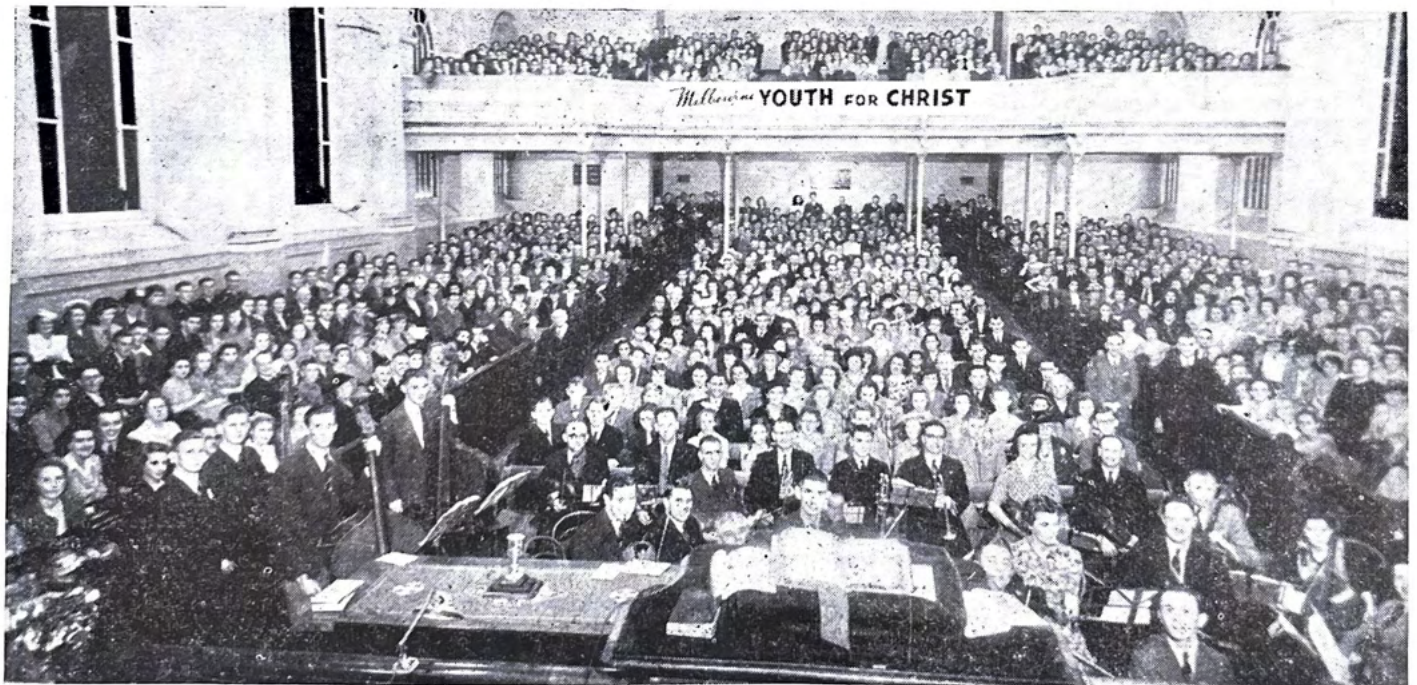
MISSION AT DIMBOOLA, VIC.

W. W. SAUNDERS and I have just concluded the first tent mission to be held in Dimboola, Vic., a small town of, we are told, about 1600 inhabitants. A chapel, removed from Pimpinio, was erected there some years ago; some meetings had been held by members in the district with the support of the Horsham church, but no church had been formally constituted in the town. The purpose of the campaign was to add to the number of believers and "set in order the things that were wanting." Churches of Christ in the Horsham and Kaniva districts gave wonderful assistance. Some members travelled over 50 miles from Kaniva. Some from Warracknabeal, Minyip and Brim also attended frequently, and Horsham church gave generous help. A large van was chartered to run from Horsham three times weekly. We heard of an elderly sister who walked five miles to join the party in the van for the further trip of 23 miles to Dimboola. C. W. Jackel and G. Black gave much time and splendid service in preparing for mission and during the campaign, and H. Earle journeyed from Kaniva to assist them. Attention of townspeople was gained. Though decisions were not easily made because of the newness to many of the message, many earnest people were added to the church. The newly established church will number over 40 members, this total including members previously living in the district; other baptised believers; some restored to active fellowship, and those who made the great decision during the campaign. Of those who confessed Christ, one lady has already taken steps to enter upon special service. In addition to the establishment of the church, a healthy Bible school of over 40 scholars was formed. On Sunday, Nov. 4, the church was formally constituted. Officers were appointed for six months, including the two preachers and Messrs. Sherriff and Miller, elders of Horsham church. The campaign closed on Tuesday night, Nov. 13, when members from the district churches helped to provide the largest attendance for the mission. The thankoffering, exclusive of amount from Kaniva church, amounted to £140.—K. A. Macnaughtan.

