

WOMEN'S PAGE

The Dedicated Life

Organist plays quiet music while members bow in silent prayer.

Leader.—

"Now let us see thy beauty, Lord,
As we have seen before;
And by thy beauty quicken us
To love thee and adore."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, 466;
Sankey, 607.

Prayer.—"Lord, thou hast made thyself to be ours, therefore now show thyself to us in thy wisdom, goodness and power. To walk faithfully in our Christian course we need much grace. Supply us out of thy rich store. We need wisdom to go in and out inoffensively before others. Furnish us with thy Spirit. We need patience and comfort. Thou that art the God of consolations, bestow it upon us; for Christ's sake. Amen. (Richard Sibbs, 1577).

Bible Reading.—Romans 12: 1-8.

Devotional Talk

THE DEDICATED LIFE

"TO the glory of God" are the words often used on foundation stones and dedication and memorial plates to describe the setting apart of special provisions for the worship and service of God. Sometimes an organ, a communion table or a beautiful window is given to express a thankfulness for some life or outstanding mercy that has come one's way. In a nearby Methodist church there is a beautiful little lectern in a side chapel which was given by a woman who had been safely brought from England to Australia by air when air travelling was less secure than it is to-day.

There is a bit of irony connected with some gifts that are provided. A huge building debt is not much to give towards the glory of God. Nor does it seem appropriate for a beautiful and elaborate gift to come from an ugly and empty character, as it happens on a few occasions when wealth is allowed to take the place of morality. In fact a building or a gift of remembrance cannot really be dedicated to the glory of God unless the givers and the users are dedicated persons.

This brings us to the vital truth of dedication. It is primarily the consecration of men, women and children which really matters. And this dedication to be of any consequence must be a dedication to something without one's self. A person dedicated to himself is an obnoxious bore. Sometimes music, art, science or some other vocation has been the focal point of concentrated powers. The world is richer for these dedications when there has been an underlying dedication beneath them all—the devotion of a complete life to the glory of God.

Not the consecration of wood and stones, of glass and metal, but the devotion of living, pulsating lives with the imprint of the marks of capacities of fellowship with God, is what is meant when the New Testament calls us all to a life of service.

It is a commonplace to observe to-day that the world is suffering from misdirected powers and mangled purposes. Only in so far as these powers and purposes themselves, through the people who control and form them, are dedicated to the glory of God which is the service of Christ, can we be sure that the fumbling

blunders of yesterday and to-day will not be repeated to-morrow.

"The dedicated life" is no pious allusion which we try to fit on a man's experience like a tight hat on his head. It is rather like the purifier of his bloodstream which gives him freedom from disease and death. The dedication of a life to the glory of God is the only way known to this earth in which the lasting fellowship of God may be forever shared.

"Breathe on me, breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

"Breathe on me, breath of God;
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity."

Prayer.—"O Lord, do thou create in our hearts a sincere desire to become better, and a steadfast resolution to endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." (Bishop Patrick, 1626.)

Solo.—Jude's "Consecration," or—
Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, 508;
Sankey, 618.

Business Session.

Home Mission Notes.

Overseas Letter.

Prayer Session.

Talk.—"Afghanistan—India's North-West Neighbor."

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, 164;
Sankey, 1087.

Benediction.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"WONDERFUL fellowship" has been the expression used by many who were present at one or other of the services on Feb. 25.

The service which was used nearly all over the world contributed to this sense of oneness of fellowship.

Reports are not at hand of how many services were held throughout Australia, but in Victoria there were 120 centres, including 17 new centres this year. At the central meeting Lady Dugan, wife of the Governor of Victoria, was present, and also the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Edward Campbell, and Mrs. Brownbill, M.L.A.

About 700 women were in attendance during the day at this meeting. The morning session was led by Mrs. Chambers, of the Church Missionary Society, and the afternoon by the president, Mrs. John Barclay. Portion of the afternoon service was broadcast over 3LO.

Thirty-five centres have reported so far from New South Wales. At the central meeting at Wesley chapel, Mrs. J. Forsyth, president of the Presbyterian W.M.A., presided, and Dr. Rachael Taylor, from Manchuria, gave an address. The committee in N.S.W. hope to have at least £100 to give to famine relief.

FROM STATE EXECUTIVES

South Australia

MRS. BAILLEU presided over March business session. Two delegates representing Sisters' Auxiliary were appointed to attend Australian Women's Conference (S.A. section) in Institute Hall, North Terrace. The home mis-

sions report stated that £22/6/4 had been collected during month. The overseas mission report stated that Miss Vawser had returned from India. During the latter part of the afternoon Mrs. McQueen presided and an interesting address was given by Mr. Schwab on home missions. An all day picnic will be held in Adelaide Botanical Gardens on March 30. All sisters are cordially invited.

Tasmania

AT the February meeting reports were received from superintendents of prayer meetings, temperance and foreign missions. Mrs. Sulzberger, F.M. superintendent, acknowledges £4 for Christmas cheer from Geeveston sisters. Prayer Meeting Committee visited the Sanatorium before Christmas with gifts for patients. A letter has been received from the patients expressing appreciation to the Tasmanian churches of Christ who contributed. Our thoughts are with those of our number who lie on beds of sickness. Mrs. Prichard, Northern vice-president, shows improvement after some weeks of illness. To Mrs. Madel-Cole also are extended best wishes and prayers for her husband's recovery.

Victoria

THE final meeting for the conference year was a full one. Devotional session was led by Mrs. R. P. Clark. An account of the liquor inquiry was given by Mr. L. H. Hollins, M.L.A. All present were urged to take every possible action in fighting for what we know to be right, instead of standing passively by while the powers of evil go unmolested. Mrs. Nicholls, secretary of Alliance of Honor, spoke on the importance of educating our young people on all moral questions. Reports from committees were encouraging. Final amount raised for Christian Guest Home is £785/2/9. Two visitors were welcomed—Mrs. Hurren, who has returned from Adelaide, and Mrs. Palmer, of Sydney. Mrs. Waterman reported on her visits to Swan Hill and Kyneton churches.

New South Wales

MR. FRANK HUNTING, retiring director of youth work, was speaker on March 4. Plans are well in hand for jubilee conference; and as a jubilee gift, funds are being raised to provide an outdoor sanctuary at a permanent camp for the youth conferences. Mrs. Geo. Burns represented the women's conference at a deputation to the Minister of Justice to protest against the renewing of grocers' licences for intoxicants. Mrs. P. J. Pond represented the conference at the Methodist Federation. Mrs. R. W. Perkins and Mrs. C. Rush are both ill. We hope for them a quick recovery.

NEW CRUSADE IN U.S.A.

MRS. IDA B. WISE, the national president of U.S.A. Women's Christian Temperance Union, is leading in a crusade for total abstinence. On the tenth anniversary of repeal, churches throughout America marked the day with special prayers, and members of the W.C.T.U. joined in worship services launching the "New Crusade for Home Protection." Mrs. Wise is an outstanding member of the Disciples of Christ, and the W.C.T.U. is fortunate to have such a talented leader. The plea for this new crusade is that there may be a "finer and cleaner country" to which the fighting men may return.

"Kindness is infectious—one kind action lends to another; our example is followed. This is the greatest work that kindness does to others—that it makes them kind themselves. Kindness adds sweetness to everything. Let us be thankful for kind friends."

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Notes on Current Topics

Mormons and Polygamy

THOSE credulous enough to believe that all Mormons had abandoned polygamy must have had a shock when they read that Federal and State prosecutors at Salt Lake City had obtained Grand Jury indictments against 58 leaders and members of a polygamy cult. Amongst those charged were many well known men, including a newspaper editor and a prominent physician. Many strange cults exist, and nothing seems too foolish (or evil) to be practised in the name of religion. Unadulterated Christianity is the great need of the ages.

Fighting Tuberculosis

THE Victorian Cabinet is considering a plan for fighting tuberculosis. £600,000 may be allotted for the campaign, plans for which include greatly increased hospital accommodation, x-raying of citizens, educational provision for children in sanatoriums, and establishment of centres for treatment of sufferers. Discussion of details must be left to experts, but others can at least rejoice and congratulate those who are responsible for starting the campaign. The State Director of Tuberculosis is reported as saying that, if the plan is adopted, T.B. will be practically eradicated in 25 years. What a victory that would be!

