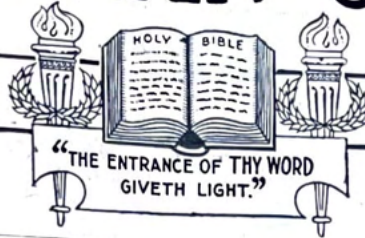


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The Vice of Underlings

TO criticise others is one of the evil pastimes of human beings. We are prone to take special delight in announcing the failings and shortcomings of companions, of fellow-workers, and especially of those who are set in authority over us.

Instead of seeking to understand or to appreciate the difficulties which trouble another, we rush in and blame him for doing things we could not avoid doing ourselves, if we were ever in his position.

Men and women in high places of authority are in the limelight, and the gaze of the multitude is directed toward them. Those in public positions are only human beings, and have the same failings which are stamped upon us all. What kind of figures should we cut, or how should we measure up to their tasks, if we were ever in their places? We ought to recognise that those who have taken upon themselves the burden of leadership make great sacrifices. They are high-minded enough to serve their fellows, disregarding often their own inclinations to take life easy. Many of our public leaders are, in that regard at least, far better than those who criticise them from the easy-going crowd. Often the criticism arises, not because of the failure of the one criticised, but because the critic is small enough to be filled with jealousy or envy. Shakespeare was well versed in man's weaknesses, and he pointed to smallness in men as the origin of criticism. When Brutus and Cassius in Shakespeare's play "Julius Cæsar" were criticising Julius Cæsar (he who did so much for Rome), Cassius let slip a word that showed the real reason why they were jealous of the leader, for he said,

"Men at some time are masters of their fates:
The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,
But in ourselves, that we are underlings."

IF we are "underlings" then it is foolish of us to advertise the fact by criticising those whose moral stature is superior. It would be better if we were to grow up and not speak like children, but put away childish things and speak as full-grown men.

The methods that are used to spread verbal attacks on public men, so as to undermine their authority, are as wicked as the criticisms themselves. A whispering campaign will be

used to spread a story throughout a community. As the rumor passes from one to another, the truth becomes more and more distorted. When public enquiry is made to investigate such rumors, it is shown often that they are false and wicked fabrications.

HALF-TRUTHS will be expressed also as if they were the whole truth. Only knowledge of all the circumstances will enable a community to pass a correct judgment on the deeds of a man. Since people react to subtle suggestions quicker than to a statement of facts, those half-true hints will spread more rapidly than the truth. It seems that slow-travelling truth hardly ever overtakes them.

Thus, whether false rumor or half truth is used to attack a man in a public position, such damage is done to his reputation that it is difficult to restore it again.

Usually Australians allow themselves to be caught off their guard. Instead of weighing up facts and examining the circumstances in which public men are placed, they will impute false motives or raise unjust criticisms against them. With such conditions prevailing in a nation there will be bitterness and division. Instead of strengthening the community by faith in leaders and by goodwill toward one another, Australians will weaken their national life and hinder social reconstruction, if they continue in this evil. Cannot we curb this petty, yet vile, habit of criticising leaders in responsible positions?

CHRISTIANS must take the lead and, by their example, point their fellow countrymen to the more excellent way of maintaining a balanced public life. This can be achieved only if verbal strife is removed from church life. Followers of Christ ought to live on a higher level than those who live in the world. They ought to be big enough to refrain from criticising those who make sacrifices to serve in the kingdom of God. Why should we be "underlings" and allow jealousy or ignorance to permit us to speak critically of brethren who labor earnestly on behalf of their Master? We should heed our Saviour's words, and should keep them before us. "Judge not," he said, "lest ye be judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged."

A Voice
Unkind

MY voice unkind, like fretful winds that blow—
May God's love send it music, sweet and low—
Hath wreathed a grieving mouth with quivering
pain,
I say, "I did not think; nor mean to; I forgot."
And dimmed the tender eyes with tears like rain

Love always thinks, and knows, and faileth not.
Dear Christ, forgive our sins against our own;
The thoughtlessness that drives thee from Love's throne;
Forgive our sins, with pleading soul we pray—
The cruel things "we did not mean to say."

—Selected.

South Australian Conference

W. Beiler, of Adelaide, S.A., reports the proceedings of an encouraging series of meetings in which progressive plans for the future were made.

"FRIENDLY fellowship" and "forward looking" characterised the 1944 S.A. conference. On all hands gratitude to God was recorded for his goodness and help. Encouragement, taken from the reports of the past year's records and determination to advance, was evidenced in the decisions reached.

The extra night session in the nature of the president's reception (opening night of conference) was a fitting prelude to the fine inspirational gatherings of conference, when A. Anderson (president) delivered a forceful message.

To speed up the business part of conference, two days (instead of three, as usual) were allotted this year. Judged by the variety and importance of subjects discussed, and the momentous decisions determined, the innovation can be regarded as an unqualified success.

The conference sermon by Charles Schwab brought the usual crowded gathering at the Town Hall. In his inspiring message Mr. Schwab said that the love of Christ for humanity must be evident, the truth as provided by Christ be vigorously presented and the life, as demonstrated by Christ, be revealed by the church.

The sisters had a wonderful day for their proceedings (another pen will report them). Sincere thanks is expressed to them for their many ministries, especially in the provision for the social opportunities the conference provides. Excellent and brotherly messages were received from brethren representing other communions. The wonderful fellowship among the churches and members at the Town Hall conference tea, the worthwhile tea and conference of H.M. preachers and committee, the lively, carefree gathering at tea of the "old boys" of the College of the Bible, all proved times of refreshing.

The Executive report showed* that the statistics were a little more encouraging than usual, showing the first increase for twelve years as follows:—

Added 198 by faith and baptism, 161 by letter, 19 formerly immersed, and 8 restored, a total of 386.

Losses recorded are as follows: 175 by revision of roll, 62 by death, and 140 by letter, a total of 377. The nett increase for the year is 9, and the full membership stands at 6553.

Finances showed a credit balance of £46/7/6 in the General Fund and £1323/15/10 in the Union Trust Fund. The Book Depot showed a nett profit for the year of £143/8/5.

CENTENARY PROJECTS

A sub-committee, consisting of representatives of the Executive, the departments, and the Sisters' Auxiliary Conference, has considered projects suggested at last conference, and the following amended proposals are submitted for the approval of this conference:—

1. That an effort be made to raise £5000 as a Centenary Fund to be distributed on the basis of 80 per cent. for an old folks' home, and 20 per cent. for evangelistic and educational programmes, such appeal to close on Dec. 31, 1945.

2. That departments have the right to conduct their own appeals during 1945-46 conference year for programmes approved of by the Union Executive.

3. That an organiser be appointed to raise the money.

4. That Sisters' Conference be asked to work for the Centenary Fund.

An educational sub-committee has been appointed to prepare a programme to be followed out within the next two years, and preliminary plans have been approved. The Home Mission Committee has considered conducting a State-wide evangelistic campaign during centennial year. This was adopted.

A. R. Jones (R.A.A.F.) and H. R. Taylor (Army) have continued to serve as chaplains, and H. G. Norris is being recalled for further service.

Steps have been taken to publish a monthly State paper in the interests of departments and churches. T. Butler is to be business manager. The proposal received the endorsement of conference. The question of considering a proposal for the alteration of the date of conference was deferred till next conference.

It was resolved that, from the Union Trust Fund surplus, a gift of £400 be made to Grote-st. church, to be applied to the reduction of mortgage.

It was further resolved that all surplus dividends of the Union Trust Fund be capitalised until the sum of £7000 is attained, the amount being equal to the original gift from Mr. and Mrs. Burford.

DEPARTMENTS

The Home Mission Committee's centenary programme, as follows, was approved, viz.,

(a) That as many churches as possible hold missions during the period—March, 1945, to September, 1946.

(b) Such missions to lead up to a central mission or missions culminating about conference time, 1946.

(c) That all home mission and subsidised churches at conference time, 1944, be self-supporting by conference, 1946.

(d) That a State evangelist be sought to further these projects.

A policy relative to finance, department and churches, payment of subsidies and preachers, was adopted. The annual offering amounted to £1453/10/6. Duplex envelopes, £192/1/3, and donations, £65/6/6, a total of £1710/18/3.

The talks of the Home mission preachers were inspiring. At the home mission meeting speakers were S. E. Matthews, C. Schwab and H. G. Norris.

Foreign Missions

The presence of Miss Edna Vawser proved a real inspiration. Her beautiful message in song and her address were warmly received. She spoke of the church in India, whose members knew what it was to suffer persecution for their Christian faith, and said she wanted to return to India, and urged Christians at home not to lose their first love.

The financial statement showed a new record in giving from this State. The 1943 annual offering reached £2100, an increase of £613. Duplex envelope contributions were £201/19/10, an increase of £44. Support of orphans and native workers also reached a new high mark, being £272, an increase of £31. The Sisters' Auxiliary contributed £148 for their living link, an increase of £38. C.E. societies contributed £123/9/4 (increase, £53); Bible schools gave £114/11/2 (increase, £28); and other Y.P. clubs gave £23 (increase, £7/4/-). The total receipts, £3460/11/6, is an increase of £438/8/2.