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"Thousand Up" Youth Rally, November 2. (See page 561.)

News of the Churches

Western Australia

Perth.—On morning of Nov. 11, prayer was offered for Dave Ewers and Jack Gilchrist, who are in hospital. Thornley Thomas and Frank Clark received a welcome home after absence in Adelaide. Visitors included Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Loumas (S.A.). Good wishes were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Loveridge, who leave for service with aborigines mission at Gnowan-gerup. Church expressed sympathy on passing in Adelaide of Mrs. McGregor, a former member. J. K. Robinson gave a stirring talk. At 7.30 p.m. Miss E. Griffiths was soloist; Mr. Robinson preached. T. Marshall, home from duty in R.A.F., was present.

Queenland

Charters Towers.—Club and church enjoyed sacred film strips shown on V.E. projector on Oct. 16 and 24. Mr. Peres used projector at Sunday school on Oct. 28, Mr. Burn giving the commentary. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. H. S. Coward in passing of her mother. Church had brief fellowship with H. Holiman, an old member, on short visit here.



The Chapel at Toowoomba.

One of the finest church buildings in the brotherhood. Recently the church celebrated its 63rd anniversary with a thankoffering of almost £200. V. G. Boettcher has just entered his fourth year of ministry.

South Australia

Gawler.—On Oct. 23 first of a series of "welcome home" socials was held in honor of four returned men. P. R. Baker was speaker at all services on Nov. 4, the 26th anniversary of church. In afternoon Mr. Baker gave the recital "Gwen" and two decisions for Christ at evening service brought the happy occasion to a climax. Special singing was given by a

male quartette and the choir under J. Bywaters. On Saturday previous, a meeting was held at which choir assisted and moving pictures were enjoyed. Interchurch Fellowship meeting was held this month in Presbyterian church on Nov. 8.

Prospect.—Anniversary services were conducted on Nov. 11. A. E. Brown exhorted church; A. Fax and Sgt. Plenty (Subiaco, W.A.) assisted. About 140 broke bread. A number of visitors had fellowship. Mrs. Pryor (Bassendean, W.A.) is staying with Mr. Roberts. In evening 120 attended, including members of cricket club. Mention was made of services rendered to church by Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Bradshaw, who are leaving for Melbourne. Mr. Bradshaw served as treasurer, deacon and organist, and was active in youth work. Mrs. Bradshaw served as cradle roll superintendent and P.B.P. chaplain. A. E. Brown gave inspiring addresses throughout day. M. Purdie, M. Bunyon (R.A.A.F.) and K. Brokensha (A.I.F.) enjoyed fellowship.

Whyalla.—At business meeting of church on Oct. 31, following were re-elected deacons:—M. Smith, W. Greenfield, E. Bryant; new officers: Deacon, W. Berry; trustees, C. Brougham, M. Smith; kindergarten superintendent, Mrs. G. M. Cox; additions to deaconesses, Mrs. S. E. Matthews, Mrs. E. Baker; reporter, G. M. Cox. On Oct. 28 M. Richter, late Dulwich and R.A.A.F., now of Sydney Bible College, spoke at evening service. On Nov. 10, at fifth church anniversary tea and social, men of church undertook all arrangements for tea and social. K. Jones, conference president, gave two appreciated addresses on the Lord's day. Mr. and Mrs. Gale recently removed to Unley district. On Nov. 6 men's United Christian Fellowship tea was a great success; 28 present. R. M. Bandt (Methodist) was speaker.

Wampoony.—A. O. S. Baker commenced his ministry with circuit on Oct. 15. His first appearance at Wampoony was to conduct a baptismal service, prior to afternoon's worship service. The candidates were two young men from Bible class, who made their confession the previous Sunday, after a sincere address by Thos. Hamilton. Church anniversary services were held on Nov. 4, when Mr. Baker exhorted and delivered messages in song. These services commemorated sixty-second year of service in district, first having been held at Carew in 1883, and present building was opened on Nov. 26, 1899. Owing to widespread search for a little girl who was lost in the scrub, young people's social planned for Nov. 7 was postponed. Conference gatherings were held in Bordertown on Nov. 11 and 14, when W. L. Ewers delivered outstanding addresses. A petition against re-opening of off-the-course betting shops has been forwarded to district representative in Legislative Council and favorably received.

