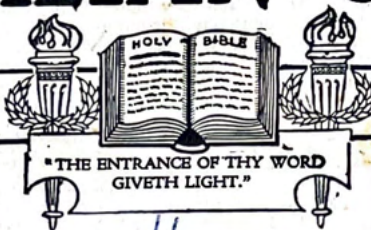


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Jews and Palestine

DURING World War 1, the British were cut off from supplies of acetone, an essential ingredient of trinitrotoluol—T.N.T. Dr. C. Weizmann, lecturer of chemistry at the University of Manchester, found that acetone could be secured from horse-chestnuts. Such a discovery won for Dr. Weizmann the friendship of the statesman representing his constituency—that was Arthur James Balfour.

As an expression of gratitude for the help given to the nation by this Jew, and against opposition from British Jewry (who wanted to remain Englishmen of "non-conformist" persuasion) and the India Office (then under Edwin Mantagu, a Jew) the fateful Balfour Declaration was made by the British Cabinet, with the approval of the chief Allies: that was on November 2, 1917, one week before the expected fall of Jerusalem. Thus Lord Rothschild was told that "His Majesty's Government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish people and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of that object, it being understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by the Jews in other countries." Now the Zionist Organisation, made up of zealous Jews anxious to found "a Hebrew nation, speaking Hebrew, upon the soil of the ancient Hebrews," gave strong support to the Declaration and acted upon it by establishing in Palestine, early in 1918, a Hebrew University. Efforts were made also to secure possession, from the Moslem community, of the famous Wailing Wall in Jerusalem; however, they did not succeed.

THE Peace Conference granted to Great Britain the Palestine Mandate in April, 1920; but owing to difficulties with France, Italy and the Vatican, it was not signed until July, 1922.

The Syrian Arabs had fought with the British to secure Palestine from the Turks. They knew that the treatment of the Egyptians by the British was fair and just compared with that endured by them in days of oppression under the Turk. They recognised that conquerors ruled a land they took, and they were ready to submit to Britain. It was, therefore, alarming for them to learn that their land was to be given over to a third party and, above all, to a people they detested. To be



Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee.

told that the Jews once occupied Palestine did not comfort them. Had not the Arabs been in Spain? Why not, according to that rule, give Spain to the Arabs? Thus the Arabs who had not been consulted about the Balfour Declaration found that their land had been promised to another.

THEREFORE it was possible for Sir Ronald Storrs, a former Governor of Jerusalem and Judea, to write, "The Declaration which, in addition to its main Jewish message, was at pains to reassure non-Palestinian Jews on the score of their national status, took no account whatever of the feelings or desires of the actual inhabitants of Palestine." Soon the Zionists who wanted the land of Palestine for the Jews found themselves up against the Arabs and Christian Jews who wanted the land for themselves. Naturally, there was much bitterness.

Sir Herbert Samuel, in 1921, seeking to reassure the Arabs and the world, said he defined the Declaration as meaning that "the Jews, a people who are scattered throughout the world, but whose hearts are always turned to Palestine, should be enabled to found here their home, and that some among them, within the limits that are fixed by the numbers and interests of the present population, should come to Palestine in order to help by their resources and efforts to develop the country, to the advantage of all its inhabitants." The effects of this statement upon the Arabs were destroyed a little later when, at the first Zionist Congress at The Hague, it was declared that "what the Jews really wanted was not a Jewish national home, but a

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Grip That Audience

A great listening public, made up of 92 per cent. of the community, must be evangelised. Follitt T. Morgan, of Box Hill, Vic., suggests plans to interest non-churchgoers.

THAT radio has come to stay as part of our normal life is too obvious to need saying, but the lack of imagination that has left the church almost out of the race for the ears of the great listening public justifies our saying it. This acceptance of radio as part of the daily round, coupled with the appalling fact that people have learned to hear without listening unless there is some extra bite in the thing they hear, makes a double demand on the Christian church. We must use this road to the minds of the 92 per cent. of the community who never go to church; and we must use it well. The general lament that the man who is not a church member does not bother about our gospel services, and the cry that we must find some more effective way to reach the people with the message of salvation, only leave us more worthy of blame that we have so largely neglected this way.

Aggressive Evangelism

Too much attention has been focussed in the past on the broadcasting of church services. Such broadcasts are valuable, and will be more so as preachers realise what is needed in adapting these for the radio listener. The future lies rather with the deliberate, aggressive approach to the listening world made through regular sessions which, under present conditions, must be secured in the programmes of commercial stations and paid for. Three main uses could be made of such sessions: the evangelising of the 92 per cent. who, according to Kenneth Henderson, Director of Religious Broadcasting for the A.B.C., never go to church; the teaching of the distinctive principles and outlook of the Restoration Movement (call it propaganda, if you will); and the helping of isolated Christians through devotional radio services. Of these the first seems to call for first attention because of the almost complete neglect of it at present, and because the others, though no less important, are more or less subsidiary to it.

Fresh Approach Essential

Effective radio evangelism calls for a radically fresh mental approach. The radio audience is not a vast throng of thousands; it is a small group which varies according to the time of day. In the evening, the best time from our viewpoint, it consists of Mr. Anybody at one side of the fire with his paper; Mrs. Anybody at the other with a

sock to darn and a mind full of the day's events that hubby simply must hear about; the children at the table, busy with home lessons; and perhaps the young folks wondering what to do with the evening. The radio speaker has no striking appearance, no platform manner, nothing but a voice. What's more, the listener has the knob. All this makes the set-up unique and demands a completely planned technique to take all the facts into consideration.

The Listener Has the Knob

The session must be entertaining. It must be more than that, but it must be entertaining. The listener has the knob, and if his interest is repelled he will turn it. If he isn't gripped in a matter of seconds he won't be there to grip at all. The general tone of the session had better not be formally religious; 92 per cent. of the audience is, on the evidence of its usual actions, not interested. Much of it is hostile. The manager of a commercial station made a limited but representative survey of listeners' interest in church broadcasts a few months ago. His survey showed that on the particular Sunday evening of the test fewer than 1 per cent. listened to the church service. Obviously the 92 per cent. will not set out to listen to specifically religious matter. The pill needs a sugar coat. It had better contain more than sugar, or we shall waste our time and be derided as much by the 92 per cent. as by the other 8 per cent., but it must taste nice on the outside. Good music, not necessarily religious, though much of that will be accepted if it is good; speech cut into short sections,

not more than three or four minutes at a time; and a light touch in the handling of matter to be presented are the bare essentials.

Simplicity and Conviction

Since the audience aimed at is, in the nature of the case, ignorant of the Christian faith, there must be clear-cut teaching of the basic truths of the scripture revelation in straightforward, simple words—no theological treatises but plain talks to ordinary men about God and faith and sin and salvation and life that is worth living. These things can be talked about in the language of the man in the street and in terms of life rather than dogma. The Man of Nazareth did it, and the radio evangelist must do it too. But to teaching must be added one thing more. Men can only be brought to conviction by conviction. The radio microphone is a super-sensitive instrument and will register and amplify whatever of personal quality the voice carries. We must find and train men with convincing voices and radio manner that will carry a contagious conviction to the apathetic or mildly interested soul that goes so leisurely to hell, and bring him a breath of God's Spirit that will make him long for the open fields and the mountain peaks of discipleship.

In Western Australia and in Tasmania, and possibly in other States, some experimental work has been done. Many of the convictions expressed here have grown out of the Tasmanian experiment. These things are a beginning, but they must be multiplied a hundred-fold before we miss the tide and find ourselves stranded with the others who had no vision.

Communion Service at Darwin

L. M. Fisher, a member at East Malvern, Vic., in a private letter, tells how young men and women in the Forces hold fast to their faith.

Behold a table spread!
And kneeling soldiers in God's battle-line,
A line of homage to a mightier King,
All knowing, all benign!
Hearing the prayers they bring,
Grant to them strength to follow where he led.

AS the sun was setting across the harbor and the shadows of the day faded, we wended our way to the one-time Methodist chapel, now used as a naval chapel. It was 7 o'clock, and men were gathering to remember their Lord.

In the stillness of the evening we took our seats in this weatherboard chapel, lovely in its simplicity and unscarred by the missiles of war.

As I gazed out through the shuttered windows upon the ferns, surrounded by the willow tropical trees and creepers, I could feel the calm of God's house and peace within. In this atmosphere we had gathered together for worship and the remembrance of our Lord, our hearts going out in praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for his wonderful gifts to us.

The service was but briefly conducted by Naval Chaplain Alcorn. In no other place do we find the barriers of rank broken down, but around the Lord's Table we are conscious that we are brethren and all one in Christ our Saviour.

