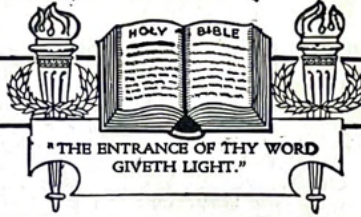


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## Making Failure <sup>HC Howard Eulopes</sup> A Success



THERE are some duties we are able to fulfil with satisfaction; but others lie beyond the range of our ability. We may desire to be kings or queens and to enjoy the light of publicity. Often we waste time and energy, lamenting over what lies beyond our reach. Straining ourselves like little children stretching for some gaudy toy above their reach, we make ourselves weary, without accomplishing anything definite.

There are some things we all can do well, and if we undertake to do those common tasks, we shall find how easy it is to live to some purpose. If we can discover an outlet for the emotional power created by the ideals that quicken the soul, we shall find life full of satisfaction. Therefore, it is better to apply oneself to what lies within the range of one's ability, than to cry over the failures to do the impossible. If some suitable work harmonises with the best within the soul, and is in accord with the ideals of the kingdom of God, then, despite the menial nature of the chosen task, we shall become happier and more contented than many of the men whose names are blazoned in the stories of history books. A wise man said, "I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

THIS brings us to the point we want to make clear: There are many who desire to become orators so as to be able to move the emotions of the multitudes. But their efforts will end in failure, for they lack the qualities required for such exacting public work. Others desire to sail to foreign lands, to engage in the arduous tasks of missionary service, but are not suited for it.

It must be remembered that, in addition to our desires, we must have qualifications which will enable us to carry to a successful end what we should like to do. It is evident that, while many are called for the trying work of mission-stations, few are chosen. If we cannot undertake such desirable duties, ought we give up working in the kingdom of God? Why ought the idealism of youth be wasted even if it cannot be applied to tasks that lie beyond a person's reach? If our ideals are left unfulfilled altogether, we shall become very miserable. Unless we bring the inherent power within us under the control of our ideals, we shall become like rudderless ships on a vast ocean.

We may lack the qualifications needed for the public platform, or the mission-station, or a big executive church-office, but there are tasks in the kingdom for each to undertake; and in the doing of them we shall capture a real zest for life.

There are many responsibilities church members could shoulder, but we have in mind the opportunities of service to be found in

our Sunday schools. If you have had an ideal to serve humanity and your hopes have been frustrated; why not turn to the Sunday school and there seek to serve and to give expression to your ideals? There you will find scope for missionary passion, teaching talent or organising ability.

There are some definite advantages to be gained by so serving.

1. Working in the Sunday school will help to develop character. It requires strength of will to go regularly to school, especially when one sees others answering the call of the inclinations and going to the beach on a summer's day or to the hills when spring flowers are dancing gaily in the breeze. He who can master fickle emotions, and keep on performing his duty, despite the enticing appeals of the world, earns the right to lead others. Children soon learn to appreciate strength of character. Thus, when a teacher has conquered self he begins to perceive that scholars, and even adults, develop an increasing confidence in him. Could anything give greater satisfaction than the knowledge that you have become the trusted leader of a group of young people? To know that your example and your words mean much to others who respect you will provide the stimulus needed to create the belief that life is worth while. Instead of drifting along sluggishly, you will find that you are now living to some purpose.

2. Teaching in Sunday school will help to increase your knowledge of what is good and beautiful. It is a well-known truth that if you want to know a subject well, then undertake the task of teaching it to others.

No other knowledge brings with it such satisfaction as that which unfolds the love of Christ, the wisdom of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. The moment we perceive a truth, we want to tell others of it. Truth loses something of its attractiveness if we cannot pass it on. We enjoy a beautiful scene much better if we have others to share it with us. When we share our knowledge of Christ with boys and girls, we come to know Jesus better and to appreciate him more.

Young people may not come to value all that has been told them until many years have passed. Perhaps when they have grown into middle age or even into old age, they will recall the words spoken to them in childhood, and only then realise their full meaning. It is an instance of casting your bread upon the waters, and of it, after many days, returning to you again.

3. It may be that in the Sunday school your wider ideal will begin to work out in a divinely-appointed way. You will not

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H. G. Harward.

# Henry George Harward

*A. R. Main, M.A., in the following eulogy, expresses a brotherhood's appreciation of a faithful preacher, teacher and organiser.*

THROUGHOUT Australia and New Zealand news of the death of H. G. Harward would bring to many minds remembrance of the devoted services of one of the greatest and most successful evangelists of churches of Christ in these southern lands. Older brethren especially will spontaneously pay tributes of respect to the memory of one whose work was so signally blessed by God to the saving of souls and the advancement of the kingdom. I am glad to respond to the request to write a notice regarding the worth and work of an esteemed and beloved colleague.

Henry George Harward was born at Bendigo, Victoria, on May 1, 1868, and died at St. George's Hospital, Kogarah, N.S. Wales, on April 17, 1944. His life was surrendered to the Lord in 1889, when he was baptised at Collingwood church. At once his devotion to the Master and also his gifts were manifested. In 1893 he went to U.S. America to train for his life's work in Eureka College, Illinois. It may interest those who were captivated in later years by his eloquent presentation of the gospel to know that while in college he won the Oratory Prize and was State Champion of Illinois.

Returning to Victoria in 1900 he entered upon an Australasian ministry of rare quality. Three years of most successful work were passed at the old Fitzroy Tabernacle, an appreciation of the value of which was given by J. McGregor Abercrombie in last week's issue. The success of this ministry and his strong interest in and fitness for evangelistic work led to our brother's receiving a call in 1902 to be State evangelist of our Victorian churches, a position which he most worthily filled for four years. H. G. Harward was the pioneer of our tent missionaries. Bendigo was his first mission field. Numerous other most successful efforts followed in other parts of the State, Mr. E. W. Pittman assisting as singing evangelist. Not only were great numbers won to Christ, but a new missionary enthusiasm was created throughout the State, and the work generally was lifted to a higher level.

Those who knew Mr. Harward in his prime will agree that he was a great preacher. His excellent voice, eloquent speech, clear and definite teaching and preaching made a great impression. His hearers recognised that he had a passion for their souls' salvation, and that in Christ alone was safety to be found. Free and apt quotation of scripture was a feature of his sermons, every one of which had as its aim the conversion of sinners or the upbuilding of saints. No listener could doubt the preacher's earnestness and his conviction of the truth of the gospel, and there could scarcely be any misunderstanding of his words. He exercised a teaching ministry at its best, and his own consecrated life, adorning the message which he preached, both increased the force of his appeals and exemplified the new life to which his hearers were called.

Mr. Harward's labors were given to many lands. He served churches or conducted missions throughout Australian States, and also in New Zealand, America and, England. Brethren in Leicester, England, would gladly have had him stay there, and spoke to me

most appreciatively of his splendid service. He won the esteem and confidence of the churches everywhere.

Mr. Harward helped the brotherhood in numerous ways. When the 1906 Federal Conference decided to establish the College of the Bible, the committee secured his services to visit churches and obtain support for the institution. He became one of the first teachers of the college, and for three and a half years he served as its first principal. By his knowledge of the scriptures, spiritual teaching and passion for évangélism, he exercised a helpful influence on the young men in his charge. Later in N.S. Wales he taught for a considerable time in the Croydon Missionary College conducted by Mr. Barnett.

Mr. Harward also used his pen in the Master's service. Many tracts and articles were widely circulated and much appreciated. A volume of his addresses—"Evangelistic Sermons by H. G. Harward," was its simple title—was one of the first books issued by the Austral Printing and Publishing Co., and it found a ready sale.

Our brother, filled many positions as a member of conference committees. He served as president of our Victorian and N.S. Wales conferences. He was Federal Conference secretary for a term, and later received the high honor of becoming president of the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia, and as such presided at the con-

ference held in Sydney in October, 1924. The grace and faithfulness shown in lesser spheres were manifested also in these high offices.

A five years' term as N.S.W. Home Mission secretary and organiser, closed our brother's fifty years of splendid service to the church of God. For the last few years he was in ill-health and lived in retirement at Blakehurst. He bore his long suffering with patient Christian fortitude.

The heartfelt sympathy of a grateful brotherhood is extended to Mrs. Harward, who throughout the years was the true helpmate and supporter of her husband in his work, and also to the two children—Doreen (Mrs. N. D. Morris) and Athol—who mourn the loss of a loving father. They have the fragrant memory of a beautiful Christian life, and also the blessed knowledge that their loved one is at rest and with the Lord he loved and served so well. His influence lives on, and his work will be extended through the instrumentality of the many whom by the grace of God he was enabled to win to the Saviour.

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be able to hide from your scholars that you have had the desire to be a missionary, a preacher, or a writer. Some child may have his soul set aglow by your fiery passion to serve in some prominent way in God's kingdom; then, by reason of his better training or superior talents, he may be able to carry out what you had hoped to do. Then you will have the joy of seeing how God's purposes can be fulfilled through what appears to be a failure: it is one of the ways a failure can be turned into a success.

## Notes on Current Topics

### "Bonds Before Beer"

THE president of the Australian Temperance Council (Mr. W. N. Lock) sent a telegram to Mr. Forde, the Minister for the Army, heartily supporting his recent statement that "bonds must come before beer." Mr. Lock said that consistency demands "a drastic curtailment of the colossal expenditure on liquor which is undermining morale, wasting essential commodities and man-power, thus impeding the war effort," and closed by suggesting the slogan "Bonds before beer."

