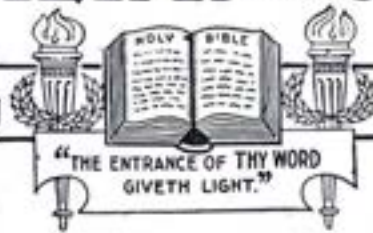


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## A Peril Threatening the Family

**H**AD the Australian birthrate of 1929 been maintained for the ten succeeding years, there would have been 500,000 more children in this land. Are we concerned about that loss from our population? Disease has not robbed us of so many children. War has not been so cruel to us. The ravages of strong drink have not menaced the future of Australia so surely as the fall in the birth-rate.

If a typhoid plague breaks out and claims a few score lives the whole community becomes alarmed and demands action. If the government refuses to reduce the quantity of strong drink manufactured, church leaders and temperance workers raise a just cry and protest. We hear strong lamentations against war. We are told of the harvest of life that horror

reaps. Of course, they are evils and must be conquered. But are those dangers threatening the future security of Australia so surely as the fall in the birth-rate? Have we all been so caught up in evil that we have become blind to the writing of God's judgment on the wall? To those who have eyes to read, it is clear that the days of our national life are numbered unless by spiritual regeneration we take upon ourselves the responsibilities of family life, and cast selfishness out of our midst.

**A**RE we aware that ancient Greece perished because there grew up a fashion to restrict the family to one or two children? Polybius, a Greek historian, who lived from 204 to 124 B.C., wrote, "In our own time the whole of Greece has been subject to a low birth-rate and a general decrease of population, owing to which cities have become desolate and the land has ceased to yield fruit, although there have been neither continuous wars nor epidemics." Why was that so? The historian continued, "When men gave themselves up to pretentiousness and ease and indolence, and would neither marry nor rear children born from marriage, or at most only one or two, in order to leave these rich and bring them up in luxury, the evil spread imperceptibly but with rapid growth."

A century or so later, Rome faced the same peril. Augustus sought to encourage an increase in population by laws, imposing penalties on the unmarried and on the childless couple. Tacitus, referring to these laws, said, "Marriage and the rearing of children did not become more frequent, so powerful were the attractions of a childless state." If love will not raise children, neither will State laws. The change of heart that could have saved Rome did not come, and the empire fell for the want of a virile Roman population.

**W**HAT about modern France? One reason given by Marshal Petain himself for her disaster was that the nation had had too few children.

Where there is spiritual decline, people cast off responsibility and refuse to bear the burden of family life. The population of the western nations is not being made good by the birth-rate, but eastern peoples are increasing rapidly. It is only a matter of time if present conditions prevail, when the West will be swallowed by the East. Australia is in the greatest danger. If we do not heed the warning and banish selfishness, we shall face greater perils in the future than we did in the immediate past. Within a few days flying-time there are 1,000,000,000 Asiatics. Even if we make

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*Not Wanted?*

# The Dignity of Motherhood ★ ★ ★

Words alone cannot express the abiding satisfaction children bring to a mother. That is the belief of a young mother who is a member of a church of Christ in a suburb of Melbourne, Vic. In the following article she reveals a beautiful love for children.

I AM a mother! Maybe that simple statement, in a day when motherhood seems to have lost so much of its attraction and dignity, does sound a trifle fatuous. Maybe, too, because a hundred thousand women in our land cry the same words, in distress and perplexity in a world at war, it does ring hollow. And yet, in spite of modern life, and morals, and the great apathetic attitude of many to the needs of young motherhood, I am thankful to God because he has blessed my home with children.

I am a mother, because more than anything else in the world that is what I want to be. I am a mother, because God made me a woman, with all the great longing for a child, all the natural maternal yearning every woman knows, even from childhood. I am a mother, because I am sure that my true happiness can be found in only just that one occupation, because motherhood is the consummation of my life's purpose, the very soul of me.

THEREFORE, no matter how I try to avoid it, or overcome it, or even neglect it, as surely as the birds fly north in winter, will my interests return to the channels of my nature. No matter what career I may be fitted for, and in this present day there is so much open to women who want a career apart from motherhood, because I am a normal woman, instinctively I am firstly and mostly a mother.

In these emancipated days, women have earned the right to enter almost any sphere of life, and have become notably successful in art, letters, music, science, architecture and even building, commerce and engineering, besides the countless careers more obviously their own. Yet thousands willingly and joyfully follow woman's real career—motherhood. To me, there seems to be no other mission in life which is more difficult or which is more challenging. Yet, in spite of difficulty and sometimes heartache and weariness, none yields so much satisfaction, real pleasure and sheer joy. Only those who have experienced this joy can have any conception of the fulness of its satisfaction—satisfaction not alone of the intellect and the body, but of the very spirit and nature.

TO every mother who takes her vocation seriously, there must come, I believe, the problem of how best to use her natural talents. Sometimes she is afraid for herself and her children, because the responsibility is not light. In her care is the tiny babe, wholly dependent upon her for life itself, growing gradually into consciousness, into the knowledge of right and wrong, of sin and wickedness, of chastity and charity. In her hands, largely, is the bending of the twig from which the tree must eventually grow, and even in her mind as she holds her baby in her arms, her thoughts range into the future wondering what her son shall be, what her daughter may do. Fear because of the greatness of her task, exaltation because of its challenge, fill her heart, as she realises that she is the custodian of a child of God, to be shaped by her life and example for good or evil. I am a mother, but what kind of mother shall I be?

I shall be a good mother. That is what all mothers surely must desire. No woman, I believe, would want to be a bad mother. There have been bad mothers through neglect, through disinterest, through selfish-

ness, but never by actual intention or calculation. But perhaps being a good mother is not enough. A musician who really loves his music will labor to be the best musician he can, and only the limit of his ability will restrict his power. So will a mother want to be the best mother she can be.

THE best kind of mother for my children! A kindly mother, sympathetic and understanding, forgiving, wise—yes, all this, and more. But then I am just an ordinary woman with ordinary thoughts and habits, and neither, I imagine, more ignorant nor more intelligent than the majority of other women. Still the best kind of mother is not always a woman of great attainment of mind or intellect, as thousands who have had wonderful mothers will know. How, then, can I hope to be in reality what I want to be—the best kind of mother? Time and time again I fail in little things. Often I am ill-tempered, hasty, selfish. Then I am ashamed of myself. But motherhood, like life itself, is an upward groping towards the light, a slow, arduous business, full of pitfalls and mistakes, needing something more than human effort.

That power is the leading of Christ. He brings to understanding, love and patience; to guidance and teaching he will point the way and the lesson; to sincerity he will add his blessing; to my love for my child he will provide the will to be an example of good living. So then, if motherhood is full of promise and happiness, surely a Christian mother will know promise and happiness to a fuller degree.



WORDS alone cannot express the abiding satisfaction children bring to a mother. Her sacrifices for them are continually overshadowed by the compensations. When my baby entered our home joy came with her, and that joy has increased as she has grown. No one but a mother will know the satisfaction of seeing her child grow from a tiny, helpless babe into prattling infancy, to questing childhood, and through youth, to God-fearing manhood and womanhood. Here in a mother's care, in my care, is a soul to be expanded for good or stunted for evil. Upon my life and work depends the future of my child.

The future! When I hold my baby in my arms, or when she sits upon my knee fondling with her tiny, soft hands my face, when I stealthily take one more look at her in her cot as she sleeps, or laugh with her in play, the plans I make in my mind seem more nearly possible. All at once I see that my life has a great purpose which I doubt I deserve. Sometimes, in low spirits, I have wished that my life were less encumbered, with the responsibilities of motherhood, but immediately the presence of a child will dispel the traitorous thought. Some thrill in the creation of a work of art, or a book, or even a house, but a mother alone has the amazing joy of creating a new life with its wonderful possibilities.

IS there another calling more noble? Is there another kind of life that can give so much joy? Pray God, then, that in a Christian land its people may again find a place for family life, for the dignity and honor of motherhood, and, above all, for the leading of Christ in the hearts of her mothers.