As I looked upon a group kneeling before the table, I saw a private, a major, then a naval rating, and next to him a naval officer, the Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. commissioners, with two other R.A.A.F. personnel; all present to remember the same Lord and Master. The denomination of each we do not know, but

present in this small gathering you would be interested to know were six members of churches of Christ. Miss Messent, the Y.W.C.A. commissioner who was visiting this area, is a member with Unley church, S.A.; Ron. Clapham, Gardiner, Vic.; Wyn. Hart, who trained in our college and is in membership at West Preston; Jack Streader, Bendigo, Vic.; Les. Brewster, Swanston-st., Vic.; and myself, East Malvern, Vic.

Other members I have had fellowship with here previously include E. W. Roffey, now the preacher at South Yarra, Vic.; Geoff Sloman and Arthur Holmes, N.S.W.

It is good that we can have fellowship together and for the opportunities afforded us we ever give thanks unto God through Christ our Saviour.

And so you can see our times of fellowship are still possible, and we are strengthened to continue in the steps of our Master.

TRUE FRIENDS

"OF what does happiness consist?
Of courtesies, and smiles,
Of cheery words and friendly hands
That help us over stiles:
Of friendly letters—thoughtful deeds,
Remembered till life ends;
And so our happiness is crowned
With true and faithful friends."

Conscience Needs Educating

J. Ernest Brooke, of South Australia, by apt quotations, shows the need of an active conscience in social life.

ALL the great and courageous characters of the centuries have attached great importance to conscience, and have paid great attention to it. Thus Cromwell, in recruiting his new model army, sought for "men with some conscience in what they do." And one of the great sayings of George Washington was: "Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience." Conscience was of great importance also to the Apostle Paul, and one of his noblest utterances is that sentence in his defence before Felix: "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men."

What a great thing it is to have a clean conscience! What strength and assurance it gives! Milton celebrates "the virtuous mind that ever walks attended by a strong, siding champion, conscience." And Shakespeare puts into the lips of King Henry VI. the noble words, "What stronger breastplate than a heart untainted, and he but naked, though locked up in steel, whose conscience with injustice is corrupted." True, several of Shakespeare's characters decry conscience, and consider it their greatest enemy. Hamlet, wanting to commit suicide, but unable to bring himself to do it, exclaims, "Thus conscience doth make cowards of us all." In Richard III. we read, "O coward conscience, how dost thou afflict me!" And again, "My conscience hath a thousand several tongues, and every tongue brings in a several tale, and every tale condemns me for a villain." Sir Beerbohm Tree, likewise, in his play, King George IV., tilts at the stalwarts of social righteousness in the 19th century, and parodying Shakespeare, says, "The nonconformist conscience makes cowards of us all." But we notice that all these men are toying with evil, and conscience does make cowards of men when they are doing evil. But when men are seeking to do right, conscience makes them heroes.

It is a splendid thing also to have a comprehensive conscience, such as Paul had—"a conscience void of offence, toward God, and toward man."

Many good people seem only to have an individual conscience. They are very scrupulous in their personal lives, and in relations between themselves and God. But they do not carry their conscience very far into their relationship with their fellowmen. They have no very vivid realisation of being their brother's keepers.

How often our community life as such seems to be utterly conscienceless, and yet many of the individuals of whom it is composed have very keen personal conscience. Wilberforce once asked, "Did you ever expect a corporation to have a conscience, when it has no soul to be damned, and no body to be kicked?" Is it not true that, when we act together with others in a group, our conscience risks becoming no conscience?

Surely a major need of the world to-day is men and women who will take their private, awakened conscience into the corporate life of society, into its industrial, political and social life, there to insist on obeying it as implicitly as they obey it in their private lives.

In spite of all the hard things that have

been said about the nonconformist conscience, it represents something without which this modern world would have been worse than it is. It is a good thing that there should be a collective sensitiveness to the evil of war, to the hurt done by drink and gambling, to the desperate problem of unemployment, and to a host of other iniquities.

The individual Christian must realise that these things are his concern, that they are matters for his conscience, and that he cannot shuffle off responsibility on to Government or Providence. Once men and women begin to have some conscience about these social and political problems which lie at their doors and yet seem so remote, there may be a real chance of getting something done. To awaken such a comprehensive conscience, and direct it into sane and effective channels of service, is one of the most urgent duties of the Christian church to-day.

But such a conscience can only be developed through intense and untiring cultivation. As Paul says, "Herein do I exercise myself, to have a conscience void of offence, toward God, and toward men."

Conscience, like every other human faculty, needs educating. It may be dulled or deceived. It needs constant care and checking. Paul knew how perilously easy it was for con-

science to go astray. When he had persecuted the church, he could honestly say that he did it with a good conscience. Ever afterwards, therefore, he dealt very strenuously with his conscience. He was continually examining it, and educating it, and testing it by the highest ideals of Christ to make sure that it was a reliable guide. He was always exercising himself, to see whether his conscience was sensitive enough and obedient enough towards God, and whether it was concerned enough, or actively enough engaged in the service of his fellow-men. Developing such a conscience is not an easy or a comfortable process. "Labor," says Washington. "Exercise," says Paul. Men talk about a "quiet conscience," but that is not a Christian ideal. The Christian ideal is an active conscience. "I do not believe," says Hilaire Belloc, "that good men have quiet consciences. I hold that an uneasy conscience—at any rate nowadays—is the first requisite for heaven, and that an inflamed, red, feverish, and angry conscience is the true mask of increasing virtue. I have met many men with quiet consciences, not all of them wholly unintelligent but nearly all of them scoundrels."

We may smile at the extravagance of the language, but at the heart of it there lies a great truth.

Conscience cannot be taken for granted. It must be strenuously exercised and kept on the stretch, to see that it is growing ever more sensitive, ever stronger, deeper, and broader in its operations.

Jews and Palestine

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Jewish State." Up till that time the Jewish immigrants, legal and illegal, were entering the land. By 1935 the yearly figure had risen to 61,849, apart from 10,000 illegal immigrants. The "non-Jewish" population was alarmed. To appease them it was proposed that the Legislative Council, promised in 1930, be introduced on the basis of numerical proportionate representation. This was approved by the Secretary of State for the Colonies and announced in December, 1935, by the High Commissioner. The Arabs welcomed it, but the Jews boycotted it at once. When the matter was referred to the House of Commons, the Palestine Legislative Council was adjourned sine die. Troubles then followed in Palestine; blood was shed, and lives were lost.

In view of the claims made that Britain broke an early promise to the Arabs, in return for help in the Great War, to give Palestine to them, it is well for us to know that Sir Ronald Storrs said, "The claim, though still credited by many, has been so often disproved that it is no longer a bargaining asset." He then quotes with approval Lord Milner, who said, "If the Arabs go to the length of claiming Palestine as one of their countries in the same sense as Mesopotamia or Arabia proper is an Arab country, then I think they are flying in the face of facts, of all history, of all tradition, and of associations of the most important character—I had almost said, the most sacred character. Palestine can never be regarded as a country on the same footing as the other Arab countries. You cannot ignore all history and tradition in the matter. You cannot ignore the fact that this is the cradle of two of the great religions of the world. It is a sacred land to the Arabs, but it is also a sacred land to the Jews and to the Christians."

It is clear that the Arabs oppose the Balfour Declaration and, like Australians, want to hinder immigrants whom they consider undesirable entering the land they occupy. So long as our immigration laws stand we cannot condemn the Arabs for taking such a stand.

The Zionists have a world organisation be-

hind them and they are unwilling to recognise the Arabs. The Arabs of Palestine, who lack outside help, oppose the Jewish immigration policy; for it threatens their national existence. Those non-Jewish inhabitants of the Holy Land are at the mercy of world opinion and depend on British justice to help them.

Since the Zionist Movement is making this return of Jews to Palestine a religious question, we have presented these facts, based on Sir Ronald Storrs' book entitled "Zionism and Palestine," for the guidance of readers.



Group of Australians visiting the Church of the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

J. C. F. Pittman

A Chaplain's Sound Advice

AT a service for the American community Chaplain A. W. Morton, R.A.A.F., referred to evil conditions of our day, including "an appalling lethargy in spiritual things, a wishy-washy adherence to vital Christian truth, a popular wave of vulgarity, a lust for sensual satisfaction, and a scramble for gain. "There is a need for humble confession, a turning from sin in all its forms," he said. "We must place ourselves under the direction and lordship of Christ." These words compel our assent, as also do the following ones relating to post-victory problems: "Only a Christian basis of brotherhood, goodwill and sympathy has any possible chance of solving these problems."