Milk versus Beer

THE Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) has expressed what must seem a strange opinion to some of his supporters. He actually believes that milk is more important than beer. The degree of the conviction, and the extent to which the Government shares it, will soon be

apparent from their actions. We may not be over sanguine as to action, but we can at least approve the declaration (made in answer to those who are asking that beer production be increased to reduce consumption of bad wine and adulterated spirits) that Mr. Curtin "regarded it as much more important and urgent to increase the production of milk." An optimist hopes to see the day when legislators will not only say they so believe but will demonstrate their belief by harmonious laws and action.

A Great Error

DR. J. COOPER BOOTH, of Sydney, says that the present youth will soon burn itself out, becoming burdens instead of assets to civilisation, unless something is done to interest them. He was dealing with the world problem caused by liquor and sexual immorality. The danger is very great. I note that Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, is reported to have spoken of immorality as due to the war, and, while condemning the license, to have urged a more helpful attitude to those who become victims. Mere condemnation, he truly says, hardly ever did any good. One of the Archbishop's sentences puts in a pithy way a truth which I have often expressed in almost the same words: "The greatest error is to suppose that Christian ethics can be separated from Christian faith." Out of true faith right conduct will grow; let faith decline and ere long the ethic will be abandoned. Let us not separate what God has joined. Let us preach and hold and live the faith.

A. R. Main.

Dedicatory Prayer

Thou God of the open air, we stand before thee, grateful that in thy goodness this plot of ground becomes a permanent camp home. We praise thee that trees and birds speak to us of thy Fatherly care and the mountains proclaim thy majesty.

We ask that thou wilt help us to set it apart for the service of our Lord and Master. May it be holy ground to all young people who gather here. Let it be a place where all may come to know the sacredness and significance of life, and where faith in thee lays strong foundations for human living.

Here may we gain inspiration from the study of thy word and receive guidance for true friendships and unselfish service to all men everywhere for whom Christ died. These things we ask in his name. Amen.

The Family Altar

J.C.F.P.

TOPIC—"THE SPIRIT WAS NOT YET GIVEN"

- Mar. 27—Matt. 28: 11-20.
" 28—John 16: 1-14.
" 29—John 16: 15-25.
" 30—Acts 2: 1-13.
" 31—Acts 2: 37-42.
April 1—Rom. 8: 1-17.
" 2—Micah 5: 1-9; John 7: 25-53.

THESE six words of the evangelist John disprove the contention of some that at that time, or before, the Spirit was given in all its fulness. If so, these words are meaningless. In whatever way the divine Spirit operated amongst men in those days or before, it is clear that not until the day of Pentecost, in the upper room at Jerusalem, did the Holy Spirit descend upon the apostles. Afterwards, Peter promised the gift of the Spirit to all who believed in and obeyed the gospel, so that there is no need now to implore the Almighty for an outpouring of his Spirit, for penitent surrender to the claims of Jesus secures the blessing in our day, as then; although it is fitting that we should seek not only to retain the Spirit, but even receive a fuller share of this priceless gift.

WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

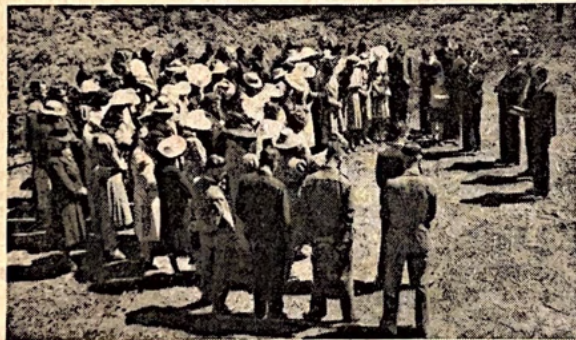
THE Victorian Social Service Committee desires to call the attention of members of churches of Christ to the advantages offered by the above association with which it is affiliated to those desirous of attending lectures by recognised educators, amongst whom are professors of the Melbourne University and leaders in public life and thought. W. R. L. Rodgers-Wilson, a member of this committee, is also a member of the general council, and F. J. Funston is our representative to the council. The subjects cover a very wide range, and lectures are given in various places.

The total enrolment in classes last year was 1106 men and 3104 women. Our affiliation with W.E.A. indicates that we are interested, and involves us in some obligation. Intending students are requested to make early application for enrolment. Fees are quite nominal, and range from 2/- single lecture to 8/6 the course. Syllabus at Social Service Department office. It is hoped that our churches will be well represented.—Will H. Clay, Secretary, 241 Flinders-lane, Melbourne. Tel. MU 2104.

Dedication of Camp Site

Grampians, Victoria

W. R. Hibburt



NINETY young hearts found it easy to join in the response of the prayer of thanksgiving and say sincerely, "We give thee thanks, O Lord." The camp at Hall's Gap from Feb. 16 to 23 was held on the plot of ground purchased for the express purpose of a camp site on which to erect a camp home. Following the communion service in marquee, campers assembled out-of-doors. H. Earle (camp chaplain) revealed the outworking of providence in the venture. The writer, as camp director, then made this simple pronouncement: "It is the wish of churches of Christ associated in the North-west Conference and Victorian Young People's Department that this camp site contribute to the outworking of the kingdom enterprises of Jesus Christ. In view of this desire and expectation, and on their behalf, I dedicate this camp site to the glory of God and to the work of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

Don Williams then led in the

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, our Father, we bow before thee with hearts full of gratitude for thy great love to us. We draw aside to render our tribute

of praise unto thee for thy church and our brotherhood and for its growing confidence in the possibilities of youth.

For this great heritage we give thee grateful thanks, O Lord.

For the planning and foresight of the men and women who have made our camp site possible and for sacrificial labor given, we give thee grateful thanks, O Lord.

For those who by counsel and companionship quicken within us a passion for the highest, we give thee grateful thanks, O Lord.

For radiant health and abundant Christian life, we give thee grateful thanks, O Lord.

For friends who share our hopes, our doubts, our strivings after a truer and more abiding order of life, we give thee grateful thanks, O Lord.

For life itself and all the powers of mind and body thou hast given us, and for the great Companion and Friend of the way, Jesus Christ himself, we give thee grateful thanks, O Lord. Amen.

V. C. Stafford concluded the service with a

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Here and There

In a recent issue we published an article by George Thomas, now in the Forces. We learn that he was superintendent of the school at Forestville, S.A., and a nephew of J. E. Thomas, Williamstown, Vic.

The March issue of the F.M. quarterly, "Goodly Pearls," has been issued. The Federal Board wish us to state that the name of Ron Saunders was inadvertently omitted from the New Hebrides articles on pages 6 and 7.

From Launceston, Tasmania, the following telegram reached us on March 20:—"Mission commenced March 19; 137 present morning; 119 at Bible school; 300 attended gospel service, T. Hagger preaching with power.—J. P. Foot."

Here is a word from some isolated members now in Britain that may interest our reporters: "It is great to read of the doings among the churches at home, but we often wish that some of the reporters of news had themselves been isolated at some time. The news perhaps would be different then."

Too late for publication last week, we received the following telegram from N.S.W.:—"Hinrichsen-Morris Auburn crowded out Sunday night; four adults decided; twenty-nine to date.—Davis." On Monday, March 20, further news came as follows:—"Sunday, over 30 received hand of fellowship; 157 broke bread; 17 decisions; over 50 to date."

R. E. Burns concluded four and half years' ministry with the congregation at Bayswater, Vic. A large number of officers, members and friends were present when Mr. and Mrs. Burns were presented with gifts accorded them with a great demonstration of affection. W. H. Clay introduced and welcomed A. G. McCullough, who has accepted an interim ministry for three months.

The executors of the estate of Miss M. E. Tunstall, late of Albion, Qld., church, have distributed her estate. After some bequests to relatives, our sister bequeathed £500 to the Federal College of the Bible, and the residue of the estate to the Foreign Missionary Committee of Queensland. It is gratifying to record these evidences of goodwill by members, and the beneficiaries desire to record their appreciation.