# Train Up a Child in the Way He Should Go



Take your child into your confidence. Do not tell a falsehood to keep him quiet if you want to do something he ought not to know. Children lose confidence in parents who do not speak the truth. If you cannot reveal the whole truth, do not cover it with a lie.



Do not allow pictures setting out the cruelties of war to come into the hands of your children. If children spend time looking at such pictures, their minds become filled with thoughts that disturb their sleep, and create unnecessary fears during day and night.



Advise your child on the real dangers of life. Tell them at your knee of the love of God and of the noble virtues in the life of Christ. Create in them the desire to render noble service for God and man. Place before them high ideals so they may rise to the highest levels of life.

*"For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven"*

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Keep your child near you if he is upset and nervous. Explain away the grounds of any imaginary fears, and urge him to trust in the goodness of God in times of real danger. Do not ignore his troubles and difficulties, but help him to find a way through them to victory.

# Concern for Youth in S.A.

Chas. Schaub, our correspondent in South Australia, reports on activities among young people, on the Jewish problem, and on Anglican affairs.

## Youth Matters

A RECENT report presented by the National Safety Council revealed that over a period of four months, 28,000 children had received instruction in safety methods. The main objective of the organization is to guard against dangers connected with swimming, climbing and traffic.

From another source several suggestions have been offered concerning treatment of children offending against traffic rules. Summons delivered by uniformed police to children of school-going age cause much distress. It has been urged strongly that a better method would be to arrange for the children to attend some place where a quiet talk would reveal the necessity for traffic legislation.

A committee has been set up to deal with adoptions of war orphans from other countries. The aim is to place children in private homes. One authority referred to institutions as unnatural and expensive. It is believed that children from the heavily bombed areas would have a better chance in Australia than amid the ruins of their country.

## Jewish Refugees

A very distinguished American Zionist speaker, in the person of Mrs. Archibald Silverman, has said some interesting things during her period of contact with the Jewish community in Adelaide. She said that Jews in England were giving to the war effort as they had never given before because they had realized that

money does not mean a great deal. Many Jews in England have learned to live in flats instead of mansions. "Who said the Jews are clever?" asked Mrs. Silverman as she went to say that if they were there would have been two million of them in Palestine to-day keeping the door open for others. The good lady urged Jews to give liberally to the Palestine Foundation Fund and not to "sit worrying uncomfortably" about how little they should give. One lady opened the appeal with a gift of £250, and other large sums followed in response to a very direct approach.

## Anglican Affairs

During the recent Synod several very interesting matters were discussed. Dealing with candidates for the ministry, a speaker said that less than one-third of the hundred and twenty clergy in the diocese were university men. The present system of preparation for the ministry was one which took a boy straight from school, thrust him through three crowded years of "superficial training," and launched him upon "an astonished and sometimes affronted congregation," and gave an overworked rector the task of continuing the training.

It was reported that £120,000 had been given to the Australian Board of Missions during the year under review.

Discussions revealed a very sincere desire to fill "serious gaps in the church's social welfare institutions," by the introduction of a toddlers' home an old folks' home, and a church hospital.

# A Peril Threatening the Family

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a big effort and bring in immigrants at the rate of 40,000 a year, so long as the birth-rate is as low as it has been, there is no likelihood of the population exceeding 9,000,000. As things are there must be a decline in our present numbers. This population vacuum in Australia, being so near to the density of Asia's awakening millions, provides conditions for an international typhoon. Let us not underestimate our peril!

The ancient people exposed unwanted children to the weather. Among the letters recovered from the heaps of ancient papyri buried under the sands of Egypt, one was from a man to his wife. In the letter reference was made to the child that was to be born. The husband requested his wife to keep the babe if it were a boy, but if a girl to kill it. We display indignation for that callousness of the ancients, but are we not hypocritical when we assume such an attitude? Does not modern society commit a similar crime on its unborn children?

A Melbourne specialist has suggested that in Victoria, for every seven babies born, two are destroyed deliberately before time of birth—that means 8000 each year in Victoria alone. (See "Exit Australia," by C. Mayne, page 13.)

A letter, written by a Sydney doctor, Dr. B. Williams, appearing in "The Medical Journal of Australia," October 9, 1943, shows that, of one hundred consecutive women who sought escape from bringing their children into the world, 28 were single, 28 were married without children, 31 were married with one child, and 13 were married with more than one child. The doctor gained enough information to convince him that neither poverty nor

health was the real reason that urged the majority to escape from their responsibility, but it was a desire arising from selfishness or a lack of psychological understanding of the joy children can bring into life.

No reasonable person will deny that improved living standards, better housing, help for mothers in home, and advanced medical supervision are needed for mothers who rear their children. However, the fashion of limiting the family to two, or to one, or escaping from every family obligation, has been set by those who have had good incomes. The love of material wealth and the neglect of spiritual truth have robbed such people of their children, have impoverished their community, and have endangered the future of the nation. The mills of God have been set in motion by national sin; they are grinding out their judgment—and who will escape?

"Men are ceasing to reproduce their kind, to obey the command of Genesis to increase and multiply, not because material circumstances are worse, but because religious belief has lessened" (C. Mayne). It seems that paganism encourages national and individual suicide. When a community loses its faith in God, it loses its desire to live.

Whatever the unbelievers may do, Christians must not be misled by ungodly fashions and customs. Christians must maintain the division between the world and the church, and strive to preserve family life. It may be God desires to replenish Australia with a virile stock of self-sacrificing men and women from earnest Christian homes: homes where children are reared to respect the laws of life and the principles of the kingdom of heaven.

# The Home Circle

J. C. F. Pittman

## THE MEANING OF PAIN

THE cry of man's anguish went up unto God:  
"Lord, take away pain—  
The shadow that darkens the world thou hast made,  
The close-collaring chain  
That strangles the heart, the burden that weighs  
On the wings that would soar—  
Lord, take away pain from the world thou hast made  
That it love thee the more."  
Then answered the Lord to the cry of his world:  
"Shall I take away pain,  
And with it the power of the soul to endure,  
Made strong by the strain?  
Shall I take away pity that knits heart to heart,  
And sacrifices high?  
Will ye lose all your heroes that lift from the fire  
White brows to the sky?  
Shall I take away love, that redeems with a price  
And smiles at its loss?  
Can ye spare from your lives that would climb  
unto mine,  
The Christ on his cross?"  
—"British Weekly."

## THE TEMPLE SLAVE

THERE was a peculiar custom in the days of Paul. If a man wanted his slave to have freedom and never be sold again, he would sell him to the temple. The temple paid the price, and he was forever the slave of the temple to do its bidding. "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

She—"No one understands me."

He—"No wonder; your mother was a telephone operator and your father a train announcer."

# The Family Altar

TOPIC.—"WHAT IS THAT TO THEE?"

- Oct. 9—Matt. 10: 38-42.
- 10—Matt. 16: 24-28.
- 11—Matt. 25: 1-13.
- 12—Matt. 25: 14-30.
- 13—Luke 19: 11-27.
- 14—John 21: 1-14.
- 15—Jeremiah 23: 1-8; John 21: 15-25.

JESUS had intimated to Peter that, though now strong, he should in old age be bound and slain by persecutors. Nevertheless, he said to him, "Follow me." Turning round and looking upon John, Peter asked, "Lord, what shall this man do?" He was naturally interested to know what would happen to his companion. Jesus answered, "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?" A wholesome lesson for all who are called upon to endure suffering spared to others. Remembering that it is all according to the divine plan, it ill befits us to murmur. So, when a heavy cross looms in front of us, or storm-clouds gather around us, or sorrow lays its quivering hand upon us, though so many others appear to be free from such inflictions, we should remember the words of our Master, "What is that to thee?" "Follow thou me."

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# The Church of Christ in China

Christian unity is needed to speed the spread of the gospel in China. Chinese Christians are so united that eighty-six per cent. of all non-Roman Catholics are linked now in one fellowship.