Handling Aright the Word of God

Recent reading has emphasised for me the necessity of dealing fairly with the sacred scriptures. The Bible is God's book, and as such it deserves fair treatment, especially on the part of those who profess to be proclaimers of its supreme message or interpreters of its teaching. There are two outstanding ways in which the Bible is ill-treated. The worse is the light wanton way in which some have felt free to criticise and belittle the revelation of God. Fortunately this evil has lessened. The effects of the extreme destructive criticism and rationalism which in bygone days overran Germany and was introduced into many British pulpits have led to a considerable discounting of the boasted claims of the critics. But there is still room for improvement. How any believer who considers the Master's reverent regard for the scriptures or the Apostle Paul's declaration of their purpose and value can

lightly criticise the Bible is a thing passing comprehension. To jeopardise the faith of a humble believer or cause any little one who believes in Christ to stumble by such action is a dreadful thing.

Sane Interpretation

I wish also to emphasise the serious nature of an opposing error. There are many people professing a firm belief in the inspiration and authority of the scriptures who, without any warrant or scruple, pass on the most fantastic statements as if they had the sanction of the Word of God. Sometimes a thought which comes into the mind of the reader as he reads is treated as if it were interpretation. Again, expressions of what at best is but wishful thinking do not become authoritative merely because they are mis-called "exposition." For thirty years I have urged successive groups of students to let their homiletics and their exegesis agree. In simpler words, do not in a sermon endeavor to make a point by ignoring or distorting what is known to be the real meaning. There are many things which are alleged to be got out of the Bible which the divine Author never put there. The supposed expounder gets them out only after he has put them in. Let us treat the Bible as fairly as we would treat any other book. It must be sanely interpreted and by the same rules as we would apply to other literature. The great difference is that when we are dealing with the Bible we should be more careful, more reverent and prayerful as we seek to understand for ourselves or explain to others the rich truths of God.

A. P. Main

Our Young People

W. R. Hibburt

VICTORIAN PERMANENT CAMP SITE PROGRESS

MR. AND MRS. W. DAVIS, recently of Kyogle, N.S.W., at the invitation of the Victorian Young People's Department, have taken up residence at the Waterman memorial camp site at Monbulk. They will assist the department in camps and in the oversight of the property. Already they have caught the vision of the department, and are keen to help develop a permanent camp home that will prove a sanctuary where lives of the on-coming generation will find spiritual enrichment and gain the "vision splendid." Their friendly nature guarantees that it will be a friendship centre. Mr. Davis views his appointment in terms of a ministry; he is a brother to Ethelbert Davis who conducts an important ministry in N.S.W.

QUEENSLAND SPONSORS RADIO SESSIONS

THE Queensland Council of Religious Education is preparing a six-months' series of scripts for a children's radio session over the national stations. A deputation is to meet the Director-General of Education to discuss with him the introduction of devotional exercises at the opening of State schools each morning. The deputation will also urge the revision of intermediate and senior scripture readers and provision of a scripture reader for infant classes.

THE BRITISH LESSONS COUNCIL

THE British Lessons Council is a representative body appointed by the free churches and organisations dealing specifically with Christian education. Investigations of, and

recommendations on, the content and method of Christian education in school and church were presented in a report by this council. The opening paragraphs of the report have significance also for Australia.

"Wars have generally been followed in this country by advances in education. It would seem that the same thing is likely to happen again. The public interest in all phases of education is already quickened. In the press, on the platform, in education committees and at church assemblies, discussion of this subject is frequent and far-reaching. It is easy to see how inevitable is such a state of affairs. The widespread destruction of the times is sweeping aside many long-established customs, revealing the futility of some cherished ideas, and compelling a re-examination, not only of practice and methods, but of standards and principles. In such times of upheaval men find themselves eventually driven even further back to those moral and spiritual foundations on which alone any world order, old or new, can stand. It is supremely the work of Christian education to deal with such basic questions."

FEDERAL-WIDE EXAMINATION

JULY 9 is Bible school examination day in all States. It is pleasing to note that all States are now linked in the examination, Western Australia having agreed to co-operate. The questions are set by a Federal board of questions. The States send the best paper in each division to the Federal Bible School and Young People's Committee, and a Federal board of examiners determine the winners of the Federal prizes. The States are expecting record entries as the question papers ordered total 5315, an advance of 710 on previous year.

HIS WILL

ALL that he blesses is our good,
And unblest good is ill;
And all is right that seems most wrong,
If it be his sweet will."

TASTE AND SEE

AN atheist, who had been attacking religion, challenged anyone to come up on the platform. One old gentleman accepted the challenge, and mounting the platform, proceeded to peel an orange, and then to taste it, exclaiming to the atheist, "Can you tell me whether this orange is bitter or sweet?" "How should I know?" was the reply. "Well," answered the old gentleman, "that being so, what do you know of religion if you haven't tasted it?"

ONLY WIND

WHILE on a visit to America, Marshal Foch made a witty reply to a man who, when one of the guests at a dinner party in Denver, took exception to French politeness. "There is nothing in it but wind," he said, with questionable taste. "Neither is there anything but wind in a pneumatic tyre," retorted the gallant Marshal, "yet it eases the jolts along life's highway wonderfully!"

THE DIVINE ARTIST

ONE Spirit, . . . his
Who wore the platted crown with
bleeding brows
Rules universal nature, not a flower
But shows some touch in freckle, streak or
stain
Of his unrivalled pencil.

—W. Cowper.

"Why did you leave the boarding-house after being there for three years?"
"I found they had no bath."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—"NOW IS THE SON OF MAN GLORIFIED"

- July 3—John 17: 17-26.
- " 4—Eph. 3: 1-13.
- " 5—2 Tim. 2: 8-13.
- " 6—1 Thess. 2: 1-12.
- " 7—1 Pet. 5: 1-11.
- " 8—John 13: 18-30.
- " 9—Prov. 16: 1-13; John 13: 31-38.

NOW, one would have thought, it being the eve of betrayal, desertion and crucifixion, the Son of man is humiliated, beaten, driven to utter despair. Yet Jesus asserts that he is now glorified; which reminds us of the vast difference between the apostles' conception of glory and that of our Saviour. The incident of last week's New Testament lesson proves that his followers sought glory where it never can be found, for it is not by seeking to be great but rather striving to be lowly; not by "lording it over the charge allotted" to us, but rather by making ourselves "ensamples to the flock"; not by self-seeking, but by self-sacrifice, that we can, by God's help, win our way to glory, for the only way leading thereto is the path which Jesus trod.

N.Z. Remembers Former Evangelist

Reference is made to the work of the late
H. G. Harward by G. R. Stirling (New
Zealand correspondent). Home life and
women elders are also featured.

NO record of the contribution to the churches of Christ by H. G. Harward would be complete without some account of his work in New Zealand. The name of Harward is revered and his memory is honored by vast numbers of brethren over here. His first visit to New Zealand was in 1911. In those days New Zealand churches were divided into Northern and Southern conferences. The Southern conference had engaged Mr. Harward to conduct missions in Otago, Southland and Canterbury provinces. With Jas. Binney as song-leader, many successful missions were held, and there are still large numbers in good standing who were added to the churches in those days. It was during this time of service that Mr. Binney died. On every anniversary of Mr. Binney's death, it is known that Mr. Harward sent one of his beautiful letters to the widow. For twelve months H. G. Harward ministered to the church at Oamaru, during the absence of Sam. Mathieson in America.

About 20 years later H. G. Harward was back again in New Zealand, this time at the invitation of the church at Wellington South. The Hinrichsen-Morris mission just held at this church had brought in a large number of new members. Mr. Harward was invited to conduct a six-weeks' stabilising mission with the emphasis on teaching and instruction. As a result of this work all the new members were held in the church. Shortly afterwards Mr. Harward conducted a mission at Lower Hutt. The memories of H. G. Harward that are most fragrant here are those

of his lovable personality, his powerful preaching, and his instructive expositions of the scriptures. New Zealand pays tribute to a grand Christian gentleman.

Home and Family Week

Between May 7 and May 14 our churches conducted in various ways, home and family week. Under the general direction of the Department of Religious Education, this celebration has now become an institution. Emphasis during the week is laid on the Christian teaching concerning the family, and efforts are made to make some impressive contact on the parents of scholars of our schools. In some cases churches conducted through the week functions for parents for fellowship and teaching.

Women Elders

Hard-pressed by the manpower problem, Presbyterians here are considering the matter of the appointment of women elders. The original suggestion comes from the presbytery of Timaru. Other presbyteries are discussing it, with views being expressed for and against. The Southland presbytery in opposing has stated that "whereas the question must be viewed in the light of the respective functions of men and women, we are convinced that men are more suited by instinct, gifts, training and experience for the office of ruling elder; and while we feel that in some congregations there may be women for this office, we are convinced that any gain by introducing women elders would be more than offset by men using this as a pretext for refusing office and their place on sessions being taken by women."

It is interesting to note that the Church of Scotland is also considering this matter, the presbyteries of seven major cities already agreeing to it.

director of the Temperance League, as organizer.