The proposal to send out more workers to the overseas fields received wholehearted approval.

Young People's Department

Youth work reports were exceedingly encouraging. For the first time for many years statistics showed an increase of 127 in the numbers of scholars. From schools 121 united with church. It was the first year of the co-ordination of all youth sections in one department. The "cot" offering was a record (£102) and the amount given by the young people for overseas missions was £114/11/2 (B.S.'s), £123/9/4 (C.E.'s), and £23 from clubs. C.E. societies showed an increase of 36 members. K.S.P. and Explorer Clubs were working well, and the basket ball association had been reformed.

An addendum to the report presented expressed appreciation of the services of Will Beiler who (after 18 years' association with the committee) had resigned from the position of organiser and secretary—part-time—to become preacher of Grote-st. church, and Mrs. Beiler. At the public demonstration in the Town Hall appreciation was expressed, and a presentation of a beautiful handbag was made to Mrs. Beiler and a cheque of £25 was handed to her husband. The future expansion policy introduced by Keith Jones was adopted enthusiastically. This involved the appointment of a full-time organiser and secretary, endorsement of which proposal was given unanimously by conference. The combined kinder item, "Children of Nazareth," under leadership of Miss Alice Kentish, and the dramatisation of the story of Esther, under direction of R. H. Lamphire, excellently presented by Mile End young people, made up a fine programme. The C.E. day (Saturday) provided delightful programmes, A. R. Pigdon giving a helpful message at evening rally.

Social Service Committee's report indicated that finances were satisfactory, and that activities had been many and varied. The "Social Voice"—bi-monthly—edited by A. F. Wilson, had been issued and was much appreciated. The address of L. M. Humphrey was very well received. At the public meeting presided over by F. A. Halleday, rousing addresses were given by G. T. Fitzgerald and by A. E. Vogt.

The Mortality Protestant Children's Home was doing a splendid work, caring for 80 children destitute of parental control. Excellent work was done by a reduced staff. High school education was now made possible for some children. L. H. Crosby's death was a severe blow to the institution. E. W. Peet's work as secretary was highly commendable.

The Aborigines Board's report evidenced both a growing interest and a developing work being undertaken. R. Raymond, who was present from W.A., gave further details of proposed activities, and of opportunities for developmental work in other centres. £1100 had been given this year by the Australian churches for the work. In Dr. Duguid's illuminating address on the aborigines, he said there was no chance for the aborigines till there was a new heart in the white people.

College of the Bible report indicated a present enrolment of 45 students (8 from S.A.). The financial position had greatly improved, the debt having been reduced during the year from £1410 to £808.

Building Extension Department report indicated the granting of a loan to Whyalla for the erection of a manse. Two blocks of land held at Plympton had been sold at a satisfactory figure. Mt. Compass had paid off the whole of their loan. The annual offering and D.E. gifts totalled £162/2/5.

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The Discipline of Listening

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal, No. 35, "Lord of all being, throned afar."

Prayer

"Father of spirits, we come to thee in every time of need. But not less in hours of courage and noble purpose we need thee, and crave thy presence. Thou hast called each one of us to a holy work. May we not despise thy word, but yield our lives without reluctance to thy purposes. If we need discipline and hardship as a preparation for our work, then give us grace to enter thy school of silence, prayer and sacrifice, that we may be ready in due season for labors. For thy name's sake. Amen."
(*"Daily Altar."*)

Bible Reading.—Responsive Reading No. 21 (Churches of Christ Hymnal), followed by Acts 20: 6-12.

DEVOTIONAL MEDITATION

We listen to the voice of God in different ways, but we will mention only three here—through prayer, the reading of the printed page, and sermons.

It is comparatively easy to pray when we are asking God to supply our own or others' needs. Sometimes we are so busy telling him about the state of the world and of its needs that it could be said of us as Savonarola said of the saints of his day, "They were so busy talking to God they could not hearken to him." To listen needs discipline, for we are prone to let our minds wander. We would say with the psalmist, "My soul, wait thou in silence for God only, for my expectation is from him."

Through reading the scriptures many men and women of all races have come to a knowledge of God. Missionaries have often been amazed to find believers in places where no missionary has ever visited. But someone from that village has at some time procured either a gospel or New Testament printed in his own language, and, through its pages has heard Christ say, "Come, follow me."

We are fond of quoting "Where the Bible speaks we speak, and where the Bible is silent we are silent." To live up to this maxim demands a careful study of the Bible and a receptive mind to assimilate the great truths contained in it. If we would do this we must shed prejudices, fears, and all un-Christianlike attitudes. This calls for more mental discipline than appears on the surface, and it is only through such discipline that we will hear God speak to us from his Book.

One great change in preaching since the time of the apostles has been in the time limit of sermons. When at Troas, Paul prolonged his speech until long after midnight. Folk who find it difficult to listen to a sermon of more than twenty minutes will have much sympathy with the young man (Eutyclus), who on that occasion was sitting on the window and went to sleep, and fell to the ground.

Although we have placed the listening through sermons last, it usually goes before either prayer or Bible study in getting people

to think about God and prepare themselves to listen more attentively for him to unfold his plans for each age. In our own land there are thousands who never enter a church building to hear a sermon; these are unlikely either to pray or to study the Bible in solitude. The radio may help with some of this class, but the tried way of Christians inviting their friends to come with them to church, and refusing to stay home from the services for "company," and taking them along, too, will create audiences of many "listeners."

But what of the millions in the world who have never had the opportunity to listen to the message of Christ's love? They do not know to whom to pray. They cannot read—and if they could they haven't a Bible. They have never had a preacher in their village. The apostle asked in the letter to the Romans, "How then shall they 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?"

The disciplined listener answers these and other questions to the best of his or her ability with service and joy, and one day will hear the "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Prayer.—Our Father in heaven, we pray that we may ever be ready to listen to thy voice, and willing to hearken to thy commands. May we never be too busy or too engrossed in our own ways not to keep a part of every day for preparation to know and do thy will. Amen.

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 602, "Master, speak! Thy servant heareth."

Business Session.

Programme, with an address on "Preparations for Peace," the topic paper prepared by R. L. Williams, B.A., B.D.

Hymn.—Churches of Christ Hymnal No. 558, "O happy those who know the Lord."

Prayer.—Lord Christ, suffer us not, we beseech thee, who art the Way, to doubt thee, who art the Truth; nor to rest in aught but thee, who art Life; but by Thy Holy Spirit make clear our path, and strong our faith, and sure our everlasting home, who with the Father and the same Spirit livest and reignest ever, one God, world without end. Amen."
(*"World Call."*)

MRS. C. A. VERCO

IN the early hours of Sunday morning, Sept. 10, the women's work in Australia lost a sympathetic friend in the passing of Mrs. C. Verco, wife of Dr. Clem Verco.

Mrs. Verco was greatly loved, and will be missed by her husband, son and daughter, as well as by a host of friends. She was always hospitable, and many missionaries and others were entertained in her home. For eleven years she was treasurer of the N.S.W. Women's Conference, a position now held by her daughter, Miss Doreen Verco.

Mrs. Verco was a member of the executive which arranged the Inaugural Women's Federal Conference, and was a generous contributor to all Federal work.

She was a friend to every Women's Conference president of her State, and she helped in many ways to make the time in office a happy one. Three days before her death, the Enmore Mission Band met in her home for their annual oversea meeting.

"For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest. Alleluia!"



NEWS FROM STATE EXECUTIVES

Western Australia

THE speaker at the monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, on July 4, was Mr. P. Clark, late missionary in the Philippines). Several country sisters sent items for the devotional session led by Mrs. Yelland. The president, Mrs. Humphrey, thanked the speaker and those who co-operated in the programme.

Mrs. Burdeu is recovering after an operation. She has sent gift envelopes to be distributed for the aborigines offering.

Sympathy was expressed to Mrs. S. Thomson and family in the loss of husband and father.

Mrs. Beck read the financial statement, which showed a credit balance of £270/4/5.

South Australia

The Sisters' Auxiliary held their meeting on Aug. 31. Mrs. E. Verco (president-elect) expressed the thanks of the auxiliary to Mrs. Bartlett for her leadership during the year.

The temperance superintendent reported nearly £40 was raised by churches of Christ cake stall at the Alliance Fair.

234 visits have been paid to hospitals and institutions during the past quarter. Flowers, books and other gifts have been distributed.

Mesdames Verco and McQueen were appointed as representatives on the State Home Mission Department.

Sympathy was expressed to the family of Mrs. Samuels (Colonel Light Gardens), and to Mrs. Houghton on the death of her husband.

Victoria

A welcome was extended to two visitors, Mrs. Taylor of Shepparton, and Mrs. Olding of N.S.W.

The sympathy of all was expressed to Mrs. Hall, of North Richmond, and Mrs. Cameron, of Doncaster, who both have suffered bereavements.

All delegates are asked to note the following motion passed at the August meeting: "That delegates who vote at any one conference shall be those who have served at executive meetings throughout the year, and country delegates."

New South Wales

The overseas mission rally was held on Sept. 1, at the City Temple, Sydney.