### Religious Instruction in Schools

The Anglican Archbishop of Sydney (Dr. Mowll), in an address before the Provincial Synod of N.S. Wales, urged the necessity of re-establishing and developing family life, and protecting it against the disintegrating influences which menace it. This and adequate religious instruction in schools he regarded as primary factors to be considered in post-war reconstruction. He rightly stressed the fact that a complete system of education must include the formation of character. "We cannot rest content without a complete system of education which shall include not merely qualifications for securing positions and the training of the intellect, but also the formation of character. This objective requires that, subject to the right of conscientious objection, children in schools should be instructed in Christian doctrine and virtues, without which Christian education is incomplete and the character of the children cannot be rightly formed." An increasing number of people is coming to believe in the need of such instruction to combat the developing paganism in our country. Hosts of people are growing up with no knowledge of God or the Bible. If Christian people could agree on the best method of securing the instruction and then heartily

support it, the situation could be greatly improved.

### Proving God

The following sentences of George Gallup recently arrested my attention: "I could prove God statistically. Take the human body alone—the chance that all the functions of the individual would just happen is a statistical monstrosity." The idea of proving God statistically is a quaint one; though statistics can be very interesting, they come short of demonstration. It is heartening to realise that the vast majority of men believe in the existence of God; but consensus of belief is not final proof. The statistical argument of Gallup, however, is of a different kind and very old, akin to Paley's famous argument of design illustrated by the watch which no one can believe came by accident but implied a watch-maker. The wonders of the human body, its functions and activities, certainly demand for their explanation an intelligent and purposive designer. Extend the argument to a universe and it should compel assent. The psalmist's words express the overwhelming conviction of millions: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork." It remains true that we find our secure foundation for faith in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God, but the Son who is in the bosom of the Father hath declared him. He is at once the revealer of God and the way of access to him. To come to the Father through Christ, to taste and see that God is good, yields a surer basis for faith—living, increasing faith—than that coming from any statistical calculation.

*A. R. Main*

# Tasmania Plans Progressively

*S. H. Wilson writes of a helpful conference of churches in the Island-State.*

THE 48th Tasmanian State conference was held this year in the city of Launceston from April 6 to 10. The sessions were characterised by a progressive outlook which resulted in definite planning for the future progress of the work throughout the State. Conference was glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Hagger as guest speakers; Mr. F. T. Saunders, on deputation work for the College of the Bible; and Mr. D. R. Hill, the newly appointed State evangelist. The visitors and all delegates were welcomed at a service in the Sandhill chapel.

The sisters' 34th annual conference was presided over by Mrs. Madel-Cole. Reports given showed a splendid year of progress; all phases of brotherhood work having been well supported. The sisters aimed to give £50 to home missions, but so successful were their efforts that they presented the committee with a cheque for £60/5/8.

After a devotional service on Friday morning the business sessions of general conference were commenced; the president, F. T. Morgan, presided, and during the afternoon gave an address on "Tasmania's Triumph."

Statistics showed a membership of 852, a decrease of 10 members for the year. Bible schools reported 106 teachers and 646 scholars—an increase of 9 teachers but a decrease of 12 scholars. 18 of the 31 additions to churches by faith and baptism were from the Bible schools.

The church at Mayberry was welcomed into association. Conference decided to increase affiliation fees.

At the home mission rally on Friday night a large audience heard Mr. Hagger speak on "Keeping On Keeping On," in which he urged Tasmanians to make the Island State a stronghold of the Restoration Movement. At the close of his address a liberal response was made to the appeal for support of home missions. £208/10/- was contributed in cash and promises.

On Saturday morning, when conference resumed, the overseas mission report was received. The financial statement showed that Tasmanians had given nearly £500 for this work—this represents the highest per capita giving to missions of any State.

Encouraging reports were received from the Youth Department, the Temperance and Social Service Department, and also from our representatives on the Council of Churches. Conference decided to ask the Social Service Department to form a Tasmanian Christian Fellowship Association. It was agreed that the churches of Christ session over station 7EX should be continued.

The youth session was well attended. Mr. Hagger spoke of his trip to the World Convention, and Mr. Morgan gave a consecration address. At a youth tea which followed, Mr. Hughes spoke to seventy young people.

On Saturday night the overseas missions meeting was held and, at the conclusion of his address on "World Fellowship," the speaker appealed for contributions for this cause. An offering of £116 was received—an increase of £56 over last year's offering.

The conference sermon was preached by Mr. Hagger on the Sunday afternoon. In the address Mr. Hagger appealed to his hearers to maintain the distinctive witness of churches of Christ with the same unflinching loyalty that characterised the pioneers of the Restoration Movement in this State. A large congregation appreciated this masterly address.

The conference picnic was held at the Gorge on Monday afternoon. The picnic was well attended, and an enjoyable time was spent. The social service rally was held at night, when Mr. Hughes gave an informative address on "One of Tasmania's Social Evils." Representatives of temperance organisations were present. At this meeting the Home Mission Committee made a presentation to Mr. Morgan on the eve of his departure for Box Hill, Vic.

Sessions of conference were greatly helped by vocal items from individual brethren and sisters, and also by the combined choir conducted by Mr. T. Wilmot. Mrs. W. Cumming ably assisted by a band of ladies catered for conference meals in an excellent manner.

At the conclusion of the gospel services at Margaret-st. and Invermay a social hour was held, when a happy time of fellowship and song was spent.

The next State conference is to be held in Hobart in 1945.



## Pioneer of Tent Missions

*Our N.S.W. correspondent, E. Davis, pays a tribute to the late H. G. Harward, and refers to change of leadership in youth work.*

IN the passing of H. G. Harward the churches of Christ not only in New South Wales, but in the whole of Australia, have lost a man who was one of the best loved, most popular, and most powerful preachers of his generation. Few men have exerted a greater influence than H. G. Harward, and the impact of his great personality will be felt by the churches for many years to come. His perfect trust in his Saviour, his love for the church, his wonderful knowledge of the word of God, and his passionate earnestness in proclaiming "the faith once delivered unto the saints," have inspired thousands of his brethren to greater zeal in the work of the gospel.

So varied were his talents, so numerous were the activities in which he engaged, and so successful was he wherever he served, that it is difficult to name any one thing as his greatest work. And yet, all who knew him through the years spoke first of his power and success in the field of evangelism. As far as our churches are concerned he was the pioneer of evangelistic missions. And now his work is ended, and the Lord has called his faithful servant into rest.

### Five Hundred for Christ

That is the challenge the Bible School and Young People's Department has made to the young people of the churches. The campaign has been launched to win five hundred for Christ from the ranks of youth during the conference year. Judging by the interest and enthusiasm shown by the large group of young people who met at a youth rally at conference, the challenge has been readily accepted, and it will cause no surprise if the aim set is not greatly exceeded. To reach the objective it is recognised that personal witness must be the method adopted.

### Personalities

In every department of church activity workers come and go. For several years Mr. Frank Hunting has occupied with distinction the office of youth director. He came to that office in this State with exceptional qualifications, and with very high ideals. No sooner did he contact the groups

The following were elected to committees:—  
Sisters' Conference.—President, Mrs. Madel-Cole; vice-presidents, Mesdames Wilson and Hughes; secretary, Mrs. Watkins; minute secretary, Mrs. K. Woolley; treasurer, Mrs. N. J. Warmbrunn. Superintendents.—Dorcas, Mrs. J. P. Foot; Obiuary, Mrs. K. Plummer; Temperance, Mrs. E. Younger; Prayer, Mrs. Golley; Foreign Missions, Mrs. H. E. Sulzberger; Hospital, Mrs. Ashlin; Isolation, Mrs. Clifford; Mission Bands, Mrs. Boxhall; Home Missions, Mrs. Duncan.

General Conference—Executive and Home Missions: President, E. A. Stevens; vice-president, T. Orr; secretary, R. Edmunds; treasurer, H. Sulzberger; assistant secretary, H. Stevens; H. Clements, J. P. Foot, J. Harrison and S. H. Wilson. Youth Committee.—President, E. O. Stevens; secretary, Miss E. Greaves; treasurer, Miss G. Barton; Misses K. Skirving, M. Arnott, G. Foot, Messrs. H. Alderton, K. Plummer and S. H. Wilson. Southern Youth Committee.—Mrs. Moore, Misses G. Dixon and M. Ashlin, Messrs. C. Hughes and E. Bowes. Representatives on Council of Churches.—J. Park, C. Hughes, G. Foot and A. E. Heard. Foreign Mission Committee.—President, J. Park; vice-

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of young people than these qualities were recognised. The result was that there was a ready response to his leadership. Mr. Hunting goes on to Brisbane, having accepted an invitation to become preacher of the Ann-st. church.

So much for the man who goes; and now a word or two concerning the man who comes to that position. Mr. Roy Greenhalgh was trained in the College of the Bible at Glen Iris. His first church after leaving college was Grafton, where he did a fine work. He came to the church at Paddington eleven years ago, and has maintained a very successful ministry. Because of the qualities he has displayed as a youth leader, he has been invited to his present office. Possessing a pleasing and dynamic personality, he will bring to his work energy and experience which we are sure will bring success.

### C.W.A.

A par. in the local press tells us that the Country Women's Association annual conference reported that the State Handicrafts Committee of the association had, during the year, reconditioned 74,279 jungle trousers, 15,958 tunics and 7970 top coats. It is only when we read such figures that we get any idea of the amount of work done by such voluntary associations.

### Family Life

Archbishop Mowll at the opening session of the Provincial Synod of New South Wales, on April 19, said that emphasis needed to be placed on re-establishing and developing family life and extending religious instruction in secular schools. These should be the primary factors in post-war construction. "Family life," he said, "must be protected against disintegrating influence, such as the prevalence of divorce, the traffic in contraceptives, and all subversive teaching directed to any of these ends."