British Sailors' Society

The British Sailors' Society at Fremantle has increased its usefulness by providing accommodation for seamen in port and in other ways caring for their well-being. Mr. C. H. Hunt has been appointed senior chaplain to the society, and under his guidance a gospel service is provided for visitors to the mission every Lord's day.

Bible Schools

Every year the Bible Schools and Young People's Department organises an increase and attendance campaign for all our schools. The campaign is of a competitive kind, and the winners this year were Kalgoorlie (1st) and Inglewood. The result of the campaign has been an additional 405 scholars to our schools.

A Double Campaign

THE church at Georgetown, Newcastle (N.S.W.) has concluded a special mission campaign led by D. Wakeley and R. Greenhalgh, of the Young People's Department. Each night from May 28 to June 11, meetings were held in which Mr. Greenhalgh acted as song-leader and Mr. Wakeley as missionary. Meetings were very well attended from the outset, and a fine spirit prevailed. The messages of Mr. Wakeley were direct and appealing. Night by night he unfolded the divine plan of salvation in a way that impressed all. Special singing was provided by visiting singers, and by members of the church. On the nights when Mr. Greenhalgh was unable to lead the singing, E. Oswald assisted. On the second Sunday of the mission the largest number in the history of the church broke bread, there being present 107 at the Lord's Table. During the campaign six responded to the gospel invitation. Special meetings included a women's luncheon and a men's morning meeting.

Some months ago Georgetown church launched out in a new venture at East Lambton, and commenced a Bible school in that nearby district. With almost 30 scholars on the roll, the work has grown slowly. From May 29 to June 11 Roy Greenhalgh, newly-appointed youth director for N.S.W., conducted "happy hour" services. The Progress Association loaned their hall free of cost, and a very successful campaign was conducted. Commencing with 113, the attendances rose to 169, with an average over the ten afternoons of 158. A check of registrations at close of the meetings showed that we had contacted 39 children who attend no Bible school. The varied and attractive programme arranged by Mr. Greenhalgh won the fullest appreciation of all the children.

Our sincerest thanks are extended to the church at Burwood, Sydney, and to the Young People's Department of N.S.W., for the help extended to us through Messrs. Wakeley and Greenhalgh.—R. V. Amos.

LAMPS ALIGHT!

MANY lamps may have gone out in Europe to-day, but they shall be lit again in multitudes of hearts. Slowly but surely many are turning to him who is "the light of the world." Little companies here and there throughout the world, having lit their lamps with the divine love, are seeking to illuminate every relationship of life. They live, thrilled with the confident hope that one day the whole earth shall be won for Christ and so

Out of the darkness of night

The world rolls into light;

It is daybreak everywhere.

—R. A. M. Waugh.

Activities in Western Australia

Roy Raymond, of Subiaco, W.A., reports on need of caring for aged, on efforts to create interest in temperance work, and on the usefulness of a British Sailors' Society.

NEWS of the invasion of Europe was received in this State with a certain amount of quiet confidence. Publicity by press and radio was given to the King's call to prayer. In one or two places, Fremantle for instance, enthusiastic services of intercession were held; but for the most part the regular services of the churches on the Lord's day were the only public services held.

Our Aged Sick

What may be regarded as an acute problem in this State is that of providing suitable accommodation and help for our aged people, particularly those who are bed-ridden. Every institution in the State which has been established for the purpose of caring for the aged is taxed to fullest capacity, and with such long waiting lists that no further applications for admission can be considered. Private hospitals are being appealed to every day to admit really sick elderly people who as chronic cases must be rejected because of more urgent cases needing the beds. The

Home of Peace (a home for incurables) has been unable to take women patients in the general wards for months, and has had to close down one ward because of shortage of staff. I have personal knowledge of many cases where bed-ridden women have no one to care for them other than their pensioner husbands, some of whom are well over 80. These institutions may not have anything nearly so attractive to offer by way of service and remuneration as can be found by young women in many other spheres to-day; but surely the nation and the church should do something so that our beloved aged and infirm ones should not be neglected and abandoned.

Temperance

Temperance workers in W.A. have been encouraged by the recent visit to this State of Messrs. W. H. Green and C. H. Carter, president and secretary of the Australian Band of Hope Union. Temperance forces in this State have not been functioning in anything like a united way in the past. These two leaders have exerted a helpful influence to unite the temperance forces, and to create a renewed interest in the work amongst young people. Mr. C. H. Hunt is now chairman of the Band of Hope Union, with Mr. W. H. Rose,

Here and There

The following telegram reached us on June 26: "Petersham reviving; E. C. Hinrichsen has had six decisions to date.—Morris."

We learn that Chaplain Chas. C. Young, after more than four years of successful service in camps around Melbourne, will transfer immediately to a hospital unit in N.S.W.

As result of an accident P. J. Pond, preacher at Grafton, N.S.W., was in Grafton Base Hospital for three weeks. He has returned home and is making satisfactory progress.

We have learned that J. E. Thomas, of North Williamstown, Vic., has been ill during the past few weeks. We trust our brother will soon be well enough to undertake his duties again.

"The Religious Telescope" states Chinese Christians are said to number one out of every thousand of the population of the country, but there is a larger number of leaders among these Christians than in any similar group in the world. More remarkable is the fact that one half of the names in "Who's Who in China" are from eighteen Christian Colleges and Universities.

An airgraph (25/5/44) from Dr. Oldfield states that he made a 600 mile journey to see Mr. Escott, who was having extended leave at Bangalore. Mr. Escott had been seriously ill—there had been a slight stroke. Arrangements were made for Mr. and Mrs. Escott to go to the American mission hospital, at Miraj, Sangli State, India. Improvement in health is reported, and there are hopes of full recovery. Prayers of the brotherhood are requested.

Faced with a world-crisis of unparalleled magnitude, Christianity has something commanding, something creative to say; that desperate though the world's ills may be, there is that in Christianity which can provide the remedy. . . . But in every place and in every land the Christian forces, with stupendous forces arrayed against them, are gravely handicapped by one paralysing disability—they are divided. And "the world is too strong for a divided church."—E. S. Woods, Bishop of Croydon.

On Monday evening, June 12, a concert was given by the Churches of Christ Ladies' Choir at Swanston-st. chapel, Melbourne, proceeds being in aid of the funds of Norseman Aboriginal Mission. The choir, under baton of Miss M. E. Pittman, was ably assisted by Miss Amelia Scarce (soprano), Miss Lois McCann (elocutionist), Miss Frances Scarcebrook (violinist), Mr. Hector Wensor (tenor), and a most enjoyable evening was provided. The amount by which the mission funds will benefit is not yet known, but this will be advised later.

To enable the young men over the age of 16 years to qualify for leadership, particularly with junior groups associated with churches, the Y.M.C.A. Suburban Club Movement will commence a short term leadership training class on Tuesday, July 4, and continuing for fifteen weeks. The aim of the Y.M.C.A. Suburban Club Movement is to encourage the four-square development of boy life, and the success of the movement over the past years has depended largely upon its co-operation with youth departments of the various churches. The course commences each evening at 7.15, with practical training, followed by a lecture period closing at 9.30 p.m. The cost of the course is 15/- which includes lecture notes. Full information is available from the Organiser, Mr. J. V. Gray, c/o Y.M.C.A., City Road, S.C.A. MX2161.

The Bible school at Townsville, Qld., held successful picnic on King's Birthday. At close of gospel service on June 20, Heather Hinspeter and Shirley Giezendanner confessed Christ and were baptised the same hour. The presence of members of the Forces at all services is greatly appreciated.

J. C. Crane, D.D., missionary to Korea, states: "Bible classes and even Bible institutes have continued to carry on wherever police permission could be secured. Deacons and elders have taken responsibilities formerly borne by pastors and missionaries; and at the same time have taken care of the families of imprisoned pastors, sometimes in the face of official warning not to do so." He speaks of 2500 churches or groups, whose weekly service has not been interrupted.

In the Dandenong chapel, the Malvern Church of Christ Girls' Choir and the Malvern Concert Orchestra, conducted by Claude Gadge, gave one of their concerts. Among some of the unusual features of this concert was that all the seating accommodation was sold out a week before the concert date. £1/12/3 was handed in by folk as they left the hall because they considered the admission price of 1/6 too cheap. The guest artist, William Laird, sang six numbers, and the choir by special request repeated the Nuns' Chorus and the Bells of St. Mary's.

In "The Christian World," April 13, we note a reference to the religious beliefs of Major-General Wingate, who was killed recently on active service. The writer says, "I read every word I could lay my hands on about Wingate. 'He carried his Bible with him everywhere,' said one London daily paper. 'He believed deeply in the efficacy of concentrated prayer,' said another." Commenting on this the writer added a truth which I have also noted. "A few

years ago many papers used to cut that sort of thing; and a section of the lesser sort still refrain from including anything so vital in the portrait of a character. But our better journalism has a respect for truth, and truth, more and more in recent times, lets nobility leak in—or, if you prefer it, leak out."

