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The Surrendered Life

"I WOULD give the world to have your experience," said a wealthy man to a devout Christian woman. "That's just what it cost me," she replied, "I gave up the world for Christ."

That is surrendered life! Paul meant nothing less than that when he wrote to the Roman Christians (Rom. 12: 1), "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Recently a man complained of a church that it lacked spirituality. Another said that he couldn't find much fellowship in his church. Both these criticisms may be true of some churches; but the fault is often not with the church, but with ourselves. We do not find spirituality, because our own spiritual life is lacking. We do not find fellowship, because we ourselves have little to contribute to the fellowship of the church.

A PRESSING NEED

It is said that during the middle ages, a citizen of Cologne, who was also an archbishop, was overheard swearing. The peasant who heard him seemed greatly amazed. The archbishop said, "When I swear, I swear, not as an archbishop, but as a citizen of Cologne." "But, sir," the amazed peasant is alleged to have said, "when the citizen of Cologne goes to tell, what becomes of the archbishop?"

The peasant's question is one that we might all consider. If you who come to church and remember the Lord Jesus on Sunday, deal in an un-Christlike manner in your business on Monday, who faces judgment—you or your business self? If you live during the week a life that is unworthy of a high calling, where will you stand when that life is judged? There is a pressing need that we should cast off a half-Christian existence, and surrender all of our life to the Lord Jesus. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice!"

Possibly a great deal of our ineffective service in church and individual life is due to trying to live a double life. It renders our service ineffective, because it ruins our ideals. Are we working for our own selfish glory in the church, or for Christ's?

When our Lord set his face to go to Jerusalem and the cross, the disciples came along behind. They couldn't keep up, because they were arguing who should be greatest in the kingdom. We are in danger that we will slip far away from Christ, while we are trying to settle in the church this unimportant matter of our own greatness. If we present our bodies a living sacrifice, selfishness must go.

*David Hammer, of South Australia,
shows the need of full surrender to
God if a Christian is to be effective in
serving within a critical world.*



Spiritual matters, we are told, are spiritually discerned. A great number fail to discern spirituality in others, because their own vision is not clear. The evangelist Chapman used a striking illustration he had culled from an American newspaper. It pictured a blind girl being led down the town by two of her young friends. They walked one each side of her, and tried to explain to the blind one just what there was in the shop windows at Christmas time. Amidst such an assortment of wonderful things, how could they possibly explain everything to their blind friend? And how could she really comprehend? How can we possibly discern spiritual things if we are not fully yielded to the Spirit ourselves? It is only thus that our eyes are opened to the realm of the spiritual.

THE WAY TO SURRENDER

The most important word in the text before us is the verb "present." We are to "present our bodies a living sacrifice." But, you say, haven't I done all that already? How will it agree with the text, "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price"?

There is a story told of the old days of slavery in America. A wealthy man took a fancy to a slave, and began to bid for him at the auction. As the bids rose higher and higher, the slave was watching the faces of the bidders, knowing that, when the final bid was accepted, that would separate him from his wife and children. At last the wealthy man's bid was accepted, and he took charge of the slave. "You are mine now," he said. "Yes, master," replied the slave, with tears in his eyes. "I have paid a big price for you." "Yes, master," and the tears were running down his cheeks now. "I have bought you," said the rich man, as he undid the slave's bonds, "in order to set you free." Then the freed slave fell at his master's feet and cried, "Master, I will be your slave for ever."

It is well to remember that, although God has bought us with a price (and what a price it was!), he will not step over the bounds of our own free will. If you keep your life back

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The Church

Henry George Harward and His Text

In the series, "Preachers and Their Texts,"

Thos. Hagger had planned to send this article

to us while the late Mr. Harward was alive, but it was not finished in time.

Readers will be interested in this sketch of such a well-known evangelist.



It was at the Victorian conference in the year 1900 that a young man was welcomed back from America. He had been away for seven years. At the home missionary meeting on "Good Friday" evening he was the final speaker, and he captivated the conference with his eloquence. On that occasion he said: "The great problem before the church in Australia is that of home missions—how to enter in and take up the new fields waiting for us on every hand. . . . Our plea is something to be proud of, and we should never lose an opportunity of presenting it." He urged that there were three factors in this matter—the presentation of the true faith, the proper utilisation of our forces, and the wise selection of fields.

That young man was H. G. Harward. He was a Victorian by birth, and was led to accept and obey the truth under the preaching of H. Milner Black at Collingwood about the year 1889.

At the time of his baptism he was in the Telephone Department of the Post Office, and later was in charge of the telephone exchange at Warrnambool. During his sojourn in that town he was very active in open-air preaching, and helped much in the various services and meetings of the Warrnambool church.

To America

In October, 1893, he was led to go to the United States of America, where he accepted a call to labor with the church at Newton, Kansas. He stayed in that field for two and three-quarter years, during which time 157 were added to the membership of the church. Then he entered Eureka College for a course of study so as to be more fitted for the great work of gospel preaching. During his student days he preached regularly, and won the inter-college oratorical championship of Illinois.

He was married while in America, but to an Australian. Mrs. Harward was a sister of Mary Thompson, our beloved missionary to India.

Return to Australia

H. G. Harward was one of the few Australians who went to America to study who returned to devote their lives to the work of God in their native land. He and his wife reached Melbourne on return in February, 1900, and he was immediately engaged by the Fitzroy church, where he remained for two years. During that time he held the first tent mission held by churches of Christ in this land. It was at Bendigo, Mr. Harward's native city. Some of us will never forget the wave of excitement that went through our churches when it was announced that the conversions and additions to the church in that effort totalled 104.

At the Victorian conference of 1901, a Jubilee Committee recommended in its report that one of the best Australian preachers be secured to carry on special mission work, and H. G. Harward had advocated the securing of a large tent for such work. At the next conference Mr. Harward reported that sufficient money had been collected to purchase the tent. And it was in that tent that the mission at Bendigo had been held.

State Evangelist

In April, 1902, he was appointed State evangelist for Victoria, and in September of that year he was joined by E. W. Pittman as singer. At the following conference, it was reported that there had been 236 additions by faith and baptism, six additions as baptised believers, and five had been restored to fellowship as a result of this special work.

First Principal of College

When the Australian College of the Bible was founded by the Federal Conference in Melbourne as the most central city, and because there were more churches in Melbourne to keep the students employed, Mr. Harward was appointed the principal. He continued in that position for four years.

Then he went back to the evangelistic field, and spent two years in New Zealand. New South Wales was the next scene of his labors. After that he became the first Federal evangelist. Returning to New South Wales he there spent the rest of his active life, apart from two years in Great Britain, and visits to New Zealand and Tasmania. He retired from the active ministry in 1940, through ill-health.

The brotherhood should thank God for H. G. Harward, and for the wonderful work done through him.

His Text

One of the themes on which Mr. Harward delighted to discourse was "The Church." In almost all of his missions he spoke on the subject. And frequently the text used was Ephesians 5: 25—"Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

To him the church was divine in its origin, and the greatest institution in existence; he looked upon it as being engaged in a most noble mission.

In his sermon how clearly would he say: "The New Testament recognises the existence of but one church. It knows nothing of denominationalism."

Under the heading, "The Founder of the Church," he said: "Christ is the builder or founder of this wonderful organisation." He founded it on the day of Pentecost, and "since that time the Lord has employed many persons as workmen in the erection of this divine edifice, but he has never authorised any man to be the founder of a new church."

In the second place, he would deal with the Head of the church, presenting from the scriptures of the New Testament the truth that Christ is the Head. And he would say in his own effective way, "A body must have one head. It cannot have more—unless it be a monstrosity. This is true of the church."

Clearly our preacher would indicate that membership in the church is not a matter of feeling but of fact. That the things which make a man a Christian, make him a member of the church. He is not made a Christian by certain acts, and then constituted a church member by something in addition. It was in faith, repentance, confession and baptism that people were added to the Lord and his church in New Testament days, and in this.

The name of the church would come in for

consideration. To Mr. Harward this was an important matter. After setting forth the names used in the New Testament for the church, and for the individual Christian, he would proceed to say: "Human names are unscriptural and sinful because they perpetuate division among the followers of Christ."

In speaking of the worship of the church, he would urge that the worship of the early church was characterised by simplicity, and that "the Lord's table occupied the central position in that worship."

The sermon would conclude with an effort to show that "in building up the church according to the design revealed in the New Testament, we are bringing the apostolic church into existence again," and in urging that the world does not need a new church, but a restoration of the oldest one in existence. Then his hearers would be invited to become part of that church for which Christ gave himself, and which will one day be presented "faultless before his presence with exceeding joy."

Since writing the above H. G. Harward has finished his pilgrimage, and has gone to his reward. The work that he did will live on.