The secretary of the Preachers' Provident Fund writes that the committee has declared the usual subsidy of 8/- in the £1 on all preachers' contributions received during 1943. This represents 40 per cent., which is a wonderful return. In addition, 2½ per cent. interest will also be added to accumulated balances. Pass-books should be sent at once to Mr. Harold Bell, assistant treasurer, 26 Robinson-st., Chatswood, N.S.W., for entries to be made.

On Mar. 5 harvest thanksgiving services were held at Grote-st., Adelaide, S.A. C. Schwab addressed the church, and the service was broadcast. W. Beiler preached at night. 138 broke bread for the day. A fine display of fruit, vegetables, etc., was arranged by young people of Bible school. The choir, under W. Watson, was present at each service, and greatly helped with anthems and solos. On March 12 Mr. Beiler spoke at both services.

The church at Strathalbyn, S.A., was opened on Nov. 1, 1869, with Henry Earle evangelist. The 74th anniversary combined with harvest thanksgiving was held on March 5, A. H. Wilson giving appropriate addresses. Night meeting was helped by anthems by the choir and solos from Mrs. Willing and R. Johnston. Proceeds from harvest display were to be sent to Protestant Children's Home, Morialta. Recent speakers have been Messrs. Riches,

Sherriff, Schwab and Jackling. On Feb. 13 E. W. Peet, from Protestant Children's Home, was speaker, bringing information of the good work there.

During the month of April a conference on religion and life will be held in the city of Warrnambool, Vic. The conference is being arranged by a committee embracing all Protestant churches, and a successful time is anticipated. The subjects to be discussed include "A Spiritual Basis for Education"; "The Family as the Unit of National Life"; "The Christian Basis for International Society"; "The Churches' Attitude to Unemployment and Poverty"; "The Christian Ideal in Political Life." The speakers will include A. A. Hughes, M.L.A.; the Bishop of Ballarat; the Bishop of Wangaratta; Hon. N. J. Makin, M.H.R.; and Dr. Rowland, the headmaster of Geelong College.

At gospel meeting of Chatswood church, N.S.W., on March 12, F. Youens delivered a timely message. A mother, son and daughter, together with five members of Bible school, made the good confession. At the same meeting Mrs. Munro, wife of Mr. Munro, of Albion church, Queensland, was received into fellowship after being baptised on preceding Lord's day. Miss Vawser, missionary from India, was among the many visitors. Women's Mission Band attained a high level with jubilee offering of £65 for youth work. Mrs. R. Marley was elected president for ensuing year. Prayers of the church will be constant for Mr. Youens during his forthcoming operation and period of convalescence.

In referring to Mr. L. Usmar's resignation from Palmerston North to take chaplaincy work, our New Zealand correspondent suggested that his departure from the regular church work would be a loss. A chaplain, who justly realises that the ministry among the men in the Forces is very important, read the statement as if it detracted from the value of chaplaincy work. We believe that the church must minister to those who are in the Forces and those at home. Both aspects of the work are vital. With that in mind, it has always been our aim to encourage our chaplains in their services, and we should like them to realise we appreciate greatly their splendid efforts. And we are sure our New Zealand correspondent would also support our policy.

Kindergarten anniversary at Bambra-rd., Caulfield, Vic., was held on Mar. 19, Mrs. Cartmel speaking. After H. M. Clipstone's gospel address in evening, one young woman made the good confession. Two young people, immersed previous week, were received into fellowship on March 12, and an airman from Queensland was immersed. At annual meeting of Bible school on March 19, an excellent report was presented, and the following officers were re-elected: H. M. Clipstone (superintendent); H. Swenser (secretary); A. Rutherford (treasurer). The school is fully staffed and finances are healthy. Fellowship has been enjoyed with J. Padey and D. Buckingham, home on leave. Mrs. Clipstone is still laid aside.

Annual business meeting at Kaniva, Vic., on Feb. 28 was very successful. Reports showed all phases of work to be in good condition. All officers were re-elected; C. Crouch, R. Goldsworthy and R. Rowe were added to board of deacons. Harvest thanksgiving services were conducted on Feb. 27, when Mr. Earle gave appropriate messages. Large conference gatherings were present on March 12, and Mr. Withers' addresses were greatly appreciated. Mr. Earle has accepted an engagement to labor with the church for a further term of three years. Excellent meetings were experienced on March 15, when visitors were present from S.A. Mr. Withers' addresses were much appreciated. E. G. Thompson was elected president and Reg. Goldsworthy secretary.

At the 87th annual meeting of the church at Cheltenham, Vic., excellent reports were read. Annual thankoffering reached £108. Plans are in hand to paint the manse and redecorate interior of Sunday school building. Good Companions Club is filling a long-felt need. On March 17 G. J. Andrews ably presented to the teaching staff the method of using posters, etc., during school session. Bible school reports best attendance this year in all departments.

A splendid mission has just been concluded at Collingwood, Vic., where evangelists Trevor Morris and Fred Levett, of the Mildmay Mission, have rendered faithful service since March 5. Collingwood Town Hall was engaged for week-nights, and colored movie films were used to attract attention of outsiders, many of whom were present at all meetings. Fitting gospel messages presented each night by Mr. Morris, delightful solos by Mr. Levett, and Mr. Sandland's artistry at the piano, all combined perfectly in making the campaign an inspiration. The church has richly benefited as a result of the mission, not only by way of confessions of faith, but also by the deeper spiritual experience gained by all who combined with the Mildmay team in making the campaign a success.

Black Rock (Vic.) Ladies' Guild basket picnic at Rickett's Point on Feb. 24 opened year's work. On Feb. 28, March 1 and 3 E. L. Williams gave instructive and stirring addresses in a series of special meetings. On March 6 Y.P.S.C.E. celebrated eighth anniversary in the form of a rally. Responses were received from seven societies. Mr. Burn gave his first message to the church on Feb. 27. One confession was made at conclusion of Mr. Wallington's address at gospel meeting. Bible school picnic was held on March 13, at Cheltenham Park, when 120 assembled. Visitors have been present at services. Mrs. Davidson has been received into church from Gardenvale; from Northcote-Prahan, Mr. and Mrs. Byrne. Mrs. Littlewood is improving after serious operation.

Quarterly combined rally of South Central Circuit (Melbourne), held at South Yarra chapel on evening of March 10, proved inspiring and educational. There was a good representation from four churches, and the programme was of high order. The president, C. Cole, presided, and L. Brooker conducted a song service. Mr. Roffey, South Yarra, led in prayer, and scripture portion was read by Mr. Hunt, St. Kilda. Musical items were rendered by college students—Mr. Thurgood and Mr. Gavros. A solo was sung by Mr. Speedy. Mr. Mac Sandland delighted at the piano. The special feature of the evening was a splendid address on "Japan, Australia and the War," by Mr. Thomas, of St. Thomas' Church of England, Essendon, who recently spent 15 years in Japan. D. Stewart closed the meeting with prayer. An excellent supper was prepared by South Yarra sisters.

At request of York church J. E. Webb is to be released from his duties at Mile End, S.A., to conduct an evangelistic effort at York commencing on April 30, and continuing for 12 nights. Ladies of church have commenced the year's activities with a well-attended Mission Band meeting, a working bee, and a fellowship picnic at Henley Beach. C.E. societies are having splendid meetings with three new active members added to Y.P. society. On March 12 practically all members were back from holidays, when meetings were splendidly attended. 133 were at communion, when a lady by faith and baptism was received into fellowship. Attendance at Bible school was largest for several months. Gospel service was well attended, and there was keen interest. H.M. offering is a little over £32. Offering for local work of church was £28. Mr. Webb is giving close attention to religious instruction in schools of district. In connection with recent election of officers, E. S. Caldwell was re-elected secretary of church and F. Lewis assistant. W. Simons and A. Fenn were re-elected treasurer and assistant treasurer respectively.