At evening service at Prahran, Vic., on June 11, L. Johnston baptised Ron. Sears, who was received into fellowship on June 18, when Mr. Burns spoke at both services. A free-will offering resulted in £7/6/- being sent to Mont Albert church as a donation in aid of church debt reduction. June 25 marked commencement of a monthly lantern service for Sunday school, Mr. Burns giving the first of a series, "The Story of the Bible." Sgt. Pillas and Mrs. Hulme resumed worship after an absence because of sickness. A visit from F.M. students who took charge of a combined mid-week service was appreciated. Systematic visitation is showing a result in renewed interest and restored attendance.

On Saturday, June 17, a social was held at Surrey Hills church, Vic., by Eastern Suburban Church of Christ Youth Fellowship. This fellowship is made up of ten churches, and is increasing in its second year of existence. Its aim is to satisfy youth's need of Christian fellowship through church teas, rallies, hikes and socials, there being a spiritual atmosphere experienced at each. On Saturday night 190 young people met to enjoy a period of fellowship and fun consisting of sketches, games and chorus singing. During last year many have benefited by the spiritual rallies and at the church teas—this is this fellowship providing something whereby the Christian youth of to-day may go forward courageously and faithfully to extend the kingdom of God. This fellowship was commenced by the Eastern Suburbs Officers' Association, and the great difficulty is that our church halls are not big enough to accommodate the great crowds of young people who attend these meetings.

From Week to Week

THE amount of money spent each year on mission fields in heathen lands is much less than the cost of a modern battleship. What a lot of good such a comparatively small sum accomplishes! Hospitals, schools, orphanages are maintained in addition to church services and other evangelistic activities. Wendell Wilkie, the prominent American statesman, after a tour of lands blessed by missionary work, spoke in highest praise of the great good missionaries are rendering humanity. On July 2 we shall be called upon to make our offerings to support the progressive programme of the Federal Foreign Mission Board. Even if we reach the record aim set for Australia many will not be straining their resources. If all could give according to their ability, what an offering there would be for Christian missions!

suggested that this must be the policy of those who represent Britain in Palestine for several decades to come.

ANY who are interested enough to follow up the subject discussed in this week's leading article will find a concise statement in the "Penguin Books," entitled "Zionism and Palestine." The author, Sir Ronald Storrs, was associated with events in the Near East from 1917 to 1932. For many years he was civil governor of Jerusalem and Judea. It was necessary for him to be just to both Jews and Arabs. How well he had succeeded was made known to him by Mr. Lloyd George. When he had been invited to Number 10 Downing-st., the Prime Minister said to him sternly, "Complaints about you are reaching me from Jews and Arabs." Sir Ronald thought that this statement was leading up to a demand for his resignation. "Well," Mr. Lloyd George said as they sat down, "if either one side stops complaining you'll be dismissed." So long as he did not favor one side more than the other he was fulfilling his duty. Sir Ronald Storrs

LIKE many in Australia, my thoughts are revolving about the request for greater powers to be transferred to the Commonwealth Government. This is not a political problem. Perhaps I should say that it ought not become a political question. Political parties may come and go, but constitutional powers will abide for the period the people have granted them to the Government. It seems efforts are being made to divide Australians into political camps on this question. Actually it is a very personal problem. You and I are being asked to give to the Commonwealth Government part of our life. Up until the war we could choose how we gained a living. Some will say we gained that living as best we could under the pressure of cruel economic laws. Under the proposed regulations, the Government will, it is promised, modify economic pressure and banish the terror of unemployment and insecurity. Will we be better off as victims of economic necessity or of Government regulations? If the Government department controlling our economic life cannot do what it promises, and provide economic security for all, we should then become victims of both economic necessity and Government regulation. How dreadful that would be! It is only fair to point out that every effort to benefit a community possesses inherent weaknesses. I must judge whether the nation as a whole will benefit by the yielding up of some of my political liberty. Like many readers I am still thinking about what is involved in the question that will be put to me on the day of the ballot.

News of the Churches

Tasmania

West Hobart.—Meetings have been carried on by local brethren. Attendances are small generally. Interest in midweek service has improved, and studies are helpful. A Band of Hope has been commenced, to meet monthly in school hall. A forward move is being planned, and with this end in view the church is seeking an evangelist to lead in the work.

Hobart (Collins-st.).—Y.P.S.C.E. arranged a welcome home social on June 6 to Capt. Vincent, Lieut. Moore, Serg. Mason, Corp. Bowes and A.B. Jerry Studley. About 100 were present. On June 4, at young people's fellowship tea, the speaker was Mr. Pollard, general secretary Y.M.C.A. Young people took part in gospel service. At Women's Mission Band meeting on June 15, Miss Hudson, of Aborigine Mission, Cape Barron Island, was present; she was also at young people's mission band on 18th. On June 12 Mr. Hughes and 20 young people had a good day hiking through the mountain passes. Y.P.S.C.E. has splendid meetings.

Western Australia

Perth.—At prayer meeting on June 14, an instructive message was received. On morning of June 18, A. P. Stacey (Forestville, S.A.) was among visitors. W. H. White gave a helpful talk. At 7.30 p.m. three young lads were baptised. E. R. Berry rendered a solo and J. K. Robinson preached. C.E. Society spent a profitable evening on June 20.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

CROWDED MEETINGS; TWO BAPTISMS

HARVEY.—On May 27, at conclusion of Mr. Bamford's address, Bob Ottrey and Jim Snook stepped out for Christ. The following weekend a C.E. rally was organised by Mr. Bamford, who billeted about 17 young men at the chapel, and sisters extended hospitality to about 40 young ladies from S.W. and Perth churches. The young people met at the chapel for tea, and a rally was held in evening. Mr. Steele (Cottesloe) spoke at evening meeting, following greetings. After a social talk the young women went to various homes, several going miles into the country. Mr. Nixon (Basendean) spoke to a crowded morning meeting on Sunday. Mr. Steele conducted evening service. A happy and spiritual time was enjoyed by all. On Monday, after sightseeing, the young people left on afternoon train. On June 11 Mr. Johnston went to Collie, taking both services in absence of a preacher. Mr. Bamford has completed twelve months' happy service with the church. At evening service two young men were baptised.

Fremantle.—Anniversary services of Bible school were held on June 4 and 5. Cradle roll session on Sunday afternoon was highly successful. Excellent singing by school was a feature of all meetings. The wedding of Miss Dorothy Anderson and Mr. Fredericks (A.I.F.) took place on June 3. The church wishes the young couple, who have both returned to military duties, every happiness. Sam Thomson is still very sick and has again been removed to hospital. Among visiting Service men lately have been Ralph Jobson, of Wollongong, N.S.W.; Ken Moncrieff, of Warracknabeal, and Corporal Ted Martin, of Dimboola, Vic.; and Capt. Allan Hunt, who has since left for Eastern States. The church with great sadness records the loss of Miss Vima Bates (Lieut. A.A.N.S.) who, in the words of the official record, "was previously reported

missing, but now posted missing, believed killed, on or after February 11, 1942, near Sumatra." She was a very faithful member in the days of her association here. The church extends sympathy to the parents, now residing at South Perth, and to the brother Ken (a former member here), now with N.Z. Forces.

Inglewood.—Largest attendance at breaking of bread for many years gathered on Mother's Day. C. Fullwood assisted with a solo in evening. On June 3 and 4, J.C.E. held first anniversary. Mr. Armstrong, I.C.E. State superintendent, addressed juniors. Messrs. Yelland and Billit in morning and L. Peacock in evening gave addresses while Mr. Sherman was on vacation. On June 11 Mr. Burdeu was speaker, when one was received into membership from North Perth. In place of usual prayer meeting, Mr. Taylor, of B. and F. Bible Society, interested a meeting which filled the hall with a lantern lecture.

South Australia

Prospect.—Fellowship on June 18 was enjoyed with M. Purdie and A. Burns (Air Force), home on leave. A. E. Brown exhorted the church. Miss Edna Vawser spoke in evening. Mrs. Joseph rendered a solo. There were good attendances. Prayers are offered for Mrs. McEwin's recovery to health. C.E. Fellowship held each Saturday evening is proving a great spiritual help to Endeavorers attending.

Cottonville.—Mr. and Mrs. Brooke left for Merbein, Vic., on June 9, where Mr. Brooke will spend a time recuperating. The two older children have been left in care of members, but Mrs. Brooke will return in three weeks' time. Messrs. Schwab, Ross Graham and W. B. Wharton have assisted with services. Half-yearly church business meeting was held on June 13, when the secretary, Mr. Gloyn, presented a combined report of church and auxiliaries. The treasurer presented financial statement. Both reports show that work is healthy. Final figure for Temple Day offering was £155.