MISS MILDRED CABLE, explorer and pioneer missionary, China, speaking on the subject, "China and the World Church," had this to say concerning the unification of the Chinese church: "One of the cruellest wrongs we have inflicted on the younger churches is that of our denominational differences, which to them indicate a lack of faith and a failure of understanding."

found. I suppose it is because China has somewhat that same attitude toward the rest of the world that Britishers, perhaps, are able to appreciate: "We are the civilisation; all outside the Middle Kingdom are barbarians." The Englishman does not use these words; but England is, nevertheless, the centre of his world and his church.

This Chinese outlook has helped, because, in



China's Hope.

The Madras Conference expressed its judgment on this in the following words: "We appeal with all the fervor we possess to the responsible authorities of the churches to take this matter seriously to heart." How much has been done since then? That was some years ago. China, however, has not waited for Europe to act. In 1929 I attended an important conference in Shansi where the missionary societies were trying to agree which part of the field belonged to this society and which to that. The Chinese delegates listened patiently and then they said in no uncertain language, "This is our country. You can draw lines of demarcation if you want to, and lay down what rules you please. We intend to travel where we please, how we please, and to preach in whatever district we find ourselves." Such a statement was evidence of the strong national church which had arisen in a province where it had been nurtured in its young days by that great and remarkable Chinese Christian pastor Hsi.

Two years afterwards the "church of Christ in China" came into being throughout the whole country, in which great numbers of churches were united, and which forms today 86 per cent. of the whole of the non-Roman Christians in China. They have taken it in hand and they have done it. If you choose to stay outside, you can stay outside, but here is the church of Christ in China, not the Church of England in China.

China is the country where the strongest national church of mission countries is to be

## Alliance of Honor

THE Alliance of Honor, founded in London in 1903, has a world-wide membership. Miss C. Begbie, M.B.E., President of the Women's Section, Sydney Branch, in a broadcast message stated its aim and activities. The alliance is doing excellent work in its efforts to stem the tide of immorality which is engulfing so many. Miss Begbie made a fine appeal for prayerful co-operation and more loving workers filled with the Holy Spirit to share the work. The following "fourteen points of the Alliance of Honor" should make an appeal to every clean-minded person, and especially to every Christian:

1. Robust, pure Christian manhood and womanhood.
2. Nobility and strength of character.
3. A sound mind in a sound body, mens sana in corpore sano.
4. An equally high moral standard for men and women.
5. The same chivalrous treatment for another man's sister as one would expect for his own.
6. A challenge on the highest medical authority to the devil's doctrine that "vice is necessary to health."
7. War against those vices which produce disease, which blight lives and "slaughter the innocents."
8. Pure homes and unblemished offspring—essential alike to our wellbeing from the points of view of religion, home and nation.
9. True patriotism, clean citizenship; public moral health as well as public physical health.
10. A helping hand to a friend in moral peril.

a sense, it is a loss of face in China to become a Christian. There are countries where it is a step up to become a Christian; not so in China, and I think we might remember this when we think of the Generalissimo. He does not become more popular by calling himself a follower of Jesus Christ."

## NEW MOVE FOR WEST CHINA

WHAT has been described as a missionary invasion has been taking place in Australia during recent weeks. In all, thirty-three missionaries from U.S.A. on their way to stations in India and China were welcomed in Sydney and Melbourne. Others of the party were welcomed in Adelaide. Though at least eight different religious affiliations were acknowledged, they were one large family, and were under the leadership of Dr. R. O. Coonradt, Presbyterian, though now of the Church of Christ in China. Speaking in Adelaide, where he was welcomed by members of the National Missionary Council, Dr. Coonradt informed his hearers that the church of Christ in China now comprised of twelve mission Boards and now formed the great bulk of China's half-million Protestants. Most of the speaker's life since 1912 was spent in East China, now occupied by the Japanese. He was not going via India to Kunming (Yunnan) to consult with Christian leaders, Chinese and Western, with the objective of linking the churches in that area with the United Church of Christ in China. The province of Yunnan has about 10 million people, half of whom belong to the numerous tribes' groups. There are more tribes' Christians by far in the area than Chinese. Among the Chinese leaders to be consulted are the Chinese Home Missionary Society at Kunming. The church in China is more united than any country in the world, and present indications point to the unification of the whole church. Dr. Coonradt will report back to the Federal Board any information regarding the work of the C.H.M.S. It is a few years now since we had direct communication with our Chinese friends, but we have contacted them through the C.I.M. workers at Chungking.

## Notes on Various Topics

11. The importance of vital religion, without sectarianism.
12. A life of victory through faith in a trusted Christ.
13. A sustained purity campaign by pen, press, platform, prayer and personal effort.
14. A world-wide bond of friendship in a common cause.

### "The Challenge to Australia"

It is not only those who have a professional interest in or a religious attitude towards the evils of the day who are urgently pleading for reform. Warnings come from many whom not even the light-hearted sinners can regard as "wowers." The words of Professor Walter Murdoch merit attention. In the first of his series of A.B.C. talks he spoke of "The Challenge to Australia." He said that "the morality of the nation—its collective behaviour—has declined and is at a low ebb." There has been a marked decline in the last two years. "Now that the shadow of invasion is no longer darkening our landscape," said Professor Murdoch, "we have slipped down to a lower level of behaviour. I don't want to be sensorious, but I see no point in being complacent and smooth-tongued about the present state of the nation. If the dead could revisit for a day the Australia they died to save, what would their comment be on our various activities—our black marketing, our pilfering from the national stocks, our profiteering, our strikes, our acrid political divisions, and all our buzzing trivialities?"

—A. R. Main.

# Here and There

D. E. Pittman, manager of the Austral Printing and Publishing Co., is in hospital; his condition is considered satisfactory after a somewhat serious operation.

Mrs. W. H. Brough writes: "To the end of September contributions from Victorian women to the second Federal offering for women's link with aborigines of Australia amounted to £126/10/-. The committee is grateful for this ready response."

In absence of D. C. Ritchie at Bendigo, H. Pietzsch and F. Geyer were speakers at Footscray, Vic., Sept. 24. R. Vautier addressed J.C.E. Students from college took part in Y.P.S.C.E. meeting on Sept. 20. There were two baptisms at close of service. Ladies held special afternoon conducted by Palsley-st. Baptist members, on Sept. 21. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ritchie presented a devotional lantern service on Sept. 27. Cricket club held a social on Sept. 30.

At Parkdale, Vic., Young Worshippers' League, led by Misses Allamby and Hogan, conducted anniversary services. Young people assisted in morning and evening meetings. C. G. Taylor preached in morning and Miss Amelia Scarce sang. At conclusion of A. W. Stephenson's address in evening, four young people confessed Christ. There were 141 present at morning service, and 112 broke bread during day. Both services were helpful. The services of the league's leaders are much appreciated.

On Sept. 17 W. Gale addressed church, morning and evening, at Geelong, Vic. At evening service he spoke on the romance of the Restoration Movement. With the aid of lantern slides he told the story of the progress of the movement throughout Victoria. A large attendance appreciated greatly his message. On Sunday, 24th, W. W. Saunders, of Dawson-st., Ballarat, conducted the C.E. anniversary services. At morning meeting senior members of C.E. society read the scriptures, and the juniors gave a message in song. Mr. Saunders preached to large congregations morning and evening; his messages were inspiring.

There was a large attendance at Caulfield (Bambra-rd.), Vic., Sept. 17, for choral service arranged by choir under leadership of J. Machin, with Miss Amelia Scarce as soloist. H. Watson addressed church on Sept. 24, and H. M. Clipstone spoke in evening, when eight candidates who had confessed their faith in recent weeks were immersed. About 40 young people sat down to a fellowship tea in the afternoon, when Miss Bertha Todd brought a helpful message. On Oct. 1 H. M. Clipstone addressed both services. New Testaments were presented to eight who were received into fellowship by faith and obedience. Church rejoices in restoration to health of Mrs. Ward, but May Cantlay and Mrs. Cross are still in hospital.