Maylands.—Fourth Temple Day was held Nov. 3, when members from early morning till evening brought gifts. In evening a fine thanksgiving service was held. K. A. Jones led and Dr. T. Turner gave the address. Offering stands at £270. Fine attendances and spirit marked services on Nov. 4. K. A. Jones gave excellent addresses. Two young men were baptised at night, and another made his confession. On Nov. 10 a social evening was held to welcome home men and women of Forces who have been discharged, and who have recently been posted to S.A. About 90 folk were present, and a happy evening was spent. In absence of preacher at Whyalla, A. Anderson was speaker on morning of

Nov. 11, and Chaplain H. R. Taylor in evening. On last three Wednesday evenings large delegations of members have journeyed to Nailsworth in support of mission conducted by G. T. Fitzgerald. Second anniversary of Men's Brotherhood was celebrated with a banquet prepared by women of church, followed by three talks on "Christian Unity" by a Congregationalist, Methodist, and J. E. Brooke. Helpful discussion followed.

Unley.—Sunday evening meetings continue to improve, and many visitors attend. Helen Baker responded to the gospel appeal. Trevor Harry, Don Burdett, Norm Stokes and Allan Jessup have been home on leave. Cottonville Ladies' Guild visited mission band on Nov. 14. Tennis and cricket clubs are in full swing. Basketballers held a concert to raise funds. Sufficient promises have been received to enable installation of new leadlight windows to be put in hand. New windows were badly needed, and appearance of building will be greatly improved on completion of this work.

New South Wales

Kurri Kurri.—P. J. Pond, who is laboring at Cessnock, spoke at both services on Oct. 21. Prayer and praise services are held weekly on Wednesday nights. Helpful addresses are given by Mr. Hillier, who is also visiting. Sunday school anniversary was enjoyable. Prizes were given to children by superintendent, Mr. Willetts. On Nov. 11 Wm. Davidson spoke. A Bible school scholar confessed Christ and was baptised.

Wagga.—Meetings have been well attended. Members were glad to have fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield, of Wangaratta, Vic. Mr. Wakefield conducted all services for week-end. Mr. Wenk has recovered from illness, and is able to be at morning services. A social was arranged to welcome home Ernest Blyth, discharged from Army, and his wife. Roy Jenkins also has his discharge from R.A.A.F., and is at home.

Bexley North.—Bible school anniversary commenced on Nov. 4, when R. Wilson (Paddington) gave an illustrated address to children and parents in afternoon. At night J. Henderson gave a felt-work address. On Nov. 9, at the demonstration, dialogues were given by classes and Junior Endeavorers. Anniversary concluded on Nov. 11, when school presented "Gifts from the Hand of the Father" in song and readings, eliminating usual sermon. Miss Daphne Flood rendered several solos and Mr. Buckley was song-leader. Keen interest of parents was displayed throughout. Hinrichsen-Morris tent mission commenced at night, when a man made the confession.

Marrickville.—Anniversary services were continued on Nov. 4 and 6. G. H. Eager, a former scholar, who is taking up the work at Gildandra, gave a challenging address at morning service on 4th. In afternoon representatives of "Arnott" and "Shorey" houses rendered an interesting programme of musical and elocutionary items, and prizes for year were presented. P. E. Thomas gave an illustrated address in evening. Royce Bain, of Bunbury, W.A., and B. H. Wood, of Beulahrd., S.A., were amongst visitors. A splendid programme was arranged for Tuesday night, concluding item being a play, "His Measureless Love," written by a teacher, Miss Grace Paris. This was well presented, and created a deep impression.

Georgetown.—Seventh anniversary of Bible school drew large crowds on Oct. 28 and 29. Partition between chapel and school hall was removed to give additional space. At 11 a.m. on Sunday the teaching staff gathered in a consecration service with church. Mr. Vanham presided and addressed teachers. In afternoon, under direction of Mrs. Fraser, kindergarten department gave an enjoyable programme. In evening the upper department, under baton of W. M. Fraser, gave a choral gospel service, Mr. Vanham being preacher.

At demonstration on Monday night an excellent programme included dialogues, tableaux and musical and elocutionary items. Picnic on Nov. 10 was attended by 300.