Long Plains.—On week-end of June 11, Glenelg junior choir again visited here. On Saturday evening a concert was given in memorial hall in aid of Red Cross, £13 being realised. On Sunday afternoon a P.S.A. service was held at which an offering of over £7 was received for Christian Guest Home. On Sunday night three car-loads from choir made the trip to Owen and delighted all with their singing. Much credit is due to A. M. Haddrick for his splendid band of singers. After a picnic on Monday, an Endeavor rally was held in Long Plains chapel, and following an appeal a member of the choir made her decision for Christ.

Fullarton.—The church held 19th Bible school anniversary on June 11. W. F. Nankivell's morning address was appreciated. F. Mercer, from Hindmarsh, gave a stirring message to a well attended afternoon meeting, and H. A. Dunkerton spoke in evening. Scholars, aided by a four piece orchestra and led by W. Craddock, rendered fine singing. Anniversary was continued with prize-giving night on June 14 and by a youth service on evening of June 18. Members were grieved by the passing of Sister Rosewarne on June 14 after years of faithful service. Members also regret parting with E. Long, who has moved to Balaklava. His untiring services will be greatly missed.

Unley.—Mr. and Mrs. Lovell and family have moved to Clare. This will be a big loss to the church, as there is hardly a phase of church life in which some member of the family had not a valued part. Mr. Lovell served as deacon and then as an elder. A fellowship of song was held after service on May 21 to say farewell. The passing of Mrs. T. E. Yelland was felt by all; her sweet and

gracious personality had endeared her to many. Miss Edna Vawser spoke at Ladies' Mission Band social on May 31, also at Girls' Mission Band. Offering for Young People's Department was a record (£29/16/-), exceeding quota of £25. There has been an appreciable improvement in attendances at Sunday evening services, with a large number of visitors. State C.E. convention was a record. Intermediates of this church won State service shield, and W. B. Wharton will be State intermediate superintendent for a further term.

New South Wales

Rockdale.—On June 18 Mr. Carter exhorted the church, and at night Mr. Burns preached to a good congregation. At the close four young people decided for Christ. Several from the Forces were among visitors.

Petersham.—Interest is growing in all meetings. On evening of June 18, E. C. Hinrichsen delivered a powerful address. At close, two confessed Christ. Canterbury-Earlwood Endeavorers visited and conducted service on June 19. This was an inspiration to newly-formed Endeavor Society.

PROGRESSIVE WORK

SEVERAL CONFESSIONS; GOOD BIBLE SCHOOL

KINGSFORD.—On June 4 two new members were received into fellowship in morning. At Bible school there was an attendance of over 100. At gospel service two were baptised, and after an inspiring message from Mr. Cunningham five confessed Christ. Mr. Paternoster gave a helpful message on morning of June 11. One confession was made at night. There was a good attendance at morning meeting on June 18, when one new member was received in. Over 100 attended Bible school. It was pleasing to see one of the scholars make the good confession at night. Church anniversary service was held on June 20. Total offering for reduction of church debt for this year was £137—a record. Mr. McCallum, of Epping, gave a good message to members.

Taree.—Visiting the Manning on June 4, D. G. Meyers, of Newcastle, gave messages to both Taree and Wingham congregations. A. G. Saunders conducted morning worship service at Taree on that day. At close there were two decisions. R. Latimore, a deacon of Taree church, and a devoted member, has been transferred to Sydney.

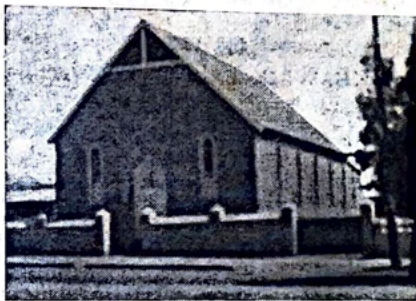
Paddington.—Morning meeting on June 13 was well attended. One girl from Bible school was received into fellowship. J. Dean gave the address. Bible school attendance was good; good interest in examination. Mr. Wilson gave a helpful gospel message at night. Women's Fellowship had a visit from Mrs. Stark, pioneer missionary from Peru, who gave a fine account of work done there in forty years. C.E. Society spent a happy night with local City Mission at their anniversary. They also had a good meeting at "All Australia" night.

Lismore.—Ladies' Guild recently visited Baptist guild and took charge of meeting. C. L. Savill has been welcomed back, he having been released from war work. Monthly meeting recently held at home of G. Davis at Lagoon Grass marked first anniversary of these meetings. An interesting talk was given by Pte. Allan Williams, recently repatriated from a prison camp in Germany. Endeavorers took part in annual district convention. Fellowship has been enjoyed with Pte. Frank Collingwood,

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Cpl. Dudley Townley, Pte. David Townley, all of A.I.F., and A.C.2 Bob Savill, of R.A.A.F., while home on leave, and other visitors.

Broken Hill (Wolfram-st.).—C.E. members of junior young people's societies formed the choir, assisted in reading of lessons and in prayer at evening service on June 4, when H. E. Paddick gave an interesting and helpful talk. There has been marked increase in attendance at morning services. H. E. Paddick gave helpful messages at both services on



Broken Hill Chapel.

June 11 and 18. H. E. Paddick, D. Turner (Baptist church), with other Endeavorers, organised a mystery hike for Broken Hill's Endeavorers for June 12, when 200 young people and friends had happy fellowship. On arrival at the appointed place an open-air meeting was held, followed by tea.

Belmore.—Good attendances have been maintained at all services, and Messrs. Crossman, Carter, Verco, Wood, Gibbs and Arnott have rendered splendid service with excellent addresses. June 11 was church anniversary. Special singing was rendered by choir, and speakers were V. B. Arnott (morning), and Mr. Verco (evening). E. C. Hinrichsen and V. B. Morris have been conducting midweek prayer meetings for some weeks. On June 5 K.S.P. and P.B.P. clubs entertained members of clubs from Kingsford at a social evening. Good work continues in all auxiliaries, and work is in excellent spirit for expected return of Mr. Corlett from New Zealand in near future.

Grafton.—After three weeks in hospital, as result of a road accident, the preacher, P. J. Pond, has been discharged and is making good progress. During his absence the pulpit was occupied by Sgt. K. J. Pond (R.A.A.F.) and Len. Walsh. After long suffering Mrs. McCallum has gone to be with her Lord. Mrs. P. J. Pond conducted devotional broadcast over 2GF on June 11 in absence of Mr. Pond. Ladies' Guild held annual meeting on June 13 with a "bring a friend and bring a gift" afternoon, the latter to go towards the fair at a later date. A united ladies' meeting and lantern lecture by Mr. Bingham, of B. and F. Bible Society, was held in chapel on June 20. Church anniversary has been postponed because of Mr. Pond's accident.

Queensland

Bundaberg.—Women's Mission Band held monthly meeting on May 31, when first birthday was celebrated. Captain Arthur Deoberitz and Sister Joan Weaving (Army nursing sister) spent three weeks' leave with relatives and friends. At gospel service on June 4 a delightful trio was rendered by Mrs. Walter Pohle, Miss Mavis and Cap. Arthur Deoberitz. Senior Girls' Club held an apron evening on June 13. A. B. Clark exchanged with H. J. Whitney, of Presbyterian church, on June 11, for morning service. Young people of church held a shower evening for Connie Christensen, W.A.A.A.F., on June 10, prior to her marriage

on 17th to Pte. John Hay, of Gympie church, A. B. Clark officiating. W. Smith is still in hospital after serious operation 15 weeks ago. A. Chappel, of Childers, has been in hospital, where he underwent an operation. Doris Linderberg is also in hospital. Mrs. Malcho was laid to rest on June 15 at the age of 80. Sympathy has been extended to her family.

Gympie.—Good meetings were held on June 18, morning service being broadcast. On June 17 Les. Hook, late A.I.F., and Miss T. Joyce were married in the chapel. A successful united teachers' training class was held on June 17, theme being "Music in the Sunday School." A mid-week devotional broadcast, arranged through the ministers' fraternal by courtesy 4GY, began on June 21 at 1.15 p.m.

Victoria

Emerald.—On June 18 very fine addresses were given by F. B. Alcorn at both services. Sales of Christian literature to congregations are well maintained, the convenience of having it available, being appreciated.

Brighton.—A farewell social to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Nance-Kivell was held on June 17, at which churches of the circuit were represented. The ministry has been much appreciated. Pending the appointment of a preacher, the church is indebted to visiting speakers for their services.

Balwyn.—Attendances are large; 117 broke bread on June 25, when R. L. Williams gave an appreciated address. Mr. Hurren was speaker at night. A block of land for a manse has been purchased in Gordon-st., Balwyn. After readjustments made necessary by recent fire, church debt now stands at £440.