"Servant of God, well done;
Rest from thy loved employ."

The Surrendered Life

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from him in selfishness, he will not force your surrender. But what God will not force us to give, we should "present" to him—the full surrender of our lives.

At least part of the beauty of the ordinance of believer's baptism is contained in the thought of surrender to Christ—that we should be completely identified with him. "Buried with him by baptism into death" and "rising to walk in newness of life"—these are things that speak of our original surrender to Christ. But we dare not stop there. The Christian life demands continual obedience, and continual surrender. In this fuller life, we will bring every part of our lives under Christ's control.

The Richness of Full Surrender

When we will "present our bodies a living sacrifice," we will find that in this surrendered life there is a richness that we never before knew. We find the echoes of our own experience in the lives of other Christians in the church, and begin to plumb spiritual depths in the conversation of others that previously we never knew to exist. Our own service becomes enriched also. When the motive of selfishness is withdrawn from Christian service, it is truly surprising what a person can do for the Lord. But possibly the greatest enrichment is that which concerns only our own lives. Life becomes worth living.

I like the story that is told of John Wesley. It is said that a woman once said to him, "If you knew you were to die at twelve o'clock to-morrow night, how would you spend the intervening time?" "How, madam?" he replied, "just as I intend to spend it now. I should preach this night at Gloucester, and again at five to-morrow morning. After that I should ride to Tewkesbury, preach in the afternoon, and meet the societies in the evening. I should then repair to friend Martin's house, who expects to entertain me, converse and pray with the family as usual, retire to my room at ten o'clock, commend myself to my heavenly Father, lie down to rest, and wake up in glory."

That is surrendered life also.

The Australian Christian



Unbelief—Then Faith

W. Rothery, of Queensland, analyses the nature of faith, and presents a helpful study on "Even his brethren did not believe on him"

(John 7: 5).

AFTER the most spectacular and convincing miracle that Jesus ever wrought—that of the feeding of the five thousand—it is surprising to read of the disaffection of many of his disciples. Many of these "went back and walked no more with him" (John 6: 66). Further, we are told that "Jesus walked no more in Judea, for the Jews sought to kill him" (John 7: 1). This gathering unbelief is startling in the light of the statement concerning his brethren—for even these, nearest and dearest of his earthly relationships—did not believe on him.

1. Who were the "Brethren" of Jesus?

They are named for us in Matt. 13: 55: four in number, James, Joseph, Simon and Judas. Concerning them there has been speculation. What was their exact relationship to Jesus? There are three theories.

1. That they were children born to Joseph by a former wife. This view has been supported in England by Lightfoot, but is not commonly held to-day.

2. That they were the children of Mary's sister and Cleopas; in which case they would be the cousins of Jesus. But in the New Testament they are always represented as living with Mary and Joseph, and not with Mary and Cleopas. They thus seem to be members of the family to which Jesus belongs (Matt. 12: 46; 13: 55; John 7: 3).

3. That they were the children of Mary and Joseph, after the birth of Jesus. This view seems to be supported by the texts above quoted in comparison also with Luke 2: 7; Matt. 1: 18-25.

2. Why Did They Not Believe?

Assuming, then, that they with Jesus were reared in the same household, and that he was to them as an elder brother, what were the reasons which turned them against him? We shall never know entirely.

1. Familiarity with him as their playmate and constant companion possibly dulled their perceptions to the moral splendour of his life, and on this score they rejected him as the neighbors at Nazareth afterwards did also.

2. Perhaps, on the other hand, they did perceive the purity of his life, and their own pride and inconsistency prevented them from acknowledging him as their Lord and Master.

"Unbelief puts a veil upon our hearts, dulls the spiritual sense and paralyzes our power to appropriate. The lack of unappropriating grace is unbelief; this is the veil upon the heart (2 Cor. 3: 15). It is a real thing—the work of the devil."

3. How is Faith Produced?

We are assured in the New Testament that without faith we cannot please God; that those who come to him must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him. Many people believe that faith is the direct gift of God to the seeking heart, and that we must wait passively for God to

give us faith. This seems contrary both to experience and to teaching of the New Testament.

1. *Faith is Inherent.* The disciples asked the Lord to increase their faith; and Jesus assured his hearers that though their faith be only as a grain of mustard seed, they could remove mountains. The capacity to believe is inherent, and is exercised without volition. Implicitly we trust those whom we love, and in a thousand ways reveal faith in one another every day of our life.

"If our faith were but more simple, We would take him at his word, And our lives would be all sunshine In the presence of the Lord."

2. *Faith cometh by hearing;* so declares Paul



A Foggy Morning



Commenting on "The truth shall make you free," Wilkie J. Thomson, of Long Plains, S.A., tells of incidents that can occur in fogs.

WE had a fog this morning—a very thick and heavy fog—so thick indeed that, as the Irishman said, "You couldn't see your hand behind your back." Some people tell us within three days we shall have rain, but as to that I do not know.

I do not like fogs in the city, because they possess the murkiness of grey buildings and carry with them the smoke of city furnaces. The immeasurable things that one must touch are clammy and generally made dirty by the fog. It is somewhat like that at sea when the smoke from the stacks cannot rise, and so it mingles with moisture, and the sailors call it soup. Here, in the country, the fog carries with it the smell of washed gums and that indescribable but sweet odor of fresh cropped grass.

Still a fog's a fog wherever it is, which, I am sure, nobody will deny. It blots out the sky, the countryside, and even the path at our very feet. Obscurity seems to be its first work, and we may grope as do the blind in their perpetual darkness.

There are those, it seems, who live forever in a fog by choice, who prefer to do so rather than to behold beauty, goodness, truth. They never see clearly any one virtue that lifts man above the beasts. They see everything before them, as it were, murkily and besmeared. There may be rare occasions on which the fog lifts and they are for a time the likeable, nice people they should be, but, unfortunately, as suddenly as it lifted it descends again.

Oh, why do people want to see only in a fog?

I may try to answer my own question, but it would take me too deeply into the realm of philosophy. But I do know that those of

in Rom. 10: 17. Hence the importance of the preached word. "How shall men call on him in whom they have not believed; and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? Even as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things."

3. *Faith cometh also by sight* or demonstration. The Jews of Jesus' day demanded signs or visible tokens of his power. Sight is the shortest way to knowledge. Thomas said, "Except I see in his hands the print of the nails I will not believe." But Jesus said, "Blessed are they that have believed and yet have not seen."

4. *Faith cometh by judgment.* Some men are so constituted that they cannot make hasty decisions; cannot act upon impulse or emotion, but require time for reflection and a careful consideration of the facts. Thus of the Bereans it is written, "They were more noble than the Thessalonians in that they searched the scriptures to see whether these things were so."

4. The Triumph of Faith

Concerning those whom John saw about the throne, the elder said, "These are they that

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whom I write see fears and horrors which only the bright light of truth can ever disperse. These flee from goodness and truth as from some monstrous demon.

A man walking on the hills of Scotland saw through the fog a monster approaching. He stood rooted to the spot with fear. It drew a little nearer and resolved itself into a man; nearer still and it proved to be his own brother.

Long ago I wrote in a notebook: "Resolved: I will be more ready to believe my beliefs and to doubt my doubts. That I will endeavor to prove all things and hold fast that which is good."

Such a note may seem simple enough, but by experience I have proven that to carry out my resolution I had to bring everything into the light that when I could I should know the truth. I could never close my eyes to it no matter what pain it might bring. Truth itself rejoices in coming to the light. "Truth only smells sweet forever, and illusions, however innocent, are deadly as the canker worm," wrote Freud.

I learned, moreover, that, knowing the truth, I was able to rejoice in a far loftier region than where the fogs lay, and to look as high as I might I could not look higher than truth, which, in the pleasant words of Maeterlinck, "Rests over all things like beauty in suspense."

Come out of the foggy valley, my friends, you who really love the truth, and you'll find the things that held fears and terrors for you vanish away, or will glisten in the radiance of the light that shines above the fog. There's nothing to be afraid of in the truth, for "ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

J. C. F. Pittman

The Old Gospel with a New Approach

IN his address on "Evangelism in Our Time," published in his book "The Hope of a New World," Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, stresses the great need of evangelism to-day, and especially by what he terms "lay witnesses," whose testimony is the more effective because it is not professional. The archbishop says that "in one sense the task of the evangelist is always the same; it is to preach the gospel, which does not change." Yet, in another sense, the task differs with every generation, for "in order to preach the unchanging gospel with power to the changing minds of men, we have to find afresh the points of possible contact." To-day, "we have to speak to people who attach very little meaning to the word 'sin,' and none at all to the word 'redemption.'" Dr. Temple remarks that we may make our approach through the generally admitted sense of frustration and futility with which all are familiar. We must give the old message; it is only the approach which is new. "The essential evangelistic appeal," writes the archbishop, "never varies; it is the appeal of Christ on the cross to all mankind, and to each man and woman to be reconciled to God. We are ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us; we beseech you on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God." It is heartening to have this positive note sounded by one of the great thinkers and religious leaders of the day.