Lismore.—A well attended "recognition of service" and "welcome home" social was held by Endeavourers on Nov. 2, a happy time being spent. Guests of evening were C. L. Savill and Ray Smith, whose service was recognised; Jack Bytheway, Morton Wotherspoon, Bruce Munro, Don Paddon, Alan Rossiter and Bob Savill, who were welcomed home. Ray Campbell, George Paddon and Bert Stevens were present, being home on leave. Fellowship has also been enjoyed with Jack Kenny, Mr. Windsor and H. Taber while home on leave. Sympathy of church goes to Mrs. A. Smith, who has been notified of the death of her son, Jim, in a prison camp. Ladies' Guild had a visit from ladies of Salvation Army, who took charge of meeting. Mr. Cunningham conducted funeral at Coraki of John Patch, of Evans Heads, who passed away at the age of 86. Elders and deacons of church took charge of a recent Endeavor meeting.

Victoria

Springvale.—After gospel service on Nov. 11, one of the younger Bible school girls confessed Christ. White and Warn after-school children's mission is going well, up to 150 children each afternoon enjoying the gospel stories. Open mission on Nov. 14 resulted in two adults giving their lives to Christ.

Middle Park.—Bible school anniversary services commenced on Nov. 4. Addresses by T. Turriff, C. Cartmel, R. Baker and E. Randall were appreciated. On morning of Nov. 11 E. Roffey gave a stirring address on Bible school work. Scholars sang splendidly under leadership of Mrs. Potter. A successful concert, at which prizes and examination awards were distributed, was held on Nov. 14. All services were well attended.

West Preston.—In absence of Mr. Withers at Shepparton, C. Watson was speaker on morning of Nov. 11. In evening Mr. Westwood was preacher. A successful church social was held on Nov. 12, when junior girls' gymnasium class rendered exercises. Freewill building fund offering reached objective of £150. F. Lee addressed church on morning of Nov. 18 in interests of Local Option Alliance, and Mr. Withers was speaker at night.

Preston.—A special appeal for building fund was brought to a close on Nov. 11, when members brought gifts at morning service. Amount received to date exceeds £225. Mr. Combridge gave an appropriate message to church. In evening a solo by Miss Betty Salisbury was enjoyed. C. Watson, West Preston, gave an inspiring address on morning of Nov. 18, and H. Swain conducted evening service. Church appreciates assistance of these brethren in absence of B. J. Combridge on holidays.

Reservoir.—On Nov. 15 Ladies' Guild held final meeting before annual thanksgiving day and savings boxes were opened. Mr. Dale, from church at Mosman, N.S.W., was visitor at gospel service, when a church parade of young people's auxiliaries was held. Mr. Alcorn gave an appropriate address. Solos were rendered by Betty McInnes and Dawn Cooper. J.C.E. members rendered an item. Keith Newstead read scripture portion. Mrs. Plummer, organist, resumed duties after her illness.

Cheltenham.—On Nov. 11 A. E. Huntley, home on leave, addressed church, and R. C. Bolduan spoke at night. This service was preceded by a men's meeting and tea, when Mr. Bolduan spoke on missionary work in India. Church was happy to have Southern District Bayside Conference meetings at Cheltenham. Much sickness prevails among members. School superintendent T. Daff and church secretary E. Brough have been laid aside. Explorer Club under G. Daff is runner-up in efficiency campaign.

Brighton.—On Nov. 12 a successful "Thanksgiving" banquet was held. Progressive plans for 1946 were outlined by Mr. Lowe, and an interesting and provocative questionnaire on church responsibility was distributed amongst members. T. R. Morris is now attending services after illness. Eric Spark, who is serving on H.M.A.S. "Quickmatch," attended services whilst on leave. Jack Krone has been discharged from R.A.A.F. New year in Sunday school has commenced with much enthusiasm and large attendances.

Emerald.—On morning of Nov. 11 F. R. Holton presided, and Adam Clark was speaker, both coming from union church at Upwey. In afternoon Bible school anniversary was held, when Adam Clark was again the speaker, and children sang exceptionally well under conductorship of Mrs. Berry. In view of special afternoon service, evening service was cancelled, but some of the church officials went to Boronia church with two lady local residents, who were there baptised by Mr. Graham; one of these ladies is 69 years of age.

Warrnambool.—Bible school anniversary services on Nov. 4 were enjoyed. Mr. Stirling, from Latrobe-terr. church, Geelong, was speaker at all services, and his addresses were appreciated. The children sang well under leadership of Mrs. C. Dunlop. On Monday the concert by scholars was well attended, and prizes were distributed. The church has lately enjoyed fellowship of Mr. and Mrs. Dunner, of Canberra, and others. A welcome home social was tendered to W/O Geo. Ferguson, C.G.M., on his return from active service with R.A.A.F.