# N.S.W. Women's Conference

*Large gatherings enjoyed the 50th annual conference of the N.S.W. Women's Auxiliary.*

THE Golden Jubilee of the N.S.W. Women's Conference was held at Enmore Tabernacle on Tuesday, April 4, 1944. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions were held in the presence of large gatherings. Mrs. R. W. McCallum, president, presided over all meetings during the day and evening. The speakers were Miss Edna Vawser (home on furlough from India), Miss G. Roseby, B.A., and Miss Duesbury. Mr. P. E. Thomas brought a greeting from the general conference. An enjoyable musical programme was contributed by Mrs. D. Main, Mrs. Gordon Day, Misses D. Flood, Myra Lambert, Elizabeth Dickson and Mrs. Fraser. The women's choir, under direction of Miss Lambert, gave a very pleasing choral item.

Conference opened at 10.30 a.m. with a devotional led by Mrs. Paternoster who, after the opening exercises, gave an inspiring message on "The Incomparable Christ."

Opening the business session, the president welcomed delegates and visitors, including members of recently formed Newcastle District Sisters' Auxiliary Conference, also country and interstate visitors. A welcome was also extended to Mrs. Clouston, president of N.S.W. Inter-church Council. Fitting reference was made to the celebration and significance of our Golden Jubilee. The president remarked that it was good to observe these milestones along life's way. Greetings were received from the Women's Conferences in all the States, also from Mrs. Bates, secretary Women's Federal Conference, Mr. F. T. Saunders (College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic.), Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Inverarity and Mrs. E. Jeffery. Mrs. Graham (Newcastle) responded on behalf of the visiting delegates from Newcastle, Wollongong and country centres. Apologies were received from several sisters who were unable to be present through illness.

Reports of committees were presented. The obituary report was received, while the audience stood, and loving reference was made to the passing of our beloved sisters Mrs. B. G. Corlett and Mrs. A. R. Main.

The financial statement showed that £523 for all purposes was raised, including record offerings of £220/1/9 for home missions and £259/0/3 for overseas missions. Appreciation was expressed by acclamation for the splendid work accomplished by all superintendents and committees during the year. Expressing her personal thanks, the president referred to an ever increasing interest in home and overseas missions as a result of the missionary education scheme.

Miss Ashwood moved the adoption of the Ashwood House report. The resignation of Mrs. Rush from the committee of management, on account of serious illness, was deeply regretted, and tribute was paid by Miss Ashwood to the splendid work done by Mrs. Rush as president of the Ashwood House committee since its inception. Total income from all sources for the year was £1121/10/-. The committee of management was congratulated on another successful year.

At the conclusion of the reports, the president extended a warm welcome to Miss Vawser, expressing the pleasure all felt at her presence at our Jubilee Conference. Responding to the welcome, Miss Vawser spoke of the splendid work being done, and some of the problems encountered by Mrs. Coventry, our living link in India. Miss Vawser conveyed greetings

from the Women's Conference in India. At the close of the morning session, it was decided to send greetings by telegram to Sisters Rush, Whelan, Maclean, Perkins, Jeffery, Saunders, Davidson and Elliot.

A notice of motion was moved and carried, "That a committee of three, with the president and secretary, be formed to investigate the desirability of revising the constitution of the Women's Auxiliary Conference; and that this committee should also suggest additions, omissions, or other alterations to the constitution of the same if they consider revision advisable. Such alterations in the form of a revised constitution to be circulated amongst the women's societies six weeks before next conference, with a view to that conference taking action upon the work of this committee."

After the luncheon adjournment conference resumed at 2.15 p.m. Mrs. Stirling led in a prayer for the nation, after which the National Anthem was sung. The president welcomed all present, including the representatives of the women's organisations of sister churches, and Miss Rebecca Swann, secretary of Women's Inter-church Council of N.S.W. All responded with a greeting.

The executive report recorded gratitude to the president, Mrs. McCallum, for her untiring direction and leadership during her year of office. Sympathy was expressed to her and her family in their recent bereavement.

It was announced that the executive and superintendents were returned to office unopposed, no further nominations being received. The members of executive are: President, Mrs. McCallum; vice-presidents, Mrs. D. Wakeley and Mrs. Youens; secretary, Mrs. G. Knight; recording secretary, Mrs. Palmer; treasurer, Miss D. Verco. Superintendents: Home Missions, Mrs. Maxwell; Overseas Missions, Mrs. Day; Obituary, Mrs. Budgen; Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Schofield; Newington, Mrs. Torode; Temperance and Social Service, Mrs. Redman; Isolated Sisters, Miss Elliot; Catering, Miss Eileen Flood.

During the afternoon Miss T. Smith, who was the first secretary of the N.S.W. Women's Auxiliary Conference, and still an active member, gave a happy talk reviving memories of the past, and in more serious vein made a plea that women do something definite to provide social amenities in this city for the young men and women of our churches in the Services. Miss Smith, and all those present who were associated with conference over a long period of years, were presented with a floral posy. Two life members of the executive present were Mrs. Clydesdale and Mrs. Corbitt.

During the afternoon an excellent address on the subject of "Courage" was given by Miss Roseby, B.A., who offered congratulations on this auspicious occasion.

By special request Miss Vawser sang a hymn, first in Hindi and then in Marathi. She told of the magnificent work being done by Dr. Oldfield and Miss Foreman at Dhond Hospital, and of the special needs urgently required at the hospital. Mrs. McCallum thanked both speakers, and wished Miss Vawser a happy furlough and Godspeed on her way home.

During the tea adjournment, representative speakers of the General Conference conveyed greetings on behalf of committees. Special thanks and congratulations were expressed to Miss Flood, who with her helpers catered very capably for the Jubilee tea.

Conference resumed at 7.15 p.m. with the devotional message delivered by Mrs. Lewis, and prayer by Mrs. D. Wakeley. Mrs. Lewis spoke on "The Inheritance of the Children of

Israel." Congratulatory messages were received from Mrs. Whelan, Mrs. Roberts (Joan Saunders), and Mrs. Brough (Victoria). The president welcomed Miss Duesbury, our guest speaker, and Mr. P. E. Thomas, president of General Conference, also the members of the women's choir, who rendered two very enjoyable items. The soloists at the evening meeting were Miss Daphne Flood and Miss Myra Lambert. A very pleasing duet was rendered by Mrs. Fraser and Miss Elizabeth Dickson. Mr. P. E. Thomas brought a message, and conveyed a greeting from the General Conference.

In her presidential remarks Mrs. McCallum outlined the purpose and aims of the Women's Conference, and referred to its progress and help in the work of home and overseas missions. The aim of the Jubilee year was to raise funds for the erection of an outdoor sanctuary on the site of the proposed "youth camp," and during the evening the president announced that £250 had been received to date. Included in that amount was a gift of £50 from "Ashwood House." A most interesting and informative address was given by Miss Duesbury, in which she gave an account of the Poplar Mission in the east end of London.

At the conclusion the president thanked the speakers, soloists, pianists, and all who had helped in any way to make the day a success. Special thanks were given to the ladies of Chatswood church for their work in decorating the chapel so beautifully, and providing posies for the foundation members, etc., also to officers of City Temple and Enmore tabernacle for use of buildings during the year and on conference day. Conference concluded with the benediction.—J. N. Palmer, recording secretary.

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president, C. Hughes; secretary, G. Foot; treasurer, N. J. Warmbrunn; Mesdames Cole and Ashlin, Messrs. B. J. Golder, A. E. Heard and T. Lillye. Temperance and Social Service Committee.—President, A. E. Heard; vice-president, B. J. Golder; secretary, J. Park; treasurer, D. Pearsall; Mrs. Boxhall, Messrs. C. Hughes, J. C. Woolley and T. Lillye.

Conference passed the following resolutions:

That this conference of churches of Christ in Tasmania—

Re-affirms its loyalty to the throne and person of His Majesty the King, and prays that guidance and grace may be given to him and to his counsellors that the affairs of the nation, wisely ordered and controlled, may contribute to the peace of the world and the securing of goodwill among all nations.

Deplores the widespread use of gambling as a means to raise funds for charitable and other worthy objects, and it urges every member of the church to refrain from participation in such things as raffles, sweeps and consultations, as well as the more apparent methods of gambling.

Requests the co-operation of its assemblies in a pledge-signing campaign amongst its members, with a view to pledging all to total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages. It further urges upon the Commonwealth Government the great need there is for the Government to fulfil its pledge in respect to the thirty-three and a third per cent. cut in the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors. As an immediate objective in this State, we urge that every endeavor be made to secure the re-submission of the hours of trading of liquor bars, with a view to the reintroduction of six o'clock closing.

Considers that special attention of churches affiliated be directed to the needs of the aborigines of Australia. Conference promises to remember them and those who minister to them in prayer.

# Our Young People

W. R. Hibbert

## YOUTH OFFERING STATE AIMS

Victoria . . . . .	£1000
New South Wales . . . . .	600
South Australia . . . . .	350
Western Australia . . . . .	350
Tasmania . . . . .	"Best Yet."

MAKE MAY 7 ACHIEVEMENT DAY

## QUEENSLAND

GREAT interest is being manifested among the churches in the plan to commence Explorer Clubs for boys and Good Companion Clubs for girls. Three such clubs have been commenced in the last three months. Four young people decided for Christ during Youth Week. At conference youth rally shields were presented to Townsville and Albion schools for new scholars gained and percentages in scripture examination.