The Two Marys

The interesting broadcast of Dorothy Sayers' "The Man Born to be King" furnishes the probable reason for the elevation to the level

of a "current topic" of the gratuitous assumption of the identification of two of the Marys of the New Testament with the woman who was a sinner mentioned but not named in Luke 7. An inquiry with an indication of considerable discussion may justify this note. It may truthfully be said that, despite widespread acceptance of an unproved tradition, there is no valid reason for asserting that Mary Magdalene was the woman who anointed Jesus in the house of Simon the Pharisee. The fact that the Lord cast out seven demons from Mary of Magdala does not prove she was a woman of ill-fame or corrupt character. I agree with Professor Adeney's comment that "the popular idea of the 'Magdalen' is a baseless libel on Mary of the watch-tower." Regarding Mary of Bethany, the confusion of her with the woman of Luke 7 is due to a perverse assumption that there could not be two anointings of Jesus, as described in the Gospels. Yet the time and setting are manifestly different, and Simon was one of the commonest of names. To link Mary of Bethany with Mary Magdalene we have to make two invalid assumptions—firstly regarding Mary Magdalene and the sinful woman, and secondly, about Mary of Magdala and Mary of Bethany. Mary is such a common name as to make its use as an identification mark very weak. Had either of the Marys been won from an immoral life, it would certainly have shown the mercy and gracious power of Christ. But that is no warrant for a gratuitous libel on the woman who was loved, praised and defended by the Lord Jesus.

A. R. Main

Our Young People

W. R. Hibburt

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Div. 4.—1, Bruce Desmond Craven, Brighton, 100; 2, Ruby Ada Gladman, Ballarat (Dawson-st.), 99; 3, Olive Pearl Kellor, Caulfield, 98; 4, Fay Patricia Hodson, Bentleigh, 97.

Div. 5.—1, Audrey Emily Batterham, Boronia, 100; 2, Russell Arthur Williams, Coburg, 96; 3, Amy Alice Kellor, Caulfield, 92; 4, Francis Evans, Balwyn, 91.

Div. 6.—1, Muriel Winifred Hill, Ivanhoe, 96; 2, Evelyn Dulcie Jones, Prahran, 94; 3, Dorothy Joyce Evans, Surrey Hills, 92; 4, Arthur Blair Titter, Williamstown, 90.

Div. 7.—Special, Elizabeth Ruth Clements, Blackburn, 70½.

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Div. 8.—1, Francis Alexander Mitchell, Thorn-

bury, 90½; 2, Dorothy Maud Brogan, Blackburn, 88; 3, Gwyneth D. Finger, Boronia, 81½.

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Div. 3.—1, Margaret Squire, Edwardstown West, 100; 2, June Bartlett, Croydon, 99; 3, Muriel Marriott, Croydon, 98.

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Div. 9.—1, Dulcie Wood, Prospect, 98; 2, Mrs. G. Pettman, Maylands, 96; 3, Mrs. H. Jacobs, Mt. Compass, 94.

RELIEF IN PRAYER

"IN every joy that crowns my days,
In every pain I bear,
My heart shall find delight in praise,
Or seek relief in prayer."

TWO VERSIONS OF THE GOLDEN RULE

THE Lord said, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, the same do ye unto them." Confucius said, "What ye would not that men should do unto you, do not unto them." The one is full of the fire and passion which have regenerated humanity; the other is within the power of a waxen image in Madame Tussaud's show. The one launches a lifeboat; the other abstains from piracy.

THE SUPREME OBJECT

THE object that is supreme in our heart will make itself manifest in our lives.

When Joshua saw the angel of the Lord he gave him a military challenge, for his soul was in the war (Jos. 5: 13). The color of our chosen occupation will tinge our whole existence. "For to me to live is Christ," said Paul. The musician moves his fingers on the table as if playing a tune. The sailor will roll upon the land as if he were upon the ocean. So will the soul think of God and heaven and duty while busy with other matters. Let us cultivate the religious habit.

A PRAYER

FATHER, my inmost prayer would be
For deeper consciousness of thee,

To find within the written word
My living, ever-conquering Lord,

To know that holiest mystery,
Thyself in Christ and Christ in me;

To see the shining of thy face,
To be a channel in thy grace.

—Elizabeth Cheney.

Father.—"When I was a boy I thought nothing of a ten-mile walk."

Son.—"Well, I don't think so much of it myself."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—THE TABLES TURNED

Aug. 14—Rom. 8: 1-11.

" 15—Rom. 12: 9-21.

" 16—Phil. 1: 12-26.

" 17—Phil. 3.

" 18—Phil. 4: 1-7.

" 19—1 Thes. 5: 12-21.

" 20—Zech. 14: 1-9; John 16: 16-33.

CHRISTIANITY is, in a sense, revolutionary for, if practised, the tables are turned. Virtues previously disregarded are now divinely commended as the choicest of Christian graces. Qualities hitherto overrated now occupy the lowest places in the scale of moralities. So, the first are last and the last first. Moreover, in regard to the emotions, the tables are turned. Jesus told his disciples that whilst they should weep and lament, the world would rejoice. "But," he added, "your turn will come; your sorrow shall be turned into joy." It is so now. The world may laugh whilst Christians weep, but "joy cometh in the morning." And even on earth, we have a foretaste of heavenly felicities in the possession of joys which none here can give or take away.

United Protestant Voice Needed

P. C. D. Alcorn, B.A., of Queensland, reports on moves to unite churches, on war memorials, and on a link with China.

Need for United Voice

THE Queensland Council of Churches has completed another year of active witness in the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. It has taken an interest in the work of Sunsetholme—a home for aged people founded under the auspices of the council twenty-one years ago; maintained and extended hostel activities throughout the State; held united meetings at appropriate seasons; raised over £1000 for China Famine Relief; and secured a more equitable distribution of Sunday broadcast services. The council in conjunction with the Temperance League hopes to secure a licence and wave-length for a broadcasting station. As Christian unity does not seem likely for some time, the council believes there should be an Australian Federal council of churches consisting of the presidents of the Federal conferences of the Protestant churches and representatives of the State councils to voice more effectively than at present the mind of the Protestant church on moral and social issues. It is agreed that the need for such a body is evident now, and will be more so when the period of reconstruction begins.

War Memorials

When Dr. Loyal Wirt was in Brisbane, he suggested to the Congregational Union the erection in Canberra of a permanent memorial to British Empire and American Congregational men and women, the memorial to be a group of three church buildings, including a youth building, which would contain memorials to the fallen.

The Brisbane Anglican church has decided to have a war memorial to the fallen and wounded, and as an expression of gratitude to God for the help of our allies in the prosecution of the war, and that Australia had been spared the horrors of invasion. Three suggestions made were—(1) The building of a university college within the new Queensland university; (2) The raising of £60,000 for special

church work; (3) The completion of the cathedral.

Some think that memorials after the war should take the form of hospital wings, establishment of kindergartens and scholarships, and other efforts tending to bring out the ideals of man so that future wars would be impossible.

Link With China

Dr. Hsu Mo, Chinese Minister in Australia, on his first official visit to Brisbane, pointed out the need for a proper exchange of information between Australia and China. International goodwill, he said, depends on our knowledge of one another. It has been contended that we should facilitate the bringing of Chinese students to this country. Chinese students go to America at the rate of one hundred a year, and when they return to China they think in terms of American ways and have a big influence on the Chinese people. If the students were encouraged to come here, it would do much to benefit post-war relations between the two countries.

News Items

A party of missionaries has been granted permission to return to New Guinea to rebuild and carry on their work.

The Anglican Synod recently carried a motion protesting against all-day Scout troop outings on Sundays when they interfered with religious observances of cubs and scouts.

A prominent Salvation Army officer, Colonel Sylvia Sadler, has retired after eleven years as manageress of the People's Palace. She was one of the two first women in Australasia to be licensed to celebrate weddings. Her welfare work among women and children has brought her into close touch with legal and business men of Brisbane, and her services have earned for her many expressions of appreciation.

World of Books

ORDER OR CHAOS?