Kyneton.—A. G. McDonald, student preacher for past two years, was farewelled at a well attended social evening on Oct. 6. R. Roberts, of the college, gave appreciated addresses on three Sundays following. One young lady confessed Christ on Oct. 28. P. R. Whitmore, of the college, commenced ministry with church on Nov. 4, being included in a welcome social to returned Service men the previous evening. On Nov. 11 E. Squire Nicholson, of L.O. Alliance, interested old and young with three informative addresses, two being illustrated by blackboard and lantern pictures.

Ormond.—During last seven weeks Ron. Saunders, of college, has given helpful addresses both morning and evening, also to C.E. Society, and visiting on Mondays. On Nov. 18 he finished his ministry with the church. F. W. Bradley made a presentation on behalf of members and officers. Bible school is in good heart. Choir has rendered helpful items at gospel meetings under baton of Mr. Austin. Officers of church have been conducting prayer meetings. Bible school has made an appeal for food for Britain. Work of the church is going along nicely.

Bentleigh.—Mission concluded on Nov. 4. Three adults and a boy accepted Christ. Thank-offering was £13. Church appreciates work of J. K. Bond, C. Neal, C. Lister and R. J. Anderson, who labored to make it a success. Assistance of brethren from other churches was appreciated. At a social on Nov. 13, gifts were made to Mrs. Beddome, J. K. Bond, C. Neal and C. Lister, for their contribution to the work during the mission. Sunday school work is going nicely; record attendance of 122 scholars on Nov. 18. R. Nugent, R.A.A.F., was recently home on leave.

Belmont.—Fifth anniversary services were held in Municipal Hall. Fellowship tea on Nov. 10 was well attended. An excellent meal was provided by Ladies' Guild, followed by social evening in which a "Trip Around the World by the Queen Mary," arranged by Mrs. Reckenberg, was enjoyed. On Nov. 11, at morning service, Mr. Stirling, from Latrobe-terr. church, spoke. Visitors were welcomed. Mr. Mitchell, church secretary, read greetings from D. Thomas and D. Carr. Many members enjoyed seeing the kindergarten children at work in afternoon under supervision of Mrs. Watt. The church is thankful that a valuable block of land has been provided.

Ascot Vale.—Women's auxiliary held a successful community singing night on Nov. 12, conducted by Will Sampson, with Miss Jessie Grey at piano. Robert Hardy and Arthur Haskill were soloists, Mr. Haines the entertainer. Over £11 was raised for new hospital for Oakleigh Guest Home. J.C.E. held annual picnic on property of Mr. and Mrs. A. Davis, Blackburn. Mr. Brown, from West Preston, was morning speaker on Nov. 18. Mr. Roberts preached at night.

Echuca.—Bible school held anniversary on Oct. 28, when Mr. McKenzie gave an interesting address illustrated with flannelgraph. A successful concert was held on 30th, when prizes were distributed. Over £14 was taken in collections during anniversary. A social was held for Bible school children on Nov. 8. Mrs. Horne held an enjoyable afternoon for ladies of auxiliary, and £4 was raised towards £50 aim. Members are glad to have Reg. Rosendale, R.A.A.F., and T. Turner, A.I.F., present after their release from Services. In recognition of the service Mr. and Mrs. Rosendale have given to church, they were given a presentation on occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

Melbourne (Swanston-st.).—There were excellent services with large attendances all day on Nov. 11, which was the church's 80th anniversary and home-coming. H. B. Robbins presided in morning, when C. B. Nance-Kivell preached and choir assisted. In afternoon Senior Chaplain Helmore spoke on his experiences with the Forces, and at night C. B. Nance-Kivell was assisted in the service by C. G. Taylor and K. W. Barton, of Lygon-st. At both afternoon and evening services Lygon-st. congregation combined with Swanston-st. Visitors and others were entertained at dinner and tea. At night the choir gave special music, with Miss Elsie Morrison as visiting soloist. Church 80th annual meeting was held on Oct. 29, when reports on the year's work were presented and future plans outlined.

Malvern-Caulfield.—One of the largest social gatherings held in connection with the work here assembled on Nov. 14 to mark conclusion of ministry of F. E. Buckingham. Greetings were brought by A. W. Cleland, conference president; W. Gale, H.M. secretary; W. Clay, Social Service Department; T. Eames, home church; G. Lees, Bible school, and Mrs. McConchie, women's department. J. Holloway presided, and on behalf of church presented Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham with a wallet containing a cheque. Between speeches an enjoyable musical programme was submitted. Meetings on Nov. 18 were well attended. In morning W. Gale spoke on home missions. Evening meeting was conducted by Chaplain Allan McDiarmid, M.A., of New Zealand. One made the good confession, and two were baptised by Mr. Holloway.