News of the Churches

Western Australia

Maylands.—Harvest festival services were held on March 5. Produce was donated to Blind Institute. At morning meeting one was received in by letter and one as a baptised believer. Evening, Girls' Club sang. Mrs. Hollett rendered "The Holy City" after address and appropriate to it. Both meetings were crowded. Encouragement of Bible school scholars to attend church services is succeeding; average 40 to 50, including Y.W.L. On March 12 one was received in by letter, two by restoration. At gospel service a young man made the good confession. Miss Griffiths was soloist. Mr. McRoberts' messages are creating interest and challenging members and outsiders.



KEEN INTEREST

SIX CONFESSIONS REPORTED

NORTH PERTH.—On Feb. 27 an "every member present" Sunday resulted in record meetings. Mrs. D. Robinson and Mrs. N. Sherlock were soloists, and P. R. Thickins presented two addresses. On March 8 the annual church business meeting was held, and from reports presented, the keen interest shown, and the evident enthusiasm for future work, a very profitable year is anticipated. On evening of March 12, after the address by P. R. Thickins, six confessed Christ.

Subiaco.—General evangelist J. Wiltshire, and R. J. Duckett from Victoria Park, spoke at services during February. Annual business meeting was held over two Thursday evenings. There were 32 additions to church for year, and although 52 members transferred to Nedlands since that work became separate from Subiaco, the work has been continued well. Mr. Black's service as secretary is most faithful. Bible school, with Mr. Raymond superintendent, is progressing well, especially since introduction of memory medals for scholars who learn by heart passages of scripture. Kindergarten children enjoyed their picnic at King's Park on March 11. February copy of "The Friendly Messenger" contained church news and plans for future; Mr. Raymond is editor. C.E. and Girls' Club meetings are good. While Mr. Raymond was visiting Morowa-Gutha districts early in March, A. C. Olds and H. Vawser spoke at morning and evening services respectively.

Queensland

Townsville.—Youth Sunday was observed on March 5. Speakers were J. Adermann and W. Giezendanner. Mr. Bland, R.A.A.F., was baptised at close of gospel service. School was successful in winning 1943 shield for schools under 50. There has been a further increase in enrolment, and Estelle O'Brien has been added to staff. Recent visitors included Chaplain Hollard.

Toowoomba.—On Youth Sunday, March 5, two members of Young People's Fellowship were received into church. Communion, flowers and other preparations for the day's meetings were in the hands of Y.P.F. members. Practically every member also had a part in the conduct of the services. During the week special sunshine work was done. Church members were invited to the tea and ordinary meeting of the fellowship on March 3. An enjoyable social followed. Mission Band entertained inmates of Aged People's Home to afternoon tea on Feb. 24, and afterwards held a service there. Responses to three special appeals recently were: Aboriginal Mission, £15; China Relief Fund, £12 (including Sunday school offering of £3/4/1); Y.P. Department offering, £8 (incomplete).

Maryborough.—Meetings on Feb. 27 and March 5 were well attended. Visitors included Les Wright (Epping, N.S.W.). On March 5 morning service included induction of officers elected at annual meeting. At night youth service was held, when Jack Wiltshire conducted and gave the address. A welcome social was held on March 7, when Mrs. Harry Hook, of Gympie, and Jack Wiltshire, of Albion (Brisbane), and the "boys" in uniform were given a welcome by the church. Sunday school has started another rally.

Kedron.—A working bee of brethren and Endeavorers, under leadership of Alfred Cane, filled in air-raid trenches at rear of chapel. Basket tea was prepared by sisters. Lorna Taylor, a Bible school teacher and J.C.E. superintendent, was married to Staff-Sgt. John Donaldson (A.I.F., returned), former school secretary, on Feb. 19. C. J. Williams officiating. On March 1, Sylvia Payne, W.A.A.A.F., was married to Pte. John Treverrow. Youth Week celebrations included Y.P. social and concert on March 3, under supervision of Walter Jackson (Y.W.L. superintendent). Besides Kedron and Albion members taking part, members of Norman Park Baptist Church Girls' Auxillary rendered several items. Miss Helen Trudgian, of Albion church, was organist. Sisters of church donated £10 to officers to pay off part building fund principal. Len Hook has been received by transfer from Gympie. Boys' club is reforming as an Explorers' Club.

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—Annual meeting of church was held on Feb. 22. Reports showed income for year was £1297. £200 was given for brotherhood work. Appreciation was expressed of the large and inspiring services during the year and the happy fellowship with so many men and women from all parts of Australia and overseas. Tributes were paid to the efficiency of the secretary-treasurer, A. H. Berlin, and the assistant secretary, W. Howard. Others who rendered excellent service were Will McCriston, organist; Mrs. Ruby Hinrichsen, pianist; Muriel Bamford, assistant musician; Edie Berlin, youth leader; Thelma Stocks, convener of soldiers' entertainment group, and Gordon McKelvie, editor of "The Messenger." The church awaits with pleasure the coming, during April, of Mr. Frank Hunting as minister. H. G. Rasmussen, of Victoria, has been a helpful visitor to the church, and will take charge of services in absence of Mr. Trezise on holidays, during March.

Tasmania

Devonport.—Owing to Mrs. Morgan's illness Mr. Morgan was not able to continue his month's ministry with the church in February. F. B. Burt was speaker on Feb. 13. The church had fellowship with Mrs. R. Webb, of Boort, Vic. On Feb. 20 R. Pitt spoke in morning and F. T. Burt at night. F. T. Burt spoke morning and evening on Feb. 27. Prayers of church were offered for Mrs. Wescombe, who was in hospital. On March 5 R. Pitt spoke in morning. Among visitors was Miss Lorna Pollard, Ascot Vale, Vic. Pte. M. T. Burt was home on leave from New Guinea. F. T. Burt was evening speaker. On March 12 R. Pitt gave the morning message. Cpl. C. G. Burt had fellowship with the church after three weeks in Campbelltown Military Hospital. At night F. T. Burt preached.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—At annual business meeting on March 6 splendid reports were received from all departments. There were 14 additions to membership, and after deducting losses the roll stands at 207 active and 23 isolated members. Average attendances at Lord's Day services were well maintained, worship 96, gospel 112, communicants 111. £1061 was received for all purposes. £124/18/8 was given to home missions and £94/2/5 for overseas work. For other brotherhood and benevolent work the church contributed over £190. General church

fund showed credit of £99/2/5. A. Lee and T. J. Willmot were re-elected to diaconate. Bible school showed excellent results, and on a recent Lord's Day had record attendance of 108 scholars. School is supporting two Indian orphans. Sisters' auxiliaries, C.E. societies and church choir gave fine reports. At conclusion of gospel service on Feb. 13 the church bade farewell to Miss Alice Barton, B.A., prior to her departure for the College of the Bible. Words of appreciation were spoken and a presentation of a wallet of notes was made. Bible school and C.E. society also made presentations. Mid-week prayer meetings preparatory to a mission week which commenced on 19th inst. were well attended, 45 being present on March 1. At morning service on March 5 A. Barnard, minister of Baptist Memorial Church, was speaker, and at night W. Duff spoke, Mr. Wilson being unwell.

South Australia

Gawler.—On Feb. 27 harvest thanksgiving services were held, Mr. Bartlett being speaker all day. At evening meeting a choir was formed, rendering special singing. A fine array of fruits, vegetables, groceries and flowers was displayed, Sunday school helping in this respect. All goods were afterwards sent to Children's Hospital, Adelaide. Junior Endeavorers held a successful social on Mar. 4.

Prospect.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held on March 12. A. E. Brown led morning and evening. There were good attendances. Fellowship was enjoyed with visitors and members of Forces. Kindergarten held a special service in afternoon, parents and friends attending. Gifts of fruit and produce were given to Morialta Home and Children's Hospital. After evening service C.E. members and friends enjoyed community singing in school hall. Bible school, C.E. societies, P.B.P. and K.S.P. clubs are in good spirit.

York.—During absence of E. G. Rootes on holiday, services were taken by R. E. Mossop, G. Bridgman, H. Brand and G. Foote. The church thanks these brethren for their help. Harvest thanksgiving services were held on March 5. There was a nice display of fruit, vegetables, and other goods. All the produce was sent to Morialta Protestant Children's Home. Mr. Rootes gave appropriate addresses. I.C.E. rendered a musical item at evening service.