AFTER two world-wars men have learned the need of planning wisely to avoid the disasters of armed conflict between nations. The advances of science have brought the world-communities close together. No nation can isolate itself. All must give and take in a vast fellowship. A small book entitled "Reconstruction—Order or Chaos?" issued by the League of Nations Union, Melbourne, sets out the claim for a new league of nations in which all nations will be represented. To that league must be entrusted a police force to ensure that the decisions of the league are enforced. The new league of nations must seek to help all peoples enjoy economic prosperity. Only in a world where peace is secure will individuals enjoy freedom from want and fear. The second part of the book sets out plans to secure internal economic security for all. Poverty must be abolished by control of prices, banking and credit. Efforts ought to be made to abolish slums and to avoid waste of land, soil, and forests. How all this can be achieved is a vexed question. While all are anxious to see better times, there is difficulty in getting agreement on ways and means. It is necessary for people to be thinking about what shape things ought to take after the war. This small book of 20 pages contains the

summary of much constructive thinking, and it will repay study. Copies may be secured from League of Nations Union Office, Kurrajong House, 177 Collins-st., Melbourne. Price 6d., posted 7d.

Unbelief—Then Faith

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have come through great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7: 14).

These brethren of the Lord ultimately found their way to perfect faith. After his resurrection Jesus appeared to James, and presently the brethren joined themselves with the rest of the disciples (1 Cor. 15: 7; Acts 1: 14). Perhaps it was only through much anguish of mind and questing of the spirit that these men came into peace. "This is the victory which overcometh, even our faith."

And how great was that victory! The brethren together are among the members of the early church. They all had a place in the kingdom of Jesus. James becomes the leader of the church at Jerusalem, and was highly esteemed because of his wisdom and ability. His permanent contribution to the stability of the church is his epistle, the keynote of which is faith, mighty in word and in deed. Of Abraham he writes, "Faith wrought

unto his works and by his works was his faith made perfect" (James 2: 22).

Jude also made a permanent contribution to the needs of all time by his epistle. With many beautiful figures and allusions from history, he bids us "contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints."

As a coin of the realm is impressed with the image of the reigning monarch, and endures for a thousand years—so these men received the impress of the Lord and the beauty of their character and work abides through the ages.

Refresher Course

THERE is a very large enrolment, and churches are giving hearty co-operation for another preachers' refresher course, to be held at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, from Monday to Friday, August 21 to 25. Opening session on Aug. 21, 8 p.m., will be addressed by B. J. Combridge, on "Seeking Life's Higher Levels." Lectures and discussions are to be on the following themes:—

The Restoration Movement in the Modern World:

Restoring the Restoration Movement, Restoring Unity in the Ministry and Organisation of the Church, The Pillars of Unity, The Prophetic Approach to Unity. (Lecturer, E. L. Williams, M.A.).

The Preacher in the Modern World:

The Preacher and His Sermon, The Sermon in Action. (Lecturer, T. H. Scambler, B.A., Dip.Ed.). The Preacher—His Message. (Lecturer, Howard Earle). The Preacher—His Pastoral Work (Lecturer, C. B. Nance-Kivell, B.S.Litt., B.D.).

The Church in the Modern World:

Evangelism and the Church Auxiliaries—Principles and Motives, Evangelism and the Church Auxiliaries—Materials and Methods (Lecturers, W. R. Hibbert and G. J. Andrews). Evangelism and Social Issues (Lecturer, R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D.). Evangelising the Community (Lecturer, V. C. Stafford).

Any preacher who has not yet enrolled, but desires to do so, is requested to communicate with the organising secretary, G. J. Andrews, of Surrey Hills, immediately.

Activities at Bendigo, Vic.

ON July 8, in the chapel, H. Enever was married to Miss Mayne, and G. Whitechurch to Miss G. James. On occasion of her 21st birthday, Miss Norma Perkins was suitably remembered by Y.P.S.C.E. and J.C.E. She has for some years acted as pianist for J.C.E. Mr. Ellis is home after spending some weeks as an inpatient and outpatient at Eye and Ear Hospital. Sympathy is extended to G. Turner and family in the loss of his father. The church welcomes Senior Chaplain J. O. Methven home on leave. He gave a message to the ladies on July 27, which was appreciated. Members of Ladies' Bowls, held a well-attended church parade on July 16. Sunday school has commenced anniversary practice under the leadership of Mrs. J. O. Methven. Officers have acceded to Wangaratta church's request for Mr. Mathieson to conduct a mission at end of October. Attendances are much affected by sickness. Mr. Mathieson, with the help of Mr. Perl, showed lantern slides of N.Z. to inmates of Benevolent Home on July 20. Ladies' Auxiliary visited Baptist ladies and conducted their meeting on July 20. A number of ladies took part in the programme entitled "Friendship's Road." Y.P.S.C.E. recently paid a visit to Specimen Hill Methodist Society.

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Here and There

The following telegram reached us on July 7: "E. C. Hinrichsen had splendid meetings, Peterham, N.S.W., Sunday; ten adults welcomed; one confession at night.—Morris."

The Victorian conference secretary, W. Gale, would be glad to have the names of any Victorian members likely to be in Sydney about the time of the Federal Conference, Oct. 3 to 7.

"The Christian-Evangelist," June 14, reports the death of Harold Bell Wright, on May 25, at the age of 72 years. For some years he was a preacher of Disciples of Christ, and then gave up preaching to write books which he considered to be sermons in story form.

The Australian Red Cross Society's publicity service announces that so far the Japanese government has only allowed three shipments of relief supplies to be made to prison camps in the Far East, but Red Cross stores are on hand and the funds available to forward supplies on a regular basis as soon as permission is granted by the Japanese government.

Meetings at Kingaroy, Q., were of high order on July 23. Morning message was broadcast. Gospel meeting was best attended for some time. Mr. Spratt preached. At close Will Murrin, on leave from N.G., and who recently accepted Christ there, publicly confessed him and was baptised. Following, at the breaking of bread, he and May Ferguson were received into fellowship. On July 25 these two were united in marriage. Sister Holden and J. Harling are inmates of local hospitals. Overseas mission offering totals £46/11/-.

At Marrickville, N.S.W., on July 29, at invitation of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Thomas, a large number of members and friends gathered in school room for a social evening. It was the 21st birthday of their daughter Jessie, and opportunity was taken to give thanks to God for her restoration to health from severe illness, and to all the folks present for prayers and kindness during their time of anxiety. On July 30 two sisters were received into fellowship by transfer, and the conference president, R. H. Wakeley, presented a challenge to the church.

On July 19, the church at Vivian-st., Wellington, N.Z., celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary. Back in 1869 five persons united in church services. For eleven years meetings were held in the homes of members. In 1880 A. B. Maston arrived from America, and commenced meetings in The Academy of Music. Within four years a church of 24 members increased to 214. The work continued to grow and a church was formed at Wellington South. To-day there are five churches in the Wellington area. Among others well known in Australia who labored with the church are A. J. Saunders, M.A., I. A. Paternoster, A. G. Saunders, B.A., and V. C. Stafford. The present preacher is C. G. Palmer.

At Inverell, N.S.W., there have been four confessions. Seven were baptised on July 9 and six were received into fellowship on 16th. Another man made his confession on July 23. A former church officer, A. Newman, has returned to his unit with A.I.F. after three weeks' leave with his family and in fellowship with church. Interest in all services is well maintained; there were 100 communicants on July 30. Monthly meetings at Delungra, Beaulieu and Fern Hill provide a ministry for members in those districts. Margaret Jesson, who has been seriously ill in district hospital, has made splendid recovery. Mrs. Goode, after an illness of several weeks, is improving. Overseas offering reached £6/2/-.

For the information of readers throughout Australia, we have announced, free of charge, when services are to be broadcast by churches of Christ. This has been appreciated, and a request for a more detailed announcement of church services has been received. Only as churches and preachers send us information early enough to reach listeners can this be done effectively. On behalf of many who are not able to attend meetings, we make this appeal to preachers and church secretaries to supply accurate information as to date, time and station.

Every church has its early "teen" age boys who have definite possibilities for leadership, but are too young to undertake a full training course. The 14 or 15 age lad with a knowledge of club life is a great asset to the church, and with an older man as guide can do much to keep club life going in these days when senior leadership is engaged in war. Y.M.C.A. Suburban Clubs, Melbourne, have included in this year's training schedule a short course for boys under 16 years of age, and enrolments are now being taken for this course which will commence on Tuesday, Aug. 22, at 7.15 p.m., and continue for 12 weeks. Write for particulars to Churches of Christ Young People's Department, T. & G. Building, Melb.

At Highbury-grove Methodist church a popular concert was given. The young people of East Kew Methodist church sponsored this concert, and it was in aid of missionary and hamper funds. Malvern church of Christ Girls' Choir and the Malvern Concert Orchestra provided the programme. Assisting artists were William Laird (baritone), Stella Pearce (violinist), Jim Jukes (flute), Valerie Borne (soprano), Jean Ingleman (elocutionist). Mr. Boundy said when thanking the conductor of the concert party (Claude Gadge), on behalf of Methodist young people, that more concerts of the high standard of these concerts should be given in the churches, as it brings before folk the beauties of music that should be heard much more often. The profit from this concert totalled £18 clear.