Parkdale.—Attendances at services are encouraging. On June 26 V. C. Stafford, of Cheltenham, addressed morning service. In the evening Mr. Sutherland sang a solo. After A. W. Stephenson's sermon K. Hollingworth confessed Christ. Mrs. A. Pierce died on June 23. Sympathy with relatives was expressed by church.

Hampton.—The opening services of the ministry of C. L. Lang have been well attended. On evening of June 25 the churches of the district closed their chapels in order to hold a united service. The soldiers' memorial hall was crowded. J. Machin was song-leader, a united choir sang an anthem, and the address was given by Principal J. D. Northey.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—The church continues to progress under leadership of A. Graham. At annual business meeting on May 25, all reports showed increase in interest, and 8 added to church. Mr. Pfeifer was elected an officer and Mr. Lacy an elder. The church enjoyed a message from A. A. Hughes on June 18. Interest is shown in competition work in Bible school.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—To a largely attended meeting on June 25, which included many visitors, C. G. Taylor delivered an excellent address on overseas missions. At evening service Mrs. H. I. Walmsley rendered a solo. Church welcomed Jack Osborne (A.I.F.) home on leave. Much sickness prevails amongst members. Sympathy is extended to Matt Cameron in the loss of his brother.

Moreland.—Visiting speakers have been Miss M. Clipstone, H. Watson and Chaplain G. Tease. Y.P. work progresses well. Junior Crusaders recently celebrated third anniversary. Average attendance over the year was 28 boys. Competition honor was won at churches of Christ field day. Ladies of church are still arranging regular despatch of parcels to approximately 90 church members and friends in the Forces.

Kyneton.—Mrs. James McLure, many years a member of Drummond church, entered into rest recently at the age of 84 years. Miss J. Goudie has recovered from an illness in hospital. Sympathy is felt for Mrs. C. Beer, who has been in hospital for several weeks.

On June 12, many members of Bible school and friends took part in a "bike hike" to koala sanctuary on Black Hill. Fourteen scholars have entered for scripture examinations.

Hamilton.—At a baptismal service on June 11 the chapel was crowded. Mr. Forbes spoke convincingly on the ordinance. On June 18 there was an excellent worship service, when five young people were received into fellowship. June meeting of W.M.B. had record attendance. Senior C.E. held a profitable evening at home of Mrs. Maher. The preacher conducted a "Voice of the People" (Bible knowledge test) which created much interest.

Brunswick.—Mission Band held communion with Sister Sargent, who attained her 100th birthday on June 3, at the home of her daughter. A birthday cake from the church, and flowers from the Mission Band, were presented. Her response delighted everybody. On June 13 the officers also had communion with her. A visit from the Christian Endeavor was also her delight. Addresses from S. Prentice are helpful. Bible school is still held at 9.45, and is maintaining numbers. Bob Greaves, home on leave, is in hospital suffering injuries to knee.

Drumcondra.—Recent speakers—R. Ennis and R. L. Williams (Camberwell) were appreciated. Fellowship with many visitors has been enjoyed. Meetings are good, and messages by Mr. Methven are appreciated. Sunday school still improves in attendance and in coming of new members. A parents' and scholars' night held under supervision of superintendent was successful; thanks to Ladies' Aid for arrangements for supper. Young People's Fellowship is progressing favorably. Young Worshipers' League attendance is increasing. Ladies' Aid contributed further £25 towards reducing building debt.

Camberwell.—Services during recent weeks have been encouraging. There have been four baptisms recently. At gospel service on June 25, two young ladies confessed Christ. Messrs. Hurren, Cpl. Ludbrook and Dr. Killmier have given appreciated addresses. Eighteen young people, under leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Huntsman and Mr. Lewis, held a camp at Tremont, during King's birthday week-end. It was a time of happy and spiritual fellowship, when one young man made the good confession. The ministry of R. L. Williams is proving a blessing. Church is aiming for a record overseas offering.

East Kew.—Meetings in recent weeks have maintained high levels in number and spirit. Three lads recently baptised were welcomed into membership on June 25, T. G. H. Westwood preaching and Mr. Voss, of Nth. Richmond, presiding. Many visitors and members of Services on leave were present. Mr. Candy preached at night. On night service of June 18, Bible school conducted annual church parade. Visual education is used extensively in school. Brethren in Forces recently married were E. Mott to Jean Butler, Keith Eddison to Edith Blackwell. On June 17 an evening was held to welcome Mrs. E. Snibson, of W.A., recently married to past church organist, now in A.I.F. Mrs. Jeffery, church pianist, is very sick; other sick members are improving.

Essendon.—The work is maintained at a high level under leadership of W. E. Jackel. Attendances are good and departments flourishing. On June 11 Mr. Brown, from Ascot Vale, presided in morning, and on June 18 Mr. Jackel exchanged with Mr. Bensley, of Ascot Vale. Monthly meeting of Bible study group, and tea, took place on June 25. At morning meeting a welcome was extended to Mr. Wiseman, of Albury church, N.S.W. At gospel meeting a powerful discourse was given by Mr. Jackel to a fine congregation, at conclusion of which Muriel Drew made her confession. On June 24, at 3.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., second advent messages were given to big meetings by Mr. Wright, of Spring-st. mission, and Dr. E. L. Watson. Basket tea was held, and a day of joy and blessing experienced.

North Richmond.—On May 7 and 14, anniversary services of Bible school were very successful. Singing of children under leadership of S. H. Chipperfield was enjoyed. He and the orchestra are thanked for their help. On May 26 R. Pittman addressed men of Richmond-Collingwood conference. On June 11 E. L. Williams addressed Men's Fellowship, and later conducted gospel service. Mr. Cole gave a lantern lecture to Women's Mission Band on June 13. On June 18 Mr. Cremin, of South Richmond, addressed morning service. Mr. Bond, of East Kew, presided on morning of June 25, and Colin Thompson gave a lantern lecture to Bible school. The passing of Mrs. Morrison, mother of Mrs. Geo. Hughes, is reported with regret. Mr. McIlhagger has completed three years' ministry with the church.

Footscray.—Excellent attendances continue in Bible school under superintendency of H. Easton. A senior cricket club has been formed with D. C. Ritchie president, and C. Cordy coach and captain. Interest is maintained in young people's club held every Thursday night. Y.P.S.C.E. held meeting recently at home of Mrs. Durber, and at Mrs. Johnson's home on June 21, Mrs. Vautier being speaker. At close of meeting Endeavourers prepared a surprise for J. Stewart on the occasion of his 86th birthday. Some S.S. teachers and church officers met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aitken on June 24. A social evening was held to honor Mr. and Mrs. G. Graham, married recently. R. McLean, of the college, addressed J.C.E. meeting. Church has enjoyed fellowship of E. Dyer, H. Helmore, E. Jackson, J. Herdman, G. Graham, E. Bishop, D. Pearce, R. Arnold and S. Cousins, home on leave from Services. There were good attendances at all meetings on June 25. Happy times continue in "fellowship in song" session held after gospel meeting. Sympathy is extended to H. Middlemiss in the severe illness of his wife.

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New Testament History.—Miss A. M. Barton, B.A., and F. B. Alcorn, equal, 95; K. J. Patterson, 94; R. H. Hillier, 90; K. W. Barton, 87; A. H. Graham and A. G. MacDonald, equal, 86; L. K. Wedd, 82. Eleven others passed.

Church History I.—Miss A. M. Barton, B.A., 94; M. D. Williams, 82. Nine others passed.

Church History II.—F. B. Alcorn, 92; K. W. Barton, 86; K. J. Patterson, 82. Two others passed.

New Testament Greek I.—Miss A. M. Barton, B.A., 96; M. D. Williams, 94; K. W. Barton, 85. Seven others passed.

New Testament Greek II.—F. B. Alcorn, 96; K. J. Patterson, 95; A. G. MacDonald, 88.

New Testament Greek III.—L. G. Crisp, 94; C. N. Burn, 89; G. A. Grainger, 83; C. B. Cartmel, 82. Three others passed.

Ethics.—C. N. Burn, 94; R. W. Graham, 88. Three others passed.

Apologetics.—C. N. Burn, 90; R. W. Graham, 89; G. A. Grainger, 85. Four others passed.

Pastoral Theology IA.—Miss A. M. Barton, B.A., 92; G. W. Barnett, 85; R. F. Allison, 84; W. E. Fisher, N. Kingston, and M. L. Symes, equal, 83; L. K. Wedd, 82; A. H. Graham, 81. Four others passed.

Pastoral Theology IB.—Miss A. M. Barton,

B.A., 85; W. E. Fisher, 84; A. H. Graham and N. Kingston, equal, 82; R. H. Hillier and M. L. Symes, equal, 80. Five others passed.

Pastoral Theology IIA.—F. B. Alcorn, 85; A. G. MacDonald, 84. Four others passed.