21st anniversary services of Bible school and church were held on Sept. 17 and 24 at Red Cliffs, Vic. A. B. Withers, of West Preston, was speaker. A fellowship tea was held on Friday, Sept. 22. Guests for evening were A. B. Withers, S. E. M. Riches (S.A.) and A. J. Chislett. This was followed by a social evening. Greetings were received from past members. After a challenging address by Mr. Withers at gospel service on Sept. 24, five senior members of Bible school made good confession. S. E. M. Riches was soloist at this meeting. During Mr. Withers' sojourn at Red Cliffs he visited members' homes. On Oct. 1 J. Lewis, of Mildura, conducted a gospel service; following address another made good confession, when she was baptised with four who decided for Christ on previous Lord's day.

The Churches of Christ Ladies' Choir, assisted by R. L. Williams and R. Lang, arranged an excellent concert at Northcote, Vic., on Sept. 11, at which £150 was promised from

the church membership to commence a "manse fund." On Sept. 20 the ladies' class held a musical afternoon and raised £3 for funds. Howard Andrews, by baptism, and 6 others by transfer were received into membership on Sept. 17. Successful Bible school anniversary services were held on Sept. 17 and 24. 210 scholars and teachers were on platform and 270 parents and friends were in congregation at one service. Offerings during anniversary totalled £37/11/-. A. H. Musgrove ably assisted as song leader. On Sept. 27 building was crowded for distribution of prizes and certificates won at scripture examination. During this meeting G. J. Andrews gave a helpful picture talk, and scholars were entertained at supper by teachers. K.S.P. club won table tennis premiership, third year in succession. During September the average attendance at Lord's Supper was 165.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, at Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., a monster rally of eastern and south-eastern youth fellowships was held. Fred Elliott, of the eastern fellowship, led over 330 young people who gathered. F. E. Buckingham welcomed visitors and introduced the executive of south-eastern youth fellowship. The office-bearers are: President, F. E. Bennett (Gardiner); vice-president, T. C. Jackson (Malvern-Caulfield); secretary, Ray McKenzie (Bambra-rd.); treasurer, Mrs. Gillespie (Oakleigh), and Mrs. Bowden (Malvern-Caulfield), pianist. F. E. Buckingham preached on Oct. 1. Miss Enid Anderson was welcomed into fellowship. In afternoon, at children's anniversary, F. E. Buckingham presided, and Cecil Robinson gave an inspiring address. Singing, led by C. Gadge and assisted by an orchestra of six, was much appreciated. Angus McConchie, R.A.A.F., has been injured while in operations over Europe; he is in a London hospital making satisfactory progress. Choir has sent a special cable expressing sympathy. At evening service F. E. Buckingham preached.

The first of the series of combined missions arranged by Preston (Vic.) district churches (Preston, East Preston, West Preston and Reservoir) concluded at Reservoir on Oct. 1, when Bible school anniversary services were conducted. Meetings were held every night, with exception of Saturday; all were well attended. Mr. Combridge preached Sunday and Monday, Mr. Withers Tuesday and Friday. On Wednesday great interest was shown in a discussion, "Is God Love?" conducted by Messrs. Combridge and Withers. On Thursday a youth night was led by students from the college. G. W. Barnett, of East Preston, presided, and Mr. Burt preached. A quartette party assisted. Choirs from Preston and West Preston assisted on week nights. The preacher, G. A. Grainger, presided over most sessions, and H. K. Trahten was song leader. Despite inclement weather there were excellent attendances both afternoon and evening at Bible school anniversary. Mr. Scrimgeour, minister of Presbyterian church, spoke at afternoon meeting and Major Penhall, of Salvation Army, Northcote, at evening service. Offering for college amounted to £3/4/6.

Last Wednesday evening K. A. Macnaughtan concluded a brief mission, extending over three Sundays, at Shepparton, Vic. Attendances, especially after first week, were very pleasing. On second Sunday, the Bible school anniversary coincided with mission, and at evening meeting on that day, every seat in chapel and Sunday school room was occupied, the number present being estimated at 250. During the campaign ten made their decision; this number included three baptised believers who united with the church on the plea for unity and a restoration of New Testament Christianity. One was restored to the fellowship of churches of Christ, and among

those who made the good confession was the daughter of an Anglican minister. On the third Sunday evening, when a baptismal service was conducted, extra seating was brought from the school room to accommodate those present. At the thanksgiving service on Wednesday night, the chapel was again crowded, and a thankoffering of over £30, more than enough to cover mission expenses, was received. The church is in good heart and appears to be entering a period of happy service and spiritual prosperity.

W. Gale writes: "Since conference at Easter I have spent almost every week-end in country. The Home Missionary Committee requested that this should be done in order to keep in touch with the vast section of the brotherhood outside metropolises and provincial cities. The impression received is that this sadly neglected area is due for better treatment. The preachers should receive greater remuneration, the brotherhood should provide better equipment, both for travelling and in the matter of buildings. The areas close to the Murray, Ovens, King and Goulburn rivers are destined to become very, very important, and to carry a much increased population with the certain tremendous extension of irrigation. I see the day when there will be preacher-placement, which will arrange for each preacher to spend periodic ministeries in country areas, when young men would serve for a year under an experienced preacher in a country centre before entering college, and then would return to the outback for two years on the conclusion of his training. Without some such radical changes we shall never be equal to the task. The future will surely call for a rural section of, or even a separate, Home Missionary Committee. Some religious bodies have set up training centres for preachers outside of the capital cities, and in this there is much wisdom. Look at this big, middle district of Victoria without a resident preacher or a visiting college student—St. Arnaud, Wedderburn, Sport, Pyramid and Rochester! What an opportunity for some young preacher men!"

## Death of A. G. Saunders

PREACHER OF CHURCH, TAREE, N.S.W.

THE Australian brotherhood, as well as the Taree congregation, suffered a grievous loss when A. G. Saunders, B.A., passed away in the Manning River District Hospital on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 2 a.m. Our esteemed brother collapsed at Wingham the previous Thursday just before commencing visitation duties. Widespread regret and sorrow is felt not only by the churches at Taree and Wingham, but by many others in the community, whose friendship and esteem Mr. and Mrs. Saunders have won.

A large and representative gathering, many of whom were unable to gain a place in the building, were present at funeral service on Wednesday afternoon.

The service was beautifully conducted by Principal H. J. Patterson, M.A.

Others present from Sydney included E. C. Hinrichsen, P. E. Thomas, B.A., Stuart Stevens and A. Hinrichsen. R. M. Wilson, of Mayfield, and D. G. Meyers (who has helped the church greatly during the past two years) journeyed from Newcastle.

Mrs. Saunders, her daughter, St. Clair, F. T. Saunders, as well as the Taree church, appreciate goodwill and sympathy extended by these brethren from afar, whose presence helped to cheer all amid the extreme loss suffered.—A. W. Billingham.

# News of the Churches

## Queensland

Brisbane (Ann-st.).—There were large attendances on Sept. 3. A young woman confessed Christ at gospel service. Bill Howard, a Bible school boy, took his stand for Christ at Albion mission. He was received in at Ann-st. Officers are planning for church anniversary. Mr. Hunting exchanged with J. J. English, of Greenslopes Baptist church. On Sept. 24 P. T. Saunders, of College of the Bible, and Mrs. Thornion, Prahran, Vic., were present. A national broadcast of gospel service was made. Mrs. R. N. Thygesen, from Toowoomba, was received in.

## Western Australia

Inglewood.—On Aug. 27 Mr. Sherman visited Narragin. In his absence Mr. Billet preached in morning. At night L. Peacock spoke on favorite hymns. On Sept. 17 five young Service men were present at worship, also Mrs. Walker, an isolated member. Three Endeavor societies are well supported.