## VICTORIA

**Ballarat Youth Camp.**—A combined Easter youth training camp, under leadership of a united committee drawn from Dawson, Peel and York-st. churches, was carried through to a successful conclusion. The vacant Anglican vicarage, at Lake Learmonth, 14 miles distant from Ballarat, provided an ideal camp site. The camp personnel numbered 25. Mrs. B. Feary and Miss L. Franklin combined the duties of provedores and camp mothers. Study lea-

dership was shared by W. W. Saunders, B. and H. Feary, and N. Reed served as treasurer. Mornings were devoted to the studies used in recent Young People's Department camps. W. W. Saunders dealt with the studies to the Philipplians, and B. and H. Feary conducted group discussions on "Enjoying God." Services at the Anglican church were attended on Good Friday and Easter Sunday afternoon. Afternoons were spent in sporting activities, and evenings in social activities and educational features. Excellent meals, fine fellowship, profitable studies, good fun and helpful worship combined to make a worth-while camp. It was decided to repeat the venture. A practical outcome of the camp was the decision to provide £20 for the Young People's Department permanent camp site.

**East Kew Youth Camp.**—This was held at Upwey during Easter under leadership of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Elliott. The camp reached spiritual heights in "Spirit of Easter" service on Good Friday, and the communion service out-of-doors. Two young people decided for Christ, and at the camp fire session a number accepted the challenge for fuller service.

**Box Hill Youth Camp.**—Thirty young people under leadership of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Reed and John MacKenzie spent Easter at Mt. Evelyn. The studies were entitled "The Christian Walk." Camp proved a time of enriching fellowship, and all experienced the presence of God and were greatly helped by the discussions.

## Auburn Mission, N.S.W.

FOR long months the Hinrichsen-Morris mission was waited. It has now come and is being written down as history. It proved to be one of the greatest experiences ever enjoyed by the Auburn church. Already "Christian" readers have been informed of the number of decisions for Christ, of the disadvantage suffered by the damage to the tent by the wind storm at the beginning of the second week of the mission, and of the splendid thankoffering of about £430.

From the first night to the close of the mission the attendances were really great. The members of the church attended the meetings with remarkable regularity, many of them never missing a meeting in six weeks. The people of the district came to the meetings in gratifying numbers. During the mission 47,000 handbills were distributed.

The church has benefited by an increased number of members, and is rejoicing over the souls that have been won for Christ. For years the church has been working steadily on, but needed an enlarged vision. That vision came in the mission, and it demonstrated the power of the gospel, and it revived interest in aggressive evangelism. The revived interest and zeal generated in the hearts of the members is making the work of the church happy indeed. There is much rejoicing, too, over the restoration of many who have neglected the church for years.

The question is sometimes asked as to whether missions are worth while under wartime conditions, when so many men and women are away from their homes, and when people are so preoccupied with other things that they are giving little attention to spiritual things. Granted that in many instances there are not as many confessions for Christ as there were in other days. But the faith that ventures upon so great and so costly an enterprise arrests the attention of other churches, and of the non-church-goer. During this mission preachers of other churches said that their churches could not run such a mission. Even if the number brought into

the local church is not great, the value of such a witness can not be estimated. The crowds attending the mission meetings are a witness to the virility of the New Testament church, and the attractive power of the straight-out gospel.

Nowadays such missions are the only opportunities presented for the presentation of the plea for the unity of the church, to great numbers of people. In the Auburn mission more people were reached with the New Testament plea, and the plain gospel of Christ, than have been reached here in the last thirty years, and there can be no question that we shall go on reaping the harvest of the seed sown for many years to come.—Ethelbert Davis.

## Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

### CHRISTIANITY AND THE STATE

IN your comments in the April 26 "Christian," you raised the question of the relation of Christianity and the State. I agree with you that the State is ordained of God. Loyalty to righteous government and acceptance of the principle of government are demanded of Christians. Loyalty is a real and deep virtue. One may appear disloyal in the popular sense and yet be loyal in a deeper way.

The New Testament also asserts the sovereignty of God (Mark 12: 17; Acts 4: 19; 5: 29). Obedience to this principle may sometimes cause a clash with the State. You rightly cite the situation in Germany as a case in point. Doubtless the refusal admitted in this case would be interpreted as disloyal and yet you go on to say, "There was no suggestion that Christians ought to act in ways likely to be interpreted as disloyal then, so who has authority to suggest differently to-

day?" The apostles were definitely disloyal when they said, "We ought to obey God rather than men."

It is a principle of democracy that the minority should enjoy liberty of conscience. You allow liberty, but limit it to the right "to persuade our fellowmen to choose different rulers. Until that is done we must be loyal to the chosen leaders." Does that mean that one must co-operate and sin against conscience—reject the sovereignty of God—till governments are displaced? If the government decreed that all should brew beer, would we as Christians co-operate, merely exercising the liberty of persuading electors? The New Testament says "we ought to obey God rather than men." And there are those to whom there are more matters than the brewing of beer in which we ought to do this. Of course that would mean "non-co-operation" and would involve "disloyal demonstrations" which you seem unconditionally to condemn.

In the deepest sense the church will be the most loyal community in the State, but to bear its witness and serve the ultimate good of the whole, it may be necessary to refuse to co-operate in particular situations and un-Christian ways. This is not to overthrow the principle of government, but is an expression of deeper loyalty to the State and to a higher authority.—E. Lyall Williams.

[The question I raised was: Is there room in our Christian life for loyalty to the State? I said—Yes! I supported the claim by references to the words of Jesus, Paul and Peter. It was with regard to the emphatic teaching on the need of loyalty to the State that I said, "There was no suggestion (in those teachings of the apostles) that Christians ought to act in ways likely to be interpreted as disloyal." In the "things that are Caesar's" Christians are instructed to be loyal. So, in view of what Paul and Peter wrote, who has authority to suggest differently to-day?

I also acknowledged that there was a spiritual realm in which the State ought not to interfere—that is in "the things that are God's." The German State has interfered with the life of the church—in the things that are God's—therefore the rebellion of the German Christians was not over an affair that belonged to the State—their loyal associations with God were threatened. That was similar to the position in which the apostles found themselves. Officials commanded them not "to teach in the name of Jesus" (Acts 4: 18). Again it was not a question in which the State ought to have interfered. Like the German Christians the apostles rebelled, and said, "We ought to obey God rather than men." Note in verse 19 that it was Peter who made the statement, and yet he could also write, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake." . . . "Honor the king."

If the Government decreed that "all should brew beer," it would be acting contrary to the constitution of the Commonwealth. I mentioned this condition: "So long as their (our appointed rulers') actions are in harmony with the accepted constitution of the country then we ought to respect them." Because the Commonwealth Constitution recognises certain conscientious objections, we have another reason why we ought to be loyal to our democratic form of government.

The church struggled to get a democratic constitution in which the rights of minorities are respected and in which minorities agree to work with the majority. Only by wise leadership can this precious heritage be preserved; therefore I trust that Christians will not act beyond what is written, but hold to what is good while seeking to get something better.—Ed.]

# Here and There

S. L. Patching has commenced a full-time ministry with Hindmarsh (S.A.) Christian Church.

D. R. Hill, who has become State evangelist for Tasmania, has been laboring since conference with the church at Sandhill, Launceston.

We learn with pleasure that L. L. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Smith, of Swan Hill, was among the recent graduates of the Melbourne University. L. L. Smith, B.Sc., is on the staff of the Dandenong High School.

The following telegram reached us on May 1: "Burwood (N.S.W.) anniversary services were great success, large attendances, offerings more than three hundred pounds; church commences silver jubilee year free of debt.—Wakeley."

At Oakleigh, Vic., successful cottage prayer meetings are being held in preparation for evangelistic mission in May. Dr. John Dale gave a challenging address to Men's Fellowship on April 16. Several visitors were present at worship service on April 23, when A. Watson (Carnegie) gave the address.

The chapel at Ann-st., Brisbane, was packed morning and evening to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunting and family. At the tea there were about 100 members present. The after-service for Service people and friends was also well attended. It was a day of inspiration and blessing. In evening about 30 members of C.E. occupied choir seats and sang. Mr. Hunting thanked all for the fine manner in which he and his wife and family had been received.

Owing to holiday on Anzac Day we went to press last week earlier than usual, and the following telegram, reaching us on April 24, had to be held over:—"Hinrichsen-Morris had amazingly good meeting last night; marquee crowded; four adult decisions; 26 to date. A further message reached us on May 1: "Hinrichsen-Morris mission, Inverell, N.S.W., had most enthusiastic meeting last night; marquee crowded; nine decided, eight adults; forty-three to date.—Burgin."

Attendances at Echuca, Vic., have been excellent lately. Several visitors have helped with services. A young couple from Bentleigh, who recently came to Echuca to live, were welcomed in. Delegates to conference returned with glowing accounts of the meetings. An evening was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Hartvigsen and £5/15/- raised for church funds. The work is progressing well in all departments and Mr. Thurrowgood continues to give interesting addresses.

At Brighton, Vic., there were two confessions on Apr. 23, C. B. Nance-Kivell preaching. Members have enjoyed fellowship and messages of H. H. Strutton, of India. On April 29 a fellowship social among members of circuit was held. This was tendered to the ladies in appreciation of their services by the men of Bentleigh, Gardenvale and Brighton. A good attendance enjoyed the excellent programme and supper. Two were baptised following a well-attended service on April 30.

The church at Grote-st., Adelaide, at a business meeting on April 12 extended an invitation to W. Beiler to take up full-time work as preacher for three years. He has accepted, and hopes to commence in about three months' time (when he can be released as organiser of Y.P. Department). In the meantime he will continue in part-time work. A number of members were away on April 23—some on holiday, some through sickness—but meetings were very helpful. A special series of subjects will be dealt with during month of May. All reports at business meeting were encouraging.