In the absence of the president through illness, the vice-president, Mrs. D. Wakeley, presided, and the devotional session was led by the second vice-president, Mrs. F. Youens. Mrs. Phil Verco was soloist, and Mrs. Geary recited "A Mother's Answer."

We had hoped to have Miss L. Simpson, a Canadian missionary to India, to give the address, but a few days before the meeting she was able to get passage to continue her journey to India. Mr. Paternoster kindly consented to fill the breach, and gave a very interesting survey of overseas work.

Notes on Various Topics

Towards Unity

THE Federal Advisory Committee of the Presbyterian Assembly has approved federation of churches as a step towards union, and the opening up of negotiations at an appropriate time with Methodist and Congregational churches for closer co-operation in Canberra. Another interesting matter—the eligibility of women for office of elder or for the ministry—is to be brought before the next General Assembly.

Salvation by Faith

The following brief paragraph is from a recent circular stating the doctrinal position of a certain church: "We believe God has made an atonement for sin, laying our sin on Jesus Christ at Calvary. You may be saved by faith alone, not holy life, not good deeds, not church attendance, not sprinkling, not baptism. Nothing can be added to perfection. Calvary is a finished work." There is so much truth in this statement that casual or un instructed readers may not recognise its defects. Like me, they may have a bias in favor of people who believe in the efficacy of the atoning death of Christ; who glory in the cross and trust the finished work of our Lord; and who insist with God's apostle that a man is justified by faith in Christ and not by works of law, and further that "by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." I feel sure that these are the great truths which the quoted church statement was chiefly intended to emphasise. This, however, should not blind us to its defects.

The statement declares, "You may be saved by faith alone." The New Testament never puts it thus, and one inspired writer definitely said that faith by itself is dead. Salvation is God's free gift and is "not of works"; its procuring cause is the atoning death of Christ; but it is not offered unconditionally to men. Nor is it offered in the New Testament on the one condition of "faith alone." Repentance is another condition. "Not baptism" but "faith alone," says the church statement. None of us claims that in baptism there is an intrinsic efficacy, but there is efficacy in that death of Christ into which we are baptised (Rom. 6: 3). We must not treat faith and the obedience of faith as if they were in opposition to one another. To say that believers are "baptised into Jesus Christ" does not even remotely deny that "Calvary is a finished work." Faith and obedience were not opposed by Christ, who said: "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3: 36, R.V.). We are not attempting to add anything to perfection when we urge obedience to our Lord, or belittling the importance of faith when we press upon the attention of hearers of the gospel the words of the great commission or those in which the inspired apostle answered the inquiry of the seekers on Pentecost. When in faith and loving obedience we surrender to the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are extolling his merits and in his appointed way appropriating that free gift of salvation which he offers to all who will accept him.

A. R. Main.

community centre, is reaching out for old fundamental values of the mind and spirit in some new form. This will probably be found in the service springing from the love of one's fellow-men. This is at the heart of the Christian faith, and it is for the Christian churches to be interpreters of the fundamentals and moulders of the common life. In the State schools, the churches are already concerned that the fundamental moral concepts and spiritual realities of life should undergird and permeate the educational system, and it is called upon to exercise a similar function in respect to community centres.

3. The churches should not stand aloof from community centres of this kind, but give practical expression to spiritual ideals by exercising a fitting ministry of worship where centres make room for this, and by encouraging Christian men and women to accept responsibilities of oversight and leadership in local councils and clubs.

4. In the later development of community centres, it may be deemed advisable to suggest that they continue within the schools and the educational activities of youth under the Educational Department.

Our Young People

W. R. Hibbert



COMMUNITY centres are in the air. Like some castles, they may be nothing more, unless they cater for more than physical well-being. The highest welfare of a people depends on spiritual values accepted as fundamentals to which the programme must conform. Some youth leaders feel concerned because of moves in their localities to establish community centres. We hope later to deal at length with this subject in these pages, but for the present the Victorian Young People's Department offers the following observations:—

1. The ideal situation, from the Christian viewpoint, would be the churches themselves, conducted as community centres, catering in an adequate manner for the needs of youth. We believe that existing church clubs and youth organisations, with their halls and equipment and personnel, should not be absorbed in a community centre, but retain their particular identity. The churches should, however, be alert to adopt a fuller programme and widen the field of community service.

2. Where community centres spring up outside, the churches should welcome the altruism displayed, and know that youth desires something beyond material satisfaction; and, in a

The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

"OUR God; how faithful are his ways!
His love endures the same;
Nor from the promise of his grace,
Blots out the children's name."

—Isaac Watts.

PURE GOLD AFTER ROUGH IRON

From a Sermon by Dr. Maclaren.

HERE is the thing to be dealt with, that whole life, the Christ of the Gospels. And I venture to say that any explanation professing to account for him which leaves out his coming from an unseen world, and possession of powers above this world of sense and nature, is ludicrously inadequate. Suppose you had a chain which for thousands of years had been winding on to a drum, and link after link had been rough iron, and all at once there comes one of pure gold, would it be reasonable to say that it had been dug from the same mine, and forged in the same fires as its black and ponderous companions? Generation after generation has passed across the earth, each begetting sons after its own likeness; and lo! in the midst of them starts up one sinless man. Is it reasonable to say that he is the product of the same causes which have produced all the millions, and never another like him? Surely to account for Jesus without the supernatural is hopeless.

TIME

FATHER TIME is not always a hard parent, and though he tarries for none of his children, often lays his hand lightly upon those who have used him well; making them old men and women inexorably enough, but leaving their hearts and spirits young and in full vigor.—C. Dickens.

THE HARVEST MOON

Reveller.—"When going home at midnight I saw the glow of a policeman's lamp in the distance."

Clerk.—"That would be the harvest moon."

The Family Altar

TOPIC.—PEACE ASSURED

- Oct. 2—John 14: 25-31.
- " 3—Romans 14: 13-23.
- " 4—Eph. 2: 11-22.
- " 5—Eph. 4: 1-16.
- " 6—Phil. 4: 1-9.
- " 7—John 20: 19-25.
- " 8—Ezekiel 37: 1-10; John 20: 26-31.

ON two occasions recorded in our Lord's day New Testament reading Jesus "stood in the midst," and said, "Peace be unto you," reminding us that if only he is in our midst peace, which is the result of victory, will surely come; for he also said, "I have overcome." In Christ alone peace is obtained and maintained, a peace unlike that which the world bestoweth, for it is of an infinitely higher and nobler kind, uninfluenced by the adverse forces of this world; a peace which "passeth all understanding," the possession of which, though it will not render us immune from life's conflicts, will secure for us calmness of soul amid the fiercest struggles, guard our hearts and thoughts, and impart the utmost assurance of final victory. "What comfort this sweet sentence gives"—"peace be unto you."

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"FAITHFUL FISHERMEN" CAMPAIGN VICTORIA



3rd Haul: 36 New Scholars, 1 New Teacher.

Total Haul: 148 New Scholars, 14 New Teachers.

Aim: 500 New Scholars, 50 New Teachers.

S.A. Conference

(Continued from page 458)

The Preachers' Session proved to be a time of stimulation and fellowship, being splendidly helped by a fine message from F. Hambly, M.A., B.D., minister of Pirie-st. Methodist church.

The Meeting of the Pioneers on Saturday afternoon (those who had been in membership for 40 years and over) brought together a great company of grand folk who rejoiced together as they told of the victories of the cross and the goodness of God through all the years.

A devotional talk by A. G. Hinde during conference business session was very helpful.

Items provided by the Grote-st., Croydon, Cowandilla, Prospect, Maylands, Glenelg, and the combined choirs, together with solos and a duet, were greatly appreciated.

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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES ELECTED

President, T. Butler; President-elect, K. A. Jones; Past-President, A. Anderson; Secretary, H. R. Taylor; Assistant Secretary, F. K. Glover; Treasurer, F. P. Langlois; Executive Members, A. G. Hinde, G. Rootes, E. C. Mauger, E. W. Peet; Seal Holder, H. R. Taylor; Auditors, T. P. Richardson, A. V. Hollands.

Home Mission Committee.—A. Anderson, W. Beller, D. G. Hammer, A. V. Hollands, W. F. Nankivell, A. S. Shepherd, H. R. Taylor, C. M. Verco. Foreign Missions.—P. Blanden, A. J. Ingham, E. V. Lawton, E. H. Kentish, H. P. Manning, D. H. Pike, Mrs. A. L. Read. Young People's.—B.S.: A. E. Brown, S. R. Beck, C. L. Johnston, W. F. Nankivell, H. W. Hannam, Miss D. Wood; C.E.: K. Dixon, F. Cornelius, F. Hollams, W. B. Wharton, Miss O. White, Miss T. Smith. Social Service.—F. A. Halleday, A. E. Mauger, A. F. Wilson, Miss V. Mann, Mrs. J. Graham. Aborigines.—W. R. C. Bell, A. B. Chappell, Mrs. W. Green, Mrs. D. Nankivell. Building Extension.—F. P. Langlois, O. V. Mann, C. M. Verco. College of the Bible.—A. O. S. Baker, S. Price Weir, J. E. Webb, W. B. Wharton. Training Committee.—W. C. Brooker, C. Schwab, H. R. Taylor. Preacher Placement and Advisory Board.—W. C. Brooker, A. Cousins, W. S. Harris, K. A. Jones, C. M. Verco. S.A. Alliance.—J. T. Train. Morialta Protestant Children's Homes.—Mrs. H. Bartlett, T. M. Glover, F. A. Halleday. Aborigines Friends' Association.—Mrs. D. Nankivell, Mrs. D. Stacy, D. G. Hammer. Council of Churches.—Mrs. D. Nankivell, A. O. S. Baker, J. E. Webb, J. E. Shipway.