Subiaco.—Successful church anniversary services were held on Sept. 3 with Mr. Raymond preaching morning and evening. A fellowship tea was held on Sept. 6, at which Messrs. Black, Olds and Gordon gave short talks. At this function a presentation was made to A. E. Stephenson on occasion of his 80th birthday, recognising also his splendid help in care of church grounds. A children's service was conducted by R. Raymond on Sept. 10; Gwenda Black and Betty Nelson sang a duet. Mr. Raymond left for Adelaide on Sept. 11 to visit his mother. Lieut. Des. Plenty and Sister Joy Millar were married on Sept. 9. In absence of Mr. Raymond, J. W. Gordon and C. H. Masterey have preached helpfully, whilst E. A. Chapman and L. Cornwell have spoken at mid-week services.

Perth.—The half-yearly business meeting was held on Sept. 20. The secretary, A. M. Bell, reported that the genial friendship and services of Mr. and Mrs. J. Keith Robinson have been an inspiration. Additions to membership totalled 9. Losses were: by transfer 7, by death 1. The Bible school had, for 9 months, met at 10 a.m.—Attendance, which reached 90, had not suffered by change of time. School obtained first place in its division for the increase and attendance campaign. Some newly-formed youth organisations supplied an urgent want and helped attendances at the gospel services. "The Bulletin" and several church publications informing local members of the meetings and kindred matters were posted each fortnight to those on military service. Encouraging replies had been received. On morning of Sept. 24 visitors included Len. Gole (North Fitzroy, Vic.). C. R. Burdeu, of Maylands, gave an inspiring talk. At 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Watson rendered a solo. J. Keith Robinson preached.

## New South Wales

Bexley North.—Speakers for September included A. McAllister, J. Henderson, A. Gilbertson (Tempe) and H. McCallum (Epping). Fellowship with N. Jame, North Essendon, Vic.; Corporal McConachie, Caulfield, Vic.; and Sapper W. Baker, home on leave from New Guinea, was enjoyed. E. C. Hinrichsen spoke at thanksgiving service, when the new building was opened by the conference president, R. H. Wakeley. Offering exceeded aim by £14, £139/1/10 being received. The display by kindergarten scholars was appreciated. J. Hen-

derson has accepted the call to be full-time preacher on termination of his college course at end of year.

Paddington.—There was a good attendance at morning service on Sept. 24. One young woman was immersed and received into fellowship by Mr. Wilson. Young people held usual monthly tea. Bible school is very interested in new scholar drive. Teachers and scholars were cheered with recent examination results.

Lismore.—Recently the 50th anniversary of church was celebrated. The tea, on Saturday, was attended by ministers from other communions. A. Baker was preacher for Sunday services. Fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. R. Wotherspoon, of Penhurst, has been en-



The Lismore Chapel.

joyed. Mr. Wotherspoon is C.E.Y.P. State superintendent; he led a united C.E. rally in chapel. Other visitors have been A. Rossiter, A.L.F., home on leave from New Guinea, and R. Pridmore, R.A.A.F., of Northcote, Vic. The ladies' guild held an afternoon in home of Mrs. Towseley.

Lane Cove.—The work is being well consolidated under able ministry of H. J. Patterson; some progress is noticeable. Bible school is being trained for anniversary services. Sister Jean Saxby's serious illness continues to cause much anxiety. Young people's clubs are growing in numbers and usefulness. Sister Rush is slowly regaining her health.

Albany.—Meetings are fairly well attended. The appearance of building has been improved; the front footpath has been built up, chapel painted, and roof reinforced. The fine work of men who gave their time is appreciated. Mr. Edwards continues to give inspiring messages. Soldiers have been entertained after gospel service. The annual offering taken recently has reached £47.

Tempe.—A very successful fortnight of "Happy Hour" services concluded on Sept. 24, average attendance being about 200 children for each of ten sessions. R. Greenhalgh conducted these meetings and gospel services each night, giving inspiring and educational messages. Miss M. A. Tylor made the good confession and was baptised at gospel service on Sept. 24. Mr. Collins, senr., was song-leader. Valuable assistance was given by a church orchestra and soloists. Mr. Gilbertson is making a powerful witness by house-to-house visitation and by distribution of special invitations and tracts. Kindergarten and Sunday school scholars are being gained. Teaching staff has been augmented by three teachers. We are indebted to Marrickville church for six teachers. The C.E., under leadership of Miss Street, holds

meetings every Monday night, and boys' club every Friday evening under guidance of Mr. Taylor. We regret that C. Cook is ill in hospital. Mr. Williamson is able to attend meetings.

## South Australia

Edwardstown West.—On conference Sunday Mr. Pigdon, of Port Pirie, gave a very much appreciated address at morning meeting. At gospel service on Sept. 24, the first parade of K.S.P. and girls' club members took place. The girls' club, under the direction of Mr. Brown and Miss Murphy, is making good headway.

Owen.—Church anniversary services were held on Sept. 17. There were good attendances, members of Methodist church joining in afternoon and evening meetings. The preacher was W. F. Nankivell, of Unley. Unley quartette party provided special singing. They were Misses Muir and Batchelor and Messrs. Nankivell and Jessop, the accompanist being Mrs. Jessop. Mr. Thomson assisted at Unley.

Prospect.—A. E. Brown conducted anniversary services at Millang on Sept. 24 and 25. I. Durdin exhorted church on Sept. 24, and C. Schwab led church at evening session. Fellowship with Ron. Fax, R.A.A.F. (on leave) was enjoyed. Work in Bible school is progressing well, staff and scholars enjoying good fellowship. Work in P.B.P. and K.S.P. chapters is encouraging.

Lenswood.—Recent visits by A. Anderson and Miss Vawser have been enjoyed. Annual church business meeting was held. L. Stafford has been appointed church secretary in place of B. J. Lawrance, who has been secretary since church started eleven years ago; he is leaving district. Other appointments were: treasurer, C. Norton; Sunday school secretary and treasurer, Miss Mary Harris; prayer meeting convener, Miss Esma Harris.

Naracoorte.—A special appeal for funds to renovate chapel raised £25. Ladies' guild had charge of Red Cross trading table and raised £5/3/- for afternoon. During school holidays J.C.E. had an enjoyable picnic. Y.P.S.C.E. combined with newly-formed Methodist C.E., and conducted meeting in a creditable manner. Finances and youth work are encouraging.

Cottonville.—Sunday services are being supported better, particularly gospel services. On two occasions during past month the number present has exceeded 80. 113 broke bread on Sept. 17. Messages in song have been rendered by Miss Lawrie, of Tumbly Bay, Misses Pat, Morrison and Aileen Bartlett, and Mrs. J. Coventry and Bob Berry. Mr. Brooke commenced his second year with church on Oct. 1. Church paper has completed twelve months' publication. Mr. Miller (Navy) has been home on leave. Over £9 has been raised to send gifts to 18 men and women in the Forces. Deepest sympathy is extended to families, relatives and friends of late Jack Gloyd, and Mr. Bernard (Mrs. G. Berry's brother). Mr. Aird was welcomed back after illness. Mrs. Sinclair, who has been absent because of ill-health, is much improved. Mrs. R. Johns has joined her husband in Queensland. The Bible school has commenced a "Faithful Fishermen" increase campaign. A. Glastonbury arranged for the Bible class and other young people to inspect garden of hill home of Sir Lavington Bonython, and on return were entertained at home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferris.

## Victoria

Wangaratta.—Gilbert Patrick has been transferred to Wangaratta from Bambra-rd., Caulfield. Mrs. Lumb, of Yarrowonga, is a patient in Wangaratta hospital. The Bible school is at present conducting an attendance campaign. Twice recently kindergarten had a larger attendance than senior school. Miss Eunice Elliott is away at Dunolly, visiting her mother who has been ill.

Carlton (Lygon-st.)—On Oct. 1 R. T. Pittman was preacher at morning meeting and C. G. Taylor at gospel service, and Miss Amelia Scarce was soloist. College offering has reached £19. Church regrets to learn of passing of A. G. Saunders, a former preacher.

Castlemaine.—On Sept. 17 local Girl Guides and Brownies, with their leaders, attended morning service. Many visitors were present on Sept. 24, when A. F. Sanders, of British and Foreign Bible Society, spoke in morning, and W. Wakefield at night. A retiring offering was taken for society's work.