Black Rock.—Attendances for October were best for six months. An impressive memorial service in honor of late Mr. Davidson was conducted by members of Borneo Evangelical Mission. Mr. Bover, husband of Mrs. Bover, has been present at service after return from P.O.W. camp. A large parcel of food for Britain has been forwarded to local depot. At church annual business meeting reports showed all departments to be in a healthy condition. V. Driscoll was elected to board of officers. A Scout parade at evening service on Nov. 4 was well attended. On Nov. 14 a social evening was held to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dawson and family, who are leaving district. A presentation was made on behalf of church. Their faithful work will be missed. On confession of their faith two Bible school scholars have been immersed. Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pittman are untiring in their visiting and pastoral care of members.

Geelong.—On Nov. 17 the Bible school held annual picnic enjoyably at Torquay. Sunday school, under superintendent, Mr. Carr, continues to prosper; five new scholars on Nov. 18. Five were welcomed into fellowship in morning. At gospel meeting Mr. Stirling spoke, and two young ladies made the good confession.

Newmarket.—On Nov. 4 Mr. Allison spoke at both services. On Nov. 11 a ladies' service was held at gospel meeting, when Miss Shaw gave the address; Miss Joan Sullivan was soloist. Members welcomed home F/O Robert Gardiner and Cpl. Bruce from overseas. A happy time was spent at a cricket club social on Nov. 13. Mr. Allison addressed both services on Nov. 18.

"Thousand Up" Youth Rally

MELBOURNE, NOVEMBER 2.

"A THOUSAND up!" said the publicity posters. "A thousand tongues to sing," said the hymn sheets. "Melbourne Youth for Christ," said the streamer banner in Collins-st. Baptist church, where around 1200 met and mingled and made history in a distinctly bright and inspiring service. It was a host that yielded itself with sustained exuberance to F. H. Elliott's splendid leadership of song. A fine musical contribution was made by an orchestra of more than a score, males with one exception. Mr. Leslie Miers was at the piano. Youth director, W. R. Hibburt, presided. He was assisted by the conference president (A. W. Cleland), who led in prayer, Ken Sturgess and Edwin Berg, who read the scriptures, and Chaplain-General Allen Brooke, who offered the prayer for the Services. Gordon Craig, xylophonist, brought messages in instrumental items. Miss Frances Cowper sang with great effect and appeal, "I cannot tell why he whom angels worship."

The large congregation which sang so fervently great Christian hymns, listened with no less earnestness to an address appropriate to youth—"Let's Check Up!" The speaker was Mr. Thomas Hagger, whose characteristically evangelistic style gave expression and point to the appeal for youth to check up in character and conduct with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. Jesus challenged the world with its "Look after No. 1," "Pay back in his own coin" and "Have a good time," by his teaching—service to others, rendering good for evil, taking up the cross and following him. One young woman rededicated her life at the close of the service.

Prior to the commencement time, W. F. Newham led a song service out on the front steps, capturing the attention of hundreds of passers-by.

A large company of boys and parents attended the final 1945 Victorian Explorer Club rally on Saturday, Nov. 17. The chief explorer, W. Newham, directed the programme of club songs, physical displays. The youth director, W. R. Hibburt, presented the efficiency cup to East Preston and pennants to Balwyn and Moreland clubs.

ADDRESSES

J. Cook (secretary Tempe church, N.S.W.)—12 Samuel-st., St. Peters, Sydney.

Chaplain L. G. Crisp.—Group 17, R.A.A.F., Parkes, N.S.W.

G. D. R. Swallow (secretary Dimboola church, Vic.)—Horsham-rd., Dimboola.

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BIRTHS

STEWART (nee Beiler).—At Adelaide, on Oct. 25, 1945, to Gwenda and Harrold—a son (John Harrold).

WHITE.—At Moorabbin, on Nov. 15, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. White, 6 Viola-cres., S21—a daughter. A sister for Neville and Max. Both well.

SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ingham wish to announce the 25th anniversary of their wedding, solemnised at Swanston-st. church of Christ, Nov. 25, 1920, by the late W. B. Blakemore. Present address, 64 Elizabeth-st., Norwood, S.A.

DEATH

BARKER.—On Nov. 3, at "Chester," Pt. Nepean-rd., Mornington, Samuel Burnett, the dearly beloved husband of Ruby and loving father of Steve and Elsie. "Till the dawn breaks."