At Northcote, Vic., on Apr. 30, 182 broke bread, 121 were at gospel service. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, from Ballarat, and Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, from Baptists, were received into fellowship by letter. The final united church services held at Northcote Hall on Sunday, April 23, were a wonderful success. Both large and small town halls were crowded out. The service was relayed to Methodist church, which took the overflow meeting. 1200 people were present. Commissioner Henry and Dean Langley gave the addresses. Y.P.S.C.E. has raised £5 in support of Dhond Hospital and 10/- for living link.

On Apr. 18, at Rockdale, N.S.W., an induction service and welcome was held for Mr. and Mrs. Burns. D. Wakeley gave the charge to preacher and A. W. Ladbroke that to the church. A welcome was extended by Mr. Carter on behalf of the church and by Mrs. Redman on behalf of the Fellowship. Greetings were also brought by various churches. Mr. and Mrs. Burns responded, and supper was served. On April 19 the Women's Fellowship held a successful anniversary. Mrs. Ladbroke brought a helpful message. Bro. Burns commenced his ministry on April 23, and exhorted the church. Good congregations assembled.

On Apr. 16 C. W. Jackel, of Horsham, Vic., conducted harvest festival service at Dimboola in afternoon and preached at night. On April 20 Mr. Twyman gave a lantern lecture at Horsham on mission work in New Guinea. There was a large gathering. On April 23 C. W. Jackel addressed the church in morning. A sister, recently baptised, was welcomed into fellowship. In afternoon A. A. Hughes, M.L.A., addressed a large gathering of local church congregations in town hall, and preached at night. Mayor and councillors were present. The church extends congratulations to Sister Simcock on attaining 91 years on April 24.

After many years of useful and faithful service, G. Aird resigned as deacon, minute secretary and S.S. superintendent at York, S.A. His services have been appreciated. R. E. Mossop has been elected S.S. superintendent and D. Bennett minute secretary. Attendance of Bible school scholars on April 16 numbered 139. Attendances Sunday mornings average about 70, and gospel services about 42. Mr. Rootes addressed both meetings on April 16. The church during this jubilee year is attempting to raise £200 for painting and renovations to chapel. Upwards of £30 has been raised by copper and special offerings in past few weeks. Finances are in a good condition. J. E. Webb commenced a brief mission on April 30. A young woman of Flinders Park has been immersed.

F. Morgan commenced his ministry at Box Hill, Vic., on morning of April 23, Dr. Kemp introducing him. A girl from Bible school took her stand for Christ at gospel service. Sisters welcomed Mrs. Morgan on Tuesday, and at public welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan representatives of civic and church life assisted. A large and appreciative congregation heard an inspiring message by Mr. Morgan at worship service on April 30, when words of appreciation were spoken and a small gift from the church made to J. McKenzie, who concluded his short ministry. At Children's Day in Bible school, Mrs. G. Waterman was speaker. A fellowship tea of Bible school teachers and young people was attended by over 60. Children's Day offering to date, £9/2/-. Three baptisms were conducted during gospel service, and Peter Emmerson took his stand for Christ. The campers at conclusion of service presented Mr. McKenzie with a Jamieson's Commentary.

At Subiaco, W.A., there has been one addition by faith and baptism. A sister has reconsecrated her life. All attendances have been good. Gatherings of well over 100 were blessed with messages from Chaplain-General Brooke and Chaplain Frazee, of U.S.N. A sailor of Ameri-

can Navy was baptised on April 23. A. Anderson spoke to an interested gathering on 20th. Other visiting speakers have been R. J. Duckett and J. K. Robinson. F/O Searle, returned from Eastern States, is rendering valuable help among the boys. Church elders for year are Messrs. Olds, Black and R. Raymond. Mrs. Lake is now president of Ladies' Aid. Many social activities have been held. Newly received members were welcomed at a special Thursday night meeting. Endeavorers had an April party with over 60 visitors present. Talks by visiting speakers on club nights, and an entertaining evening for everyone on Apr. 22 have been held by Girls' Club. Subiaco young people were well represented at Maylands Easter youth camp.

At St. Kilda, Vic., 67th anniversary services on April 23 provided happy fellowship. Many former members were present. L. Lowry, F. V. Brown and W. Andrew, former officers, assisted in morning. S. Neighbour gave a helpful message. Greetings were read from five former preachers. A "Back to Sunday School" in afternoon, led by former superintendent F. V. Brown, was well attended. A flannel board lesson held interest of young and old. H. A. Hunt preached at night. Miss Taggart, of Malvern, helped in song. Nellie Casley, a senior Bible school scholar, made the good confession. Miss Lamprell, of Maryborough, and R. Fox (R.A.A.F.), of Burwood, N.S.W., are meeting with church while in Melbourne. Gladys Casley and Crpl. G. Perry were married at the chapel on April 8, Women's Mission Band held a successful anniversary on April 19, when Prayer Meeting Committee led meeting, many visitors being present. Men's Fellowship and Young People's Club are promoting interest and making contacts. Sympathy of church is with Mrs. Horsfield, whose husband has been reported "died at sea."

## The Family Altar

J.C.F.P.

### TOPIC.—"I LAY DOWN MY LIFE"

- May 8—Luke 9: 28-36.
- " 9—John 15: 8-27.
- " 10—Phil. 2: 1-11.
- " 11—Heb. 8: 1-6.
- " 12—Rev. 5: 6-14.
- " 13—John 10: 1-10.
- " 14—Ezekiel 43: 1-12; John 10: 12-21.

FOUR verses record four utterances of our Lord which prove that his all-atoning sacrifice was voluntary. "I have power to lay down my life; I lay down my life; I lay it down of myself; I lay down my life for my sheep," said Jesus. Why this reiteration? No doubt to impress upon the minds of his hearers and countless multitudes who should read the record that he surrendered himself, a willing sacrifice, for the sins of the world. In one sense, he was constantly laying down his life, yet the primary reference is to the supreme sacrifice of Calvary. But Jesus adds "that I may take it again." So that, fully conscious of his power to get back that which he gave, our Saviour permitted the enemy to take his life. Having, upon the cross, surrendered his life for his sheep, he took it back when he rose from the tomb, that in him his followers might have life, and "have it abundantly."

### ADDRESSES

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### BROADCASTING

Sunday, May 7, 11 a.m., Swan Hill church broadcast 3SH. Also every Tuesday at 10 a.m.

# News of the Churches

## Queensland

**Roma.**—During absence of Mr. Wylie at conference and on holidays, services were conducted by A. S. Cooke and L. R. Pitman, also Major Patterson and Lieut. McLachlan (Salvation Army). Visitors have been welcomed. Mr. Schrader is ill in local hospital.

## Tasmania

**Devonport.**—On March 19 Mr. and Mrs. Morgan paid a farewell visit to the church. Mr. Morgan gave the morning address. In afternoon Mr. Kenzie took them to Ulverstone, where Mr. Morgan gave a message. At night Mr. Morgan preached. On March 26 Messrs. Byard and Pitt were speakers. On April 1 F. T. Saunders gave a talk in interests of college. Ladies of church provided supper. On April 2 Mr. Saunders gave appreciated messages. On April 4 Mr. and Mrs. Hagger met with church at prayer meeting, when Mr. Hagger gave a message. Supper was served to give opportunity of a social chat. On April 9 F. T. Burt spoke in morning and R. Pitt at night. On April 16 H. Byard gave morning message and F. T. Burt at night. On April 23 Sister Wescombe at morning meeting gave a report on conference. At night R. Pitt preached.

## Western Australia

**Palmyra.**—A. E. Rowe, R. Read and W. Meyer were re-elected as officers at church business meeting. Finances are sound. A good spirit prevails in church. Bible school is encouraging. Mission Band has re-organised and is planning well for year of service. Offerings for aborigine mission work were a record and quota for brotherhood centre was attained. Mrs. Nightingale commenced a Band of Hope which meets fortnightly.

**Perth.**—Sympathy has been extended to Lieut. Reg. Prince, whose mother has been called to higher service. On April 15, children of kindergarten held an enjoyable picnic at South Perth. On morning of April 16, visitors included Miss Nancy Frieze (Surrey Hills, Vic.), J. F. Jirkin (U.S.A.), Mrs. D. Ewers (Wiluna). A talk by R. Raymond was instructive. At 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Harris rendered a solo and Mr. Robinson preached.

**Kalgoorlie.**—Meetings over past month were well attended, and all enjoyed the messages of Mr. Fitch. Of particular interest were the Easter messages. On Easter Sunday the children's broadcast choir presented message of the cross over 6KG in song and story. At gospel service the broadcast choir was on platform and rendered special items. Two young ladies from Bible school have been baptised, and another young lady has confessed Christ. Mr. Fitch is in hospital; he is doing well.

**Fremantle.**—On Easter Sunday the congregation enjoyed addresses by A. Anderson (F.M. secretary) and Chaplain R. Hilford. At the close of Mr. Hilford's address Christine Weller, of Jandakot, made the good confession. Ladies' Aid has given £5 to platform renovation fund. Miss Jean Saunders was married, by C. H. Hunt, to F. W. Wilson on April 8. Local branch of C.F.A. (commenced May last) now has 50 members. Len Taylor, who has been seriously ill, is convalescent. S. Thomson (former secretary and foundation member) is very ill at his home in East Fremantle. Mr. Lindsay has passed away in Repatriation Hospital, Perth. Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. Lindsay and Frank Lindsay.