EVENTS are taking such a shape in Europe that leaders who have an inner knowledge of facts are telling us that the war may come to an end sooner than we have reason to expect. Sudden news may come announcing the end of the European conflict. Such being the case, should we not have plans ready to thank God for the near approach of world peace, and ask him for guidance for the future? Already suggestions have been made by contributors to "The Australian Christian" that a time ought to be determined beforehand for people to gather in church services so that Christians, at least, will not be swept by enthusiasm into unseemly revelry instead of worshipping God in a fitting manner.

At the Northern Baptist Convention, held in Atlantic City, U.S.A., May 22-26, a report of the Baptists and Disciples Union committee was presented. The theme of the report which was accepted may be summed up in the statement: "We don't want to do anything hasty. But we definitely wish to make an advance toward much closer fellowship and co-operation than we have had before." I gather the method of approach to the problem of union in America is similar to what has been taking place in Victoria. Efforts are being made to build up a spirit of goodwill so that doctrinal questions will be discussed in a friendly atmosphere at the appropriate time. A summary of this

The 48th anniversary of Cottonville church, S.A., was celebrated on July 23, when Messrs. Schwab and Taylor gave helpful addresses. Celebrations were continued on July 25, when W. F. Nankivell was speaker. Supper was served, and a happy spirit prevailed. Mr. Brooke is making further progress, and hopes to be back with church by end of August. Mrs. Bradshaw has been admitted to Royal Adelaide Hospital again. Five certificates of merit and nine certificates were gained by Bible school scholars in scripture examinations. A young people's social was held on July 29, which concluded an increase campaign conducted by I.C.E. £832 has been raised by church and auxiliaries for conference year. Foreign mission offering was £56/6/6. 121 teachers and scholars were present at Bible school on July 30, highest attendance for year. Average for July was 106. A start has been made to raise money to enable canteen orders to be sent to those in Services at Christmas. Miss Vawser spoke to church on July 30. Items by young people's choir have brightened gospel services.

H. E. Greenwood, home mission organiser, Qld., writes: "At last Queensland annual conference, the H.M. Committee was asked to explore the possibilities of commencing services at Rocklea. There is a neat and comfortable chapel there in which a Bible school used to meet. We had lost the school to another religious body, and the building had not been used at all for about six months. With the help of Mr. Rasmussen, of Victoria, the first service was held on Sunday evening, June 21. Meetings are now held regularly on Sunday evenings, and on July 23 there were 41 present including 18 local residents. Mr. Greenwood was speaker. Much personal visitation is being done, and we are greatly indebted to Mr. Rasmussen, who does most of the speaking and who visits homes on Sunday afternoons. C. J. Mackenzie has been appointed as circuit minister of Sunnybank-Rocklea until he enters college next year. Mr. Mackenzie will make regular visits in the Rocklea area. We rejoice that we now have our Bible school back again under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Finger, who were largely responsible for initiating the project of the new building almost three years ago. There is no church at Rocklea, but very soon a church will be formed with at least eight members."

From Week to Week

American report will interest readers, and space will be found for it in an early issue.

Pearl S. Buck, the well-known novelist, was a missionary in China for a period. In an article written recently, she condemned the highly organised churches and pleaded for a return to the simple organisation of a household. "Our religion as it exists to-day in its organised separate life," she says, "seems to me to have little to do with the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. I see its members following those prejudices which deny the brotherhood of man, and not leading men toward brotherhood. I see it too often complacent and silent in the face of great human inequalities and injustices. How hateful is the silence of a professing man of God! True faith dies out of the church as a body when the life of the church is concerned with itself and no longer with man—his life, his relation to his brother, his relation to God. I am sickened when I see religion measuring its growth by membership."

The promised issue on slums and rehousing had to be postponed for a week owing to an unexpected difficulty occurring. While I am sorry for the delay, still it will give new readers time to order and to secure their copy of the special number.

News of the Churches

South Australia

Edwardstown West.—At a combined service in Baptist church on July 25, the church was well represented, Mr. Richmond (Methodist) and Mr. Cornelius giving messages. On July 27 a fine cottage prayer meeting was held in home of Mrs. Tabe, 16 being present. Margaret Squire (100 per cent.) and Merle Cornelius obtained first prizes in scripture examinations. Members were pleased to see Mr. Wood (R.A.A.F.), on leave, at morning service on July 30. A. G. Brown and Mr. Cornelius were speakers for day to best attendances for some weeks.

Berri.—At annual business meeting on July 13, C. Williams retired as Bible school superintendent after 13 years in this office. A. Clark was elected to fill the position. A. Chapple (R.A.A.F.), home on week-end leave, addressed church on morning of July 23. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morrell have returned after absence from district for some time. Newly-formed "Youth Group," under leadership of Mr. Johnson, is well supported. Attendances over past month show improvement. On July 23 and 30 combined meetings were held with Winkie for the gospel meetings, Mr. Johnson being speaker. At evening service of July 30 Mrs. Johnson rendered a solo.

Prospect.—Ladies' Guild conducted a musical afternoon on July 26. The programme was given by Sefton Park ladies' choir. There was a good attendance, and an offering was taken for kindergarten building fund. Sympathy is felt with the loved ones of Mrs. Foster, who passed away in her 81st year. Meetings on July 30 were addressed by A. E. Brown. There were good attendances. In evening the P.B.P. held installation and consecration service, and supplied the ladies' choir, special anthems being rendered. Bible school held quarterly social evening on July 29. Fellowship with visitors, including men on leave, was enjoyed. Sister Goodwin is still in ill-health.

GROWING ATTENDANCES

PREACHER'S SALARY INCREASED

NAILSWORTH.—Services are well attended. Evening meetings show increase. H. Manning gives powerful and uplifting messages. Annual business meeting was held on July 13. All auxiliaries gave satisfactory reports. Officers elected: Secretary, Mr. Dockett; treasurer, Mr. Perriam; elders, Messrs. Farrow, Howell and Rebbeck; deacons, Messrs. Mauger, Whalland, McQueen, Moore and Charlick; deaconesses, Mesdames Dockett, Mauger, Rebbeck and Lambert. Guild held annual meeting for election of officers. Secretary, Mrs. Perriam; president, Mrs. McQueen. A gift afternoon was held at guild meeting on July 27 to assist Mrs. Nicholls, missionary recently returned from China. Christian Endeavor meeting on July 17 was held at home of Mr. Farrow. On July 24 Pulsford-rd. Baptist C.E. took the meeting, afterwards being entertained at supper. The church has increased Mr. Manning's salary. Kindergarten work is very pleasing with attendances of 50 members.

Hindmarsh.—Fellowship has been enjoyed with Stanley Powell, of Moreland, Vic.; Mr. and Mrs. Peckham, of Broken Hill, N.S.W., and others. Letters have been received from several boys in Services. Mr. Shipway has concluded a series of addresses. On July 19 the Young Ladies' Fellowship united with prayer meeting. An address was given by Miss Hewitt, returned missionary from China. In scripture examinations first and second State prizes for Division II. were gained by

Margaret Magor and John Allan. Several elderly members are sick. F. T. Holden has made a wonderful recovery, and presided on July 23 for first time for two years.

York.—Foreign mission offering was over £16. Mrs. R. Weston passed away on July 25. In connection with Diamond Jubilee, Bible school held a helpful evening. Sixtieth anniversary services of church were held on July 23 and 26 with good attendances. W. C. Brooker gave a reminiscent address at morning service. G. Rootes gave an excellent address in evening. The choir, under leadership of Mrs. L. V. Mathews, rendered anthems. A. Anderson gave a helpful address on Wednesday evening. At commencement of the service Alan Buck confessed Christ and was baptised. Special copper offering appeal reached £100 by Diamond Jubilee day. Good meetings were held on July 30. A. Buck was welcomed into fellowship prior to leaving for naval training.

Western Australia

Perth.—On morning of July 30 an impressive service was broadcast. The choir presented the story of blind Bartimeus. A talk by J. K. Robinson thrilled many listeners. Visitors included F. B. Hester (U.S.A.), T. J. Stodson (Ballarat, Vic.). At 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Robinson rendered a solo. Mr. Robinson was preacher. A. G. Elliott received a hearty welcome home after absence in a distant field. When the meeting had closed, C. E. Taylor, W.A. secretary of B. and F. Bible Society, delivered an illustrated lecture on Papua. On Aug. 1 C.E. Society had a short devotional session which was followed by a happy social hour. Recently, with much regret, good-bye was said to Frank Ewers, who was transferred to other parts on military service.