IN MEMORIAM

BARRETT.—In loving remembrance of Paulina T. Barrett, who passed away Nov. 26, 1940. Loving sister of Louisa (Mrs. L. Mackenzie Meldrum), and mother of Evelyn and Cecil. At rest.

HAINES.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Edith, who was called home Nov. 20, 1934; also our dear father on March 9, 1941. "Loved with everlasting love."

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

HARDING.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Wilfred. Dear father of Don and Ken; passed away Nov. 25, 1921.

Blessed hope, we shall meet with our loved ones again.

—Inserted by his loving wife Ruby.

KING.—In fond and loving memory of my dear husband and father, who departed this life for higher service Nov. 16, 1940.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last,
 Till safe in glory my anchor is cast;
 Through endless ages ever to be,
 Nearer, my Saviour, still nearer to thee.

—Inserted by his loving wife Lillian, daughter Gloria, son-in-law Bill, grandchildren Gloria and Bill.

LLOYD.—In loving memory of Sarah T. Lloyd, who went home on Nov. 28, 1942, at Hilton, S.A. Beautiful memories of a wonderful mother

—Inserted by Violet and Ben, of Prospect, and Con and Albert, of Norwood.

WOODBRIDGE.—The widow and family of the late George Bartlett Woodbridge thank God for the memory of a beloved Christian husband and father, who fell asleep in Jesus on Nov. 19, 1938. "Till the day dawns, and the shadows flee away."

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2 and 5.—Sunday, Dec. 2, Ringwood Bible school anniversary. 3 p.m., presentation of kinder awards; R. Muller, speaker; 7 p.m., speaker, Mr. F. E. Buckingham; special singing by scholars. Wednesday, Dec. 5, moving pictures, "Australian Wild Life," by Mr. F. Lewis. All welcome.

BROADCAST SERVICE

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Obituary

Mrs. Downs

ON Nov. 1, at her residence, Mrs. Downs passed peacefully away after many months of suffering. Her death has cast quite a gloom over the little church at Montrose, Vic. Our sister came into the church about thirty years ago, under the preaching of the late G. B. Moyssey, and from then until about eight months ago, when she was laid aside by sickness, she was one of our most faithful members. She was always keenly interested in every good work of the church, and was one of our most liberal contributors to its work. The funeral was private, and the burial service at Box Hill cemetery was conducted by F. T. Morgan, preacher of Box Hill church. The church deeply sympathises with her husband and daughter, and commends them to the God of comfort.—R.L.

L. A. Lee

THE church at Prahran, Vic., was shocked by the tragically sudden passing of Aub. Lee on Oct. 29. Aub. joined the church at Bendigo on May 16, 1926, and as a lad took an active interest in the affairs of the church, particularly in young people's work. At Bendigo he held office as assistant secretary of Bible school and secretary of cricket club. Following removal of the family to Prahran, Aub. expressed his keenness to be of service by assisting in leadership of the Sunshine Club there, and later he took over leadership of same. His good work with the young folk at Prahran continued until he volunteered for military service at the outbreak of war. After twelve months in the Middle East, Aub. spent four and a half years in New Guinea, and throughout his association with men of the Forces he was honored and respected for his sound judgment and Christian convictions. He was discharged from the A.I.F. a few months ago, and all rejoiced at his homecoming, especially in view of the fact that two younger brothers had already paid the supreme sacrifice in this conflict. However, our joy was turned to mourning at his totally unexpected call to higher service. Services in the home and at the graveside were conducted by Mr. Burt and Mr. Hurren. To Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Ray and Rod, and to all friends and relatives, the church at Prahran offers deepest sympathy. He was a man among men, and earth is better because he lived, and heaven is richer for his passing.—F. B. Burt.

Mrs. Amelia Love

BAPTISED in the Hinrichsen-Arnold tent mission at Kedron, Qld., in 1929, Mrs. Love was one of the foundation members of that church, retaining her membership there until her death on Oct. 10. Her son, Corp. V. J. Love, an 8th Div. Malayan prisoner of war, arrived home three days before her death. She had been ill for some time, but clung to life until her boy's return. The funeral was conducted by P. C. D. Alcorn on Oct. 12. Humble, peaceable and faithful, she feared God, walked in his ways, loved and served him. "Life's race well run, life's work well done, life's crown well won, now comes rest."—H.G.P.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann McGregor

A MEMBER of many years' standing of Lochiel church, S.A., Mrs. McGregor passed peacefully away at Blythe Hospital, at the age of 88 years, on Oct. 11. She was baptised at Alma over 60 years ago, and came to Lochiel, and has been one of God's loyal and faithful children ever since. Until the cause at Lochiel was closed she was as a mother in

Israel, regular in attendance and fully consecrated to the work of the Lord. It was her chief grief in her declining years that she was unable to attend the services of the church, but to the end she was a devoted Christian woman. She was laid to rest at Lochiel by the writer. She leaves three daughters and one son to mourn their loss. We commend the sorrowing ones to the comfort of the heavenly Father.—A.H.