**Harvey.**—On April 4 annual church meeting was presided over by Mr. Bamford. Reports were of high order. Church decided to become self-supporting. Building fund is to receive special attention in forthcoming year. Officers returned: L. Roesner, M. Livingstone, R. Stanford, P. Marlow, K. Stanford, A. Ottery,

A. Johnston, A. Stanford. Thanks were expressed to returning secretary, L. Roesner, treasurer, Alf. Stanford, and Sister Marlow (organist) for long service. Meeting concluded with supper. During Mr. Bamford's absence at conference Len Roesner read a paper prepared by M. Livingstone at morning service, and A. Johnston preached at night, when Jean Stanford rendered a solo. A. Anderson met with the brethren on April 13, and gave an interesting talk on overseas missions. On April 16 Mr. Bamford passed on to the church happenings at conference. A. Johnston sang a solo.

## South Australia

**Norwood.**—On April 22 Clarrie Johnson and Horrie Weepers gave appreciated talks on their experiences in north of Australia. On Apr. 23 Miss Blenkiron, from Murray Bridge, confessed Christ at evening service and was baptised same evening and received into the fellowship. A. J. Ingham was speaker at all services.

**Prospect.**—On April 23 A. E. Brown gave inspiring addresses. Fellowship was enjoyed with visitors and Cliff Sander (on leave). The church is sorry to lose the services of Mrs. Robbins, who has assisted in choir and at organ; she is going to Gladstone. Anzac service was held in evening. Mrs. Robbins rendered a solo.

**Dulwich.**—Recently S. E. Riches gave a lantern lecture in aid of Leper Mission. An offering of over £5 was made to mission funds. A father and son social in connection with P.S.P. was enjoyable. The boys were eager to take their parts, and did well. K. A. Jones, of Maylands, exchanged with F. Collins, and his address was appreciated.

**Fullarton.**—The church has secured the services of Mr. Dunkerton, of Unley, to help with services till a full-time preacher is secured. Members are grateful to all who have assisted in past weeks. The church regrets having to accept the resignation of Mr. Long, who is leaving the city to take up rural work in the Balaklava district. Miss W. Young has accepted responsibility as agent for the "Christian."

**Adelaide (Grote-st.).**—On April 2 W. Beiler spoke at both services. At evening service, under baton of W. Watson, the choir rendered "Olivet to Calvary." On April 9 J. T. Train was speaker for day in absence of W. Beiler at youth camp. Morning service on April 16 was broadcast over 5KA. Addresses of W. Beiler for the day were much appreciated. Fellowship with Peter Parsons, on leave, was enjoyed.

**Wampony.**—Sunday school anniversary services were held during Easter, the building being crowded for all meetings. S. E. Riches, of Adelaide, gave impressive addresses. The school contributed a number of items, and help was also received from churches at Mundalla and Bordertown, also from C. Rodgers, R.A.A.F. Bible school picnic was held on Good Friday. Mr. Riches as deputation secretary of Mission to Lepers presented a lantern lecture on the work of the mission while in the district.

**Edwardstown West.**—Bible school anniversary was celebrated on April 16 and 18. Mr. Cornelius spoke at teachers' recognition service on morning of 16th, and at afternoon meeting. Dr. T. Turner was speaker at gospel service, when about 130 were present. Attendances were over 200 at afternoon and Tuesday evening concert, when offering of £3/12/6 was received for Children's Hospital. Scholars rendered scriptural items and sang choruses splendidly, which showed great credit to training of Mr. Williams.

**Moonta.**—Eight members have recently been received by letter from Norwood, Forestville, Henley Beach and Mile End churches. The

efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards for building up of the church are appreciated. Ladies' Guild under leadership of Mrs. Edwards is working well. Evening service on Anzac Sunday, April 23, was an inspiration, about 200 being present, including members of Moonta R.S.S.L., V.D.C., V.A.D., Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and Town Council. Two items were given by male quartette. Mr. Edwards delivered an address in keeping with the occasion.

**Murray Bridge.**—Fine united Easter services were conducted by ministers' fraternal, of which N. G. Noble is president. Over sixty attended Bible school scholars' and parents' social, led by L. C. Fitzgerald. Another member has been added to Y.P.S.C.E. School secretaryship lately attended to by Mrs. Ray Watts (nee Brenda Orchard) has been accepted by Miss Joan Hall. As chaplain N. G. Noble had special part in Anzac service in Town Hall, April 23. Among visitors is Elliott Brake, on leave from afar. Mrs. Clem Gruhl and Miss Gertie Bobrd are recovering in hospitals from dangerous illness.

**Owen-Long Plains-Avon.**—The circuit has decided to contribute to Preachers' Provident Fund. A little over £104 has been raised by churches of circuit for H.M. work in S.A. The preacher, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Hutson, of Balaklava, visited brethren in Lochiel district in an endeavor to revive the cause in that locality. They were well received, and it is hoped that meetings will again be held at Lochiel, where for two years there have been no services. Mr. Thomson has commenced a club for young people at Avon. It meets weekly and is known as the Christian Community Club. Howard and Avis Parker, young workers of the Long Plains church, have left the district to reside at Alma, and are meeting with Owen church.

**Bordertown.**—S. E. Riches (secretary Mission to Lepers) was speaker at all S.S. anniversary services on Easter Sunday. Meetings were well attended, afternoon and evening services being held in town hall; W. Russell was president. Children provided bright items. Annual Bordertown-Mundalla picnic was held on Easter Monday. Combined church meeting was held on Good Friday, when all ministers of fraternal took part and Mr. Riches addressed the gathering. He also gave an interesting lantern lecture on April 11 on work in Leper Mission fields. An afternoon was tendered Joyce Dodd at home of Mrs. Tilley, sen., prior to her marriage on Easter Saturday to Lloyd Densley, of Keith. Mr. Russell made a presentation on behalf of church.

**Unley.**—On April 16 H. W. Swanton, of Sydney, spoke at evening service on New Guinea incidents. Over 220 were present. Clifford Lathlean sang and Mrs. Newton Tiver gave a violin solo. Church business meeting on April 19 was well attended, and helpful discussions took place concerning forthcoming Temple Day. Junior Endeavorers secured second place in banner competition for Southern District during past year; previous year they gained third place. Jack Richards, one of the church Service men, was married at Park-st. on April 15. Service men in meetings lately have been Kevin Lambert, Reg. MacDonald, Allan Jessup. On Anzac Day Sunday, O. R. Redman, representing this church, placed a wreath on the temporary honor roll in front of Unley Council Chambers. Special services of remembrance were held. The young people reported profitable experiences in Easter week-end camps.

## Victoria

**Emerald.**—Services on April 16 were taken by F. B. Alcorn. Interest was well maintained. It has been decided to celebrate 29th anniversary of erection of chapel by painting interior.

**Dandenong.**—W. Marshall continues to address the church in an inspiring way. On April 22 the choir gave an enjoyable concert to augment their contribution to Temple Day offering.

**Brunswick.**—Meetings are fairly well attended. Under preaching of S. Prentice a senior scholar made the confession. Visiting preachers have been Mr. Wakefield and Mr. Warne. Sister Smith is still very low.

**Ormond.**—On morning of April 23, C. L. Lang gave a helpful message and two young people were received by faith and baptism. At gospel service Mr. Lang preached, and two young people from Bible school were baptised.

**Harcourt.**—G. M. Mathieson, Bendigo, was speaker at well-attended services both morning and afternoon on April 23, when anniversary celebrations were held. Items in song were rendered by present and past scholars, and prizes were distributed.

**Newmarket.**—On April 9 Mr. Long, from Ivanhoe, addressed both services. A young people's camp was held at Belgrave during Easter holidays. On April 16 Mr. Graham addressed both services; Len Croft was received into fellowship. On April 23 Mr. Graham addressed both services; Mrs. Bruce was soloist.

**Coburg.**—On Good Friday morning Endeavorers visited girls' home at Jessie-st., and distributed gifts. S. Prentice, of Brunswick, gave a helpful message on morning of Apr. 9. Officers of church on Apr. 19 conducted mid-week service; W. Gray gave the address. At gospel meeting on April 23, two lads from Bible school were immersed.

**North Essendon.**—On April 16 attendances were best for some time, and collections a record since 1937. Mr. Thompson addressed the church in morning. Senior Endeavor commenced on April 20. A successful afternoon was conducted by Ladies' Guild in aid of soldiers' parcels. Meetings on April 23 were addressed by Mr. Bond.

**South Melbourne.**—Continued interest and blessing attend the ministry of D. D. Stewart and G. Whiting. On April 30 D. D. Stewart spoke in morning. Visitors included Royden Stewart, R.A.A.F., and H. Robby, Whitby, England, R.A.F. After G. Whiting's gospel address two senior Bible school girls made the good confession. Misses I. Trompf and P. Cornish sang a duet.

**St. Arnaud.**—R. Hall, and C. Fletcher, of the college, addressed services on Easter Sunday. At recent Sunday school teachers' meeting Miss R. Benson was elected secretary and Miss B. Edelston treasurer. A. Chiswell was welcomed as junior boys' teacher. Sunday school held a social evening on April 12. J. Sandcock, Methodist local preacher, spoke at evening service on April 23.

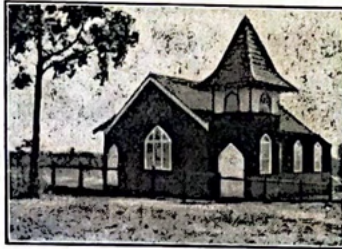
**Reservoir.**—On morning of April 23 J. Plummer gave a report on conference meetings. Mr. Grainger is conducting a series of gospel meetings with good attendances. Interest is maintained in Bible school and other auxiliaries. Greetings have been received from A. Thodey, J. Shaw and V. L. Russell, who are with the Forces. A song service was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Trathen at close of evening service on April 30.