Pastoral Theology IIB.—F. B. Alcorn, A. G. MacDonald and K. J. Patterson, equal, 90; K. W. Barton, 84; J. A. Hindman, 83. One other passed.

Pastoral Theology III.—R. W. Graham, 94; C. N. Burn and F. B. Burt, equal, 87; L. G. Crisp, 80. Two others passed.

Ancient Civil History.—Six passed.

Religious Education.—F. B. Alcorn and K. J. Patterson, equal, 92; C. N. Burn, 87; K. W. Barton and A. G. MacDonald, equal, 86; R. W. Graham, 80. Seven others passed.

Missions and Comparative Religion.—R. W. Graham, 87; C. N. Burn, 81. Seven others passed.

Intermediate Greek A.—L. K. Wedd, 93; R. S. A. McLean, 87; H. H. Long, 80. Two others passed.

Intermediate Greek B.—P. S. C. Ryles, 96. One other passed.

Leaving Economics.—Seven passed.

Leaving English.—N. Gavros, 88; R. S. A. McLean, 81; Miss J. G. Waterman, 80. Three others passed.

Leaving French.—One passed.

Leaving Geography.—Miss J. G. Waterman, 91; R. S. A. McLean, 89; H. M. Long, 86. Three others passed.—Fred. T. Saunders, secretary.

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The Missionary and Modern India

TO the Christian church, it is not a question as to whether the missionary will be wanted in India of the future, but as to the need of his presence. Dr. Hodge, ex-secretary of the National Christian Council of India, discusses this problem.

OPEN FORUM DAY OF MISSIONARY OVER

THERE are those within the courts of the church who say quite frankly that the day of the foreign missionary is over, and that the best thing he can do is to depart gracefully and leave the field to his indigenous brother. They who say this have these things in mind: The church is now domiciled in India and well able to take up the varied tasks hitherto handled by the missionary; why import Christian teachers from the West when qualified Indian Christian teachers are available and unemployed? Why bring evangelists from abroad when Indian evangelists of equal devotion are already on the spot? The presence of the foreign missionary, having regard to his prestige and financial potentiality, hinders the growth of indigenous initiative and leadership."

MISSIONARY SHOULD CONTINUE

"While the view above expressed is certainly in evidence, it cannot be said to be the mind of the general body of Christians in India. These, for the most part, hold firmly that the missionary should continue in office, and for these reasons: The church in India needs him for the upbuilding of its spiritual life; for the completion of the unfinished evangelistic tasks (in a population of 380,000,000, Christians of all communions number barely 8,000,000, and vast regions remain where no effective Christian witness is borne); the church universal needs him. World evangelisation is the task of the whole church, and by the grace of God, the church in India is an authentic outreach of the church universal, committed, therefore, under the great commission, to preach the gospel to all the peoples of the world."

GOOD INVESTMENTS

DURING the year we have been pleased to have people from outside our mission in India ask for the privilege of financing the training of girls with a view to fitting them to serve India. One is a captain with the British Forces who has been in contact with a neighboring mission where there is a girls' high school. What he saw there, perhaps coupled with a need he has also seen, has evidently given him a desire to do something for Indian girls. It so happens that the missionaries in that part are interested in some of the girls of the Shrigonda home who have no relations to help them; and so, when the request came, they thought of these less privileged girls who had come to us from that area, two of whom are quite likely to pass the final examination this year. The captain and his wife wish the girl to matriculate and then take up nurse's training. The missionaries who wrote to me concerning this matter also wish to help a girl through high school, to matriculation. They soon leave for America, but both



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parties have placed sums with the principal of the girls' high school to be at the disposal of the girls for education there, as soon as they have passed the final examination.

Of the ten girls who are sitting for the examination this year, six are daughters of mission workers. Two of these workers were at one time inmates of the boys' home, and these are their eldest daughters. Two of the six are day scholars. Four are boarders whose parents pay small fees for them, but would be quite unable to pay their way through higher education without borrowing for the purpose. There is no high school at Shrigonda, so our girls have to go into residence at the mission school, Ahmednagar. Dr. Oldfield, too, has stated his willingness to help some promising girls through their education from the medical department, with a view to providing the hospital in the future with more qualified nurses. The girls need 5th English at least to take up nursing effectively.

Now these offers have not come from people afar off who have had no opportunity of observing facts for themselves, so they do not by any means consider the venture in the light of a speculation. They have reason to consider it a good investment, gilt-edged securities if you will. The immediate return will be the joy of knowing that they are helping someone who needs that help to progress, force of circumstances having made them dependent on others for such help. They also have the joy and satisfaction of knowing that such help will by the grace of God develop a life in all aspects of its personality, so that those helped will be better able to take their place in life as an influence that will reach out to others.

Then there is the other purpose that presses in on the mind, that of providing the church in India with men and women of trained minds, high purposes and holy living to carry on the work which Christ has called his church to do. For my part, I cannot believe that India will reject the light the church offers. There may be sections, as there are in every land, that will wish to quench the flame and persecute the church. They are those who are satisfied with and benefit by caste-bound Hinduism; but there are other sections in India, true seekers who needs must love the highest when

they see it. And Christianity, represented in a more natural setting than they are yet accustomed to, will make its greater impact. We have to be prepared to give way to that "more natural setting," and the best preparation, and our duty, is to do our part to equip the church with those who will be worthy leaders.

In the time yet allowed us, may we do our utmost to strengthen the church in India by helping these young people to fuller, happier, more effective service, to take their place with minds equipped and lives lived in the power of and for the sake of Christ, to be the light that cannot be hid. "Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven."—F. Cameron.

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Open Forum

FOR "CHRISTIAN" READERS

(Correspondents are reminded that letters should not be more than 300 words in length, that names and not pseudonyms should be used, and that once a writer has had his say on a particular topic he should leave the way open for somebody else. We do not desire unsatisfactory crossfiring. The insertion of a letter does not imply editorial approval of its contents.—Ed.)

STANDARD OF MUSIC

GORDON W. DAY'S criticism of the standard of music in our churches, coming as it did from one of undoubted musical ability, was very timely. There is no doubt that some churches seem to be of the opinion that the louder and faster hymns are sung the more inspiring will be the service. His plea for a better choice of hymns should appeal to all music-loving brethren. Hymns, with words of little spiritual value, and with no musical value, are too often sung whilst no effort is made to introduce many beautiful tunes from the wealth of hymns unknown by our congregations.

It is the opinion of the writer that churches of Christ as a whole can learn quite a lot from some of the other denominations in regard to beauty of service. Two things necessary to make a church service beautiful are (1) a high standard music, and (2) an atmosphere of quietness and reverence. In regard to the latter, the absence of unnecessary noise before and after the service will help very materially.

Our Father has given to us all the beauty of the earth. Then let us "worship him in the beauty of holiness."—Eric F. Morris, East Malvern, Vic.

"JAPAN'S OTHER WAR"

THE June 14 issue contained an article entitled, "Japan's Other War—on Christianity." The article quotes the reasoning of a partially intoxicated Japanese officer, and then goes on to suggest that this person is capable of expressing the sentiments of the Japanese people. This I feel is a gross misrepresentation. To quote the Japanese people as having the ambition to conquer the whole world I feel is handling the truth very carelessly.

The words of Kagawa that only five per cent. of the Japanese people are in favor of militarism would suggest an entirely different outlook. Have we in Australia, or the Empire a lower percentage of militaristic-minded folk?

An Australian who has returned from Tokyo, and who was professor in English in one of

that city's universities, has said, "The Emperor was the saddest person in Japan after hearing of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Sorry not because he feared reprisals, but because he knew the Japanese people did not want war."

The article speaks of Shintoist priests, in disguise, endeavoring to sabotage Christianity. If Christianity can be sabotaged (and I very much doubt that it can), the article "Japan's Other War—on Christianity" would prove a great aid in that work.

Such articles have not a very elevating influence, and surely we as a people (churches of Christ) will not countenance any hate propaganda.

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In John's Gospel, winter becomes a symbol of other severities than the weather. There is a winter of man's inhumanity to man, harder to be born than the year's rigorous season. Look through John's tenth chapter. Jesus tells the Parable of the Shepherd, but they do not understand. He talks of the Shepherd's Sacrifice, and that provokes a quarrel. He replies to pressing demands and they prepare to stone him. He holds them with his masterly reasoning, but they try to take him again. Indeed, "it was winter"!

But Jesus survived. He remembered winter passes. The Feast of Dedication celebrated an historic winter's passing. He looked to the tokens of survival and the message of the stones of Solomon's porch. Moreover, he valued life's points of repair and revisited the scene of his baptism. Let us learn his wisdom, let us respond to the Good Shepherd himself, and neither the winter of nature nor of man's inhumanity will overwhelm us.—G. J. Andrews.

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