Queensland

Townsville.—The presence of members of Orange Lodge at gospel service on July 9 was appreciated. This was the first Orange Lodge parade held in local chapel. Helpful messages have been delivered by R. Anderson, Capt. Spratt and Chaplain Tease, who is assisting in gospel services.

Albion.—Several members of Services have enjoyed fellowship with church whilst on leave, also visiting brethren including Keith Hall, of Gardiner, Vic., and Geo. Wotherspoon, of Mayfield, N.S.W. Monthly socials organised by young people's auxiliaries on Saturday evenings are proving very successful, with attendances from 30 to 50 young people. Explorer Club has a team competing in City Rugby League fixtures, and has two recent wins to its credit. Foreign mission offering was over £63. Average attendance at breaking of bread is 95. Church is preparing for a ten days' mission with Eric Hart, of Boonah, as speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Kelland have been received on transfer from Footscray, Vic.

Tasmania

Devonport.—On July 16 Mr. Hill was speaker. Miss P. Howard, from Ulverstone, sang a solo at gospel service. On July 23 Mr. Hill spoke morning and night. On July 30 he again spoke, and at night a young girl took her stand for Christ.

Highcroft.—The work is being carried on by local brethren, and has been assisted by visiting evangelists. Recently the church suffered a severe loss by death of F. E. Smith, a foundation member, and regular speaker. Fifteen of 19 male members are on church plan, and take some part in the morning meetings. Mr. Hill is planned to visit church in November.

West Hobart.—Services have been taken by Messrs. Golder, England, Warmbrunn and Woolley, also Messrs. Heard and Park, from Collins-st. Attendances at all meetings are lower than usual. Bible school is growing slowly. A successful social evening was held on July 27 by young people of school. Annual offering for foreign missions was £8/16/2. Negotiations are proceeding to secure an evangelist to labor in this field.

Launceston (Margaret-st.).—S. H. Wilson has completed a year of ministry with the church. The year has been very fruitful, and another two young people took their stand for Christ at evening service on July 23. Henry Street is home on leave and had fellowship on 30th, 144 broke bread on 30th, and the same day the Bible school had attendance of 119. All auxiliaries are in good heart, and choir is rendering great assistance to services.

New South Wales

Paddington.—There was a good attendance at breaking of bread on July 30. Visitors included members of local V.A.D. Mr. Wilson gave a fine address, making special mention of Red Cross work. An offering for the work was



The Paddington Chapel.

taken at evening service. C.E. had a pleasant social evening with Marrickville C.E. as visitors. Open-air gospel and Bible school work is progressing with good interest.

Fairfield.—The church is in good heart. Meetings for month have been well attended, and there have been decisions. Recently Miss Argyl was baptised at Canley Vale church, and on Aug. 2, at a combined meeting at Canley Vale of Loftus Park, Canley Vale and Fairfield churches, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Argall were baptised.

Georgetown.—July theme has been "A Month at the Mountains." All services have been well attended, and R. V. Amos has been speaker at all Lord's day meetings. Each Wednesday night a representative speaker (Methodist, Congregational, Baptist and Salvation Army) discussed the mountain-top theme, "Towards a United Church." Girls' Club is steadily growing, and Boys' Club has good meetings. Special series closed on July 30. On that day J.C.E. had record number of 27 present. 91 broke bread during day.

Grafton.—Eighteenth anniversary of church was celebrated on July 23 and 25 with good attendances. A. L. Carter, H.M. representative from Sydney, was special speaker. His visit was helpful and appreciated. Flight-Sgt. Keith Pond, of Lane Cove, was a recent visitor to his home centre prior to being posted to a forward station. Lieut. W. H. Pond, son of P. J. and Mrs. Pond, who was repatriated from Germany recently, has been serving in penicillin research since his return. New S.S. at South

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Grafton was recently visited by A. L. Carter, from Sydney. Under superintendency of Miss D. Gill the school is making progress.

INDUCTION SERVICE

NEW PREACHER AND HIS WIFE WELCOMED

MOSMAN.—An impressive induction and welcome service for Mr. and Mrs. Roy Acland was conducted by R. H. Wakeley, conference president, on July 27. The charge to the preacher was delivered by Principal H. J. Patterson, and that to the church by F. A. Youens; Mr. Acland responded. Adjournment to school hall followed with social welcome and refreshments. The conference president brought greetings from brotherhood and committees; A. C. MacLean, president of Council of Churches, conveyed good wishes. G. E. Burns, former preacher, presented Mr. Acland with his key of the chapel; Mrs. Burns brought greetings to Mrs. Acland from Ministers' Wives Association. T. P. Dale spoke on behalf of the church and Mrs. Donaldson for the ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Acland responded. H. C. Gowans, who had preached for 3½ months pending Mr. Acland's arrival, was presented with a Bible. On July 30 Mr. and Mrs. Acland, Roita and Miriam were received at morning service, when Mr. Acland addressed the church. At night he preached and choir rendered an anthem. Mr. Anderson, of Northcote East, Vic., was a visitor.

Victoria

Carlton (Queensberry-st.).—Meetings on Aug. 6 were good. Mrs. Poon, of Canton church of Christ (American supported), was received into fellowship.

Malvern-Caulfield.—On Aug. 6 visitors were welcomed. Mr. Buckingham spoke at both services. In evening Miss Mott sang a solo. At close of service two young people were baptised. Both meetings were well attended.

Haven.—Several new scholars have been added to Bible school. C. W. Jackel is giving chart addresses in relation to prophecy. There are increased attendances. J. Butler and C. Sherriff are giving valuable assistance.

Chelsea.—There were good meetings on Aug. 6. A. W. Stephenson spoke in morning and J. C. F. Pittman at night. The church regrets the passing of Thomas Murphy, a former secretary, who served for many years. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—Attendances were well maintained on Aug. 6. K. W. Barton exhorted the church in morning. C. G. Taylor was speaker at Bible class and at evening service. Sympathy of church is extended to J. Magilton in the loss of a brother.

Mont Albert.—The church appreciates the help received in the last four weeks from R. Hillier, of the college. He was relieved on July 30 by R. McLean, who addressed the church in morning. S.S. has entered the "Faithful Fishermen" campaign with enthusiasm.

Dimboola.—Services have been better attended the last few months. C. W. Jackel, G. Miller and Chaplain Albert Jones have been preachers. Ladies' Mission Band meets, and a prayer meeting is held regularly. Several sermons have been inserted in local journal.

Frankston.—All services in recent weeks have been addressed by T. Hagger. A young man home on leave was baptised and received into membership. On July 23 a girl from the Bible school confessed Christ. At Women's Mission Band the newly elected president, Mrs. Hagger, conducted the meeting. Mr. Hagger gave an interesting address on China's appeal. All auxiliaries reported progress at half-yearly business meeting. Overseas offering was a record, having reached almost £10 (including duplex). Visitors have included N. Jackson, home on leave from New Guinea.

Yarrawonga.—Mr. Moore, of B. and F. Bible Society, was morning speaker recently. Mr. Sellens is still in hospital. Marie Colless made good recovery after operation. The church has had fellowship with isolated members—Sisters Cameron, Miller and Rudd. Overseas offering, £50/3/6, was a slight increase on last year's.

Preston.—W. Gray (Coburg) gave morning message on July 30. In evening Miss Hazel Macdonald sang a solo, and choir rendered an anthem. Mr. Combridge spoke at worship service on Aug. 6, appropriate to social service offering. Miss June Frank (Croxtan Methodist church) was soloist at night, both numbers being appreciated.

Hampton.—"Faithful Fishermen" campaign and anniversary practice are features of Bible school work. On Aug. 6 C. L. Lang spoke at both services. At night two young ladies were immersed. The choir assisted, and Mrs. Chapman sang a solo. Good wishes are extended to Miss Hunting as she leaves for Adelaide to be married.

Red Hill.—A set of four addresses on the apostle Peter was completed by Norm. Kingston on July 30. These, with other addresses, have been appreciated. For Bible school examination seven scholars entered. Church attendances are average. Ray Salmon is well again. At church annual business meeting, all retiring officers were re-elected.

East Kew.—Visiting speakers during recent weeks have been Messrs. Cole (Sudan United Mission), Pell (Baptist), Dewey (U.S. missionary). Mr. Candy visited Ballarat with Young People's Department team on July 23. Morning service on July 30 was taken by K.S.P. club. A K.S.P. social was held on Aug. 4, and on July 29 P.B.P. conducted a treasure hunt to assist basket ball funds.

North Essendon.—At gospel service on July 30 Mrs. Smith and Ralph Patterson were immersed. Mr. Bond spoke at concluding services of the revival series on Aug. 6. Syd Rose has been transferred to Queensland (R.A.A.F.). Servicemen conducted gospel service on July 23. The average of 60 for evening services has been held. Ladies' Guild held a successful afternoon to further their work in providing parcels for soldiers.