**Carlton (Lygon-st.).**—Ken Barton gave an appreciated address on morning of April 30. Ladies' B team won Bible class quiz session. C. G. Taylor preached at night to a large congregation. R.A.A.F. male choir of Point Cook rendered musical items. These men were entertained at tea. After service, community singing session was held, and supper was handed round. A number of visitors were present throughout the day.

**Geelong.**—Bible school scholars and teachers attended an enjoyable sports gathering in Queen's Park on afternoon of April 22, and

later journeyed to chapel, where tea was partaken of, and held social evening after. Ladies' Aid held a social afternoon on April 19, a delightful musical and elocutionary programme being arranged. K. Macnaughtan occupied the pulpit at both services. Mrs. E. Spencer was soloist at night, and there was a baptismal service.

**Boronia.**—The church suffered a great loss in the sudden home-call of J. S. Greigg. He was a member of the Baptist churches, but served actively in Boronia church of Christ. He was also active in combined work of churches of



The Boronia Chapel.

district. The church extends sympathy to Mrs. Greigg. Two Bible school scholars made the good confession on evening of April 16.

**Bet Bet.**—J. Hindeman is serving both Dunolly and Bet Bet churches by speaking at Bet Bet in the morning and Dunolly in the evening of each Lord's day. At annual business meeting on March 27 all officers were re-elected. Harvest thanksgiving service held on April 16 had good attendance; the goods displayed were given to Dunolly District Hospital. Sunday school picnic was held on Easter Monday; the schools of Bet Bet and Dunolly combined for this fixture.

**Surrey Hills.**—The church supplied speakers for services at Oakleigh Guest Home during April. Friends of Youth first birthday was celebrated socially and successfully on April 22, over 70 being present. Saturday working bees are popular lately with members of growing youth auxiliaries. Girls' basket ball team is forming. G. J. Andrews continues to provide helpful messages. Mrs. Lynch, a foundation member of the church, passed away on morning of April 23.

**North Richmond.**—On April 2, Easter messages were given and music rendered. On April 18 a combined prayer meeting was held by Richmond-Collingwood conference with good attendance. Mr. Wright, of Blackburn, delivered the address; Miss M. Chipperfield rendered a solo. Youth centre is preparing for anniversary, and has secured suitable sound equipment. Church extends sympathy to relatives of Mrs. J. Cook, who passed away suddenly on April 14.

**Camberwell.**—Speakers on mornings of April 23 and 30, on behalf of Youth Department, were B. F. Huntsman and R. P. Morris. T. Westwood at evening meetings gave helpful addresses. The church mourns the passing of Mrs. Candy, sen., a loyal and faithful member for some years. Communion services have been well attended. Over 100 broke bread on both Sundays. "Australian Christians," "Readers' Digests," etc., were sent to 35 Service men during April.

**Gardenvale.**—Mr. Anderson's messages are appreciated, and attendances are maintained. The church is pleased to renew fellowship with Mr. Tippet, on leave from North Australia. A. Errington, R.A.N., has been a frequent and welcome visitor. On March 2, 13 representatives of young people's departments attended a youth fellowship tea at Brighton, where Mr. Hibbert gave a helpful address. Recently elected office-bearers were inducted at morning meeting on March 23, when Mr. Anderson presided. As a further aid to beautification of interior of building, several members have donated matting and decorative light shades.

**Ascot Vale.**—A Bible study group has been formed, with S.S. teachers in charge. Mr. Walnizer has undertaken to arrange subjects. A communion service was held on Good Friday morning, Mr. Bensley giving an inspiring address. At Women's Mission Band Mrs. Stirling, president, conducted for first time since her accident. J.C.E. was successful in gaining the award again this year with 98 marks. The choir (all young people) is commended for its work. Bruce Thomsen is leader.

**Maryborough.**—On Easter Sunday delightful addresses were given by Mr. Chivell. In evening "Church of the Air" was conducted by Mr. Chivell and girls' choir. Many past members had fellowship during day. At mid-week prayer meetings Mr. Chivell is discussing big words of New Testament. Meetings are well attended, though there is much sickness amongst members. During last month newly-formed boys' choir helped at two evening services. On April 14 a social was enjoyed by Sunday school scholars.

**Warracknabeal.**—At annual meeting of church, held recently, reports from auxiliaries showed interest and progress in all departments. All officers were re-elected. A senior, Christian Endeavor Society has been formed, much enthusiasm being shown. Bible school is practising for anniversary under leadership of J. Earl. On April 23 Mr. Black addressed both services, in morning giving echoes of conference. Whilst Mr. Black was at conference and on annual holidays, services were taken by J. Earl and C. Rogers.

**South Yarra.**—There were improved meetings on April 23. Splendid interest is shown in all auxiliaries. Women's Guild is reaching record attendances. At gospel meeting three scholars from Sunday school made the good confession, also a married man, husband of one of the members. Mrs. Cole sang a solo. On April 30 E. Roffey exchanged with J. Bond, from North Essendon. In afternoon the Sunday school attendance reached 104. At night Mr. Grenfel was baptised and two S.S. scholars confessed Christ.

**Middle Park.**—D. Stewart was morning speaker on April 23. Gospel message was given by G. Whiting. Mrs. Houghton was welcomed back after illness. On April 30 Mr. Whiting gave a helpful message. At night the church combined with local Baptist church in quarterly united meeting, when a good gospel message was delivered by Mr. Stewart. Bible school reports are encouraging, with increased attendances. Sympathy of church was extended to Mrs. Chapple and Mrs. Hobbs in the loss of their brother.

**Hartwell.**—The chapel was packed on morning of April 30, when an excellent address was given by C. G. Taylor. It was the 23rd anniversary of church. A special Bible school session was held in afternoon. C. J. Robinson spoke to a good evening meeting. Miss F. Cowper sang a solo in choir item, A New Testament was given to Lieut. L. Butler, who leaves for a battle station. His services will be missed by church and school. At a church social a presentation was made to Sister Farrol, who has retired after serving as organist at Hartwell for 23 years.

**Kaniva.**—A good delegation visited Victorian conference. Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. F. Kennett and family at South Lillimur and Kaniva. A large gathering at Kaniva on April 12 testified to the high regard for these workers. Yearling school anniversary services on April 16 and social evening on 19th were successful. H. Earle and R. Goldsworthy were speakers. Mr. Gibson, of B. & F. B.S., and R. L. Williams addressed meetings on April 23. Visitors recently have included Miss M. Clipstone, Mrs. B. Manning and daughters, R. Webb, W. Oram, J. Williams.

**Caulfield (Bambra-rd.).**—G. Black, of Warracknabeal, addressed church on Apr. 9. Miss Eleanor Rutherford was received by faith and obedience. A choral service was conducted at night when choir rendered suitable anthems. Mr. Heath, of L.O.A., was speaker on morning of April 16; H. M. Clipstone spoke at night. I.C.E. was awarded conference efficiency diploma



for third successive year, and cricket club has again won shield. Endeavorers and friends presented a memorial chair to Guest Home at a special service on April 13 in memory of late Mrs. Clancy. F. Dowsey is restored after illness, but Joan Fryer and June Verity are still laid aside.

**Montrose.**—On Easter Sunday excellent meetings were held. Many visitors were welcomed. About 60 attended morning service, which was helped by young people from Box Hill church, John McKenzie presiding. In evening Geoff. Whiting, of college, conducted, and Miss W. Clark rendered a solo. On April 16 anniversary services of Sunday school were held with good meetings. T. R. Morris, of Brighton, was speaker for morning, and for children's service at 3 p.m. Singing by children and distribution of prizes were special features. There has been a slight increase in Sunday school attendances. The preacher, E. Fisher, of the college, is winning his way amongst members and people of district.

**East Kew.**—Services of recent weeks have been of high standard. Auxiliary work is progressing well. On April 18 P.B.P. Club held a social, proceeds for Women's Services Hostel. April 27 was a night of reunion for youth campers who recently went to Upwey. At this camp two made their decisions and others consecrated their lives to Christ. Youth service on April 30 was of great value. Ian Turriff and John York were baptised. Laurie Kenny and Doug Watkins made the good confession. Ruth Sheppard and Edwin Chilvers gave testimonies. An augmented youth choir rendered items. S. Woodbridge and E. Dingey are home on leave. The church expresses sympathy to Mr. Candy and family in the sudden passing of his mother.

## New South Wales

**Taree.**—On April 2 Miss Shirley Macindoe was baptised. Baptist members and minister united with the church in a helpful meeting on April 16. Speaker was Miss Monica Farrell, who was visiting district conducting meetings for Protestant organisations. R. McIntyre was speaker on morning of April 23. A. G. Saunders visited Wingham in morning and spoke at Taree in evening.

**Bankstown.**—Work in all departments is in good heart. Mr. Thomson's ministry terminated at end of March. He was farewelled and presented with a Bible. Since his departure gospel services have been conducted by visiting brethren. D. Wakeley, of Burwood, spoke on morning of April 16. 62 broke bread for day. Mr. Schofield spoke to a good congregation at night. Alf. Madgwick was welcomed on leave from New Guinea.

**Lidcombe-Carramar.**—In recent weeks there has been an increase in attendance at all services. At both centres a Ladies' Auxiliary has been commenced with encouraging results. Through the faithful ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson five persons have been immersed at Carramar, and one baptised believer has been received into fellowship at Lidcombe. Practice for Bible school anniversary is in full swing. Mr. Little's messages have been greatly appreciated, as was a gospel service during month, conducted by J. C. Thomson, of Lane Cove.