S.A. Women's Conference

THE sisters' thirty-ninth annual conference was held at Grote-st. chapel on Friday, Sept. 8.

MORNING SESSION

The president (Mrs. H. Bartlett) presided. National prayer was offered by Mrs. E. C. Mauger. Devotional session was led by Mrs. J. E. Webb, whose topic was "The Gift of a Day." Mrs. Crowe sang the solo, "Just for To-day," and prayer was offered by Mrs. Rootes.

Precis of last conference minutes and secretary's report were read by Mrs. Trowbridge. Obituary report was presented by Mrs. Rootes, and Mrs. Bartlett beautifully sang, "It is Well." Dorcas report was read by secretary, as Miss Grant, superintendent Dorcas Committee, was away on account of illness. Literature report was presented by Mrs. A. G. Dodson, temperance report by Mrs. Tippet, prayer

meeting report by Mrs. F. Harding, hospital report by Mrs. F. Thomas.

After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. Bartlett gave the Morialta Children's Home report. Country reports were read by Mrs. Charlick. Missionary Education Committee's report was presented by Mrs. W. F. Nankivell.

After the singing of a hymn, the roll of delegates was called, to which 58 suburban delegates and 25 country delegates answered.

Election of Officers.—President.—Mrs. C. Verco; president-elect, Mrs. F. Cornelius; vice-president, Mrs. A. Downs; secretary, Mrs. Trowbridge; treasurer, Mrs. Graham; recording secretary, Mrs. Charlick; Home Missions superintendent, Mrs. McQueen; Overseas Mission superintendent, Mrs. Nankivell.

Resolution from Federal sisters that each sister in the States be asked to subscribe 1/- for our English sisters who are in distress, was moved by Mrs. Cornelius, seconded by Mrs. Fisher, and carried.

It was resolved that Mrs. C. Verco, Mrs. Cornelius and Mrs. Nankivell be elected on the Resolution Committee.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The devotional service was led by Mrs. Wilkie Thompson, whose message was, "I know in whom I have believed." Mrs. Pigdon offered prayer. A lovely solo was rendered by Mrs. Magarey. Welcome was given to visitors by Mrs. C. Verco.

Greetings were given by representatives from Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union, W.C.T.U., Y.W.C.A., Baptist, Salvation Army, Methodist overseas committee, Methodist home missions, Congregational, Miss Vawser (from India) and Mrs. McGregor (Melbourne). A greeting was read from Ireland.

Roll-call of churches (country, city and suburban) showed 39 country and 181 city and suburban.

Miss F. McLachlan responded for the visitors, after which all joined in singing "Blest be the Tie." Mrs. Leslie Mathews sang a beautiful solo.

The president's address was given by Mrs. H. Bartlett, her topic being "God's Peace."

Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Graham, who also spoke on behalf of the Women's Centenary Fund (home for aged folk).

Home mission report was presented by Mrs. McQueen, who handed a cheque of £122/11/1 to Mr. C. Verco for home missions. Mrs. Nankivell handed a cheque of £114/5/7 to Mr. Anderson for overseas missions. A missionary prayer was offered by Mrs. Theo Edwards, and a solo sung by Mrs. B. Wharton, after which the new president and officers were introduced. Country reports (continued) were read by Mrs. Charlick, which brought a helpful and inspiring afternoon to a close.

EVENING SESSION

A song service was held at 7.30, conducted by Mr. J. E. Shipway. Mrs. Bartlett (president) presided over evening session. After the opening hymn Mr. A. Anderson led in prayer, and Mrs. Anderson read the Bible lesson. Mrs. Wills rendered the solo, "Still Waters." A fine address was given on "God's War" by Mrs. Denis Ryan. Thankoffering for Women's Centenary Fund was taken. Offerings for this purpose for the day amounted to over £22. A delightful quartette was given by Croydon sisters.

Mrs. Nankivell presented Mrs. Bartlett with a Bible and posy, after which came the introduction of incoming president, Mrs. C. Verco.

Mrs. Shipway moved a vote of thanks to all who had helped in the conference. After the singing of the closing hymn a splendid conference came to a close.—Mrs. Charlick, recording secretary.

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.)

FINANCIAL APPEALS

FOLLOWING the letter of W. F. Nankivell, I may I outline the plan recently set in motion at North Essendon, Victoria? This may meet the wishes of some churches, while not solving the problem from the brotherhood angle. Officers at the beginning of the year allocate, as for each brotherhood fund, an amount considered worthy of the congregation. Members, themselves as reluctant to meet recurrent appeals as officers are to make them, are then asked to increase weekly offerings by an amount which would meet the total allotted. As the normal date for each appeal falls due, literature and envelopes are distributed, but members are informed that a certain sum has been set aside from general funds. Any wishing to supplement this may do so, but no special appeal is made, the augmented giving of previous weeks having already provided the quota. This, with any added amounts, is forwarded to the committee concerned. The plan has operated for a few months only, but officers are reporting favorably to members on its working and recommending its continuance. I think the Presbyterian church has a plan of centralised finance for all departments.—M. McNicol, Hon. Sec. North Essendon.

ECONOMIC SYSTEM

IT is disconcerting and alarming to perceive the indifference of Christians to the economic factor as a system—a system that rivals the Christian church in the formation of character. Few Christians ever attain the ideal of trustfulness in divine providence, but are largely thrown on their own resources, competing with the world to get on and get as much as they can. Laboring to such ends, Christian principles are soon thrown overboard. Prof. Drummond writes of a struggle for life for others an altruistic sentiment or emotion which has been of survival value to the human race, and is a distinguishing feature, characterising us from the brute beasts.

In western civilisation the pioneers in the past have endeavored, in the main, to found all western institutions on the heredity of the individual—efficient in the struggle for his own interests. The economic system is drawn by the same inherent heredity; with the result civilisation has not arrived—which is a social ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange. A collective heredity, imposed on the rising generations, is absolutely limitless in its effects in a further evolution of man, and a cultural development of his spiritual nature as an end in itself.—Alexander Cameron, Kew.

LOVE'S HARVEST

"SOW love and its sweetness expressing
Shall fill all your heart with a glow,
Sow hope and receive its fruition;
You'll reap whatever you sow.
In faith sow the word of the Master,
A blessing he'll surely bestow,
And souls shine like stars for your crowning;
You'll reap whatever you sow."

Here and There

A telegram from A. Anderson, S.A., announces that Harold Finger and Miss Clipstone were married at Lolowai, New Hebrides, on Sept. 2.

J. Wiltshire, of W.A., stayed in Melbourne a few days on his way to Sydney to attend Federal conference. On Sept. 24 he spoke helpfully morning and evening at Parkdale, Vic.

The opening meeting of the combined mission which is being arranged by Preston district churches of Christ, comprising Preston, West Preston, East Preston and Reservoir, was held at Reservoir, Vic., on Sunday evening, Sept. 24. G. A. Grainger presided, and B. J. Cambridge was the preacher. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Russell, and the choir rendered an anthem. There was a large congregation.

On Sept. 20, at Maylands, S.A., Mrs. A. L. Read, president of ladies' guild, presided over a very happy function, when fifty ladies of church met to honor Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jones as they enter the fourth year of service with church. Flowers were presented to Mrs. Jones from wives of church officers and guild members, and a gift of fruit to Mr. Jones. After words of appreciation had been expressed Mr. and Mrs. Jones responded.

On morning of Sept. 10, at Adelaide (Grote-st.), Mr. Noble, of Murray Bridge, addressed church, Mr. Beiler speaking at night. On Sept. 17, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiltshire, of Perth, were present. Mr. Wiltshire took part in the service, and gave a greeting. Mr. Bridge, from W.A., was also present. Quite a number of conference visitors have had fellowship with the church at recent meetings. On Sept. 24 Mr. Beiler spoke at both services. The church is preparing for Temple Day and anniversary.

Mr. Cambridge, who has commenced his third year of ministry, gave morning address at Preston, Vic. Gospel service was conducted by W. Gray, of Coburg, whose visit and address were greatly enjoyed. A splendid concert was given in local Town Hall on Sept. 23 by Malvern Girls' Choir and Malvern Concert Orchestra under auspices of Women's Mission Bands, proceeds being donated to Christian Guest Home.

A. G. Saunders, B.A., preacher of Taree church, is in a critical condition in Manning River District Hospital. On Thursday, Sept. 21, after lunching at Wingham, a neighboring town, and prior to commencing some visitation work at that place, he suddenly collapsed. Medical aid was summoned, and he was conveyed by ambulance to Taree, but has not regained consciousness.