Camberwell.—Attendances are well maintained. On July 30 R. L. Williams conducted both meetings, and the addresses were appreciated. Mr. Mudford gave the address in morning on Aug. 6, and Mr. Dewey, American missionary, spoke at gospel service. 114 communed during day, and attendance in evening was 98. Chap. J. Turner, home on leave, was welcomed. Bible school attendance is encouraging, and young men are taking active part in services.

Burnley.—Mr. Cole gave a stirring message on July 2 at gospel service. Church business meeting was held on July 12, Mr. Grant being again elected secretary, with Messrs. Mundy, Barnett, Newham, Cockrell and Knight on board of officers. On July 16 a young lady was baptised and later received into fellowship. Mr. McIlhagger, of North Richmond, spoke on morning of July 24. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Wilkinson and family in the passing of her mother. Bible school is growing, and anniversary practice has commenced. The church appreciated a message from A. A. Hughes at evening service on Aug. 6. A district conference social was held on August 5.

Maryborough.—Mr. Chivell continues to give helpful and encouraging messages. July was a month of special evening services, various auxiliaries taking part (Women's Mission Band, Good Companions, the girls' choir, men of bowling teams and Explorers' Club). Each rendered special singing. On July 9 the J.C.E. had Methodist Society present, and return visit was paid on July 23. Both meetings proved helpful. Explorers' Club held a successful social evening on July 12, when three other Protestant boys' clubs were guests. Miss Mavis Lee and

Ken Green (A.I.F.) were united in marriage by Mr. Chivell, and on July 22 Miss Phyllis Chiswell and Ken Burchill (R.A.A.F.).

Echuca.—Meetings during July were fair, having average of 38 at morning service. On July 30 the church enjoyed fellowship with Mr. Landers, of B. and F. B.S., who gave an interesting address on China, also with the Maidment family, who a fortnight ago moved to the district from Preston. Mrs. Maidment has already become an active worker. S.S. is greatly interested in campaign for increased attendance, and had average of 85 for July. Twenty-five scholars sat for examinations. Mission Band and Ladies' Auxiliary met during month. The latter spent an enjoyable evening at home of Miss W. Turner. During month the first piano for S.S. was purchased. Within four weeks all but £9 was raised for it.

Balwyn.—The chapel was well filled for communion service on Aug. 6. Mr. Hurren gave the exhortation. At church business meeting on Aug. 2, J. E. Austin was chairman. Messrs. Austin, Adam, Bambridge, Broussard, Quirk, Sturgess and Finlayson were elected officers; Mr. Warmbrunn secretary, and P. G. Finlayson treasurer; Mesdames J. Smith, R. Oliver and H. Race deaconesses. Tea was enjoyed in school hall afterwards. A youth tea was held in school hall on Aug. 6, the building being crowded. F. Elliot gave the talk. Evening service was conducted by Eastern Suburban Youth Fellowship. S.S. is practising, under W. Dimond, for anniversary. Young people went to Doncaster for a social evening on August 5.

Reservoir.—On July 26 the ladies held a working bee, and cleaned and scrubbed the building. On July 30 the tenth anniversary was celebrated. Almost all members met to break bread in morning, when B. J. Combridge gave an inspiring message. The building was packed for evening meeting, which took the form of a choral service. The choir, augmented for the occasion, under leadership of Miss Carol Plummer, sang anthems. A. Wallington was soloist. The items were interspersed by an appropriate commentary by the preacher, G. A. Grainger. Mrs. Rodgers-Wilson was at the organ. The local Presbyterian church, some of whose members assisted in choir, closed their building, and with the preacher attended the meeting in a body.

MUSICAL SERVICE

SPECIAL SERVICE OF SONG BY YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

SHEPPARTON.—The chapel was well filled for gospel service on July 16, when a musical service, "The Man of Galilee," was presented by a young people's choir, accompanied by an orchestra and conducted by F. Young. A. C. Mudford presided, and H. Hargreaves gave a short gospel message. Men from R.A.A.F. camp were present with L. Dudley, Y.M.C.A. Triangle Club continues to meet on each Friday night. Fortnightly prayer meetings are held in homes of members, in preparation for an evangelistic mission to be held in September or October. On July 23 Maurice Brown (R.A.A.F.), Glenferrie, read the scripture at evening service.

Essendon.—The work is maintained at high standard. Auxiliaries are progressing. Attendances are good at all Sunday meetings. Many visitors lately have included members of the Services. The library inaugurated by W. E. Jackel is a definite unit of the church and being added to regularly. Recently A. Moroney was appointed librarian. Once a fortnight

the young people hold meetings at any home available amongst church members and friends, and a happy time is experienced. Offering for overseas missions was £37. On July 30 monthly Bible study class, led by Mr. Jackel, was followed by tea. For morning service on Aug. 6 Mr. Jackel exchanged with W. Wakefield, of Coburg. The church was saddened to learn of the death of Miss Mitchell, a past member of many years. Mrs. Marr is slightly improved after serious illness. Mr. and Mrs. Showler, from Lancefield, have been received into fellowship. On Aug. 6 Mr. Fullston, from S.A., was present. The church welcomed back W. W. Pearce, of the officers' board, after service with C.C.C. Officers' monthly meeting showed the work to be in a good condition.

Horsham.—On July 23 G. Miller exhorted the church; 130 broke bread. On July 30, 127 broke bread. Overseas offering was £54/2/-. Anniversary of school hall was celebrated on July 25 by a tea and concert; 170 attended the concert; a happy time was spent. £5 was raised by sisters at a recent afternoon for support of nurses in Indian field. At a recent visit to Horsham by F. A. Crawshaw, he exhorted the church, and Mrs. Crawshaw spoke at a special meeting to Bible school. Mrs. Jackel was elected president of Ladies' auxiliary of Mission to Lepers and Mrs. F. J. Sherriff treasurer. Ladies' Mission Band is enjoying good meetings, and gives good support to church. The church expresses thanks to secretary G. Miller for having painted school hall in a voluntary capacity. C. W. Jackel is giving faithful service to the churches of the circuit.

A LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER

At a meeting of the board of officers of the church at Brighton, Vic., the proposal of the Hon. Mr. Keane that more drinking facilities be afforded members of the Forces, and for which he suggested the opening of lounges throughout the larger cities of the Commonwealth, was considered. A letter was addressed to the Prime Minister in which they said: "We view with very great concern any such move, and express regret that such a suggestion should emanate from a responsible minister of government. Already many of our younger men coming into the national service are being brought under the influence of this national enemy No. 1, and their lives as well as their efficiency as fighting men are seriously impaired. We beg of you, in their interest and the national well-being, to veto any such suggestion, and in accord with your personal convictions, use your best endeavor to substantially reduce this anti-national traffic. Assuring you of our sincere efforts to accord support to you in any and every effort you may make for the welfare of our men. Signed, N. R. Arnott, secretary."

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HARROP.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who was called home on August 4, 1942; also dear father, Dec. 1, 1936. Memory—the golden chain that links us till we meet again.

—Myra.

LEITCH.—Passing time will never dim the loving memories of Martha, beloved wife of Gilbert and loved mother of Eileen (Mrs. C. V. Dickens, Dunkeld, Vic.), and Colin, A.I.F., called home Aug. 1, 1942.

How lovely you stand to-day pictured in my heart, and enshrined in the sanctuary of my soul.

NIGHTINGALE.—In loving memory of my dear father, John Nightingale, who passed away August 12, 1943; also my son (Tedie) Sparks, died Feb. 10, 1924, and little Graeme Nightingale, died July 5, 1939. Calmly awaiting the coming of our Lord.

—Inserted by your loving daughter May, mother and aunt of above.

TAYLOR.—In loving memory of dear mother, who died in Bendigo Aug. 10, 1935; also dear father, died at Clunes, April 8, 1887.

The years roll on, and days go by;
But loving memories never die.

—Inserted by their loving daughter May.

TAYLOR.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, who passed away August 10, 1935.

Memory the golden chain,
That links us till we meet again.

—Inserted by her loving daughter A. Morphett, grandchildren Wally and Ivy.

THOMPSON.—Treasured memories of our beloved mother and father, who passed away at Footscray on August 9, 1939, and July 27, 1935, respectively. "Sweetest memories still live in the hearts of their dear ones."

WIMPNEY.—In loving memory of our dear brother, George Raymond, who passed to a higher life August 9, 1943.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus."

—Inserted by his sister Minnie and brother-in-law Rob.

WIMPNEY.—In sad and loving memory of my very dear nephew, George Raymond, who passed away Aug. 9, 1943, aged 20 years.

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

—M.T.