Mrs. Lucy Martin

AT the age of 90 years, Mrs. Lucy Martin, of Lochiel, S.A., died at Snowtown Hospital on Sept. 29. Her husband predeceased her by a number of years, and both were faithful members of Lochiel church until it was closed several years ago. Since then she has been living in isolation from church fellowship. She was laid to rest in Lochiel cemetery by a Methodist minister. We commend her sorrowing relatives to the comfort of the grace of God.—A.H.

Rudolf Pieper

THE church at Fernvale, Qld., has been called upon to part with one of its most loyal members in the person of Rudolf Pieper. He had not been in the best of health for some time, but it was after a short and severe illness of two weeks that he passed away on Oct. 4 at the home of his son, A. R. Pieper. Our brother had reached the age of 70 years. As a youth he gave his heart to the Lord and was baptised by our Baptist friends. Later in life he united with the church of Christ at Vernor, where he remained a member until the church at Fernvale was formed; he became a foundation member. For twenty years he was treasurer of the church. Mr. Pieper was a quiet and unassuming man, loved by all who knew him. He was a faithful witness for Christ and the gospel. He did what he could. His wife preceded him twenty-one years ago. Four daughters (married) and one son, A. R. Pieper, mourn the loss of a father beloved. After a short, well-attended service in the chapel, his body was laid to rest in Vernor cemetery, with a sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. We commend those who mourn to the care of a loving heavenly Father.—L.L.

Mrs. Violet Zelius

THE death of Mrs. Violet Zelius took place on Sept. 24, and the church at Doncaster, Vic., has lost a member of 46 years' standing. Our late sister, who was highly respected, joined the church in 1899, and was keenly interested in the work of the Mission Band and benevolent work. Her husband, Mr. Henry Zelius, predeceased her a little over two years ago. The church extends Christian sympathy to the sons and daughters who mourn the loss of a good mother and one who was a true friend to the many. Her remains were laid to rest at Box Hill cemetery, and the service was conducted by the writer.—R. A. Banks.



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The president, W. H. Knight, opened business session. Delegates were present from Collins-st., West Hobart, Highcroft and Kellevie, and visitors also attended.

During conference a donation of £10 was made from conference funds to the committee of the "Bethany" home for boys to be opened at Dover. The committee inspected the home while at conference, and hope to have sufficient funds to be able to commence alterations in the near future.

Conference expressed sympathy at the loss suffered during past year in the death of Messrs. Spaulding, of Highcroft, and Woolley, of Kellevie, and of Mrs. Woolley, of West Hobart.

Conference expressed thanks for assistance given to Peninsula churches by A. E. Heard and his fellow-workers, B. J. Golder, J. C. Woolley, J. Park and C. P. Hughes, and expressed the desire that this work be carried on during years to come.

On motion of C. P. Hughes, it was recommended that the Peninsula churches—Kellevie, Highcroft and Nubeena—combine to assist in getting a preacher, one able to help young people being most needed.

It was a recommendation of conference that students of the College of the Bible be invited to help in Southern district churches during their holidays from November to February.

During conference, stirring messages were given by C. P. Hughes, who also delivered the conference sermon on Sunday afternoon. B. J. Golder and J. C. Woolley conducted worship service, and L. Mundy conducted gospel service on Sunday evening. Able assistance was also given by visiting brethren, Messrs. Boxhall, Kingston, Thornton, Bradshaw, and Sisters G. Dickson, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Rushton, also Mr. Batchelor and Sister Rushton, with solos sung during conference.

Appreciation was expressed to the ladies for hospitality received and meals provided for both days, special reference being made concerning this by B. J. Golder during his address entitled "The Sisters of the Church." There was good average attendance for all meetings.

Next conference is to be held in November, 1946, at Kellevie, and officers elected were: President, A. E. Heard, Collins-st.; vice-president, B. J. Golder, West Hobart; secretary, G. E. Ashlin, West Hobart; treasurer, L. W.

Lilly, West Hobart; also on committee, L. and R. Kingston, Kellevie.

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