**Paddington.**—On April 18 a large number of members and friends attended a farewell meeting to Mr. and Mrs. Greenhalgh. Messages of appreciation and goodwill were expressed by Messrs. Paternoster, Dale and Cunningham on behalf of the brotherhood, and a presentation was made on behalf of the church by J. Rodger. Flowers were presented to Mrs. Greenhalgh and to her mother, Mrs. Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Greenhalgh gave messages of thanks and farewell. Good wishes go with Mr. Greenhalgh in his new sphere of youth director. Good congregations welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Ron. Wilson to the work. They were received into fellowship by J. Rodger. Mr. Wilson's addresses were enjoyed, and prayers offered for his work in this new sphere.

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**NEWMAN.**—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband, George, who passed away on April 25, 1943.

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# The Messenger of Life

THE messenger of life is the community of Christ—the Christian church. To-day it is falling short in its specific task of winning men to make Christ the centre of their lives. Church membership is at a standstill or probably on the down grade. People do not attend church, they are not impressed; indeed they are hyper-critical. A general criticism is that the church preaches the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man and does not practise these teachings. An English bishop, meeting a member in the street one day said to him, "We have not seen you at church lately; how about coming along?" The prompt reply was, "I've been."

The church is largely ignored in the life and programmes of the nations. Nations outside the nominally Christian nations are critical. A Christian Indian was asked how the Christian church was regarded in his country. He answered this way: "Christ we revere increasingly. I think Jesus Christ has come to India to stay. But the church? We will never accept it. It has done only evil." That stings. The plain facts are deeply disquieting. Why is it that the church is not more successful in its mission? Part of the answer comes from the world's side; but from the church's side I would say it is because of lack of redemptive passion, conviction, distinctive life and unity. To be an adequate messenger of life, the church must be a community with redemptive passion, conviction, distinctive life and united in Christ.

1. *A community with redemptive passion.* No virtue is safe that is not enthusiastic, and no Christianity is safe that is not passionate and Christianising.

These are most challenging days. World armies are on the march, and the nations are turned into so many arsenals in a struggle for what is believed to be right, and for what are considered to be the rights of conflicting countries. On every hand men are ready to make the greatest sacrifices and to count their lives as nothing. Outside of the war situation, there are enthusiasts who are ready to make the supreme sacrifice unhesitatingly for their cause. The story is told of a young communist in China who was sentenced to death for her convictions. "I am not afraid to die," she said, "so long as the cause is advanced."

This passion and spirit and these sacrifices challenge every thoughtful Christian. Can we fall behind in our passion and sacrifice for the cause of Christ?

This redemptive passion is something that must possess every Christian. We have been shy of priests and priesthood; but we should remember that the New Testament does not deny the priesthood, it extends it. Every Christian must be a messenger and a mediator of God to man. This extension is the hope of religious renewal.

2. *A community with conviction.* We shall never convince others with what we don't believe ourselves. If we are to be adequate messengers of life, out of our experience we must declare with certainty the realities of God, sin and Christ. Christianity is caught rather than taught. Conviction is contagious.

3. *A community with distinctive life.* The effective messenger is a community in whose life there is no compromise with the world standards which emerge under the pressure of the struggle for popularity, existence, pleasure, comfort and ease, and for military victory. It is the community with courage, action and purpose, which is alive, alert and informed—not a community that leaves outside organisa-

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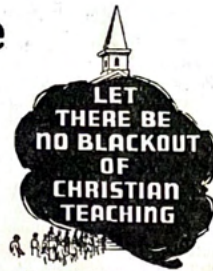
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tions to manifest these characteristics while it sings hymns; it is a community with vision beyond its own garden plot; ready to attack; not satisfied with merely securing a number to make a confession and be baptised, and to add the habit of going to church to their other habits without vitally changing their lives. No! the evangelising community is one of radically, distinctive life.

4. *A community united in Christ.* Christian unity is vital to evangelism. Our Lord prayed that they all may be one that the world may believe that God had sent him. We, as a people who were called into being to promote Christian union, need to restore this passion in our midst.

Unity requires vision and bigness. Lack of vision, smallness and division have proved costly to the church and the world. A while ago the Moorhouse lecturer reminded us that Mohammedanism arose in part because of a divided church. The tragedy was made pathetic by the issues which rent the body of Christ. They quarrelled over whether the Easter festival should be held on a specific day of the month or of the week, whether leavened or unleavened bread should be used in the supper, whether the Spirit proceeded from the Father or the Father and the Son, whether ikons or images should be worshipped.

And to-day we divide over so many traditions, practices and theories which belong to the circumference rather than the centre. We haggle over cherry stones when we ought to be climbing mountains, and the result is that we are cracking cherry stones when we ought to be moving mountains. All the while the world rushes on like a sweeping torrent, and we are as so many twigs and so much driftwood in the eddies at the edge of the stream.

Unity demands a vision that will give perspective. "Where there is no vision the people perish." The world is steeped in sin, and is being baptised in blood and fire. It is necessary that we look at so many of the things that divide us in the light of the eternal and Christ on the cross, and over against a world at war. They will then surely sink into the discard of insignificant things. This is an imperative of the road to unity, and unity is an imperative to effective evangelism.

What a wonderful thing it would be, and how necessary for us to go to the outside community as the Church and not as churches. Combined witness is in evidence, but we need to go much further. A Christian broadcasting station, dignified, attractive and appealing evangelistic literature, community centres, regular public witness meetings in selected centres and special campaigns in which the Christian message is taken into business houses, factories and mills, are goals to be achieved in a united front.

It has been said that never in any human conflict have so many owed so much to so few. In another field of reference we can say that never did so many and so much depend upon so few. There is so much to do and so few to do it. Necessity is laid upon us to become lost in the magnificent obsession of the kingdom of God. To us it brings the comfort and the challenge of the ultimate victory of the creative minority and the minority kingdom.

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## Notes and Comments

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### Victorian Committee for 1944-45

THE following have been elected to serve on the Social Service Committee for this conference year:—W. T. Atkin, J. E. Austin, W. A. Brown, F. E. Buckingham, W. H. Clay, F. J. Funston, W. G. Graham, S. Neighbour, R. A. Strongman and R. L. Williams, E. J. Collings, J. Searle, W. R. L. Rodgers-Wilson and G. B. Woodbridge have been co-opted. At the first meeting of the committee the following were elected to office:—President, F. J. Funston; past president and chairman of Home board, W. G. Graham; vice-presidents, S. Neighbour, W. A. Brown and Mrs. C. Gill; secretary, W. H. Clay; treasurer, R. A. Strongman; assistant secretary, W. G. Graham; minute secretary, G. B. Woodbridge; chaplain to the Home, S. Neighbour; auditors, J. Charlesworth and L. Finger; leader of Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. C. Gill. The newly-elected president, F. J. Funston, takes pride in three generations of Funstons having been associated with the Berwick church for more than 70 years, is a teacher in the Essendon High School, an officer of the church at North Essendon, and has been a member of the committee for six years and a vice-president for the past two years. He is also a member of the Aborigines Board appointed by conference. He is a representative speaker for the Victorian Local Option Alliance and a recognised hymnologist. He brings a wealth of experience to his newly appointed office.

The committee has planned a year of intense activity. The Social Questions' Sub-committee proposes to reintroduce the men's quarterly discussions in various centres. The Home board will further the plans for the hospital and other extensions and the Development and Extension Sub-committee will consider proposals that will have a far-reaching effect on the brotherhood. The post-war period calls for much careful planning and forethought.

### Hospitals, Hostels and Homes

Social service committees of Victoria and Queensland and N.S.W. and also a small committee of Western Australia with a social service outlook, which is to be congratulated upon its faith, vision and enterprise, are all moving in the matter of providing institutions to meet the social needs of the church and the community. W.A. appears to have given the lead to the other States in providing a hospital. This marks a new era in the history of our movement in Australia, and may serve as an inspiration to other States. The history of this hospital will make interesting reading. A few members fired with a Christian zeal saw an opportunity and grasped it. God has honored their faith. W.A. churches have thus raised a monument to their virility and beliefs, than which they have no equal in the State. Bethesda will be known as a Christian hospital far and wide, and will be the birthplace of many precious souls as well as the place of healing for many hundreds of sick and wounded folk. It is a case of the demonstration of faith by works. The Victorian committee is planning the erection of a hospital on the grounds of the Christian Guest Home at a probable cost of £10,000. If 50 or 60 brethren in W.A., with the backing of a State who will say £10,000 is asking too much of Victoria? We are glad to note that the Queensland conference has endorsed the plans of its S.S. Committee for the renting of a property to accommodate children from the country attending city schools. The only better proposition might have been a secular school conducted by our brethren. This is needed in all the States and must come. Our N.S.W. committee is considering a holiday rest home, and has a substantial sum in hand

already. All these are healthy signs which indicate a growing acknowledgment of our recognition of the social obligation.

### "Sanity or Starvation"

The Victorian committee has published a booklet of this title written by E. Lyall Williams, M.A., a lecturer of Glen Iris, which is on sale through the churches at 6d. per copy, and may be obtained from bookrooms of our brotherhood in all States. This book has already produced favorable comment from leading authorities, and is commended to mutual improvement classes for study and discussion. While it is mainly an economic treatise, it is written by a Christian from a Christian viewpoint. Copies may be obtained through Social Service Departments in all States.

### Christian Guest Home

The staff shortage position has not been relieved except by casual labor. A cook is still urgently needed. Winter is upon us, and the need for extra care and nursing has increased considerably. Quite naturally the aged guests become more and more dependent upon others for personal attention and help. All this makes a heavy demand upon the depleted staff. Any sympathetic member who can help is earnestly invited to contact us. Many applicants are waiting, but for many of these there is little prospect of acceptance. It is impossible for us to accept cases needing nursing attention even though high fees are offered. All this goes to show that, to give the thorough care and attention many require, a hospital is needed. We are praying for the means to be provided to undertake the responsibility.

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