Emerald.—Last Lord's day splendid congregations were present at both services to welcome back Mr. Alcorn, who had been away in Queensland, following the passing of his father, J. Morton, a member for thirty years, died, Sept. 30, after a serious major operation. He had been the faithful treasurer of church.

Portland.—Speakers during September were A. Crofts and T. Davey. Members regret loss of Mr. and Mrs. Crofts and family who are removing to Casterton. Mr. Crofts has been treasurer and secretary. A suitable presentation was made to him on Sept. 3. Return of A. Boyer, who has been discharged from the Services, is welcome.

West Preston.—Church is indebted to Mr. Cleland, vice-president of conference, who was morning speaker on Sept. 27, and to Mr. Holloway, evening speaker. A. B. Withers was assisting at Red Cliffs; he spoke at both services on Oct. 1. Mrs. Ferris, who is in hospital, was reported to be as well as can be expected after her recent operation. B. Watson, R.A.A.F., is home on leave after a long absence. Preparations are in hand for forth-coming district mission.

Mildura.—Communion services are well attended. J. Lewis addressed both meetings on Sept. 24. S. E. Riches, of Mission for Lepers, gave an address on evening of 17th. Mrs. Drewitt and Mrs. Forrest are in hospital; K. Melberg is also making good progress. Mrs. Bodle and Isobel McAlister are home again after illness. Bob Gower (discharged from A.I.F.) has been on leave, also Ken Piers, of R.A.A.F. Mr. and Mrs. Paterson, of Wagga, N.S.W., are meeting with church.

Kyneton.—Drummond district was saddened by accidental death through a falling limb, of George Andrews, on Aug. 11. The burial service on 13th was conducted by A. G. McDonald and J. I. Muddford; returned soldiers also took part. R. Goudie addressed church on Aug. 13, when Children's Day service was held in afternoon. An entire temperance programme was given by scholars at school session on temperance Sunday, Sept. 10. Y.W.L. held first social on Sept. 23. A new church notice board has been erected in the grounds.

Prasman.—On Sunday, Sept. 10, the evening meeting was in charge of C.E. Society, Mr. Burns being preacher and Miss Kath Small soloist. On Sept. 17 the morning service was good; the evening meeting was conducted by Mr. Burns, who was assisted by young men. After the service a social hour was enjoyed in kinder hall; favorite hymns were sung and refreshments were provided by C.E. On Sept. 24 Mr. Burns spoke at all services. Ladies of church had a part in gospel meeting. Junior school, under the leadership of Mrs. Young, is making good progress.

Gardiner.—T. Hagger, of Frankston, was speaker at 2nd degree K.S.P. on Sept. 12. 48 young people attended monthly "squash" meeting in home of Mrs. J. Richards, W. Atkin, of Northcote, being speaker. T. H. Scambler was speaker at both services on Sept. 17. Mr. and Mrs. Vautier assisted with duets at gospel meeting. Sept. 24 was first day of S.S. anniversary services. J. McCann, superintendent, presided at all gatherings, speakers being T. H. Scambler, morning; T. Fitzgerald, of Collingwood, afternoon; and A. L. Gibson, evening. Scholars sang well under leadership of L. Piper.

Hampton.—Successful Bible school anniversary services were held on Sept. 24 and Oct. 1. Splendid singing was given by scholars under leadership of J. Machin. Addresses were given by C. G. Taylor, C. L. Lang and L. E. Brooker. College of the Bible offering, £14/16/8.

## BROADCAST SERVICE

### MANY MESSAGES OF APPRECIATION RECEIVED

MELBOURNE (SWANSTON-ST.).—Evening service was broadcast Sept. 17, and many messages of appreciation were received from widely separated points, including New Zealand. On Sept. 24 Rex Mathias, M.A., spoke in evening on Christian education in State schools, and offering of £7/15/6 was received to assist in that work. Other recent services have been addressed by C. B. Nance-Kivell. A lecture was given in lecture hall on Sept. 26, when Mr. and Mrs. Nance-Kivell interested members and friends with a talk "Around the World in Eighty Minutes," illustrated with lantern slides.

Boort.—Messrs. Sreeder and Lanyon, with help of Mr. Coventry, of Baptist church, are doing a praiseworthy work in conducting services. The Bible school quarterly social was held on Sept. 22. Mr. and Mrs. Lacy have joined teaching staff. Scholars are enjoying "Faithful Fishermen" competition. At home of Sister Forster, a social afternoon was tendered by the women of church to Sister N. Lacy, who has left to make her home in Melbourne. At conclusion of morning service on Sept. 17, church presented to Sister Lacy a wallet of notes, and Bible school a Sankey hymn-book.

St. Kilda.—Special evening meetings have been well attended in recent weeks. Young people's club and men's fellowship conducted meetings on Aug. 6 and 13, when short messages were given by D. Marshall and M. Norton. Officers led service on Aug. 20. Mr. Hunt concluded the series on 27th. S. Plymin, on leave, was welcomed on Aug. 13. D. Stewart, of Middle Park, was speaker on morning of Sept. 3. At night kindergarten gave part of Children's Day missionary service, many parents and friends being present. On Sept. 10 Inter. C.E. conducted evening service, the gospel message being given by L. Finger.

### WANTED TO BUY

Six metal music stands, folding type, Malvern Church of Christ Girls' Choir.—Claude Gadge, 27 Northcote-rd., Armadale. U3029.

### WANTED URGENTLY

Set of indoor carpet bowls for country church. Apply, stating price, etc., to "Bowls," c/o Austral Printing and Publishing Co.

### TO LET

Hampton, Melbourne. Furnished flat, one minute station and beach. Separate kitchen. Book now for a seaside holiday. No vacancies Christmas or January.—"Thalassa," 23 Orlando-st., Hampton. XW1438.

### BOARD WANTED

Male member of church of Christ requires board with Christian family. Residential area. Apply Social Service Office, 241 Flinders-lane C.I. Tel. MU2104.

### BIRTH

COCKROFT.—On Sept. 22, at the Diamond Valley Hospital, Greenborough, to Keith and Jean—the gift of a son (Ronald Charles). Both well.

### MARRIAGE

WHEATON-HAWKER.—At Kaniva church on Sept. 2, at 5 p.m., Joyce May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albion Hawker, of Yeringa, was joined in holy matrimony to Harold Clarence, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wheaton, of Miram.

### IN MEMORIAM

GREEN.—A tribute to the memory of our beloved sister, Mrs. J. Green, past president and fellow worker in Ladies' Guild and Mission Band at Essendon, Vic.

"A life made beautiful by kindly deeds."

LEGG.—In fond memory of my beloved wife, Nellie Alice, who fell asleep in Jesus, Oct. 22, 1941. Also our dear son, Eric, April 3, 1935.

"I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not in vain,  
That morn shall tearless be."

—Inserted by H. Legg, Oakleigh, Vic.

PETTMAN.—In loving memory of Thomas Theodore, who fell asleep on Oct. 8, 1943.

"In the sweet bye-and-by,  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore."

—Inserted by his loving wife and children, Bryan, Betty, Kenneth, Reg, and daughter-in-law Daphne.

THOMPSON.—In loving memory of our dear Bert (R.A.A.F.), who passed away at Prince Henry Hospital (Sydney) on Oct. 3, 1941.

Some time we'll understand.

—Inserted by his loving father and mother and brothers Ross and Rex.

THOMPSON.—In loving memory of dear Bert, who died on Oct. 3, 1941, at Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney.

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

—Inserted by his loving aunt, uncle and cousins, R. and F. Sherriff and family, Horsham.

WINSOR.—In treasured memory of my loved father and mother, William Andrew and Clara Winsor, and my dear sisters, Myrtle and Clare. Ever remembered.

—Inserted by their loving daughter and sister Kirby and son-in-law P. C. Cor.

### COMING EVENTS

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.