COMING EVENTS

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AS announced, Miss Clipstone and Mrs. Waterman will have arrived in the Islands; and as soon as convenient, the marriage will take place between Mr. Finger and Miss Clipstone. It is imperative that Mr. Ron Saunders should return to Australia about the end of the year. It is also apparent that Mr. Finger should not spend more than another hot season in the group, and our urgent need is for another couple to go down to be ready for this contingency, and also to help forward the plan to do something for Pentecost. If we do not send forward a couple, our plan to have not less than five workers in the group will break down, and other forward moves cannot be put into operation. In view of Dr. Evatt's recent statement that Dr. Decker, chairman of the International Missionary Council (World Organisation), would be visiting Australia and would discuss with the Government and the National Missionary Council of Australia the co-operation that should exist between the Government and the various missionary societies interested in the Pacific Islands, it is apparent that forward moves must be contemplated in Island work.

Whom Shall We Send?

We seek, therefore, a young married preacher who would be prepared to enter this service. The Master says "Go." The work awaits the workers. "And I heard a voice saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go and tell this people" (Isa. 8: 8, 9). Well! Why not? Address communications to Federal secretary for particulars or any question relative to above.

INDIAN MAIL

Phillip John Michael

DR. OLDFIELD reports that after the birth of her baby, at Wai, Mrs. Michael journeyed to Panchgani, intending to remain for a time as Robert was nearly at school. "Finding the baby not well, she came along to Dhond. The baby had pneumonia, but is now out of danger. Mrs. Michael was quite knocked out with her experience and the nursing of a sick baby, and I have sent for Miss Caldicott to come and help out with the nursing. Mrs. Oldfield and Miss Foreman have been doing all they could to help, but more help was needed for a few days. Miss Caldicott has come and been a great help. She will be able to get back to Baramati in another couple of days. Mrs. Michael is in half of the Mary Thompson Bungalow."

Nurse for India

Commenting on reinforcements for India, Dr. Oldfield, chairman of the committee of management, says: "I hope you will have understood the cable we sent you concerning the possibility of reinforcements on the mission field by Christmas. We would welcome whoever you may send; but if the sending of a married couple now would prevent the sending of two single women later, we doubt the advisability of sending them. We are badly in need of a nurse to take Miss Foreman's place when her furlough becomes due, which is not so very far in the future now. I am sure that it is very difficult for you to try to plan for us,



and hope that you realise our very great appreciation of all your planning, even if we may try to modify it occasionally. I insisted that we should give you as definite a reply as possible, and hope that it has helped you in your planning." Board have advised the field that the going of a couple will not prevent the going of a nurse nor the selection of another single lady worker (if available). We still have hopes of securing a nurse at an early date. The age and health of Mr. Escott and the furlough of Mr. R. Bolduan make the need of a couple almost as imperative as a nurse. The going of a further couple is in keeping with the Board's plan of a year or so ago that, on account of the "age group" and the dropping out of younger workers, the work

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must be built up to meet emergencies. It is certain to any with a knowledge of the Indian situation that ten workers sent during the next five years will be better than 100 during the next ten. The need for help to be sent to India might last another fifty years, but the imperative need is now—this is the decisive hour.

Dhond Hospital

Our workers say: "We have had a very busy year in the hospital—the busiest so far. Miss Foreman had a very difficult job, for nurses are so very hard to obtain, and she is finding that they are hard to train also. Our maternity work has greatly increased, and I leave all that work to her except for the abnormal cases where she may need my help. We are having to increase the salaries and wages of the hospital staff, for living expense even for the Indians has increased at least double what it was two years ago."

Christian Wedding

Miss Foreman, writing from Mahableshwar on the eve of returning to Dhond, tells of an interesting wedding ceremony. "We had a

wedding up here last week. My cook's daughter, who was baptised at Christmas time, was married to the son of the man baptised at Christmas time. The lad was baptised up here in the lake by Mr. Thomas a few days before the wedding. The service was conducted by Professor Hivale, of Wilson College, Bombay, in the union church. The bride wore an apricot colored sari with gold thread border and the groom wore a white silk suit and red silk turban. The church was decorated with wild tree orchids (white and mauve), and other white wild flowers. It was really a very pretty wedding. The wedding breakfast, of which about thirty partook, was of Indian food and delicious. The bride and groom sat on chairs, while the guests sat on the ground on rugs. When the food was served and grace said, the bride had to eat from the husband's hand, and then he had to eat from her hand. This is an Indian custom, as is also the taking of each other's name in verse. This is the one time a wife can take the husband's name. After this she refers to him as "he" or "him" till there are children, then she says "Preta's father" or "Gulab's father," using the child's name."

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ON NAMES

IN your issue of June 28, under "Standard of Music," E. P. Morris in an otherwise admirable letter struck a discordant note which grated upon my "Restorationist" ear. I trust it was merely a "lapsus calami." He said, "Churches of Christ can learn quite a lot from some of the other denominations in regard to beauty of service." Now our claim is that we are not a "denomination," i.e., "a taking a name down from," or in other words a species of the genus "Christian" (such as a "Baptist Christian" or a "Congregational Christian"); we claim to be Christians only, though not the only Christians, and so have a Bible name for a Bible thing. Neither are we "a sect," for that implies an adoption of some name or doctrine that "cuts us off" from others who are Christians. Now I have no intention that this shall be regarded as a carping criticism, but desire to call attention to a loose expression which is too prevalent among some of our folk, and must be regarded by us and our religious neighbors as inconsistent with our plea.—C. M. Verco, Blackwood, S.A.

Obituary

Mr. Argue

THE home-call came on Friday, July 28, to Mr. Argue, one of the faithful members of Enmore church, N.S.W., for over forty years, thirty years of which he served as deacon and eight years as an elder. Mr. Argue was born in the north of Ireland on June 12, 1856, and arrived in Australia in 1878. He came into the fellowship at Enmore as a baptised believer, where possibly his most gracious service was that given at the door of the chapel, where he welcomed all with a kindly word and a hymnbook. For over three years he has not been able to meet with the church, but during that time, every Lord's day, Dr. Clem Verco has brought him spiritual comfort in the breaking of the loaf and the reading of the word. For this loving service the family are deeply grateful. His body was laid to rest in Rookwood cemetery on Saturday, July 29.

F. J. Bellette

THE church at Geeveston, Tas., has suffered a great loss in the passing of our highly esteemed brother at the ripe age of 80 years. Mr. Bellette united with the church during the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission in 1921, and has been a very faithful and devoted worker during the intervening years. His wife (who passed away nearly nine years ago) united with the church at the same time. Our brother was a firm advocate of New Testament Christianity, and was a very regular attendant at the Lord's Table, where he gave some helpful exhortations. Owing to failing health, he had been unable to attend regularly for some time, but on July 2 he was at the meeting for worship; and although not well in body, he gave a helpful message. In the evening, as he sat in his chair by the fireside, he passed peacefully away to be ever with his Lord. His mortal remains were laid to rest in the church of Christ cemetery at Cairn's Bay, when the warden of the municipality, W. H. Knight, of the church at Dover, conducted services in the home and at the graveside. Mr. Bellette leaves four sons, two of whom are members of the church, to mourn their loss.—F.A.A.

Mrs. D. Goldsworthy

THE brethren at Milang, S.A., were saddened by the passing of Mrs. D. Goldsworthy. Her husband, David Mann Goldsworthy, predeceased her by five years. She fell asleep in Christ while in residence at Grange, aged 83 years. As a Christian she was active and sincere in her faith, capable in song and practical in good works. The verities of the Christian faith were real to her, and without public prominence she walked faithfully and well until the Lord bade her "come up higher." She was the youngest sister of the late Richard J. Blackwell, and for years the sole survivor of a well-known family. The mortal remains of a once radiant personality were laid to rest in Milang cemetery on June 17 amid a wealth of floral tributes and in the presence of a large gathering, representing the family, the church and the district generally. We need to be thankful for those lives which have made a definite witness for Christ.

Souls around are ofttimes
Touched with life divine.
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respect for God is the beginning of wisdom.
The wisdom of a whole personality, not
"withered" in any of its finer senses (Psa. 53).
The wisdom of self-understanding, the right
interpretation of the heart's deepest longings
(Psa. 42). The wisdom of a corrected world-
view (Psa. 73). Consider this interview (Psy-
chiatrist Dr. Jung to patient): "You are suffer-
ing from loss of faith in God and in a
future life." (Patient): "But, Dr. Jung, do you
believe these doctrines are true?" (Dr. Jung):
"That is no business of mine. I am a doctor,
not a priest. I can only tell you that if you
recover your faith you will get well. If you
don't, you won't."

O Lord, inspire in us the sanity of an active
faith. Amen.—G. J. Andrews.

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*The man who lives in vain lives
worse than in vain; he who lives to
no purpose, lives to a bad purpose.*

—W. Nevins.

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