THANKSGIVING SERVICES

CROWDED MEETINGS: RECORD OFFERING

VICTOR HARBOUR.—Harvest thanksgiving day, Mar. 12, coincided with bowling carnival, when town was full of visitors. This meant crowded meetings. The folding vestries were thrown open at evening service, and as all offerings were given to home missions, there was a record offering of nearly £30. H. R. Taylor assisted in morning service and E. B. Turner, of Baptist brotherhood, assisted at night. Albert Anderson gave two splendid messages on a recent visit prior to the offering.

Murray Bridge.—Members assisted local service of Women's World Day of Prayer, Feb. 18. Don C. Dix is improving from grave illness. Morialta Children's Home benefited from fine harvest thanksgiving services March 5 and 6. Annual offering to home missions, £19/6/- to date. War attrition closed the little outpost of Burdett for duration. Recent fellowship with Rex Downing and Will Swift, on leave. Deep sympathy to parents of Rosemary Kretschmer (four years), who passed away sud-

denly on March 9. Earnest welcome to Mrs. N. G. Noble on her recent safe return from New Zealand. Home Missions Committee proposal that church subscribe regularly to Preachers' Provident Fund has been adopted.

Lenwood.—The church is pleased that its orphan boy in India has been baptised. He is about 12 years old and a very bright lad. His name is Chimunal Chandulal Daruwale. Home mission offering was £20. Services and Bible school attendances are good.



Lenwood Chapel.

Dulwich.—On March 5 harvest thanksgiving was observed. A splendid display of fruit and produce was shown, and services were well attended. Fellowship with A. J. Ludbrook (secretary), Will Morrow and Gordon Wittaker was enjoyed. These brethren are with the military forces and R.A.N., and are on leave. At evening service some of elder Bible school scholars took part by singing. All produce was given to some of the institutions nearby, and was greatly appreciated. Home mission offering almost reached target set by the committee (£70).

Semaphore.—On Feb. 27 two young people were received into fellowship by faith and obedience. Harvest festival services were held on March 5. The chapel was decorated, and a fine display of goods was arranged by Endeavorers. Goods were afterwards sent to Morialta Home and Pt. Adelaide Cheer-up Hut. Will Sellick made his confession at close of morning service. The choir assisted at both services, soloist being Mrs. Fee. Over £35 was taken for H.M. offering. Endeavorers paid a visit to Peterhead Baptist on March 8, and took charge of programme. Cpl. Fred Knight is home on leave.

Moonta.—Reports presented at half-yearly business meeting were gratifying. United open-air meetings were commenced in Queen's Square on Jan. 30, and attendances have been good. Mrs. Searle was received by letter from Hindmarsh on Feb. 13. Harvest thanksgiving services were held on March 5 and 6. Theo. Edwards spoke at all services, Ladies' Guild resumed on March 2, when Mrs. Edwards was elected president; Mrs. Doley, vice-president; Mrs. Lawrie, secretary; Mrs. Liddell, treasurer. Church has enjoyed fellowship with L. Hodges, on leave from New Guinea, and other visitors.

Pt. Pirie.—On March 5 Mr. Pigdon was speaker. At night Miss Rilda Catchpoll was baptised. On March 12 Ken Dixon, representative of churches of Christ C.E. society of S.A., was speaker. Mr. Mann, of Adelaide, gave the children's talk during morning service. At night Endeavorers from Solomontown Methodist church took part. Testimonies were given by Miss N. Dallaway (Solomontown Methodist), Miss Valda and Mr. Nichol (church of Christ). During after-church fellowship two people were baptised (Miss O. Clifton, of Gladstone, and Mr. Pigdon (of Korumburra, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. Pigdon, of Victoria, met with the church on March 5 and 12.

Henley Beach.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held on March 5, Mr. Baker preaching. At evening service a young lady confessed Christ. Ladies' Guild held election of officers on March 8. Those appointed are: President, Mrs. A. Baker; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. Lawrie, Mrs. H. L. Davie; secretary, Mrs. W. Strudwick; treasurer, Mrs. Farnell. On March 7 the Fellowship meeting was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Strudwick. There were 16 present. The marriage of Miss Shirley Skuce to Mr. Desmond Merton, of Victoria, was celebrated recently. Miss Ethel Richards, superintendent of J.C.E., has had to take an extended holiday on account of ill-health. She is staying at North Perth.

Whyalla.—A happy week-end was spent, and another milestone passed in the history of the church, when on Saturday, Mar. 11, a public welcome was tendered to S. E. Matthews and family, who have arrived to take over the work. During the evening a presentation was made to G. M. Cox in appreciation of services rendered as acting preacher during last 12 months. March 12, conference president, A. Anderson, presided at morning meeting and gave a charge to church and preacher. At close of morning meeting, the newly erected manse was officially opened by Mr. Anderson, and £16 given to manse offering. Mr. Anderson also spoke at gospel service and at prayer and praise service on Monday evening. £8/11/- is in hand for H.M.C. annual appeal.

New South Wales

Ballina.—Mr. Baker continues to give uplifting addresses each Lord's day morning. The help of R. R. Wotherpoon presiding at Lord's table is greatly appreciated. Solos were rendered at services recently by Miss D. Wotherpoon and Mrs. Baker.

Rockdale.—On March 5 Mr. Baker exhorted the church. In afternoon, Bible school held anniversary. Mr. Greenhalgh gave an illustrated address, and the children sang well under baton of Mr. Buckley. At night the children again rendered special singing, Mr. Carter being speaker. On March 12 Mr. Hunting exhorted. In the afternoon the kinders held a prize-giving service, and at night the children continued anniversary. G. Burns, preacher-elect, gave the gospel message.

Georgetown.—Speakers on Feb. 27 were E. Oswald and D. Evans. On March 5 Mr. Amos conducted both services, after his return from the mission at Burnley. Ladies' Guild organised a fine sacred concert on March 4. There was a good attendance. All youth auxiliaries are functioning well. R. A. Marjoribanks spoke on morning of March 12, and R. V. Amos at night. During the day the highest number broke bread in the history of the church, when 101 communed. There were splendid attendances, and during the afternoon the Bible school was regraded for new year, A. G. Williams being the speaker.

Broken Hill (Wolfram-st.)—There were good attendances on March 5 to mark 35th anniversary of church, combined with harvest thanksgiving services. An "every-member present" Sunday was held and the home mission offering was taken. Representatives from each family in membership responded to roll-call. A little over £12 was raised for H.M. offering. There was a splendid array of fruit, vegetables and cereals, which were donated to Old Folks' Home. H. E. Paddick gave appreciated messages. The choir rendered special harvest music, with solos, etc. On March 7 H. E. Paddick arranged a service of song with special music by choir and solos, followed by supper served by the ladies. Midweek fellowship meetings are well attended. The church enjoyed fellowship recently with F. C. Lloyd Coles and G. Lee, of R.A.A.F.; R. Spencer, A.I.F.; and Mrs. R. Spencer, transport driver.

Victoria

Sunshine.—On Feb. 27 A. G. Bennett based his address on hymns of John Newton. A girl from Sunday school took her stand for Christ on March 5. Young People's Club (girls and boys) continues to be well attended, and much enthusiasm is displayed.

Emerald.—On March 12 both services were conducted by F. B. Alcorn. Interest was well maintained. Morning offerings for last quarter were double those of same three months in 1943, also those of 1942, while evening congregations have almost trebled.

Fairfield.—On March 8, annual business meeting was held. Miss J. Catterall resigned as superintendent of J.C.E. after 10 years' service. M. Williams was elected in her place. On March 12, at evening service, Miss Jean Williams, of Kaniva, brought a message in song.

Hampton.—W. J. Evans spoke morning and evening on March 19, concluding an interim ministry of over five months. At conclusion of gospel service V. Gole voiced appreciation of the church, made a presentation, and wished him well in his work with the church at Spring Vale.