OCTOBER 14.—Middle Park. In an attempt to clear remaining debt on building, a Temple Day is arranged for Saturday, Oct. 14. Chapel will remain open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Past members are asked to participate. Thanksgiving Sunday, Oct. 15.

OCTOBER 28 (Saturday).—Newmarket. Social and thankoffering evening will be held in lieu of annual fellowship tea at 8 p.m. Past members and friends welcome.—D. Boxhall, secty.

MALVERN-CAULFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
Cr. of Alma and Dandenong-rds.

Every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock during the months of September and October,

Special talks on  
DISPENSATIONAL TRUTHS.

They are enlightening, encouraging, and illustrated by colored chart.

Speaker, Mr. Gadge.  
Everybody welcome.



LYGON STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST.  
NEW CENTURY BIBLE CLASS.  
Every Sunday at 3 p.m.  
Beginning New Series.  
Oct. 16—"There was the Victory."  
Speaker, Mr. C. G. Taylor, B.A.

CARNEGIE BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.  
OCTOBER 8—  
3 p.m., Mr. Vertigan.  
7 p.m., Mr. L. Snow.  
Anniversary Concert and Prize-giving—  
October 11, 8 p.m.

MALVERN-CAULFIELD BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.  
OCTOBER 8 and 9.  
Oct. 8, 11 a.m., Mr. C. Cole.  
7 p.m., Mr. F. E. Buckingham.  
Demonstration, Oct. 9, at 8 p.m.

BURNLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST.  
BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.  
October 8—3 p.m., Mr. C. J. Robinson.  
7 p.m., Mr. J. Grewar.  
October 15—3 p.m., Mr. Bruce Smith.  
7 p.m., Mr. L. G. Crisp.  
Wednesday 18th, 8 p.m., School Concert.  
Presentation of prizes.  
All friends and visitors invited to these bright services.

NORTH RICHMOND CHURCH.  
OCTOBER 8-17.  
WEEK OF WITNESS.  
Speaker at all meetings—H. G. Earle.  
(Every night at 8 p.m. except Saturday.)  
Leading up to  
54th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH.  
Including  
Oct. 14—Temple Day. (The chapel will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for prayer and thanksgiving.)  
Oct. 15—11 a.m., Every Member Present.  
3 p.m., Happy Hour (arranged by the Youth Centre).  
5 p.m., Anniversary Tea.  
7 p.m., Great Service of Witness.  
Soloist, Miss Elva Organ.  
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.  
Greetings welcome.  
—C. R. Burden, 3 East-st., Maylands, W.A.

COMBINED SERVICE,  
BAYSWATER CIVIC HALL.  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 7 p.m.  
Guest Speaker:  
Hon. L. H. Hollins, M.L.A.  
Subject, "What Think Ye of Christ?"  
Guest Soloists:  
Miss Norma Langley and Mr. Karam.  
Choir (augmented) under baton of Mr. Chas. Barton (Organist and Choir-master Augustine Church).  
A cordial welcome to all.  
Next Combined Meeting, December 3.

LYGON STREET, CARLTON,  
BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.  
Oct. 8, 11 a.m., C. G. Taylor, B.A.  
3 p.m., T. A. Fitzgerald.  
7 p.m., C. G. Taylor, B.A.  
Continued Oct. 15, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 15—Children's Concert, 7.45 p.m.  
Enjoy a visit to "Lygon-st." for these special services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.  
RALEIGH ST., FOOTSCRAY, VIC.  
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. Turfiff.  
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.

GROTE STREET, S.A.  
"TEMPLE DAY," OCTOBER 14, 1944.  
Church's aim: Free of debt on the 50th anniversary on October 15, 1944.  
Past members invited to participate.  
Mr. J. Manalack, treas., 14 Brinkworth-st., South Plympton.

EIGHTEENTH POPULAR CONCERT.  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14.  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HOTHAM STREET, BALACLAVA.  
Wm. Laird, Baritone; Malvern Church of Christ Girls' Choir; Malvern Concert Orchestra, and other popular artists.  
Tickets from Claude Gadge, 27 Northcote-rd., Armadale. U3029.

NINETEENTH POPULAR CONCERT.  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21.  
OAKLEIGH TOWN HALL.  
Sponsored by Oakleigh Presbyterian Church.  
Wm. Laird, Baritone; Malvern Church of Christ Girls' Choir; Malvern Concert Orchestra, and other popular artists.  
Tickets from Claude Gadge, 27 Northcote-rd., Armadale. U3029.

The Malvern Church of Christ Girls' Choir regrets they cannot accept any more concerts for this year, all vacant dates having been filled.

HAWTHORN CHURCH OF CHRIST.  
71st ANNIVERSARY HOME-COMING SERVICES.  
OCTOBER 15, 1944.  
11 a.m., speaker, Mr. S. Neighbour.  
3 p.m., Mr. Leslie Hollins, M.L.A.  
Subject, "What Think Ye of Christ?"  
Soloist, Miss Amelia Scarce.  
7 p.m., speaker, Mr. J. Ernest Allan.  
Soloist, Miss Frances Cowper.  
All past members are heartily invited to return home for the day.  
Hospitality (dinner and tea) provided.

SURREY HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST.  
BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15.  
3 p.m., Mr. L. Brooker. 7 p.m., Mr. F. T. Morgan.  
Bright singing by scholars. A cordial invitation extended to you. Come and share these services with us.  
Exhibition of posters, scholars' and teachers' work will be held Saturday, Nov. 25, and Sunday, Nov. 26.

NORTH RICHMOND CHURCH OF CHRIST.  
GRAND ENTERTAINMENT  
by the  
STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE,  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, at 8 p.m.  
Proceeds towards the purchase of a refrigerator for the college.  
Adults 2/-, children 1/-.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION, VIC.  
THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF C.F.A.  
will take place on  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, at 7.30 p.m.,  
in Swanston-st. Church of Christ Lecture Hall.  
All members are invited.  
R. L. Williams will outline policy and discussion will follow.  
—Will. H. Clay, secretary.

BOONAH, QUEENSLAND.  
CHURCH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.  
OCTOBER 21 and 22.  
Saturday, 21—5 p.m., Birthday Tea.  
7.30 p.m., Inspirational Rally.  
Sunday, 22—11 a.m., Thanksgiving Service.  
2.30 p.m., People's Service.  
7.15 p.m., Great Gospel Service.  
Past members and visitors welcome.  
For accommodation contact Alf. T. Jenner, Oliver-st., Boonah.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, CAMBERWELL.  
28th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22.  
11 a.m., A. W. Stephenson, M.A.  
7 p.m., Chap. Gen. Allen Brooke.  
Soloist, Miss Elva Organ.  
Hospitality provided for visitors.  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 8 p.m.,  
Fellowship Gathering.  
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### PRIZE-GIVING DEMONSTRATION

THE Victorian Annual Prize-giving Demonstration took place on Sept. 23. B. F. Huntsman, chairman of the department, presided, and F. H. Elliott served as song-leader. The conference president, E. L. Williams, M.A., presented books to 33 State prize-winners. Federal prizes were also won by Gwenda Tweedie, Caulfield (Division 1); Bruce Desmond Craven, Brighton (Division 4); Mrs. Enid E. Fisher, Malvern East (Division 9); Miss Beattie J. Lowen, Blackburn (Division 10).

The secretary of the department reported a great advance in the standard reached by scholars. There had been 195 less failures, 161 more merits and 194 more honors over the previous year. Caulfield school gained five State prizes and 1 Federal prize, and Blackburn school gained three State prizes and 1 Federal prize. Balwyn, Boronia, Camberwell and Hampton each gained two State prizes. Gardiner school gained distinction with 15 honors and Kew East with 12 honors. The schools with the greatest number of candidates were Balwyn 40, Brighton 35, Gardiner 35 and Northcote 34.