At Doncaster, Vic., the 81st anniversary of church was celebrated on Sept. 24. There was a fine attendance in morning. H. M. Clipstone gave the address. Mr. Banks spoke to young people; an anthem was rendered by choir; special offering for church building fund amounted to £180. The evening meeting was conducted by Mr. Banks; attendance was good. The choir gave two anthems. G. Tully sang a solo. On evening of 21st, under auspices of mission band, a lantern lecture was given by Mr. Semmens, of Heyfield-st. Methodist church. The object was to raise funds for Christmas cheer for missionaries; £4/16/- was received.

Miss Ethel Jermyn, who has been the house-keeper at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic., for more than 34 years, has intimated to the Board of Management that, following doctor's advice, she will be leaving at the end of the year. Miss Ada Jermyn has been associated with her sister in this work for 24 years and is also resigning. Scores of men and women, past and present students of the College of the Bible, remember with appreciation and gratitude the work these ladies have done.

They have served through the years with a sense of vocation, as those who fulfil so responsible a task really need to do. The Board is already giving earnest consideration to the future of this department of the college, and will plan to get into touch with ladies who may be available for this important service.

At Surrey Hills, Vic., at 11 a.m. on Sept. 10, Dr. Scholesfield, of Baptist church, Box Hill, exchanged with G. J. Andrews. At 7 p.m. Hawthorn Baptist youth team conducted gospel service. From 17th inst. to 24th, the church had a prominent part in the Surrey Hills United Christian Fellowship sixth annual convention. On 17th local pulpits were occupied by those not in the full-time ministry, our guest speakers being G. J. Allan, president of men's section, and Dr. W. L. Carrington, president of the United Fellowship. On Monday, 18th, Commissioner Dalziel was speaker; on 20th J. Arthur Lewis, of Collins-st. Baptist; on 22nd Dr. R. W. Macaulay, Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Assembly. Combined choir rendered appropriate music excellently. Fellowship tea and discussion followed each address.

Four young men who confessed Christ recently at Hindmarsh, S.A., were baptised, and received into church. J.C.E. conducted a social evening which was well attended and enjoyed. In the S.S. examination Margaret Magor gained State and Federal prize in Div. 2. Several members are laid aside with sickness. Mr. and Mrs. Laney, who have been with the church for some time, have returned to Sydney. Their presence will be missed. W. Moore is home at present on extended leave. Alex Segnit met with an air accident in England, but is improving. No definite word of A. Jackson, who was reported missing over France, has been received. A. E. Brown, Alf. Chappell and J. T. Train have acceptably addressed services recently. Work in all auxiliaries is going well, and a happy spirit prevails in the church.

Home-coming services at Middle Park, Vic., held on Sept. 17, were very successful. There were excellent attendances, a large proportion of those present being former members who had returned for day. At morning service W. Graham, a former preacher, gave an uplifting message. In afternoon E. L. Williams, conference president, delivered a thought-provoking message. Mrs. Trewcarne sang two solos, and the teachers and scholars two special hymns. At night H. Swain, the first preacher

in the present building, preached a stirring message. Mrs. Taylor and A. O'Neill rendered solos. Hospitality was provided for visitors. At tea hour Les. Brooker spoke of the 20 years of faithful service of the secretary, H. A. Annetts, and on behalf of church presented him with a writing desk as a mark of appreciation.

Temple Day offering at Bendigo, Vic., was £142. In the past 19 months £500 has been paid off church building debt. In recent S.S. examinations John Mathieson received third prize for State. Three other entrants received honors. Reg. Streader is making good progress after operation in Eye and Ear Hospital. Ladies' Auxiliary is having good attendances and happy fellowships. On Sept. 7 the Baptist ladies visited auxiliary, 56 being present. J. Ellis has had a successful operation to his eyes. Specimen Hill Methodist young people paid a visit to Y.P. Society on Sept. 12. Y.P.S.C.E. paid monthly visit to Blind Home on Sept. 16 and gave a programme. Miss Mason is very ill in Base Hospital. After many weeks of absence as result of a fall, Mrs. Hancock has been welcomed back. Mr. and Mrs. Plim have gone to Melbourne. They have been faithful workers for many years. Mrs. Gray has been in Kurmala Hospital for past four weeks. Bible Sunday was held on Sept. 10, when 30 special Bibles were displayed at evening service.

Acceptable reports from officers and evangelist, Bible school, treasurer and Dorcas Society, were presented at half-yearly business meeting of Ballarat (Dawson-st.). The first-named included an interesting tabulation showing that during the five years W. W. Saunders has been with the church, additions have been by faith and obedience, Dawson-st., 47; Doveton-st., 19; by letter, Dawson-st., 15; Doveton-st., 5—86 in all. Against this death has claimed 20; removals, Dawson-st., 73; Doveton-st., 20; and spiritual laxity, Dawson-st., 23; Doveton-st., 6—142 in all. Out of the 31 members who initiated meeting at Doveton-st., only 13 are now there, removals having been 14 and losses 4, which with gains of 19 by faith and obedience and 5 by transfer, less 6 removals and 2 lost, leaves 29 of church members attending branch there. On last Lord's day of W. W. Saunders' fifth year, there were two confessions. His further three 'years' term started on Sept. 3. G. W. Scopic, who has borne suffering for a long season, was called home recently, and sympathy reaches out to those who mourn his passing. Mrs. McCook also passed on after long illness, and was brought back to rest here amidst fond remembrances for her and her dear ones.

Petersham, N.S.W., Diamond Jubilee

SINCE the coming of E. C. Hinrichsen, the work at this centre has shown great improvement. About 30 have been received into fellowship in past weeks. The Bible school, under Mr. Morris, is on the up-grade. An Endeavor Society has been formed with over 20 members. On August 27 the church celebrated its 60th anniversary. There were splendid attendances all day, the gospel service being crowded. A. R. Main, M.A., spoke in morning, R. Goode, afternoon, and in the evening E. C. Hinrichsen preached. It was an inspiring meeting, reminiscent of bygone days. The Bible school entertained visitors at a tea. On Wednesday, August 30, at a great reunion meeting, G. Burns, past preacher, gave the address. Greetings were given by past members. During evening a birthday cake made by Mrs. W. Nimmo, was cut by Mrs. Gordon. She has been a member of church of Christ for 56 years, and at Petersham for 37 years.—W. J. Stowe.



News of the Churches

Queensland

Townsville.—Colin Thompson, R.A.A.F., recently confessed Christ and has been baptised. Nine others have publicly signified their intention to follow Christ more closely. John Ridley, of Campaigners for Christ, delivered a helpful message at gospel service on Aug. 27. All meetings are greatly assisted by the presence of members of the Forces.

Western Australia

Kalgoorlie.—H. R. Fitch spoke at both morning and evening services on 17th, and Mrs. W. Tonkin sang at gospel service. Meetings were very well attended. Special evangelical meetings have been planned for October. Bible school is preparing for anniversary under F. Stephenson, the superintendent, and Mr. Fitch, song-leader.

Cottesloe.—Church anniversary services were held on Sept. 3 and 5. Gospel service was very largely attended, when Chaplain Miles conducted. Special reference was made to national day of prayer. Appreciated items were given by visiting singers. On Sept. 5 P. R. Thickins addressed an inspirational meeting. At church quarterly business meeting, it was decided to raise the preacher's salary to meet rising cost of living. On Sept. 17 H. Gray, of Claremont, addressed the church, having exchanged with H. Steele, who concludes his ministry with the church on Nov. 5.

Perth.—On Sept. 12 Miss Dyer, aged 95, died. Our late sister had enjoyed 21 years of membership with church. The 54th anniversary celebrations were continued on Sept. 14. The youth organisations presented items to appreciative listeners. A. A. McRoberts, of Maylands, was speaker. Sept. 17 was home-coming day. In morning many former members were among the large gathering. J. Keith Robinson preached. In afternoon "an hour with hymn book" service was held by E. R. Berry. Mr. Robinson told stories of the church's hymns. Tea closed a happy hour of fellowship. At 7.30 p.m. Mr. Berry rendered a solo and Mr. Robinson preached the sermon.

South Australia

Fullarton.—Church attendances have shown an increase during last few weeks. Fellowship with Mrs. Frost, of Auburn, N.S.W., on Sunday, Sept. 17, was enjoyed. Mr. Overland, R.A.A.F., has been home on leave.

Forestville.—In preparation for the mission in November, cottage prayer meetings have been held in past few weeks. The church had the opportunity of hearing addresses from preachers attending State conference. M. T. Lawrie, of Kadina, gave the gospel address on Sept. 10. L. G. Johnson, of Berri, spoke at morning worship on Sept. 17, and A. R. Pigdon, of Pt. Pirie, was preacher at evening meeting.

Flinders Park.—On Aug. 27 Mr. Wilson gave the exhortation. Morning speaker on Sept. 3 was E. Mossop, who also addressed C.E. Society. On Sept. 10 S. E. Matthews, from Whyalla, brought the morning message and spoke to a crowded audience. Hazel Wallage was received into membership on Sept. 17 by transfer from York. Intermediate and junior C.E. societies obtained efficiency banners in churches of Christ union.