Ivanhoe.—F. B. Burt, who commenced his ministry on Feb. 20, is settling into the work nicely. Attendances at gospel services have greatly increased, many young people attending. At a social held by Girls' Club on March 11, £7 was raised towards club fund to purchase carpets for chapel.

Hartwell.—The old folks' home at Oakleigh benefited from an evening-held in gardens of "manse." This was well attended, and an enjoyable time was spent. Over 100 members of Grand Orange Lodge attended on March 19, their choir rendering anthems. Miss D. Bond is improving after serious accident.

West Preston.—Speakers at morning services recently have been Mr. Withers and Mr. Turnham. Bible school anniversary services were a great success, with splendid attendances at all services. Visiting speakers were Messrs. Crisp, Andrews, and Hibbert. Mr. Withers has been at Kaniva taking part in district conference.

★ SUCCESSFUL ANNIVERSARY

TWELVE YOUNG PEOPLE CONFESS CHRIST.

PRESTON.—Two young men were welcomed into fellowship by faith and baptism on Mar. 12. B.S. anniversary celebrations commenced on March 19, the special speaker in the afternoon being C. J. Robinson, of Hartwell, formerly of Preston, who gave an interesting illustrated address. An encouraging feature was the splendid attendance of parents and others. Mr. Combridge spoke to a large congregation at night, his message being of special interest to the scholars. There was great rejoicing when, at the close of his address, twelve young people, whose ages ranged between 12 and 22 years, made their confession of faith. The scholars sang splendidly at both services under the baton of F. J. Lang.

Hamilton.—On March 5 A. E. Forbes commenced his ministry. At fellowship evening he and Mrs. Forbes were welcomed by members and friends. Quarterly business meeting was held on March 8. The work is in good heart. Mr. Forbes is delivering helpful messages. Mrs. Forbes rendered a delightful solo at gospel service on March 12.

Mont Albert.—Excellent meetings were held on March 12 and 19, when girls' and boys' clubs respectively took charge of meetings. Inspiring messages have been given to the church by Mr. Ryles. Sympathy was expressed to Mrs. Smith in the loss of her father. An aeroplane competition is being run in Bible school for new scholars and regular attendance.

Ascot Vale.—The church welcomed Mrs. Stirling back after nine weeks' absence through an accident. Mr. Petrie has also been ill. Sunday school had a special afternoon, parents being invited. Kindergarten engaged in exercises, and Bible school rendered special singing. The superintendent gave an illustrated talk. A number of visitors attended and the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Middle Park.—In response to a special appeal to reduce building debt, £15 has been donated, together with £25 from general fund. On March 5 Mr. and Mrs. G. Dowell, former members, were received by transfer from Hartwell. On March 8 a social was tendered to A. Hartvigsen in honor of his approaching marriage to Miss M. Dare. Presentations were given from Bible school and church.

Boort.—Members regret the passing on Feb. 19 of H. M. Lacy, a faithful secretary and helper here. Sympathy is extended to those left to mourn his loss. A memorial service was conducted by Mr. Streader on March 5, many being present. Bible school picnic was held on March 13. Recently visitors have been welcomed. Mr. Streader and Mr. Lanyon are doing very creditable work in conducting all services.

Dandenong.—Successful Bible school anniversary services were held on March 5, when H. M. Clipstone spoke in afternoon and Mr. Muller at night. Anniversary concluded on March 8 with programme and distribution of prizes. Will Marshall, recently appointed Probation Officer to Children's Court, continues to address good meetings both morning and night. On March 12 one man confessed Christ.

Northcote.—After holidays in N.S.W., W. T. Atkin resumed his ministry. Thanks are expressed to Dr. Hinrichsen, W. Clay and F. Saunders for preaching appointments during preacher's absence. At the worship service on March 13, a lad was received into fellowship, and at gospel service a girl made the good confession. On March 20 W. T. Atkin exchanged with Mr. Grainger, of Reservoir; 174 broke bread for day.

Reservoir.—On Feb. 27 V. L. Russell was received into fellowship by transfer from Coburg. H. Allison was speaker on morning of Mar. 5. In evening J.C.E. anniversary service was held, J. Plummer being speaker. All auxiliaries are in good heart. Good Companions' Club now meets on Thursday prior to Y.P.S.C.E., W. McInnes now leads Y.P.S.C.E., and Marjorie Trathen and Betty McInnes are joint leaders at Good Companions.

South Yarra.—On March 12 and 19 E. Roffey spoke morning and evening, giving splendid addresses. Mrs. Roffey has been elected president of Women's Guild and Mission Band, and spoke to the women at her first meeting. Sunday school teachers held a picnic at Edithvale on March 18. District quarterly meeting was held at South Yarra on March 10. Mr. Fisher, from Hurstville, N.S.W., has had fellowship with church. A happy spirit prevails.

Ballarat (York-st.).—A successful picnic was held at Lake Learmonth on Feb. 26, four bus loads participating. Visiting speakers on March 5 and 12 were Mr. Reid and Mr. Maxwell, whose messages were appreciated. Attendance at all meetings is fair. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. W. Feary, sen., in the death of her sister, also to Mrs. D. Jones and family. Mr. Jones passed away suddenly on March 4. He will be very much missed.

Shepparton.—Annual church business meeting was held on Feb. 9. Mr. Mudford was added to eldership. A proposal for increase in all activities has been set for coming year; also it is planned to reduce church building debt. During past month there has been decided improvement in attendances at gospel services. The church has had fellowship of Des. Tease, from Tasmania, and Harold Gross, from Moreland, now in R.A.A.F. These have taken active part in evening services. On March 12 harvest thanksgiving services were held with a good display of fruit and vegetables. Mr. Hargreaves gave harvest messages.

Newmarket.—On March 12 Mr. Graham addressed both services. Mrs. L. Neil was baptised at gospel service. On March 19 Bro. Graham spoke at both services.

Doncaster.—At close of Mr. Banks' address on evening of March 12, a young woman from the Bible class made the good confession, and was baptised the following Sunday evening.

St. Arnaud.—Successful harvest festival services were held on March 12. R. Hall spoke at both services. On March 13 a social evening was held and goods were sold, the proceeds (£3/6/-) being donated to local hospital. On March 18, kindergarten held a party in the gardens. H. Hurren spoke at both services on March 19.

Boronia.—The chapel was filled to overflowing by an attendance of 142. Visitors included 50 young people from Tecoma camp. Campers took part in service. 30 young women from Inter-Church Girls' Work Committee were present. E. L. Williams, camp leader, addressed service. At conclusion a young man from camp confessed Christ. Allan Barber has returned to Boronia.

Warrnambool.—Attendances at services show continued interest. On March 5 Harold Feary was speaker in morning, and in evening conducted song service. T. V. Weir spoke, and



The Chapel at Warrnambool.

one young man made the good confession. On March 12, at harvest thanksgiving services, a great number of gifts of fruit, vegetables, etc., were received and later donated to Warrnambool Base Hospital. At evening service special singing was rendered by ladies' choir and Mrs. Dunlop was soloist. T. V. Weir spoke at both services. On March 15 a shower evening was tendered Miss Nettie Cook to convey the church's good wishes for her married life.

Oakleigh.—On Feb. 27 C. Cole, of Sudan United Mission, was speaker at gospel service, and at united after-church service gave a lantern talk on the work of the mission. In absence of S. Neighbour on holiday, Mr. Miller and Mr. Thompson were speakers on March 5. Bible class held a successful bicycle outing, followed by tea and social evening on Mar. 11. At Men's Fellowship on March 12, 42 men were present, Mr. Hollins, M.L.A., being speaker.

Frankston.—Recent speakers have been M. Williams, R. Hinde, L. K. Wedd and R. V. Amos. On March 5 T. Westwood commenced an interim ministry with inspiring addresses. The church was delighted to have fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Hagger at midweek prayer service, when Mr. Hagger gave a helpful message. Their arrival early in May, to take charge of the work, is eagerly awaited. Visitors included K. Robbins, Sydney, and Mrs. Semkens, W.A.