Elaine Lang, Primary scholar Preston West, delighted the audience with her solo. Miss Phyllis Duff, Cheltenham, interpreted in song the message of the Shepherd Psalm as it was pictorially presented on the screen. The story of Queen Esther was dramatised by A. W. C. Candy, and presented by members of the East Kew Phi Beta Pi Girls' Club.

### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR FIELD DAY

The lawns at the Federal College of the Bible were alive with Christian Endeavorers on Sept. 23. The annual field day of the Victorian Churches of Christ Christian Endeavor

Committee is now a popular event. The afternoon was devoted to games and fellowship. The after tea programme provided a session of song and an open forum conducted by W. R. Hibbert. Lindsay Hurford, Ron H. Hillier, Ray McKenzie and Miss E. M. Buckingham were leaders of discussion on the following questions. What does it mean to follow Christ? Why are present day youth slow to follow Christ? God works through personality. God works through consecrated minds. The study was based on the booklet, "Forward with Christ."

The day concluded with a service in the college chapel, and was attended by 200 young people. Conference president, E. L. Williams, delivered the message, and Misses Frances Stock and Maureen Peers rendered two duets.

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G. R. Stirling writes an appreciation of returning men for overseas missions, on the use of religious drama for evangelism, and a young people's effort to raise funds.

A NUMBER of our men have returned from war service in the Solomons. They all speak of the high standard of Christian faith and practice amongst the islanders, most of whom are either Anglican or Methodist. Men of our Forces who are hardened pagans confess that they are amazed at the difference that the Christian faith has made to these men who are only a generation or two away from cannibalism and head-hunting. That our troops were deeply impressed is seen in their regular attendance at the Christian services of the islanders, and in the handsome offering taken up by the Third Division for the restoration of destroyed mission buildings.

Another significant item of news comes from Chaplain Wallace Harford, who is back with us again on furlough. He tells of a young islander who is training himself to come as a missionary amongst the whites. Along with other islanders, this young man was astounded at the low standard of ethics amongst the so-called Christian Americans and New Zealanders. What he saw convinced him of the need for him to give his life to bring light to the "heathen."

## International Relief Service

The National Council of Churches, the Quakers and the Red Cross have formed a N.Z. Council of International Relief to facilitate the training and selection of personnel for actual work of administering relief in the field. Still in its early stages, the committee has not yet planned its lines of attack.

## Religious Drama: a Method of Evangelism

The newly-formed Religious Drama Society in Wellington has been receiving good support. Its latest achievement is the production of a full length play for the public. The play chosen was John Drinkwater's "A Man's House." The play is based on the words of Jesus, "A man's foes shall be those of his own household." It portrays the shattering of a rigid Jewish household on the rock of the Christian faith, and how that some members found sight and life through Christ. It ends with a simple yet dramatic affirmation of the resurrection. The play ran in the Wellington Town Hall Concert Chamber for three nights with capacity houses. Amongst deeply impressed audiences were many who are not reached by the message of Christ in its more orthodox methods of proclamation.

The next production of the society will be a modern "morality play," being a modern theme treated after the style of the ancient morality plays. It is entitled "Youth Wants to Know." It is to be produced in the Town Hall during the coming Wellington Christian Order Week. Written by Howard Wadman, one of the leaders of the Society of Friends, it aims to be a vivid challenge to the youth of Wellington to the acceptance of Christ as Lord, as the solution of our modern problems.

We learn that similar societies are in the course of commencement in the other centres.

## Young Presbyterians Engage in Practical Christian Activity.

The Presbyterians are engaged in raising their memorial and thanksgiving fund. The Bible class movement of this communion has organised a series of "work days." In preparation for these days, committees in local classes

work out and post their rosters with a "situations vacant" and a "situations wanted" column. Members apply for, or are assigned to, various service tasks, proceeds by way of payment going to the "M. and T. fund," as it is called. Tasks performed include spring cleaning book shelves, gardening, minding children, painting and farm work. One vacancy intrigued us. The applicant wanted a young man with knowledge of tools and lots of patience to help him to erect a fowl-house.

## Harold Greenwood Re-visits Dominion

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honors for the work of the second term. For  
a pass a grade of at least 60 per cent. is  
necessary.

Old Testament History.—K. J. Patterson, 94;  
Miss A. M. Barton, 93; F. B. Alcorn, V. Quayle,  
equal, 90; K. W. Barton, 88; A. G. MacDonald,  
87; C. B. Cartmel, 85; R. H. Hillier, 83; D. W.  
Cartmel, 82; M. L. Symes and L. K. Wedd,  
equal, 80. Ten others passed.

New Testament History.—Miss A. M. Barton,  
94; F. B. Alcorn, 92; K. J. Patterson, 90; A. H.  
Graham, 88; R. H. Hillier, 87; A. G. MacDonald,  
84; L. K. Wedd, 80. Fourteen others passed.

Church History I.—Miss A. M. Barton, 98;  
A. H. Graham and R. H. Hillier, equal, 85;  
N. Kingston, 81; L. K. Wedd, 80. Six others  
passed.

Church History II.—F. B. Alcorn, 87; K. J.  
Patterson, 85; A. G. MacDonald, 80. Two  
others passed.

New Testament Greek I.—Miss A. M. Barton,  
97; M. D. Williams, 92; R. H. Hillier, 89; M. L.  
Symes and W. E. Fisher (equal), 87; K. W.  
Barton and L. K. Wedd (equal), 80. Four  
others passed.

New Testament Greek II.—K. J. Patterson,  
98; F. B. Alcorn, 93; D. W. Cartmel and A. G.  
MacDonald (equal), 82.

New Testament Greek III.—L. G. Crisp, 92;  
V. Quayle, 89; C. N. Burn, C. B. Cartmel and  
G. A. Grainger (equal), 86. Four others passed.

Ethics.—R. W. Graham, 94; C. N. Burn, 90;  
J. K. Bond, 80. Three others passed.

Apologetics.—C. N. Burn, 86; R. W. Graham,  
84; L. G. Crisp and G. A. Grainger (equal), 82;  
J. K. Bond, 80.

Pastoral Theology IA.—Miss A. M. Barton,  
95; L. K. Wedd, 90; R. H. Hillier, 85; N. King-  
ston, 84; A. H. Graham, M. L. Symes and  
A. G. Thurgood (equal), 80. Five others passed.

Pastoral Theology IB.—W. E. Fisher, 86;  
M. L. Symes, 83; Miss A. M. Barton and C. H.  
Page (equal), 82. Eight others passed.

Pastoral Theology IIA.—F. B. Alcorn and  
A. G. MacDonald (equal), 90; D. W. Cartmel  
and A. E. Cremin (equal), 80. One other passed.

Pastoral Theology IIB.—F. B. Alcorn and  
A. G. MacDonald (equal), 89; K. J. Patterson,  
85; D. W. Cartmel, 84. Three others passed.

Pastoral Theology IIC.—R. W. Graham, 85;  
L. G. Crisp, 84; J. K. Bond and G. A. Grainger  
(equal), 83; C. N. Burn and G. A. Whiting  
(equal), 82; F. B. Burt, 80.

Ancient Civil History.—R. S. A. McLean, 81;  
N. Gavros, 80. Seven others passed.

Religious Education.—A. G. MacDonald, 90;  
C. N. Burn and R. W. Graham (equal), 89;  
F. B. Alcorn, 88; K. J. Patterson and V. Quayle  
(equal), 84; K. W. Barton, 81. Eleven others  
passed.

Missions and Comparative Religion.—R. W.  
Graham, 92; C. N. Burn, 91. Six others passed.

Intermediate Greek Upper.—R. S. A. McLean,  
89. Three others passed.

Intermediate Greek Lower.—R. R. Bullimore  
and R. W. Vautier (equal), 83; P. R. Whit-  
more, 88.

Leaving Economics.—N. Gavros, 82. Three  
others passed.

Leaving English.—N. Gavros, 84; H. M.  
Long and R. S. A. McLean (equal), 83. Four  
others passed.

Leaving Geography.—N. Gavros and R. S. A.  
McLean (equal), 82. Five others passed.

—Fred. T. Saunders, Secretary.

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