Murray Bridge.—Norman Page (R.A.A.F.), reported missing on "D Day" of invasion, is discovered a prisoner of war. Douglas Butler has accepted position as organist and song service leader at Sunday evening services. Delegates have returned from a conference. N. G. Noble's "echoes" were appreciated on morning of Sept. 17. Cottage meetings have been held in homes of G. B. Gruhl, D. C. Dix and Mrs. W. Brake.

Moonta.—Anniversary services were held on Sept. 3, including a P.S.A. Mr. Edwards' addresses were much appreciated. The anniversary tea and public meeting were held on Sept. 5; the Kadina church choir provided a fine programme, and the address of M. T. Lawrie (Kadina) was well received. Messrs. A. Doley and D. J. Lawrie spoke at meetings on Sept. 10. Mr. Edwards presented his impressions of conference on Sept. 17. Sunday school is more encouraging than for some years, having entered "Faithful Fishermen" campaign.

Prospect.—Services on Sept. 17 were conducted by A. E. Brown, who gave inspiring messages. Fellowship was enjoyed with A. Burns and G. Baker (R.A.A.F., on leave), and visitors. At evening service a duet was rendered by Mesdames Fax and Coomb. At business session B. Lawrance and H. Jenkins were elected to fill vacancies of two deacons. Promotion day in Bible school was held on Sept. 17. Kinder department had five new scholars in fortnight. Miss C. Robson and Mrs. Riches are assisting in Bible school. Miss B. Riches has taken over Y.W.L. There are good attendances of this league at services.

Maylands.—At evening service on Sunday, Sept. 10, Mr. Noble, of Murray Bridge, was speaker, Keith Jones being preacher at morning service. K. Jones gave fine messages at both morning and evening services on Sept. 17; this day marked commencement of his fourth year of service with church. The past year has been one of progress, happy fellowship and co-operation. Albert Anderson is past president of conference; another member, T. Butler, has been elected president, and K. Jones, vice-president. Ten other members are serving on conference committees. On September 20, the ladies' guild tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Jones a surprise afternoon; about 60 women were present and a very happy time was spent. On September 22, the men's brotherhood held their monthly meeting; a fine talk was given by Mr. Oliphant, lecturer for economics at Adelaide University.

New South Wales

Seven Hills.—Evening attendances decreased during winter months. The church welcomed into fellowship Mr. and Mrs. Norman Taylor by transfer from Granville. At end of last month, in the chapel, Miss Beryl Barnes and J. McBride were married, Ethelbert Davis, of Auburn, officiating.

Chatswood.—Pte. Harold Stewart, from S.A., and Sgt. Witts (R.A.A.F.), from Melbourne, met with the church on Sept. 17. Circumstances have caused the church to lose a grand secretary with the resignation of Frank Woodward from this position. Sympathy will be felt for David Verco owing to the loss of his mother, and with Mr. and Miss Hunter in the loss of their sister.

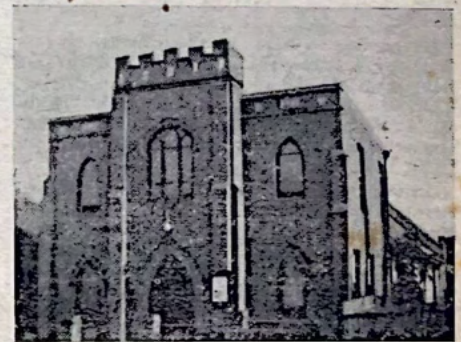
Hurstville.—Bible school and church are preparing for anniversaries, to be followed by "Happy Hour" and mission with R. Greenhalgh, who addressed midweek meeting on Sept. 6. As church loyalty campaign is in progress, opportunity was taken to present gifts from the congregation, for loyal service; to Mrs. Flood (organist 14 years), H. Button (secretary 8 years), C. A. Pryor (treasurer 14 years). All are still in office.

Kingsford.—On Aug. 27 Chaplain Crossman spoke at morning service and Mr. Gibb gave a helpful message at night. At morning service on Sept. 3 Mr. Murphy gave a good message. Mr. Wakeley (conference president) spoke at gospel service. On Sept. 10 Mr. Cunningham was back after holidays. He spoke at both services. On Sept. 12 an open business meeting was held, when all took part in arranging plans for the good of the church.

Canterbury-Earlwood.—Work prospers under ministry of A. Hinrichsen; 16 additions for year. Crowded anniversary services were held on Sept. 9 and 10, when E. C. Hinrichsen and R. H. Wakeley were speakers. Thankoffering towards building debt totalled £111/9/1. Duplex envelope system introduced this year is successful, and new church hymnbooks are an improvement. There were two decisions at gospel meeting on Sept. 17, when one of the Y.P.S.C.E. members was baptised.

Wollongong.—Happy and well attended meetings were held for the half-yearly conference gatherings. The chapel was crowded at both meetings, and 175 sat to the tea provided by Wollongong ladies. Prior to the tea the Federal president, Mr. Adermann, M.H.R., opened the newly built kindergarten room. On Sept. 17 the State president, R. H. Wakeley, spoke to all meetings including Kieraville. 108 broke bread for the day, and the services were crowned by the confession of a brother for whom much prayer had been offered.

North Sydney.—To mark his completion of seven years' service, a happy public meeting was held on Sept. 6, to honor Mr. Paternoster; F. A. Horsey, church secretary, presided. Greet-



The Chapel at North Sydney.

ings were brought by R. H. Wakeley, conference president, and other visitors. The address by Mr. White, of Mosman Baptist church, and vocal items by ladies of that church were appreciated. During a social hour a birthday cake with candles was presented to Mr. Paternoster by Christian Endeavorers.

Lidcombe-Carramar.—The wedding took place on Aug. 26, in Lidcombe chapel, of Jean Brookes, a former Bible school scholar, and Arthur Alfred Paine, A.I.F. The tenth anniversary of Bible school at Carramar, on Sept. 10 and 12, proved very successful. Lord's day afternoon saw 116 present for kinder prize-giving, when Mr. Beale, of N. Auburn, gave an interesting talk. On Tuesday night a fine programme was presented by the scholars. E. C. Hinrichsen presented the awards to senior scholars, after which he addressed a fine congregation of 150. At close of address two ladies made the good confession.

Hamilton.—Since last report steady progress has been made. A special series of meetings was held during August. Attendances were good. A number of new contacts were made. Three were baptised. Ladies' guild is making a splendid effort to reduce building debt; and the men of church have made many improvements to approaches of chapel. Sunday school continues to progress. A first prize was gained in recent scripture examination. During absence of Lloyd Jones, who was conducting a mission, C. Latimer, of college, ably conducted services. Mr. Jones returned on Sept. 10, when gatherings were again large, especially at night. Miss Betty Gillespie was married on Sept. 9 to Roy Player.

The Australian Christian

Taree.—Chap. A. N. Horne helped with messages on Sept. 3 and 10, On Sept. 17 A. G. Saunders was speaker at both services. Sisters' Missionary Aid class celebrated 19th birthday on Sept. 20. Mrs. A. G. Saunders presided, and a musical programme was enjoyed; the offering amounted to over £11. Recently the class made, besides other gifts, an offering of £12 to foreign missions.

Victoria

Newmarket.—On Sept. 17 Mr. Graham preached at both services, and on Sept. 24 he illustrated his address with slides. Sympathy was extended to Mrs. Goss and family in loss of husband and father.

Malvern-Caulfield.—Mr. Buckingham preached at both services on Sept. 24. One young man made the good confession and two were baptised into Christ. The choir rendered a special anthem. All branches of the work are progressing.

Mont Albert.—N. Gavros, of College of Bible, gave helpful addresses on Sept. 17. On Sunday, 24th, R. MacLean gave excellent messages. Sunday school is preparing for anniversary. Mrs. Mott was welcomed back after short absence.

Warragul.—Mr. Baker has been invited to continue for another twelve months. Plans are being made for the special meetings in October. Bible school is taking great interest in "Faithful Fisherman" campaign. Church extends sympathy to Mr. Pedersen and family in death of his mother.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—C. G. Taylor preached morning and evening, and K. W. Barton addressed Bible class. Mr. Cuddy, of Parkdale, was soloist. Mr. and Mrs. Berry, Dorothy Berry, Mrs. World, Miss J. Noonan and A. Sage have been received into membership from North Carlton church.

Emerald.—Both services on Sept. 17 were taken by D. W. Cartmel, in absence of Mr. Alcorn in Queensland. The motor car service between chapel and Avonsleigh, recently inaugurated by the official board to bring Avonsleigh friends to and from evening services, is proving most successful.

Hartwell.—A. MacDonald addressed church on Sept. 17 for B. and F. Bible Society. J. MacGregor Abercrombie was speaker in evening. A special meeting was held on Sept. 20 to discuss means of increasing the spiritual life of church. C. J. Robinson preached at both services on Sept. 24. Mrs. L. Piper is ill.

Oakleigh.—S. Neighbour spoke at both services on Sept. 17. Reference was made to the passing of Mrs. Wheat, an active worker for 28 years. Bible school attendance was 173, including 76 in kindergarten. W. R. Hibbert was speaker at men's fellowship. At gospel service on Sept. 24, four sisters were baptised.