Camberwell.—On March 19 both morning and evening meetings were well attended. R. L. Williams conducted the services; his messages are helpful and encouraging. Over 100 communed, and many visitors attend, including young men in uniform from interstate brotherhood churches. Scholars in Bible school are used in services, reading the scriptures and assisting at communion table. Mr. Williams has completed his first year of a second ministry, and the work is progressing very favorably. The "Christian," together with other matter, is being sent to men of the Forces connected with church.

Ormond.—C. L. Lang gave a helpful message at prayer meeting. On March 12 he spoke at both meetings. The church was glad to have Bob Alabaster back after sickness for about 18 months. Mr. Lang spoke at both services on March 19, and Ron Lang sang a solo at night. Members were sorry to receive the resignation of Mr. Lang, who is taking up the work at Hampton. Mr. and Mrs. Christie, of Sydney, and other visitors were at services on March 19.

Mildura.—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and children have returned from three weeks' holiday. During the absence of Mr. Lewis, services were conducted by local brethren. Recently aged Mrs. Cook passed away, just 24 hours after being knocked down and run over by a horse and lorry. Sympathy of church goes out to her relatives. Kitty Stewart, W.R.A.N., and George Le Brun, R.A.A.F., have been home on leave. Cpl. Jim Smith, R.A.A.F., was home on leave, before leaving for a northern battle station.

Footscray.—On March 19, at conclusion of Mr. Ritchie's gospel address, Mrs. T. Willis and B. Weymouth made their stand for Christ. R. McLean and Mr. Bullimore, from the college, assisted in services. D. Williams, A. G. Thurgood, L. K. Wedd and N. Gavross visited Y.P.S.C.E. on March 8, and conducted service. Bible school attendance continues to improve. Annual picnic was held at Williamstown gardens on March 13. A successful educational picture night, conducted by the Vacuum Oil Co.'s representative, was held in interests of Ladies' Aid on March 14. Retiring officers have been re-elected in Mission Band and Ladies' Aid. Mr. Aitken and Joan Myers are meeting with the church again after illness. Mrs. H. Middlemiss has left hospital, and D. Hardinge is improving.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—At morning service on March 12, Ken Barton gave the address, C. G. Taylor speaking at night. On March 8 harvest festival was held by Y.P. Society, and gifts were given to the Guest Home. On March 11 the I.C.E. had an enjoyable outing at home of Alma Yewdall at Upwey. On March 18 the Endeavorers held combined anniversary services with a rally, when C. J. Robinson, of Hartwell, gave the message. On March 19 services were continued, when meetings were largely attended. An Endeavor choir under leadership of Miss Winnie Lee sang splendidly. C. G. Taylor spoke at all services. A number of women of the American Forces were present at morning service. Miss Miller, previously immersed, was received into fellowship. Members were delighted to see Miss L. Prittie and Miss L. Robins back after illness.

Bendigo.—Good attendance, excellent reports and optimistic outlook characterised the annual church business meeting. Election of officers: Elder, J. Ellis; deacons, G. Briggs, R. Perl, A. Smith, D. Kenley, H. Langley, A. Pettigrove, L. Vafiopoulous (the last four for two years). Active membership is 139. Receipts for all purposes received through church treasurer were over £1072. £345 was paid off building debt. Bible school enrolment is largest for years with 101 scholars and 17 on staff. Five scholars decided for Christ during year. Ladies' Auxiliary raised £250 and expended £18 for men in Services. On March 5 rally day was held with every member in seat at 10.45 a.m. Individual persons and families stood when roll was called. March 9 was opening for year of Ladies' Auxiliary. Elections: President, Mrs. G. Mathieson; secretary, Mrs. Pollock; treasurer, Mrs. Welse. Harvest festival was held on March 12 with a fine display. On Feb. 26 Miss Gertrude Ruston was married to Mr. H. W. Moore. On Feb. 27, at close of evening service, Albert McNally, a Bible school boy, took his stand for Christ.

Echuca.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Feb. 27, and a successful sale of the gifts took place the following evening. On March 1 a large number of ladies attended first auxiliary meeting for year. They exceeded 1943 aim by over £8, so a much higher aim was set for 1944. A harmonious and interesting business meeting was held on Mar. 14. Three sisters volunteered for 15th year to attend to preparation of Lord's Table. One of these ladies also for years has voluntarily cleaned the chapel. The work progresses steadily. All auxiliaries show credit balances, and for new year have set high aims. With Mr. and Mrs. Thurrowgood to lead in the work all feel confident of a happy, fruitful year.

Horsham.—Eleven representatives enjoyed fellowship and instruction at Hall's Gap camp. During C. Jackel's absence, G. Miller, J. Butler and F. J. Sherriff addressed assemblies at Horsham, Haven and Dimboola. On Feb. 27 two young men previously baptised were received into fellowship, and at evening service a married lady was baptised. On account of illness of C. Jackel on March 5, J. Butler conducted the harvest festival at Haven and preached at Dimboola at night. Mr. Sherriff took the two services at Horsham. Haven service was well attended, and a happy social was held on Monday night, when the goods were sold. On March 12 harvest thanksgiving services at Horsham, Albert Jones (chaplain R.A.A.F., Nhill) gave his services for Horsham and Haven. Attendances were good, and the messages enjoyed. On March 13 a church social was held. Items were given and the produce sold. G. Miller is enjoying a much-needed rest.

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MARRIAGES

JOHNS-DACK.—On March 4, at East Ipswich (Queensland) church of Christ, by Mr. Lars Larsen, Nellie Alice, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Dack, East Ipswich, to Arthur Alexander, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James F. Johns, Victoria.

STEVENS-BELL.—On March 4, in Gardiner chapel, by Mr. A. B. Withers, assisted by Mr. T. Hagger, Edith Caroline Mary, elder daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. William Bell, of Nelson, N.Z., to Leslie Edwin, younger son of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. L. Stevens, of Malvern.

DEATH

BASHFORD (on active service).—On Feb. 24, returning from air operations over Germany, 414881 F/Sgt. P. V. Bashford (Val.), youngest son of Mrs. L. Coakley, Sunbeam-st., Fairfield, Brisbane, and the late Mr. J. Bashford, Too-woomba, brother of John, Arthur and Erna. His duty nobly done.

—Inserted by his loving mother, sister and brothers, and aunt, Mrs. Edward Bagley.

IN MEMORIAM

HARE.—In memory of my loving husband, and father of Marjory, Gordon, Linley, Geoffrey and Beth. Passed to be with Jesus, March 21, 1938. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

—Inserted by Mrs. Hare and family.

HERON.—Cherished memories of my dear husband Jack, who passed away March 24, 1942. Beloved father of Douglas, Ernest and Keith. Always lovingly remembered.

—M. E. Heron.

TRABINGER.—In loving memory of my dear eldest son, Albert Andrew Trabinger, who died on March 21, 1940.

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—Inserted by his loving mother, H. Trabinger.

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3 p.m., P.S.A., Mr. A. A. Hughes, M.L.A.

5 p.m., Anniversary Tea.

7 p.m., L.A.C. A. Cameron, R.A.A.F.

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FOR years we have visualised having a missionary stationed here; but owing to staff shortages, such ventures have come to naught. There are some folk still in the Indapur area who can sing old hymns, remembered from the days of missionary workers years ago. Mr. Thomas plans to do something of a more practical nature, which should have a certain amount of success after the tent evangelism carried out in the area by Mr. R. C. Bolduan and others.

"I am thinking of going to Indapur with some of the preachers in eight days' time. I feel that we would do well to pay attention to this end of our field, so that we shall go and join forces with the man who is resident there (Mr. Dongre), and try and strengthen his hand by reaching out into his district in places where there has been a little interest shown. We are praying that these efforts, in the areas where the Scotch Presbyterian Mission worked for many years in days gone by, will not be without some fruit. Then we are going to work back to the villages we visited in our first camps just before leaving for furlough. From what we hear, these people are eager for us to visit them again. Some who before received the word may now be advancing in knowledge of the Lord Jesus. Is it too much to expect that they will soon be led into a faith in him as their Saviour? We had this area in mind when we made some suggestions for "five year plan." Of course, we may be in another district entirely by then; nevertheless, I would like to feel that we were steadily making headway towards the proper working of our field with Indian preachers in that time. I am gathering together all who are willing and able to help in laying the gospel net well out over the villages that are neglected nowadays for lack of workers. Half my men on this tour will be untrained and rather inexperienced, but I hope that we may all be used of the Spirit of God as we give ourselves to this work. Some of the men were in the original party that went with me, so that we have at present enough to begin to work out the beginning of the plan by taking some of Mr. Coventry's workers from the west side for the time being. This cannot always be done, as he has a big work to do among the Takari Bhamptas in those villages. If you can allow us at least what funds have been asked for the coming year, and perhaps a little more the next year, we may not only be able to reach out, but make permanent contacts in some of the most fruitful places. We are full of optimism. We know the folk at home will stand by us. We are taking up Carey's motto again, "Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God."

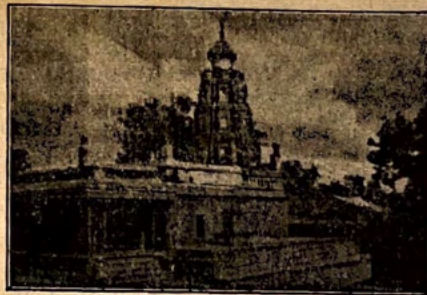
PROGRESS IN FINANCES

IT is apparent that financial reports presented to State conferences at Easter will show good results—in most cases, an all-time record. The Federal Board are deeply appreciative of this splendid result, for it has enabled them to continue all work unhindered, plan for forward moves, and maintain increases on missionaries' allowances, etc. In some instances, particularly steamer fares, costs have soared to unheard-of heights, yet the Federal Board through the generosity of the Brotherhood have been able to meet these additional costs. The Federal books, which close in June, show for the period July 1, 1943 to February 29, 1944

In this brief summary Colin V. Thomas

tells of plans laid for the important

yet often neglected area, Indapur.



Hindu Temple, Indapur, India.

(eight months), an income for general funds of £8813, or an all-over increase of £1469 over the figures for the same period last year. Earmarked monies, such as Christmas cheer, Dhond Hospital and endowments, have also been well maintained. A continuance of present rate of income will help carry us forward to annual offering period in July.

GIFTS FOR MISSIONARIES AND CO-WORKERS

SINCE the outbreak of war, it has been impossible to send the ordinary Christmas boxes to India. When such boxes were sent forward it gave opportunity of not only sending much needed goods for missionary work,

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but gifts suitable for our Australian workers. Among such goods sent were suitable items of foodstuffs difficult to secure in India, and very costly even if procurable. More recently such items of foodstuffs common to our Australian table were classed as luxury lines in India, and were almost off the market. Owing to famine conditions in some parts of India, the food problem was often a serious one for our workers, and whilst there was no danger of being in actual want, our workers had to go without many things and turn to the commoner forms of food which must have proven monotonous and unsatisfying at times. As an experiment, our latest reinforcements to India took a consignment of foodstuffs—tinned fruit, milk, dried fruits, etc. These goods arrived safely and fortunately in time for Christmas. Encouraged

by this, the Victorian F.M. Committee, acting for the Federal Board, spent a considerable time in finding out what could be done regarding the sending of supplies to our workers. As a result, 74 cases of foodstuffs have been sent to India as gifts to our workers. Such goods had to be sent as gifts or permission would have been refused. The present consignment consists of assorted tin fruits, meats, vegetables, milk, etc., and several cases of dried fruits. The cost will be approximately £150, without other incidental charges. "Knowing that many in the brotherhood would like to share in this venture, we are ready to receive gifts large or small to help defray the cost of the outlay. Gifts can be sent to State F.M. Committees, earmarked "Gifts for Missionaries," and as such will be acknowledged. This will represent the largest consignment of such goods ever sent forward to India, and is but an earnest of our love and esteem in the work they are doing for the brotherhood.

MISS VAWSER IN AUSTRALIA

EARLY in March Miss Edna Vawser arrived in Australia from India. For security reasons, no announcement could be made regarding her arrival, nor of her port of entry. Owing to quarantine regulations, some delay was experienced, but we can state that Miss Vawser is well and happy after a tedious voyage. There is a possibility, if suitable arrangements can be made, that she will be present at some of our Easter conferences in the Eastern States. We should express gratitude to our heavenly Father for bringing Miss Vawser and our other workers safely through dangerous waters.

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Obituary

Mrs. W. H. Jones

ON Tuesday, February 15, Mrs. W. H. Jones, widow of the late Mr. Harry Jones, passed into the presence of Christ. Our sister, who was formerly Miss Manuel, was born at Stockport, S.A., and in her youth lived with her people at Wild Horse Plains. She was baptised by J. Colbourne at Kermodest., North Adelaide, in the early days of that church. After her marriage, she and her husband went to Kerang, Victoria, and then in 1901 they went to Fremantle, W.A., where for six years they enjoyed fellowship with the Fremantle church. In 1907 they removed to Brookton, a country district in that State, and our sister was most faithful in helping the work of Christ. Bible school classes were held in their home, and they were ever ready to assist all of our preachers that came into that field. Several changes of residence took place, and then a home was chosen at Torrens Park, S.A. Our sister then took membership with the Unley church. When her husband passed away she went to live with her daughter Laura (Mrs. Don Manning) at Narrogin, W.A. She was a wonderful mother and everybody who knew her loved her. She was spared until her 80th year and leaves two stepsons and two stepdaughters, five sons and four daughters. Amongst these are Keith Jones, preacher of Maylands, S.A.; Mrs. G. T. Fitzgerald, of Stirling, S.A.; Mrs. Wilkie Thomson, of Long Plains, S.A., and Mrs. S. G. Taylor, Fremantle, W.A. To all the loved ones we extend our sympathy. We have precious memories and a glorious hope which bring great comfort and help.—H.P.M.

John McKay

IN the early hours of Feb. 22, John McKay, the oldest member of the church at Coburg, Vic., departed this life in his 89th year. For nearly fifty years he had been in membership with the church of Christ. In his earlier life he had great musical talent which he used in the service of the churches. Although his eyesight had not been good for the past twelve months, he retained his faculties to the last. When Coburg church was established, he became associated with it soon afterwards, and maintained his interest to the end. He always showed a great concern for the progress of the church work. Being alive to the necessity of providing for the expansion of Bible school work, he made available on easy terms the greater amount required to erect the present school hall. He appreciated the ministrations and visitation work of the minister and to converse with him about the church. The writer conducted the services at the home and later at the graveside. The church at Coburg extends Christian sympathy to his family and all relatives, and looks forward to the time when there shall be no more death.—W.H.G.W.

E. F. Ryall

THE death of E. F. Ryall at Carnegie, Vic., on Saturday, March 4, brought to an end a life of rich service amongst our churches. After being baptised in the South Yarra Baptist Church, and attending the Malvern Baptist Church, he came into fellowship with the church of Christ, Malvern, meeting then in the Malvern Town Hall. He married Frances Huntsman, and the couple went to Western Australia, where they attended the Lake-st. church. After four years they returned and again went to the Malvern church, being associated with both the Prahran and Windsor churches for a time. In 1906 they came into fellowship with the Murrumbidgee church, and maintained an interest there until the Carnegie chapel was built in 1913. Mr. Ryall was an officer and active worker in the Carnegie church and a trustee up till the time of his death. He was a very capable speaker, and often exhorted the church. He addressed the church for the last time less than a fortnight before his death.

One of the great works of his life was the training and encouraging of young men for service. In his own home a service club taught many young men of the churches in the district to read correctly and express themselves in public. As a citizen he was very prominent in the life of the city. In business life and in political life he was an active worker, and in many ways helped social and charitable organisations. In Y.M.C.A., in boys' club work and in court circles he rendered fine service. As a friend and advisor he was most helpful. There was a very large and representative funeral. Services in the home and at the cemetery were conducted by the writer. We express our deepest sympathy to his wife, his three sons and four daughters in their great loss and rejoice with them in their great hope.—L.E.S.

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