Ormond.—W. McDowell has given very good messages at prayer meeting and also at church services on Oct. 24. Mrs. W. McDowell has been elected president of Mission Band and Ladies' Aid. Bible school anniversary was continued on Sept. 24. There were good messages by special speakers and beautiful singing by scholars under Mr. Gadge. C. L. Lang gave a lantern lecture in aid of Ladies' Aid funds.

Yarrowonga.—All were encouraged by W. Gale's visit on Aug. 20. Mr. Hargreaves, from Shepparton, was speaker for church anniversary on Sept. 3. He also gave a fine address on the Tuesday at annual fellowship tea. £150 was given by members to pay off further the building debt. Mrs. Lumme has met with an accident and will be in hospital for some time. Mr. Sellans is back after three months in hospital.

West Preston.—A. B. Withers was speaker at both services on Sept. 17. Sympathy was expressed to Mrs. A. Wood in loss of her father. In absence of A. B. Withers, who is on home mission work in Red Cliffs district, services were taken by G. Barnett, of East Preston, and Mr. Murray, of Home Mission Committee. Church is co-operating in district mission commenced at Reservoir on Sept. 24.

Brighton.—Members are grateful for the services of H. Swain (senr.), H. B. Robbins and A. White during the time the church is without a preacher. T. Clark (sen.), who has an injured ankle, is making progress. A reassuring message has been received from W/O P. J. Mann (P.O.W. Thailand). Miss Carol Plummer has taken over choir leadership following on D. Lang, whose willing services have been appreciated.

★ SUCCESSFUL MISSION

LARGE CONGREGATIONS; SEVERAL DECISIONS

SHEPPARTON.—Special Protestant Day services were held on Aug. 20, and there was a parade of Orange Lodge members at evening service. On Aug. 27 A. A. Hughes addressed a Sunday afternoon meeting. Mr. Hargreaves conducted evening service, when a young lady made the good confession and was baptised. On the following week Lionel Dudley and A. Mudford took morning and evening services respectively. An evangelistic mission, under leadership of Mr. Macnaughtan commenced on Sept. 10. On 17th Bible school anniversary services were held, Mr. Macnaughtan taking all services. A record congregation packed the chapel in evening, and the first decision of the mission was made. Since then attendances at week-night services have been increasing with a decision each night up to Sept. 21.

Mitcham.—On Sept. 17, at 7 p.m., Mr. Dewey, an American missionary of India, spoke to a good congregation. Mr. Huntsman led song-service, Mr. Free presided at organ, and Miss F. Stock sang a solo. The church is indebted to A. Thomas, K. Wedd, L. E. Jones, R. J. Sandells, R. Grafham, Dr. Kemp, H. Watson, B. Huntsman and Mr. Bullamore as visiting speakers. Mrs. Roberts and Miss Reeves continue in ill-health.

Coburg.—On Sept. 3 fellowship was enjoyed with Mrs. W. R. Hill, of W.A., en route to Tasmania, and Tom Kelly, home on leave. After a long illness, W. Anderson was present at morning service on Sept. 10. In afternoon Bible school observed temperance day and Miss Morrel, of Brighton, gave an interesting message. The Good Companions presented a splendid programme on Sept. 16. H. Barnden spoke in morning and A. Wilson, of Swanston-st., conducted evening service on Sept. 24.

Essendon.—Attendances are excellent at all meetings, W. E. Jackel is giving fine messages. A. G. E. Smith addressed gospel meeting on Sept. 24 in place of Mr. Jackel, who was at Sunshine. Ladies held a successful afternoon on Sept. 21, at home of Mrs. J. A. Strack. Mrs. Green, a former member, is ill. Misses Norma Watson and Gwen Kemp rendered solos at recent gospel meetings. Sympathy is felt for Mrs. Ploog and family in sudden death of Mr. Ploog.

Ascot Vale.—A presentation was made to Mrs. Ford, who is going to Queensland. Two adults were received into fellowship on Sept. 17, and two Sunday school scholars on Sept. 24, who had been baptised on Sept. 21. Mrs. Holland, after a long absence through illness, was present. Mrs. White is not well enough to attend. The church sympathises with relatives of Mrs. Hood, who passed away during week. Lois Cracknel, who received surgical treatment, is recovering. Gordon Hendry, leaving for military duties, was farewelled.

North Essendon.—As Mr. Bond was not well on Sept. 10, Mr. Wedd, of the college, conducted both services. His fellowship was much enjoyed. On Sept. 17 and 24, Sunday school anniversary was held under lead of Mr. Burns. The speakers on 17th were Mr. Bond and Mr. Brooker, and on 24th Mr. Bennett and Mr. Bond. Preacher and officers are concerned at lack of co-operation and support of gospel service. At church business meeting, it was decided to carry on with budget scheme for a further six months.

Warrnambool.—Children's day service, when Bible school presented "Gems for His Crown," was well attended; offering amounted to £5/5/-. The church was glad to have fellowship with Pte. Fred Petterd, home on leave, and is glad that Mrs. Matthew is home from hospital. Women's Mission Band had an interesting address by C. Watts, minister of Congregational Church, on chaplaincy work. Church and Bible school regret departure of Mrs. N. Loader for Melbourne. Her assistance in work among young people will be greatly missed.

Ringwood.—Members have appreciated help of Messrs. G. L. Murray, R. J. Sandells, L. E. Jones, H. Watson, A. Thomas, B. Huntsman and K. Wedd as visiting speakers. Mr. Pratt has recovered from illness. D. Rhodes, on leave, gave a delightful talk to Y.P.C.E. on New Guinea. Ted Duffy is home on leave. A welcome social was tendered him on Sept. 13. B. Huntsman, Miss F. Stock, Mr. Free and Mr. Dewey, an American missionary en route for India, visited on Sept. 17, at 4 p.m. Mr. Dewey gave a stirring message on the work in India to a large audience, and Miss Stock sang a solo. At end of September gospel services will commence at 7 p.m.

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We shall meet our loved one there,
In that home so bright and fair.

—Inserted by father, mother, sister Dorothy, brothers Philip, Andrew and Ronald.

COOPER.—Treasured memories of my dear mother who died Sept. 27, 1943.

Behind all shadows standeth God.

—Inserted by her loving daughter Ethel, and son-in-law Fred, and grandson Neville.

COSH.—In loving memory of our dear brother Stephen, who passed into the presence of his Lord, Sept. 28, 1942.

I cannot say, and I will not say, that he is dead—he is just away;

With a loving smile and a wave of the hand he has entered into the heavenly land.

We who daily yearn for the old-time step and the glad return,

When the loneliness is too great, God's loving promise comes to us we shall meet again.

—Inserted by his loving sister, Annie.

PERKINS.—In loving memory of my dear little grandson, Vernon Cyril, who died on Sept. 30, 1936, as the result of an accident.

"Deep in our hearts a memory is kept,
Of one we loved and will never forget."

—Inserted by his loving grandma, M. Perkins, Bendigo.

COMING EVENTS

OCT. 1.—South Yarra Sunday School Anniversary. 3 p.m., A. E. Hurren; 7 p.m., C. Cole. Oct. 8, at 3 p.m., distribution of prizes to kinders, and at 7 p.m. E. W. Roffey will preach.

OCTOBER 6.—Swanston-st., 2 p.m., Victorian Women's Conference Executive Council will meet. Leader of devotions, Mrs. Ward. Speaker, Mrs. Peart, secretary, Religious Education in Day Schools.

OCTOBER 8.—Ascot Vale Bible School Anniversary, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. (Mr. J. W. Burns), and 7 p.m. Bright singing by scholars. All past members and friends please come along.

NOVEMBER 12.—Re-union of North Melbourne members, Newmarket church. Watch for further notices.

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Subject, "Should the Churches Federate?"
Brunswick City Band. Solos by Mr. Jack Clinton.

CARNEGIE BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

OCTOBER 1—

3 p.m., Mr. Marshall.
7 p.m., Mr. Reg. Clark.

OCTOBER 8—

3 p.m., Mr. Vertigan.
7 p.m., Mr. L. Snow.

Anniversary Concert and Prize-giving—
October 11, 8 p.m.

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OCTOBER 1, 8 and 9.

Oct. 1, 11 a.m., Mr. F. E. Buckingham.
3 p.m., Mr. C. Robinson.

7 p.m., Mr. R. P. Clark.

Oct. 8, 11 a.m., Mr. C. Cole.

7 p.m., Mr. F. E. Buckingham.

Demonstration, Oct. 9, at 8 p.m.

SOUTH RICHMOND BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

OCTOBER 8—

3 p.m., Mr. R. Goldby.
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Sunday, OCTOBER 8—

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

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OCTOBER 8—

11 a.m., Mr. N. Gavros.

3 p.m., Mr. D. E. Reeves.

5 p.m., Anniversary Tea.

7 p.m., Mr. T. Turriff.

OCTOBER 15—

11 a.m., Mr. K. Lacy.

3 p.m., Mr. B. Huntsman.

5 p.m., Anniversary tea.

7 p.m., Mr. D. C. Ritchie.

OCTOBER 18—Sunday School Concert.

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3 p.m., Happy Hour (arranged by the Youth Centre).

5 p.m., Anniversary Tea.

7 p.m., Great Service of Witness.

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Oct. 17—8 p.m., Anniversary Social.

MAYLANDS, W.A., 40th ANNIVERSARY.

Oct. 8—Bible School Day.

" 10—Bible School Demonstration.

" 11—Thanksgiving.

" 12—Fellowship Tea and Pioneers' Night.

" 14—Picnic, Maylands Oval.

" 15—Church Anniversary.

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Oct. 8, 11 a.m., C. G. Taylor, B.A.

3 p.m., T. A. Fitzgerald.

7 p.m., C. G. Taylor, B.A.

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Oct. 18—Children's Concert, 7.45 p.m.

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7 p.m., Mr. R. P. Morris.

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3 p.m., Mr. Leslie Hollins, M.L.A.

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The Baramati Disturbances

MR. H. R. COVENTRY throws some further light on the recent persecution of converts from the Free Colony. More and more the small minorities from the younger churches in the "non-Christian" lands will face this problem. It is inevitable that in countries like Africa, India, China and the Islands, where the people will have learned much regarding material advantages through contacts with hundreds of thousands of soldiers from the Western world, missionaries should suffer some setback. The Islands being less thickly populated and more taught in the ways of Christ, are likely to suffer less than others. During the years of war material advantages have been to the forefront, oftentimes bringing to the native peoples much material gain whilst in many cases spiritual guidance has been withheld or lessened. Merely for the sake of understanding do we use the term "non-Christian" world, meaning the lands where missionaries of the cross are being sent. In these countries the total number of Christians does not exceed fifteen million, and these shared between India, China, Africa and other areas, it will be seen their strength is not great. To-day the insistent call is to send missionaries and train co-workers, for the next five to ten years will be vital years indeed. Pray for persecuted minorities throughout the world, and remember the younger churches of our own in India and China. Mr. Coventry writes:—

"We have had a lot of trouble with the free people in the Free Colonies. The young fellows who are not interested in Christianity are giving some trouble, and they are led by some bad fellows, who have had to be turned out during the past years. Some are very anti-Christian and are being instructed by the Hindu Mahasabha, which is a reactionary political-religious body. One hardly knows what action to take, as whatever one does it is bound to be taken up wrongly and matters may become worse. Of course, the recent conversions are the reason for this activity, and we must expect opposition to the work of Christ. The new converts are being troubled."

INDIAN JOTTINGS

DR. L. J. MICHAEL, who underwent an operation in a hospital in the Middle East, has apparently made good progress. No further word has been received, nor word as to the cause of the operation.

Miss Caldicott reports that milk is hard to obtain for her welfare work, and very dear. Friends are reminded that there is a real need for funds for this purpose. The Indian Red Cross Society, recognising the work we are doing, donated the money for the new welfare centre.

Miss Foreman, replying to a letter regarding shortages of nurses and the suggestion that there should be some relief nearer the termination of the war, replies: "You are more optimistic re nurses after the war than I am. The shortage now is appalling even in military hospitals. Recently a sister told me that she and one other sister had to look after 150 patients with the help of untrained ward boys. One hospital (military) I know of had one nurse to each ward of 75 beds, and those nurses had only had three months' training. This may give you some idea of the shortage. Hundreds of trained sisters have been sent out from England and thousands more V.A.D. and nurses are coming. Indian girls are not coming forward for training in any numbers, hence the influx of foreigners. All the Nurses' As-



Health Centre Mothers and Babies.

These babies put on weight, and mothers were helped by Miss Caldicott through the "milk fund."

sociation can do to make the girls of India nurse-minded is being done. I agree with you that India will have difficulty in absorbing industrial war workers after the war."

Miss Foreman has had a long, hard battle during these war years to keep up supplies of help, and often has had to do things that could have been left to semi-trained girls. Board are doing all they can to secure an additional nurse for India.

Mr. Escott continues at the Miraj Hospital, though there has been some improvement. He is able to walk about again, though some disabilities remain. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Escott in their difficulties.

ANNUAL OFFERING EXCEEDS AIM

THE Federal aim was £6500. All States made a splendid response, and those not quite reaching their State quota were compensated by some being beyond their State quota. It is to be noted that the quotas were merely objectives. The grand total reached £6670, an increase over 1943 of nearly £200. The figures for this year and last year exceed any previous year by more than £1000.

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Obituary

M. J. de Hoghton

MAXMILLIAM J. de HOGHTON, an honored member and deacon of the church at Dulwich, S.A., passed away after a brief illness. With his wife, he was received into fellowship about six years ago. Baptised by a minister of the Baptist denomination, he later accepted with his whole heart the teachings and position of the churches of Christ, and became a very active worker. His faithfulness, (never absent from the services, choir practice, united prayer meetings), and his enthusiasm as a visitor of the hospitals, made him and his wife greatly loved. Every drop of petrol that could be saved was used in bringing sick, aged people and children to the services and Sunday school. His place as a deacon and worker in all departments will be hard to fill. His gracious personality attracted many, and he always used his contact with the world as a means of presenting the claims of Christ. —F. Collins.

Mrs. C. A. Verco

IN the early hours of Sunday morning, Sept. 10, Mrs. Verco, wife of Dr. Clement A. Verco, and second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter, of Roseville, N.S.W., passed to be with Jesus at the age of 70. Our sister had been a faithful member of the church since 1889, when she was baptised at Enmore. Most of the time she spent in membership with that church. Her death came as a great shock, as she had been ill only about two weeks, the end coming very suddenly. The funeral, which took place from the Enmore Tabernacle, was largely attended by friends who had learned to love our sister for her gracious Christlike spirit. The service was conducted by Ira A. Paternoster, who had been an intimate friend of the family for many years, and during his remarks he spoke of the faithfulness of Mrs. Verco as wife and mother, friend and hostess, and above all, of her Christian faith and activity which had born fruit right up to the time of her death. On the Thursday prior to the end, the Mission Band had met in her home for their monthly meeting. Mr. Ethelbert Davis, Mr. Stevens and Mr. P. E. Thomas assisted in the service. The loving sympathy of a great brotherhood is extended to Dr. Verco, Miss Doreen and David, and to all who sorrow with them. They know that with their loved one "absent from the body" is "present with the Lord."—I.A.P.

Sunday Observance in W.A.

THE fifth anniversary of the war associated as it was by the king's call to prayer, was marked by increased attendances in the churches. It was a disappointment to many that on such a Sunday, and as it seems to us, in defiance of the wishes of the king, an organised excursion was made to the National Park to raise money for P.O.W. and Red Cross funds. The following Sunday an organised horse display was held on the Subiaco Oval, to which a charge was made for admission, contrary to law. Protests are made to the responsible authorities, but because of the purposes to which the money is devoted when raised by these Sunday sports, many of our best people excuse, and some support, them.

A Charter

To-day we hear of many charters being drawn up to give rights and privileges to oppressed peoples. Not much has yet been heard of a charter for the aboriginal race of this country. Here in Perth several meetings have been held to discuss the needs and the rights of these people, and the findings will be sent forward to the forthcoming Federal Conference. It is hoped that opportunity for discussion and adoption by conference of such a charter will be provided. At the last meeting of our

Christian Men's Association, many of whose members have had long and practical experience of the aborigines and their problems, a helpful discussion on the native was provided by a questionnaire prepared by the chairman, C. R. Burdeu. Is the aboriginal race worth the time and expense used on it? Is the aborigine inherently lazy, dirty and unstable? Could the aboriginal race be trained to the white man's standards in reasonable time? Should the aborigine be limited to defined districts? The answers were all in favor of a better deal for these people. Our men want these poor people treated as humans. "He is not inherently lazy and unstable, and given the right environment would react accordingly" was the agreed opinion of the gathering.

Pioneers

One by one the pioneers pass into that silent land, whither now we cannot follow them. The last of the foundation members of the Fremantle church, in the person of Mr. S. Thomson, was recently called from us. He was a good man. Few men ever passed through this life more highly respected by his fellows than Mr. Thomson was by the citizens of Fremantle. Now Henry Berry, at the ripe age of 84 years, has been called away. He was one of our pioneer preachers here in W.A. He preached before coming here. A church at Leederville was formed in his house 42 years ago. He was a faithful man. Another who will be missed by many is "Grandma" Butcher, of Bassendean. She was a true mother in Israel. She was in service till the last day of her long life. When the call came suddenly she had her basket packed ready to visit on a mission of help. And so they pass. The work in this State, apart from the preachers who come and go, falls now into the hands of the third generation. We could name here grandsons of the pioneers whose names were known over Australia, who are, as young men, stepping into responsible positions in the affairs of the brotherhood.

Preachers

Wembley rejoices in the approaching advent of its first full-time preacher. This cause was formed mainly through the enthusiasm and work of the late D. M. Wilson about five years ago. Steady progress has been made, and all are looking for the coming of Geoff. Whiting, from Glen Iris. R. J. Duckett, who has done such a grand work at Victoria Park during the past two years, is shortly to take up the work at Collie. He will do well there.—R. Raymond.

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tion: which the first began to be spoken by
the Lord, and was confirmed unto us?" (Heb.
2: 3). "Having therefore, brethren, boldness
to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,
... Let us draw near ... Let us hold
fast the profession of our faith without waver-
ing ... Let us consider one another to
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saking the assembling of ourselves together;
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